

## **Pima Meeting State of the Meeting 2022**

Pima Meeting held an online listening session on January 23, 2023.

Two queries offered to participants:

- Tell us about your sense of the spiritual state of Pima Monthly Meeting during the past year.
- Tell us about your sense of your own spiritual state during the past year.

Overall experiences shared were positive. Several participants shared that for them, the Spirit was most apparent during committee work and through scheduled group gatherings. Concerns about holding four separate meetings each First Day and numbers of friends engaged in committee service were voiced.

### **Community and Connections**

Some expressed concern that our community feels fragmented due to the four separate meetings being held at this time: two meetings for worship held in person and two held online each First Day.

Some shared their appreciation for both formats of Worship each First Day.

### **Meeting for Worship with a Concern for Business**

Pima Meeting for Worship with a Concern for Business (MWCB) has been held online since the start of the pandemic. Online attendance has been comparable to pre-pandemic participation. Listening session participants expressed appreciation for the Communication Committee's vision and tools they provided to allow monthly business meeting to continue during the pandemic.

### **Committees/Service**

Concern was expressed about the lack of participation on several committees, including Finance, Adult Education, First Day School, and Peace & Social Concerns. This has the potential to negatively impact the work and future of the meeting. The meeting's aging population and some members needing to act as caregivers was stated as a concern.

The ongoing work of our Migration Action Committee remains an inspiration to the meeting as a whole and dear to our hearts.

### **Individual sense of Spirit**

Overall comments were divided between being supported by the meeting and feeling less connected.

### **Transition and Hope**

There is a desire to nurture the Life and Light among us by continuing to spend time with each other and through good works in the wider community.

Meeting Friends and friends who passed away during 2022: Thomas Markey, George Mairs, Terry Howland, Juan Pascoe S., Jim Tate and Bluejay.

Pima Meeting was blessed by one new member, M. Jean Young, in 2022 and by the

presence of visitors and attenders at all four Meetings, some of whom regularly join in worship.

In-person 8 am Meeting generally has 6–14 in attendance, who wear masks; 8 am online Meeting generally has 7 people who worship together; 10:30 in-person Meeting usually has about 10–15 folks who worship in person, wearing masks; and 10:30 online Meeting generally has 7 in attendance.

Pima Meeting currently has 70 members. The Meeting directory lists 11 children ages 3–17.

Two teenage junior members are present to care for children under 8 years of age.

Hope was expressed for renewal of activities and educational opportunities for people of all ages within the Meeting.

Pima Monthly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends is in a period of transition as the meeting community moves from a pandemic mode to searching and wondering mode.

### **How WILL the Spirit work among us during 2023?**

#### **Pima Monthly Meeting Ministry and Care Committee March 2023**

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