

**HOLLY SPRING MONTHLY MEETING OF FRIENDS**

July 19, 2015

Holly Spring Monthly Meeting of Friends met July 19, 2015, at the rise of worship with 30 present. Clerk Joe Allen called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone. The Clerk called on Corey York to open with prayer.

1. **Old Business:** The Clerk reviewed items of business carried forth from the June meeting as follows:

(a) **Letter to Like-minded Meetings:** The Clerk reported that in response to the lack of clarity in the Representative Body sessions held June 6, a letter was composed at the direction of Ministry and Counsel by the pastors and clerks. This letter restated the position of Holly Spring Friends. Ninety letters were mailed on June 30, 2015, to the clerks and pastors of like-minded meetings in the Yearly Meeting, mostly in Surry, Yadkin and Southern Quarters. A copy of the letter is attached.

(b) **Forest Management Committee:** The Clerk also reported that the timber transaction with Piedmont Land and Timber has closed, and the deposit check of \$5,000 has been received. Marking of the trees has been completed.

2. **Ministry and Counsel:** Pastor Todd presented the following concerns from Ministry and Counsel in the absence of the Ministry and Counsel Clerk:

(a) **Pulpit Supply:** Ministry and Counsel recommended and Ken Spivey has agreed to lead the worship service September 6 while the pastors are away at Yearly Meeting Annual Sessions. The Meeting approved.

(b) **New Association:** Todd recounted that the Meeting had sent letters asking the Yearly Meeting leadership to take the reins at the called Representative Body to be held August 1. Lacking confidence that a decision will be made, a group of like-minded meetings is in discussion on establishing a new association. The initial group is small, but it is anticipated that more meetings will subsequently be led to join. There is a need for a consultant, someone who can work full time, to research and develop a path to setting up a new association. Daniel Thames is available and willing to work in this capacity. Ministry and Counsel recommended supporting financially the effort of starting a new association by funding the consultant position in the amount of up to \$1500 per month for a period of three to six months beginning August 3. This amount includes more than the consultant's salary, as it was noted Daniels' per hour rate is \$30.00. Initially, Poplar Ridge and Holly Spring will bear this cost, but it is expected that other meetings will join in supporting this effort, thereby decreasing the prorated share. Chairperson of the Finance Committee, David Brittain, stated that his committee had reviewed the request and joins in the recommendation. The Meeting approved contributing to the support of the consultant up to \$1,500 per month for three to six months.

3. **Oversight Committee for New Association:** The Clerk stated that the group of pastors meeting to establish the new association are recommending that another representative in addition to the pastor of each participating meeting serve on an oversight committee. Joe Allen was approved to serve in this capacity. In addition, there is a possibility that our treasurers will be asked to administer these funds on behalf of the new association under the direction of this Oversight Committee. The Meeting approved of our treasurers' serving in this capacity if they are called on to do so, including issuing a 1099 tax form to the consultant.

4. **Finance Committee:** Chairperson David Brittain shared a request from Friends Campus Ministry to fund Emma Smith as a FCM intern at Campbell University. FCM is not being funded through the Yearly Meeting, requiring that interns now be sponsored by individual meetings. The Meeting approved supporting Emma as an intern this school year at a cost of \$2,000 per semester for a total of \$4,000.

5. **Minutes:** The minutes of the June Meeting were approved as presented.

6. **Treasurers' Report:** The treasurers' report was approved, and a copy is attached.