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To the Members of  
Baltimore Monthly Meeting of Friends,  
For the Eastern and Western Districts.

DEAR FRIENDS:

The Discipline of Baltimore Yearly Meeting, as revised last year, being now ready for distribution, we desire that its careful perusal may lead you to an earnest consideration of your privileges and duties as Members of the religious Society of Friends.

Upon the spiritual life and growth of each of you individually, must depend the vitality and effective witness for Christ, which you collectively exhibit as a church. Earnestly desiring your growth in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, we have long felt concerned to call your attention to a few considerations relative to our Meetings for Worship and Discipline, and avail ourselves of this opportunity to present them to you. These Meetings, faithfully attended, afford, we believe, precious opportunities, in which the waiting soul often realizes the presence of the Lord and the teaching of the Holy Spirit.

In our meetings for worship, we meet in silence ("that which is sought after is not silence, but worship,") to wait upon the Lord, thereby acknowledging Him who has promised to be with the two or three who meet in His name. Looking to Him for direction, we have confided to no man the power to conduct our worship. Each one is expected to approach the Throne of Grace for himself, to present his own petition as he is enabled to feel his wants, and to seek Him who has invited all who "labor and are heavy laden" to come unto Him and find rest—all who are athirst to come unto Him and drink, and who has authorized his disciples to ask in His name in order that they may receive.—Should we not prize these opportunities of meeting with our brethren, agreeing together, to ask, in the name of Jesus, for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit? Were we all more frequently found "with one accord in one place," might we not confidently look for the realization in our own experiences of this promise of the Father?

Not unfrequently on these occasions the Lord himself is pleased to baptize the soul with his baptism, that which now saveth, which baptism we reverently believe is essential to salvation, and power to administer which is His prerogative; nor does he refuse to those who love Him, the bread and wine of His communion; enabling them to partake together of His flesh, which he gave for the life of the world, and to drink of His blood, which cleanseth from all sin, and which nourisheth up the soul unto eternal life—thus manifest-