TCFM Committee Descriptions and Roster **September 23, 2026**

Clerk: Cynthia Bartoo (October 2024 through August 2026)

Assistant Clerk: Jess Thell (through August 2028)

Recording Clerk: Gail Lewellan (through August 2028)

Treasurer: Rob Super (through February 2027)

TCFM Representative to Northern Yearly Meeting: Mary Ann Crolley (through August 2026)

Ministry and Counsel Committee

The Committee on Ministry and Counsel nurtures and oversees the quality of the spiritual life of Twin Cities Friends Meeting. It reflects upon the general health of the meeting and the issues facing it, considers ways to facilitate its growth and harmony, participates in TCFM's meeting for worship with attention to business, writes and submits to the meeting a draft of its yearly State of Society report, and ministers to individuals based on their particular needs.

Ministry and Counsel forms clearness committees for membership and marriage and reports to the business meeting when individuals are clear to marry or to join TCFM. It also forms clearness committees at other pivotal points in individuals' lives and may form support or eldering committees on request.

Members close weekly meetings for worship, oversee special meetings for worship such as for marriage or after a death, and see to it that memorial minutes are written and distributed and that coordinators are named for the prayer list and the weekly spiritual queries in the announcement sheet. M&C coordinates its work with that of other committees as needed.

Members:
Through August 2027: Dave Crawford, Annika Fjelstad, Lyn Egolf Grider, Regula Russelle.
Through August 2028: Sigrid Coats, Chris Dart (co-clerk), Megan Flood (co-clerk), Riise Gundersen.
Through August 2029: Alex Curtiss, Julie Doherty, Charlie Platt, Betsy Raasch-Gilman.

Trustees

The Trustees are the committee of the meeting that constitutes the legal corporation (Friends Meeting House, Inc.) that owns the title to the meetinghouse property. Their duties are limited to carrying out the meeting's instructions with regard to the meetinghouse property, such as signing a mortgage to secure a loan for the meeting and perhaps someday signing a deed selling the property, as well as conducting a yearly review of the meeting's financial records.

Members:
Through February 2026: Diane Peterson (clerk).
Through August 2026: Ray Olson, Tom Stoffregen.
Through August 2027: Phil Grove.
Through August 2028: Pam Hegge, Terry Irish.

Other Committees

Building and Grounds Committee

The Building and Grounds Committee takes the lead in the meeting's stewardship of the meetinghouse and grounds, with the goal of making our property conducive to the life of the meeting and to the needs of community groups that also use the space. To this end, the committee supports and supervises the resident caretaker and office coordinator. It also addresses urgent and immediate needs of the building, ensures that repairs and maintenance get done, manages large construction projects when they occur, hires paid professionals when needed, and addresses building safety concerns, including ensuring that the city certificate of occupancy requirements are met. Building and Grounds Committee also plans, plants, and maintains welcoming and self-sustaining gardens on the TCFM property, plans the semi-annual yard clean-up, arranges for the trimming of trees as necessary, and carries out special projects.

Members: Demi Miller, Caron Moore, Sean Morrison, Harrison Nix, Mark Pearson, Michael Russelle, Troy Thielen, and Ceil Wirth. No designated clerk at this time.

Deepening Committee: Connecting to Community and Spirit

The Deepening Committee seeks to connect TCFM Friends to each other and to Spirit. While its activities may be shaped somewhat by the leadings of its current members, its overall goals are to welcome newcomers, create opportunities for Friends to talk about their spiritual lives, provide information on Friends' beliefs and practices, organize small group activities to discuss these beliefs and practices, and arrange social events to integrate newcomers and build community.

Members: Mary Ann Crolley (clerk), Emily Falenczykowski-Scott, Lynne Harper, Karin McAdams, Forrest Jackson, Susan DeVries.

Fellowship Committee

The Fellowship Committee helps TCFM members and attenders to connect with each other over the meal and coffee/tea that it serves every week after the 11:00 meeting for worship and the monthly potluck that it coordinates. It is also a resource for people planning special events with food, such as weddings and memorial services, although it does not have direct responsibility for these events.

Members: Anne Holzinger and Tony Wong (co-clerks), Mary Ann Crolley, Dawn Einwalter, Lynne Harper, Fred Harris, Diggitt McLaughlin, Bob Nechal, Carolyn Nechal, Joan Philips, Bonnie Watkins, Cynthia Bartoo, Ralph Jacobson, Julia Reimer, and Shannon Walbran.

Finance Committee

The Finance Committee oversees the finances of the meeting. It helps the meeting meet its spiritual, social and material needs and goals by providing accurate financial information and, in coordination with Trustees, investment guidance. Using TCFM members' yearly donations, rental and investment revenue and reserves, it proposes annual budgets to the meeting. The Committee oversees the work of the TCFM treasurer and ensures that TCFM's financial processes are solid and sound.

Members: P.J. Hoffman (clerk), Betsy David, Bill Reznikoff, and Joe Schmitt, with Rob Super (ex officio as TCFM treasurer); ex officio members from Trustees and Ministry and Counsel TBD.

First Day School Committee

First Day School Committee supports First Day School teachers and students and it recruits Friends to teach or substitute teach, or to be a friendly adult presence for teens, or to serve on the committee. While every First Day School class is different and is focused on its own students' needs, teachers draw from four themes: the experience of God and silence, the Bible, Quaker history and values, and Friends' relationship to the wider community. First Day School's goal is to support students' spiritual growth in a safe, nurturing environment in which students and teachers follow Quaker values and practices in the classroom.

Members: Alan Holzer (clerk), Lauri Perman, Anne Supplee, and Heather Swenson.

Friends Forum Committee

The Friends Forum Committee arranges for educational programs held on Sunday mornings between the meetings for worship. The committee discerns topics that will encourage thoughtful discussion and spiritual deepening among those in our TCFM community and visitors to our meeting. They seek to be the eyes and ears of our community – listening and discerning topics that appear to be relevant. They seek out presenters for a range of topics, with strong emphasis that the program has a spiritual component for the presenter.

Members: Chris Dart (co-clerk), Jess Thell (co-clerk), Eric Berger, Nancy Newman, and Emily Falenczykowski-Scott.

Library Committee

The Library Committee seeks to make written materials available that will be of support to TCFM friends in their spiritual journeys and in their work within the meeting. The committee orders and logs books and periodicals, shelves new and returned items, maintains and monitors the sign-out system, and assures that items are returned in a timely manner.

Members: William Boatman, Julie Borgerding July, and Anne Supplee.

Naming Committee

Members of the Naming Committee are appointed by the TCFM clerk. Their sole responsibility is to find people to serve on the Nominating Committee. Members of Nominating Committee must be approved by Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business. Once Naming Committee has completed its business, its members vacate their posts. The next time that there are vacancies on the Nominating Committee that need to be filled, the Clerk appoints new members to the Naming Committee.

Members: To be appointed by the TCFM clerk as needed.

New Member Welcoming Committee

The New Member Welcoming Committee welcomes new members with joy and offers each one several possible ways of celebrating this life decision.

Members: Anne Holzinger (clerk), Emily Falenczykowski-Scott, and Mary Beth Young.

News Committee

The News Committee seeks to facilitate communication within the TCFM community by maintaining the TCFM website and providing weekly electronic and print announcement sheets, as well as a monthly newsletter. They are responsible for publishing a variety of documents, including the TCFM State of Society Report and documents for Northern Yearly Meeting, as well as the yearly TCFM directory which includes a list of members and attenders, both near and far.

Members: Anne Holzinger (clerk), Laël Gatewood, Mary Jane Reeve, Mary Ellen Shaw, and Ceil Wirth.

Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee works to discern and nurture the gifts of TCFM Friends and to match those with the needs of the meeting. It uses a Spirit-led process to nominate people for the clerk's team, the treasurer position, Ministry and Counsel, and Trustees and submits those nominations to TCFM's monthly meeting for worship with attention to business. While it does not nominate people to other standing committees, it does provide support, as requested, to those committees as they seek new members, as well as to Friends who are considering service on those committees. Occasionally Nominating Committee may help with the establishment of new committees by nominating people to serve on them.

Members:
Through August 2027: PJ Hoffman, Ralph Jacobson, Lauri Perman.
Through August 2028: Ivy Coughlin (clerk), John Skinner.
Through August 2029: Anne Holzinger, Rob Super.

Members of Nominating Committee are nominated by the Naming Committee and are then considered for approval by Twin Cities Friends Meeting at its monthly meeting for worship with attention to business.

Peace and Justice Committee

The Peace and Justice Committee supports the peace and service activities of TCFM groups and individuals by collecting and communicating information about these activities, keeping TCFM informed about local and national peace and service issues and initiatives, and occasionally coordinating peace and service projects that involve TCFM committees and members, especially our youth.

Members: Mary Ellen Shaw (clerk), Doris Braley, Julie Doherty, Laura Kressin, Terry Irish, Ilze Mueller, Charley Underwood, and Lois Yellowthunder.

Personnel Committee

The Personnel Committee oversees Meeting personnel, attending to issues such as supervisory appointments, schedule and leave approval, updates to job descriptions and the employee handbook, and performance reviews. The Committee also provides support and troubleshooting to personnel and serves as a liaison with the Meeting and relevant committees.

Members: David Kirchner (clerk), Rob Super, Anne Holzinger, Harrison Nix

Racial Justice Committee *(inactive)*

The Racial Justice Committee coordinates Quaker involvement in racial justice action and organizes educational programs about race and racism for the TCFM community.

Tech Support Committee

The Tech Support Committee initiated TCFM's ability to meet online at the onset of the pandemic, pioneered our ability to meet as a hybrid community, and addresses tech issues to keep all members included and connected as a community.

Members: Demi Miller (clerk), Dave Crawford, Harrison Nix, Esme Povirk, Michael Russelle, and Jess Thell.