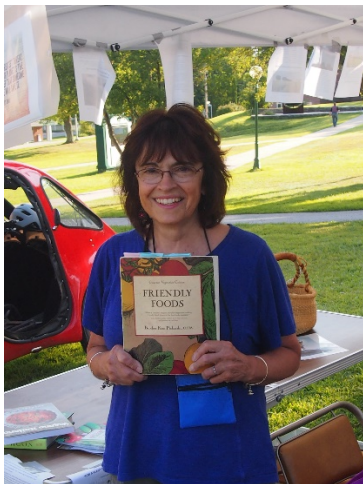


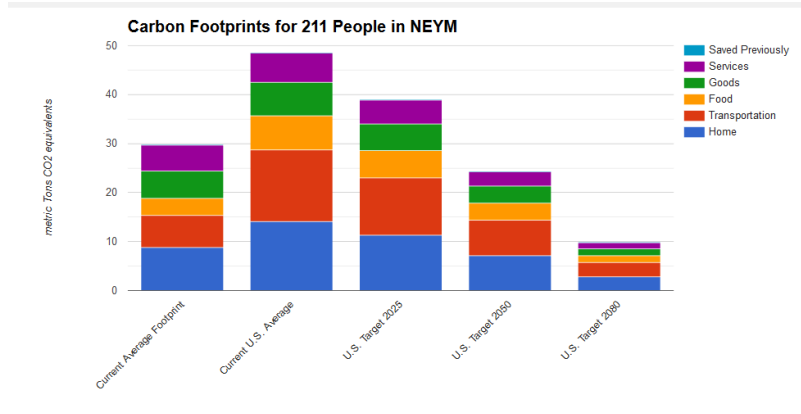
Report of the Earthcare Ministry Committee for 2019-20

Earthcare Ministry Committee (EMC) has been focused this year on helping Friends in our Yearly Meeting take action on the Climate Crisis.

Sessions 2019. We began by erecting a white tent on the green at Castleton University, where, flanked by the electric bike that one of our members rode to Sessions from the Boston area, we talked with attendees about earth care, offered ideas on vegan cooking, and just enjoyed being outdoors together. During our report, we showed two inspiring videos of children in NEYM talking about the climate crisis—and what adults can do about it. We also shared the results of the first year of Friends' selecting ways to reduce their carbon footprints by 10% ([Minute 2018-36](#)) and asked them to work together toward an overall goal of reducing footprints by an additional 10% in 2020 ([Minute 2019-52](#)).



During the year. We began an effort to regularly contribute EMC-produced content for the NEYM Newsletter as part of a broader effort to improve our communications. Sponsored in part by a grant from the NEYM Legacy Gift Committee, we offered workshops at a number of meetings within NEYM on how to bring hope about the climate crisis by taking personal action. We also provided a new version of our Climate Calculator (climatecalculator.org) that would enable Friends to track their carbon footprints over time. Results from participants on the Climate Calculator for the overall meeting are shown below.



[Further results](#) for individual meetings are also available.

New this year, one of our members brought to us the ongoing struggles of the Wampanoag nation, and the committee approved supporting the efforts of the Mashpee Wampanoags to keep their “land in trust” status in a pending case in Federal District Court (subsequently ruled in favor of the Wampanoag position). A new member offered a webinar on the idea using denuclearization as a means of helping to fund the Green New Deal and another member offered a webinar on bees and bee habitats.

Because of the coronavirus epidemic, we were unable to hold our in-person retreat this year, but we continued to meet monthly by teleconference. Much of the year has been spent planning for the 2020 Sessions.

During 2020 we have begun a process of videoing individual Friends about the climate crisis, with the intent of putting the videos on a private YouTube channel and sharing the videos with monthly meetings (and possibly yearly meetings) with encouragement to make their own videos. This work is still in the beginning stages and will continue during 2020.

Our committee expresses its particular appreciation to Mary Bennett and Reb MacKenzie, who served as co-clerks the last two years, and to each of its members who have contributed to making this committee such a pleasure.

