

## REPORT OF THREE RIVERS VISITING COMMITTEE TO PERMANENT BOARD 12/1/23

The Three Rivers Visiting Committee's work since our last report to PB has included two meetings with Three Rivers co-hosts (Kristina Keefe-Perry, Lisa Graustein, and Emily Savin) and a listening session with Fresh Pond Meeting to discuss their history and process with Three Rivers. Each of us on the VC has also continued to attend the Worship Group's Thursday worship and Sunday vespers. Some of us also attended a worship debriefing session for conflict resolution and a community building meeting. We have felt very welcomed by Three Rivers Worship Group and by Fresh Pond Meeting (who initiated with us) to engage in our process of listening and discernment.

The Visiting Committee has also invited questions and concerns regarding Three Rivers from the Permanent Board by way of a dedicated YM email address. We have received a small number of questions/concerns and an affirmation of the Worship Group's effort to become a Monthly Meeting. We welcome more input and will address what we have collected in our final report. The email address is [visiting@neym.org](mailto:visiting@neym.org).

Our next steps are:

- 1) a **listening session** with the Three Rivers Worship Group community and the VC on **Thursday, January 18, 2024**, via Zoom. This is planned as an opportunity for the community to share their thoughts about the Three Rivers Worship Group with special attention to nurturing their spiritual lives.
- 2) a **listening session** with the Three Rivers Worship Group community on **Sunday, January 28, 2024**, and the VC via Zoom. The purpose for this gathering is the same as the aforementioned session but hopes to capture those who attend Vespers regularly and/or those who may not have been able to attend the January 18 session.
- 3) a **question-and-answer session** open to all of Salem Quarter and PB on **January 14, 2024, at 1 p.m.** via Zoom. Members of Three Rivers and Fresh Pond will answer questions submitted by members of Salem Quarter and PB by noon on January 3, via the VC email address ([visiting@neym.org](mailto:visiting@neym.org))

The VC encourages all members and attenders of Salem Quarter and PB to explore the Three Rivers Worship Group's website, which contains much valuable information, and to attend their worship, to learn more. We believe this will be helpful both for the question-and-answer session and for all future discernment about Three Rivers Worship Group.

The VC hopes to have a further report for the February 10, 2024, PB meeting after we have absorbed and synthesized all the information already learned from the Worship Group and Fresh Pond Meeting, and gathered in the sessions described above.

Respectfully submitted with hope and with gratitude for ongoing revelation,  
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