

State of Society Report
Lubbock Friends of Christ Quaker Meeting
Fifth Month 2017

How good and pleasant it is when God's people live together in unity!
(Psalm 133:1, NIV)

Lubbock Friends of Christ Quaker Meeting is so very grateful to have been lovingly welcomed into the Great Plains Yearly Meeting community. We feel like we have found an extended spiritual family. We have been touched by GPYM's expressions of care for us: a minute of blessing from the Continuing Committee; a warm letter from Hominy Friends; a personal visit from Dorlan Bales and Kathryn Damiano; and a card to a Friend who had to leave last year's annual sessions early. We are indeed richly blessed.

Participation in Lubbock Friends of Christ remains steady at four individuals. We meet as regularly as possible for Friendly Bible Study and unprogrammed worship on Sunday afternoons. We recently finished the Book of Acts and have begun to study Isaiah. Last fall, we spent a Saturday morning packing boxes for the local food bank, and we hope to adopt this as a regular service project if way opens. In February, we received a visit from traveling Friend David Eley, who has been a treasured friend of our meeting for many years.

We discovered that we have grown in our ability to trust one another enough to be open and vulnerable about our personal struggles. Several Friends encountered difficult challenges this year, during which the meeting provided loving support and friendship. One Friend characterized the meeting as an "anchor" during times of trial.

We are thankful for our clarity of purpose and for the overall sense of optimism in the meeting. May we be ever more faithful to the Spirit of Christ that works within us and among us.

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