

open for said Yearly Meeting to come into the arrangement at any future time.

4. The first session of the proposed delegate body shall be called by the delegates of the Yearly Meeting which first adopts the proposition, at such time and place, as may seem to them best, after five Yearly Meetings have agreed thereto.

5. Vacancies by death, resignation, or otherwise in any delegation shall be filled, in the interval of its Yearly Meeting, by the Representative Meeting thereof.

6. Two-thirds of all the delegates belonging to said body shall be necessary to constitute a quorum for the transaction of business other than adjournment.

7. The said delegate body shall have authority of action in whatever affects the interests of the Society of Friends.

8. It shall also give aid and encouragement in the most practical manner to a loyal, intelligent, comprehensive and harmonious Church literature, as one of the most effective means of unification amongst ourselves, and of influence upon others.

9. No declaration of faith or rule of discipline shall be adopted, revised, modified or substituted, except by the consent, duly ascertained, and recorded, in actual session, of at least two-thirds of the whole number of delegates belonging to said body.

10. Upon the organization of said body, the order of Church subordination, in all Meetings represented therein shall be as follows: 29: Individual members to their Monthly Meetings; Monthly Meetings to their Quarterly Meetings; Quarterly Meetings to their Yearly or Annual Meetings, and Yearly or Annual Meetings to the said delegate body.

11. The said body may appoint and empower a Committee of its own members to have charge of, and to execute its decisions and conclusions, and this Executive Committee, with the written assent of one-fifth of their fellow delegates, may call a special session of the said body if any extraordinary circumstance shall, in their judgment, require such a measure.

12. The expense incurred in holding such delegate body and publishing its proceedings shall be borne by the Yearly Meetings appointing delegates thereto.

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13 The following Minute of the Meeting on Ministry and Oversight was read and approved

Minute of Advice from the Yearly Meeting on Ministry and Oversight to its Subordinate Meetings

Dear Friends: Let us be very careful, as we go forward in the service of Christ, not to think of ourselves more highly than we ought to think. Even the cherubim veil their faces in the presence of the Lord. It is only as we come near to Him that we learn our true weakness, and unworthiness. As it is impossible for a man who walks through, undisturbed, in a valley to obtain a correct view of the configuration of the country about him, so is it impossible for any Christian who walks near the world to understand either himself or his surroundings, according to the true light of God. As we must ascend to some height, if we would see the landscape in its true proportions, so, to be able to judge of things from God's standpoint, which is the only true one, we must come close to Him. It is only there that we understand that we are nothing, that the praise of men is nothing, and that if we are to be made use of by Him in His own way, it must be by the path of self-surrender and abnegation. Dear Friends, it is not everyone that says "Lord, Lord," not every religious worker, not everyone interested in charitable institutions, not every preacher, that shall enter into the Kingdom of Heaven. It is he that does the will of our Father, who is in Heaven. Let us ^{therefore} not be content with apparent success in our Christian efforts, but first of all seek to know and to put into daily practice, the will of God. Let us come into communion with Him, and in this spirit go forward to our labor. Living with God, and learning to think rightly of Him, and about ourselves, we shall learn to think rightly about one another, and become more and more careful about the reputation of others, more and more gentle towards their failings, remembering ourselves, lest we also be tempted. We shall thus find ourselves praying for, rather than blaming others who are out of the way.

In this life of communion with God, we shall know every day the fulfillment in our experience of the word "My promise shall go with thee, and I will give thee rest." This rest does not in any degree imply laziness, for it is realized in every work to which He calls us. We have been reminded of the importance of being able rightly to divide the word of truth, so that we may not, through inadvertence, be found to be teachers of unsound doctrine. To this end, let us frequently and carefully study the Holy Scriptures. If our Society today would take example from the early Friends, we should have at this time