Library Committee

I. Purpose
- The Library Committee develops and maintains the collection of books and other materials owned by the Meeting, and manages a system for tracking the lending and return of these items. It is responsible for organizing and managing the "Friends Library" space in the Meeting House, as well as additional materials in the Bassett House Library. The Committee also maintains the lobby display rack with handouts for visitors and new attenders.

II. Responsibilities
- Our focus is primarily to provide and display books and other resources about Quakerism. These include: copies of Faith and Practice from many Yearly Meetings; the early and continuing history of the Society; biographies and journals of Quaker leaders; information about Friends testimonies; parenting and other family issues; books for children; and general materials on religious, social, environmental, and political issues of concern to Burlington Monthly Meeting and the wider Society of Friends. Our collection also includes fiction and poetry by and about Quakers.
- Periodic second-hand book sales are scheduled: to share books within our Meeting community; as a form of outreach to our surrounding neighbors; and, as a way to raise money for purchase of new library books and handouts. `
- The Committee will revise or re-approve this document in November of each year so it is up-to-date when the Gifts and Service Committee begins its work.

III. Number of Members
- Ideally, the Library Committee has 5 members.

IV. Desirable Qualifications
- We welcome new members who:
  — value maintaining a well-organized small library;
  — appreciate the goal of having books for all ages; and,
  — are interested in the witness of Friends as peacemakers and persistent seekers of social and political justice for all people.

V. Time Commitment
- Committee meetings are usually held one Saturday morning a month to conduct library business and celebrate our work together. Committee members are sometimes asked to take boxes of books home to type sets of labels needed to enter them in our system.

VI. Last revision: November 2, 2019