



## **Listening and lobbying Sprint**

The Listening and lobbying Sprint was formed by Administrative Council to address the concerns of Friends around the lobbying policy that was laid down at the March 2024 Continuing sessions.

A core group, comprised of PYM staff, Admin Council members and the presiding clerk of PYM met and scheduled 3 listening sessions held virtually as worship sharing. The themes that rose from the listening sessions were reported and discussed at the April Administrative Council meeting and a sprint was formed. Friends with diverse voices and concerns were invited to serve on this Sprint.

Friends who have agreed to serve on the Sprint include:

Martha Bryans, Michael Homans, David Leonard, Lynn Oberfield, Jean-Marie Prestwidge Barch (QLC) , Debbie Murray-Sheppard (QLC), Salvador Orellana (Staff) , Llnell McCurry (Staff) Melissa Rycroft (Presiding clerk), Carter Nash (AC) , Jeanne Elberfeld (AC)- clerk and recording, and Christie Duncan Tessmer (Staff and ex-officio).

The Sprint group has had several meetings, identified areas of concerns and areas requiring further information and discernment. Our plan is to meet bi-weekly until early October to accomplish the goals of the Sprint. A draft will be reviewed by Administrative Council and then brought to Continuing Sessions in November 2024.

Please hold this Sprint and our work in the Divine Light, knowing that Spirit will guide our hearts, minds, and work. Blessings.