

What Do All These Committees Do?

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DISCIPLINE REVIEW COMMITTEE: We write and revise sections of Organization and Procedure as directed by Canadian Yearly Meeting. We also review CYM Discipline to ensure that it is correct and reflects current practice. A member should be a Friend with a good understanding of Quaker process, sensitive to current practices, and with an interest and skill in writing and editing. Much of our work is done by correspondence. We have two meetings a year: a full-day meeting in the spring, and a shorter meeting at the beginning of Yearly Meeting in August. It is preferable that members attend Yearly Meeting, since this is where proposed changes are discussed. Clerk: Marilyn Thomas (cthomas@wwdc.com).

ECUMENICAL-INTERFAITH COMMITTEE acts as a form of prayer and support for Canadian Friends who are carrying the concerns of ecumenical and interfaith work, both within other Quaker bodies and within the wider faith community. The committee works with other Friends Committees. It meets in three sections -- east, west, and central -- throughout the year. Once a year, the clerks of these three sections meet to review reports and to plan the general ecumenical-interfaith meeting held during Yearly Meeting. Those who represent the Society of Friends on outside bodies are not required to attend Ecumenical-Interfaith Committee meetings, but should feel free to bring issues to this committee for seasoning in preparation for Yearly Meeting. Ecumenical-Interfaith Committee has been asked to work with CYM Finance Committee to find creative ways to increase CYM funding for our representatives to bodies outside our Yearly Meeting. Contact person: Gini Smith, Yonge St. MM.

PROGRAMME COMMITTEE: We plan and oversee the annual sessions of Canadian Yearly Meeting. We coordinate the efforts of the bodies responsible for the various components of Yearly Meeting. Our spe-

cific tasks include: site selection, liaison with site administrators, scheduling of daily events, arranging the Sunderland P. Gardner lecture, local arrangements, Bible and Quaker study, evaluation. We meet twice each year — at Yearly Meeting in August, and at or near the site of the upcoming gathering in December — and there is travel support from CYM. Clerk: Jay Cowsill (jmc590@mail.usask.ca).

Membership on a committee offers Friends the opportunity for year-round involvement with the work of Canadian Yearly Meeting. Most committees require some travel, and all need members who are able to devote some time to committee work between meetings. Most committee members find the work personally rewarding. They experience fellowship, challenges, and learning opportunities, and know that their service is furthering the work of our spiritual community. *

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