

## C&C Annual Summary December 2023

Care & Counsel is responsible for care of meeting members. A report is given at each meeting for business, with confidential information protected.

Ongoing care includes visiting, calling and loaning Care Quilts to people who are experiencing illness or loss, sending cards at sad and joyful times, and coordinating other care (transportation, meals) when needed on a limited basis. In 2023, 50+ cards were sent, including 12 to this year's graduates, 5-6 care quilts shared (fewer than usual due to infection concerns), and numerous visits made. C&C makes every effort to maintain contact with those who are in greater need or who are unable to attend worship, and to connect members and attenders with community resources as needed. These efforts continue although many resumed in-person contact post-pandemic. Continued hybrid worship, adult classes and meetings have helped, especially for those who are cautious due to immune compromise. C&C also manages the Friends in Need fund which may provide some assistance to those in financial crisis.

In addition, Care & Counsel hosts the "welcome back" brunch in September and "homecoming" on Christmas Eve when 21 year olds are recognized with Hicks prints (purchased and framed by C&C). The recipients (12) were sent individual invitations to attend. This year an additional email outreach was made to 30 18-22 year old young adults, hoping to see them during the holidays. At age 21 young adults are listed separately in the directory and get their own mailings. 7 associate members who are now adults were converted to full members. Notes will be sent to ALL 318 members in the New Year via Mailchimp (paper to those without email). Flowers were presented to families with new babies (5) and home-based older adults (6+) at Easter.

Joyfully, Care & Counsel supports marriages in the meeting. In 2023 there were 2 weddings (Richardson, Kinne) under the care of the meeting and at least 2 others of meeting members.

Care & Counsel is also responsible for the membership process, nurturing interest and appointing clearness committees for applicants, as well as care of weddings under the care of the Meeting. We also help Friends initiate clearness or support committees when requested. Membership lists are kept and updated collaboratively with the Recorder. It was decided that those who unsubscribed from the mailings would not be contacted, and those who have been lost to all contact efforts would be put on a "lost list." Several people helped with outreach to these people and in the end, only 3 were added this year. There were 8 new members (2 minors), 2 transfers and we have several new active attenders. There were 2 transfers out, 3 "lost," and 1 death for a total of 343 members. See Andy's January annual report for exact 2023 membership data.

Coordination of Childcare (Kate Fullerton) has moved fully under CRE.

Care & Counsel sponsored three adult class programs this fall on "Strengthening Our Caring Community," exploring unconscious bias with Danny Thomas (The Peace Center), small groups exploring queries with committee members, and Inaara Shiraz (PYM), toward a goal of being safe and welcoming to all in the community. A caregiver support group was discussed, but so far has not attracted sufficient interest.