Intermountain Yearly Meeting Fall Queries

Discussion of the queries below will be after potluck on January 19. All are welcome and encouraged to attend. If you are interested but unable to attend, please feel free to send your thoughts to Nancy Rice (mnrice@swcp.com) and put <u>Queries</u> in the subject line.

The two main queries below come from IMYM Representatives Committee and Nancy Rice will take our responses with her to the February meeting in Phoenix. We do not have to come to agreement in our response to these queries. They are intended as prompts to begin a conversation within our meeting and our Yearly Meeting.

- 1) Regarding nurture of our youth in Meetings, at IMYM and through Mountain Friends Camp:
 - · What vision does your Meeting have for future generations of Quaker young people?
 - · How does your meeting support/nurture children and young people?
 - · In what ways have you seen Mountain Friends Camp play a part in the life of IMYM communities and families?
 - · What vision do you have for the future of Mountain Friends Camp?
 - · What support/resources can your meeting offer to make a vision for IMYM youth programming and for Mountain Friends Camp a reality?
- 2) Regarding our life of the Spirit during the current political situation we live in; also known as "Maelstrom"
 - · In light of the current political situation in the US, we may feel we are in a whirlwind a sensory vortex of information and opinions that assail us from all sides without cease. How do we stay sane in the midst of this?
 - What inspires us and gives us strength? As Friends, how does the spiritual path we have chosen to follow help us stand tall in these gales?
 - · Can we actively pursue our testimonies in this world and yet continue to be aware that the light of God is in those who disagree with us? How do we hold strong to our core values, confronting or building relationships with those showing different beliefs? In what ways do we experience the Light of God expressed in every person?
 - · How can we recognize the powerful resources we have through Friends organizations that support us in a hopeful and positive path? In what ways can we call attention to engaged Quakers within the Yearly Meeting who work on current (or past) challenges?