

Doylestown Friends Meeting Membership Application Process

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Step 1

Applicant

Clerk Of Meeting

Attendees who apply for membership should write a letter to the clerk of the Doylestown Meeting stating why they are moved to join the Religious Society of Friends relating briefly their response to Friends beliefs and practices. This refers mainly to Friends understanding of the Inner Light and that there is that of the Divine (God) in each person. It also refers to the Quaker testimonies of peace, equality of all people, integrity, and walking gently on the earth. These testimonies are interrelated and all are founded on the principal Quaker belief of "that of God in all people".

Step 2

Clerk

Pastoral Concerns

The clerk will send the request for membership on to the Pastoral Concerns Committee who will appoint a clearness committee to visit the applicant(s).

Step 3

Clearness Committee

Pastoral Concerns

The clearness committee will meet with the applicant and discuss the applicant's letter, their understanding of Friends' beliefs and the opportunities and responsibilities that come with membership in the Religious Society of Friends. The Clearness Committee will report back to the Pastoral Concerns Committee with a recommendation concerning the application.

Step 4

Pastoral Concerns

Meeting For Business

If the Pastoral Concerns Committee approves the application they take the application to the Monthly Meeting for Worship for Business. The Pastoral Concerns committee presents the application to the Business Meeting with a recommendation for approval. The Monthly meeting will wait *until the next business meeting* to approve the membership. Upon approval the monthly meeting will record the acceptance into membership.

Step 5

Welcoming Committee

Applicant

The clerk of the Monthly Meeting will appoint a committee of two or more members to welcome the new member into the meeting.