

Blue Sky Working Group Principles

Friends Meeting at Cambridge is a vibrant community, and our community has been stressed by factors that have weakened virtually all communities in the past several years. One way that FMC is experiencing the effects of our challenging times is that we are currently without a presiding clerk for the Meeting (This means that we have no one in place to attend to certain administrative tasks or to lead discernment about Meeting business). For now, the Blue Sky Working Group has been tasked with helping us to find our way forward with Spirit.

Principles:

1. This unusual time in the life of our Meeting is an important and necessary part of our faithful journey. We need every heart to be listening deeply for what we are called to do and to become.
2. We do not know how long this process will take. We are clear that we must allow time and space for deep listening to Spirit and one another.
3. Making space to hear how Spirit is moving and way is opening means doing less of our traditional business. Much of our business may need to be set aside for now and we ask for everyone's patience.
4. We are committed to open communication and transparent processes, and we are still figuring out what that will look like.
5. We trust that all of the gifts required for this work exist in our community and we will work to encourage/lift up/find ways for those with varied gifts in our community to help us.
6. If we are to attend to every listening heart, we as a working group, we as a Meeting, we as members of committees and groups in this Meeting, must prioritize finding opportunities and times to connect with the many, diverse members of our community in meaningful ways.
7. Not all of our efforts will be successful. We welcome the learning that comes of both successful and unsuccessful experiments.
8. We endeavor to plan opportunities for the Meeting community to grow in love, trust and joy.

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