

Progress report: Faith and Practice (F&P) Development Committee

By Molly Walsh

Our committee wishes to outline for Canadian Friends the draft chapters we have produced, as well as other accomplishments and work in progress.

The following chapters have been distributed during sessions of Canadian Yearly Meeting (CYM) over the past years:

- *Faith in Action: Testimony* (2003)
- *The Foundations of Faith* (2004)
- *The Meeting Community* (2005)

At Canadian Yearly Meeting 2005, the committee also organised and chaired:

- the Sunderland P. Gardner lecture “Inheritors of the Joyful Gospel: Faith and practice as an expression of Quaker Identity” presented by Helen Rowlands;
- a Special Interest Group to discuss the lecture with Helen Rowlands;
- a pre-gathering hands-on workshop on the upcoming F&P draft chapter, *Faithful Lives*;
- Quaker Study Sessions on the history of our Discipline with Anne Thomas.

We are currently working on the next draft chapter, *The Lifelong Journey*, which will be distributed at CYM 2006. This incorporates material gathered for “Stages of Life,” which was compiled during 2005. As our work progresses, further submissions as well as feedback are welcomed by the committee. ☞

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Canadian Yearly Meeting national listeners for adult and Young Friends

Canadian Yearly Meeting National Listeners are available to listen to any Canadian Friend disclose harm done on matters of sexual harassment or abuse, or any other topic a Friend may need to discuss.

If you need a listener, the first step is to approach a trusted Friend within your Monthly Meeting (MM), or to go to your MM Ministry and Counsel. If this path is not comfortable, you may contact a National Listener. Knowing the healing that comes from simply being heard, we offer you a safe and confidential space in which to speak.

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