

STRATEGIC DIRECTION 1 – CONNECTING

Connect Friends and meetings to one another so that we may experience vibrant, Spirit-led faith community. Connect through effective communications and technology.

We will share among us the wisdom, creativity, and resources of our meetings and Friends, so they may resonate throughout the whole community and allow us to thrive in relationship with the Divine. Individuals and meetings will give time, gifts and experience in service, and in turn receive new insight, grounding and friendships, directly and indirectly enriching their meetings and their own spiritual lives.

We will connect Friends across the geography of PYM and with Friends from the wider world, in order to carry our concerns together. We will do this in a manner that allows everyone to participate in the life of the community.

DESTINATION 1-2: Meeting Engagement

Increase the interactions that meetings have with one another.

This Destination focuses on ensuring that PYM Friends:

- Experience the culture and activities of meetings other than their own.
- Have a diverse experience of how Quaker life in meetings can look
- Have an experience of being part of an extended network of Friends and meetings.

Meetings have their own personalities, strengths and needs. Because they are part of a network of meetings, Friends can come to know God, justice and spiritual care (for example) in ways that soothe and/or challenge them. They are able to learn from each other, find solutions to problems, celebrate joys, bare witness and bare grief, that they wouldn't have the opportunity to all by themselves. This creates a more resilient and grounded community for Friends at their home meetings.

Example Strategies:

- Intervisitation – Friends from one meeting visit another meeting together
- Meeting committees collaborate or meet as a single joint committee
- Meetings offer programs and events for the whole yearly meeting