

**Bloomington Monthly Meeting
Society of Friends**

Pastoral Care Committee Charge

Mission:

This committee seeks to nurture a spiritual community in which all members and attenders find acceptance, loving care, and opportunity for service. The aim is to discern and foster gifts that individuals bring to the Meeting.

Term & Dates of Service: Starts July 1 and ends June 30; may be reappointed annually

Selection Process: Nominated by the Nominating Committee and approved by the Monthly Meeting.

Job Duties:

1. The committee works closely and regularly with the Ministry & Counsel Committee to provide eldering and oversight to the Meeting. It facilitates ways to become acquainted with all members and regular attenders of the Meeting.
2. It works to establish friendships among members and attenders that make possible informed care for the welfare of individuals and families. It will arrange visits or other contact with those who have limited access to Meeting gatherings and seek out those in need of friendship.
3. It thoughtfully organizes the use of Meeting resources to respond appropriately to requests for help.
4. It gives friendly attention to the needs of those members and attenders who may be losing interest and drifting away from the life of the Meeting.
5. It encourages full participation of all generations in Meeting activities and considers the needs of children, youth, students, parents, married couples, and mature adults.
6. Upon request, the committee may appoint a clearness committee to explore areas of personal concern and will treat all matters with discretion, maintaining confidentiality and respect for privacy. The committee is also aware of its own limitations. Questions about the principles and practices of Friends, or regarding undertaking membership or marriage should be referred to Ministry & Counsel.

Membership:

1. This committee will consist of at least five members or attenders of Bloomington Monthly Meeting with at least half being Friends. The clerk must be a member of our Meeting.
2. Committee members are encouraged to serve three consecutive one-year terms, arranged so that only a portion of the committee needs to be appointed at one time.
3. Former committee members may serve again after a reasonable sabbatical.

Coordination with Others:

This committee works with Ministry & Counsel, Religious Education, Social Fellowship, and Welcoming Committees as well as officers such as Clerk of Records.

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Budget Considerations:

1. The clerk will submit a budget request to the Clerk of the Property & Finance Committee by the last day of September each year.
2. In addition to its own operating budget this committee administers two funds:
 - A. The Aid to Friends Fund, a revolving fund for loans to members and attenders with anticipation of repayment.
 - B. The Faith in Practice Fund to give assistance with no expectation of repayment.

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