

## **FAITH AND PRACTICE**

Red Cedar Friends Meeting has adopted the Philadelphia Yearly Meeting *Faith and Practice* as its guide to Quaker practice.

## **GENERAL CHARGE**

Serving in an office or on a committee is an important responsibility for Friends. Officers and committees of Red Cedar Friends Meeting are charged with specific Meeting work. It is important to remember that each of us is specifically responsible for outreach, hospitality, education, worship, ministry, and upholding Friends' testimonies, so far as we are able. The delegation of these tasks to officers and committees helps us to carry them out more effectively, but does not take away our individual responsibility.

Many resources are available for officers and committees to draw upon in carrying out their work. *Faith and Practice* and other Friends' writings may give much information and help. An officer or a committee may ask individuals who are not members of the committee to participate where needed. Joint committee sessions are helpful in discussion of questions which may pertain to more than one committee. Officers and committees should review their charges periodically to see where they might become more effective.

## **RETREATS**

No single committee has responsibility for retreats. Any committee may recommend a retreat topic to Meeting for Business. If enough interest is shown in having, and in carrying out, the retreat, an ad hoc committee is formed for that retreat.

Funding for retreats comes from Meeting general fund and fees collected from attenders. It is Meeting practice to establish a fee to cover the expense of the retreat, but to encourage attendance by accepting a sliding scale of whatever a person/family can afford.