

Meeting, with the proceedings of either of its monthly meetings; or a Monthly Meeting with the proceedings of either of its preparative meetings; such meetings ought, with readings and meetings to render accounts thereof when required.

No quarterly meeting should be set up, or laid down, without the consent of the yearly meeting; no monthly meeting, without the consent of the quarterly meeting; and no preparative or other meeting for business or worship, until application to the monthly meeting be first made; and, when there approved, the consent of the quarterly meeting be also obtained. Also no meeting for worship, intended to consist of friends belonging to two or more monthly meetings, shall be established, until the proposal be offered to, and approved by, those monthly meetings, and the consent of their respective quarterly meeting or meetings be obtained: when the meeting proposed, is opened, it should be attended by a few solid friends, deputed by each of the said monthly meetings. And if at any time it be thought expedient that a preparative meeting should be held at the same place, the consent of the said monthly and quarterly meetings should be, in like manner, applied for and obtained; and the said preparative meeting should be annexed to either of those monthly meetings as may appear most likely to conduce to the benefit and convenience of the individuals who compose it, and the advantage of society.

It is directed that a book be provided by every monthly ~~meeting~~ and quarterly meeting, and fair records kept therein, of all matters which shall come before and be determined by them. Monthly meetings, particularly, are advised to attend to, and finish all such business with care and dispatch, that it may, at no time, suffer by improper delay: and if any case under consideration, prove too weighty or difficult for them to determine, they should apply to their respective quarterly meetings for assistance, or if the circumstances be such as to require it, refer it thereto by minute.

It is the conclusion of the yearly meeting, as a general rule in all cases, that where any monthly or quarterly meeting have occasion for, and request copies of any papers minutes or records of another monthly or quarterly meeting the same should be accordingly granted.

Where any difference happens among friends, and the same be entered in any monthly or quarterly meeting book, if the parties, or either of them, think that copies of such entries may be useful, or necessary for them, and request the same, such monthly or quarterly meetings shall have a discretionary power, to give or refuse such copies, according to the circumstances and motives attending.

After a charge against a member, for disorderly conduct, is entered on the minutes of a meeting for discipline, he or she should not be permitted to sit in any of our meetings for discipline, until the case is determined, and the meeting satisfied.

It is directed, that a suitable number of friends be appointed in each monthly meeting, representatives to attend the service of the quarterly meeting, with such reports, in writing, signed by the clerk, as may be given them in charge; also, that at least four friends be appointed, for the like service, in each quarterly meeting, to attend the yearly meeting. And it is earnestly advised and desired, that all friends who submit to these important services, may be punctual in their attendance; or if prevented by sickness, or any other unavoidable occurrence, that they be careful to send information thereof; also, that those who are under appointments to attend meetings as representatives, do not withdraw therefrom, before the conclusion of such meetings, without obtaining the consent thereof.

It is also directed, that friends keep an account of such sufferings to which they may be subjected from the world, for maintaining those testimonies of truth, which we believe it is our duty peculiarly to bear: and that monthly meetings use suitable endeavour, that such accounts may be collected and transmitted to the quarterly meetings; and when there approved, that quarterly meetings forward them annually to the meeting for Sufferings.

As to the rights of children, whose parents have been married contrary to the rules of our discipline, and one or both of them afterwards received into membership: they are not to be considered as members, until application for their admission be made, either by themselves, or by their parent, parents, or guardian.