**Takoma Park Preparative Meeting Spiritual State of the Meeting Report 2024**

1. What are best practices of your meeting’s Meeting for Worship with a Concern for Business (MfWCB) that you could share with other meetings?  In what way do you think your MfWCB falls short?
   1. We read and discuss the monthly Queries from Faith and Practice at the beginning of business meeting. The discussion follows a worship sharing format, and provides an opportunity for us to listen to each other.
   2. We approve minutes immediately. This practice helps ensure that the minutes reflect the sense of the meeting, and also relieve the burden on the recording clerk, since there is no need to do further work on the minutes after the meeting.
   3. Attendance at business meeting could be better.
   4. Adelphi monthly meeting’s document on business meeting provides a good guide, which we could benefit from studying and following.
2. The whole world seems at war now.  How does the Quaker peace testimony live in your meeting?  How do your members practice the peace testimony?
   1. The ongoing wars are a concern for our meeting members, but we have not done anything collectively as a meeting, but members have participated in activities organized by other meetings.
   2. Individual members attempt to practice the peace testimony at a local or personal level.
3. Does your meeting suffer the arrogance of certainty?  For example, does your meeting have subtle prejudices for those unlike them?
   1. This does not seem to have been an issue in practice for us, but neither have we experienced a large influx of visitors which might present such a challenge.
4. Tell how your meeting’s walk with Spirit informs our understanding of racism and how you are meant to live?
   1. We recognize that racism is ingrained in our society.
   2. We participate in Adelphi’s anti-racism efforts.