

Northampton Friends Meeting
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Dear Friends,

Greetings from Northampton Friends in New England Yearly Meeting. It is very moving to send you our dear Friend Benigno Sánchez-Eppler, who has traveled in the ministry under the care of our Meeting for 25 years. We have faith that he will listen to o how the Spirit of God is moving among you and that he will wait until given a message that can speak to your condition.

Benigno has grown in spirit from his work with other Friends in the '90s, establishing sister relationships between Meetins in New England and Cuba Yearly Meeting. Translating early Quaker texts into Spanish is a long-established ministry he shares with Susan Furry. Workshops and teaching opportunities arise from that work. He has been a servant-leader both to his Monthly and Yearly Meeting. From 2015 to 2019 he served as clerk of Friends World Committee for Consultation, Section of the Americas At New England Yearly Meeting sessions and the Friends General Conference Gathering he has offered Bible Half Hours.

A hope that underlies Benigno's work is that Friends will find new life in the words of early Quakers, relearning and reclaiming the Gospel vocabulary they used as our own shared language for our spiritual experience.

A Monthly Meeting minute approved in April 2019 affirms our continued support and oversight of Benigno's ministry in these terms:

"Northampton Friends Meeting unites with Benigno Sánchez-Eppler's call to travel in the ministry among Friends. The functions and activities in which he has demonstrated gifts and discipline include translating, publishing and teaching selections from the works of early Friends; interpreting at international Quaker conferences; public speaking under the direction of the Spirit; and vocal ministry in meeting for worship."

We rejoice in this opportunity to send you our love. We are confident that you will welcome Benigno and look forward to receiving news of you upon his return.

Approved and minuted at
Northampton Friends Meeting for Business
October 13, 2019
Eleanor Warnock, clerk

Endorsed by Connecticut Valley Quarterly Meeting, February 2, 2020
Kimberly Stoner, Clerk

Endorsed by Permanent Board of New England Yearly Meeting, February 14, 2020

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