

Peace and Social Concerns Committee

Draft Job Description

We have an external focus--to make these values live in our world through education, advocacy, witness, and delivery of direct aid or services to others.

Articulating and shepherding spirit-led actions and programs by the Meeting in the larger community and world;

Promoting Quaker testimonies such as equality, respect for all, peace, justice, and a sense of responsibility for the welfare of others.

Within these bounds, the committee responds to (and/or encourages support and leadership from members for) individual and Meeting requests for providing discernment and creative guidance on leadings involving public actions on a variety of peace and social concerns.

We also have several very specific responsibilities in the ongoing activities of the meeting. These include:

- Leading the process on prioritizing social concerns activities by the meeting as a body, including guiding the annual charitable contribution budgetary recommendations.
- Leading regular Second Hours on peace and social concerns/QCK/FCNL topics, aimed at enabling discernment of unity on appropriate responses for the Meeting as well as informing individual responses and actions.
- Helping connect our meeting with like-minded nonQuaker groups and individuals who share our sense of responsibility to respond to the needs of our community and world, and providing opportunities for service learning for all ages on peace and social concerns
- Currently, the committee is part of leadership for piloting a HROC workshop for trust-building and trauma healing between West End residents and Metro police officers.

The committee generally facilitates clearness and actions from Meeting as a whole. In the past it has been minuted by MfB to act (sign-ons, speak at events, etc) for the Meeting when time is not adequate for Meeting for Business to reach a clear sense of the Meeting. Currently, the committee may act just in the name of the committee.

The committee meets monthly to address issues and develop responses. The clerk is responsible to see that concerns, recommendations, and actions of the committee are brought regularly to the Meeting for Business.