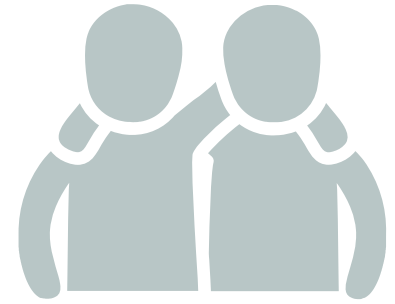


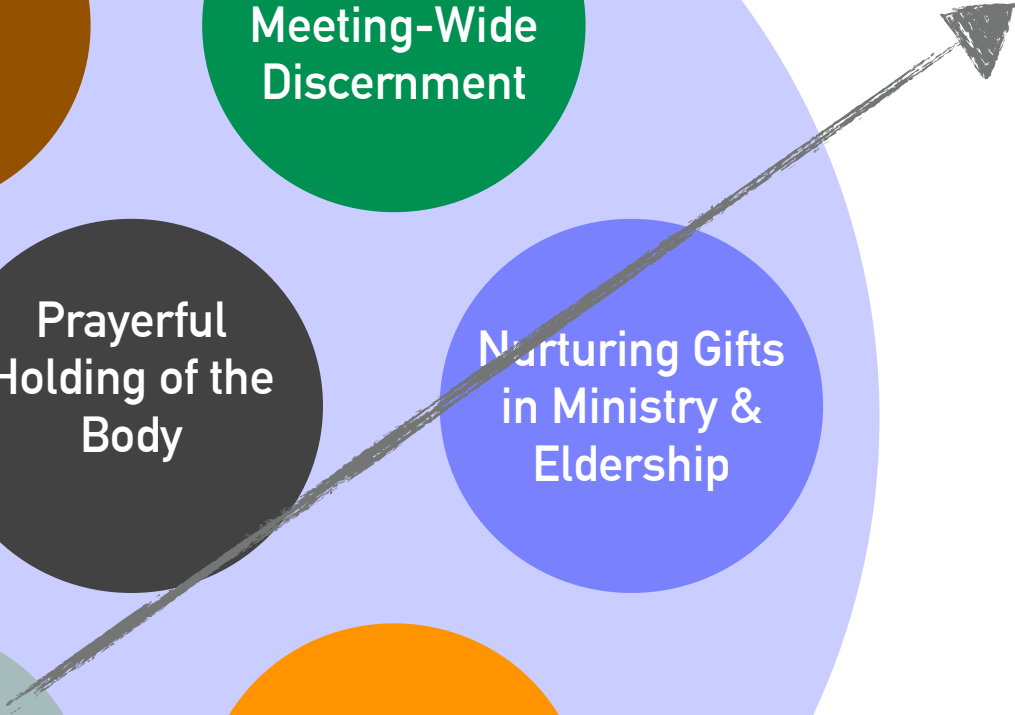


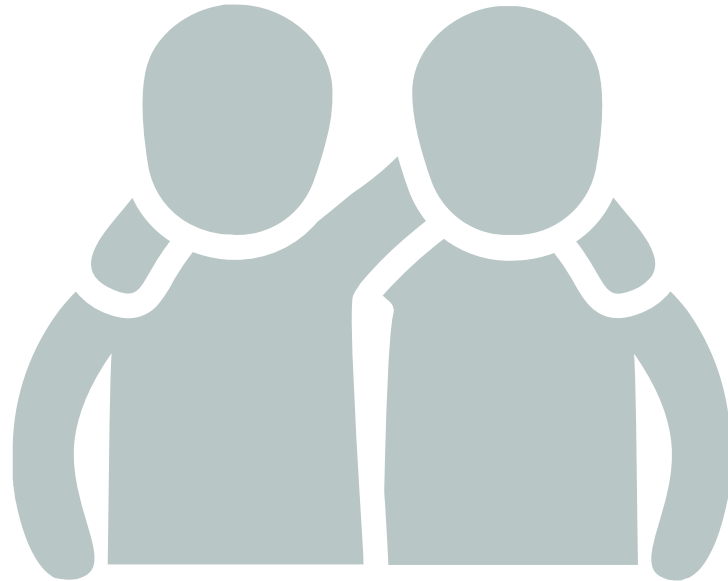
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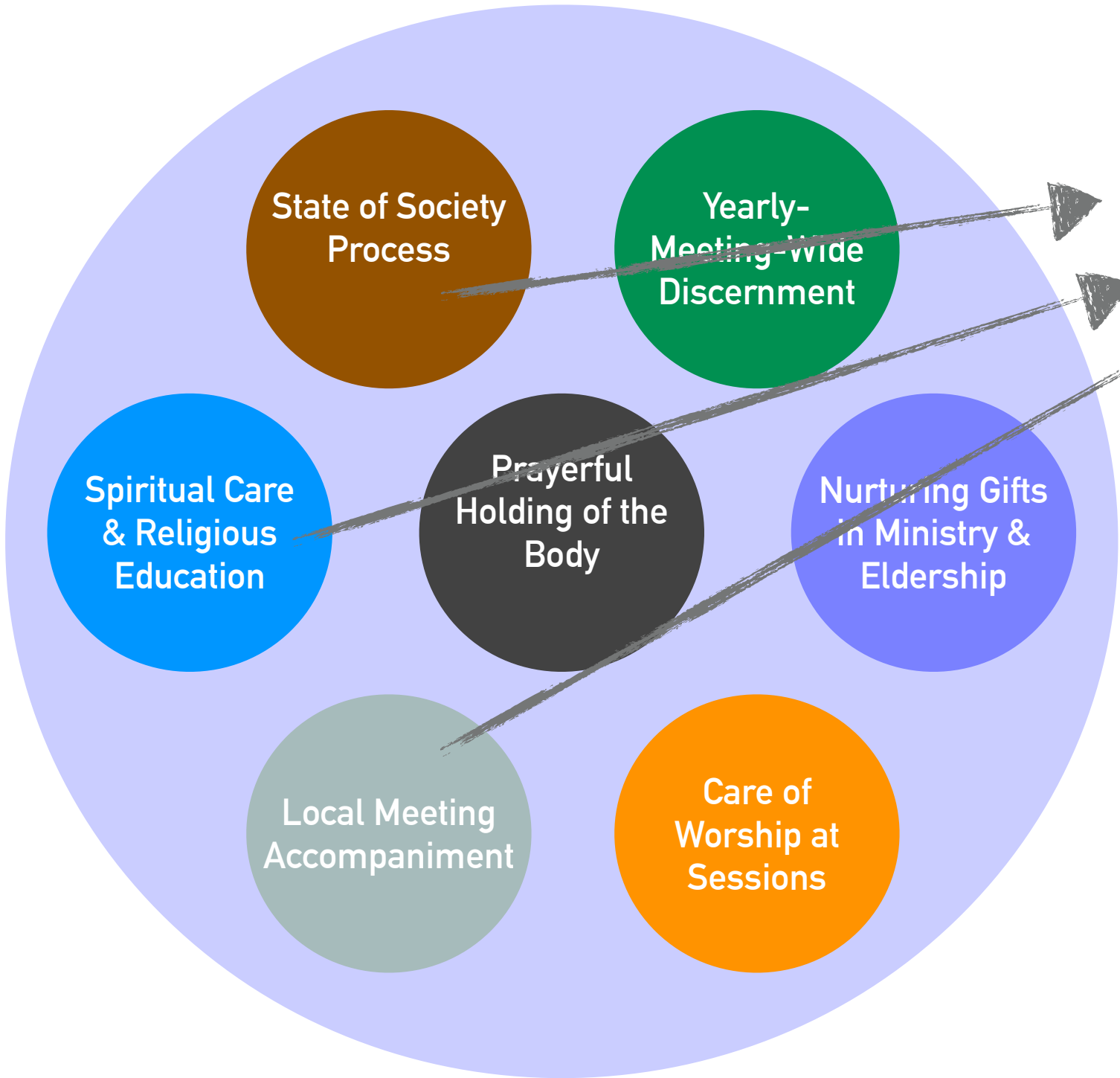


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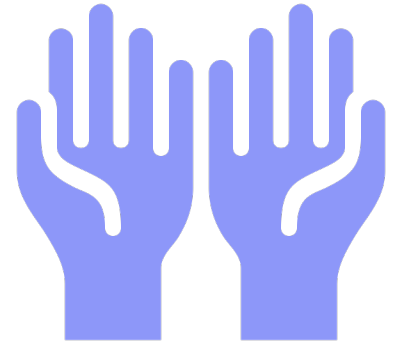
1. Gather a small body of Friends to accompany local meetings



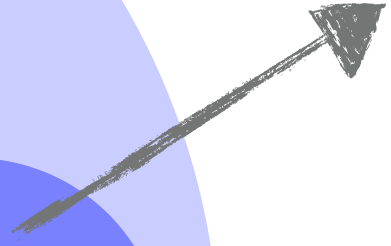
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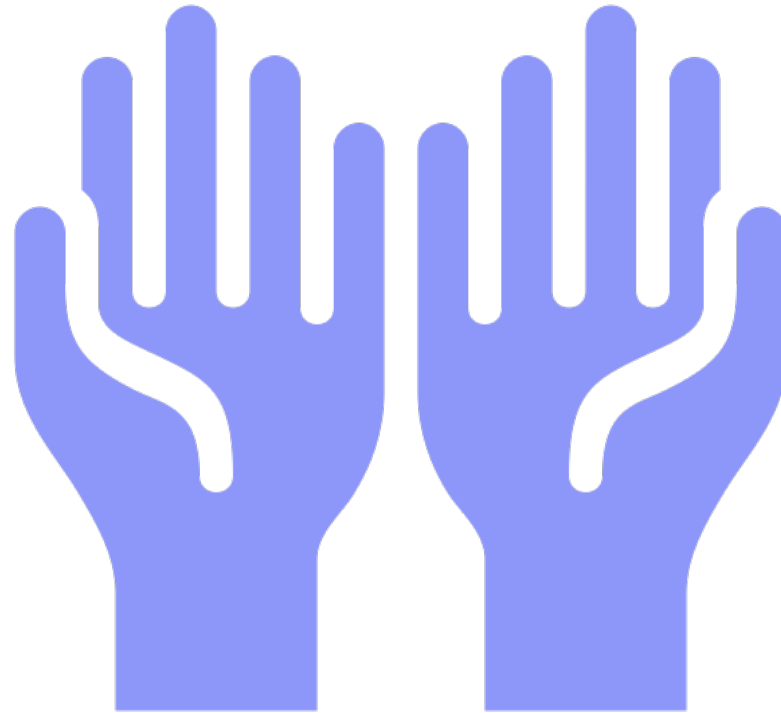


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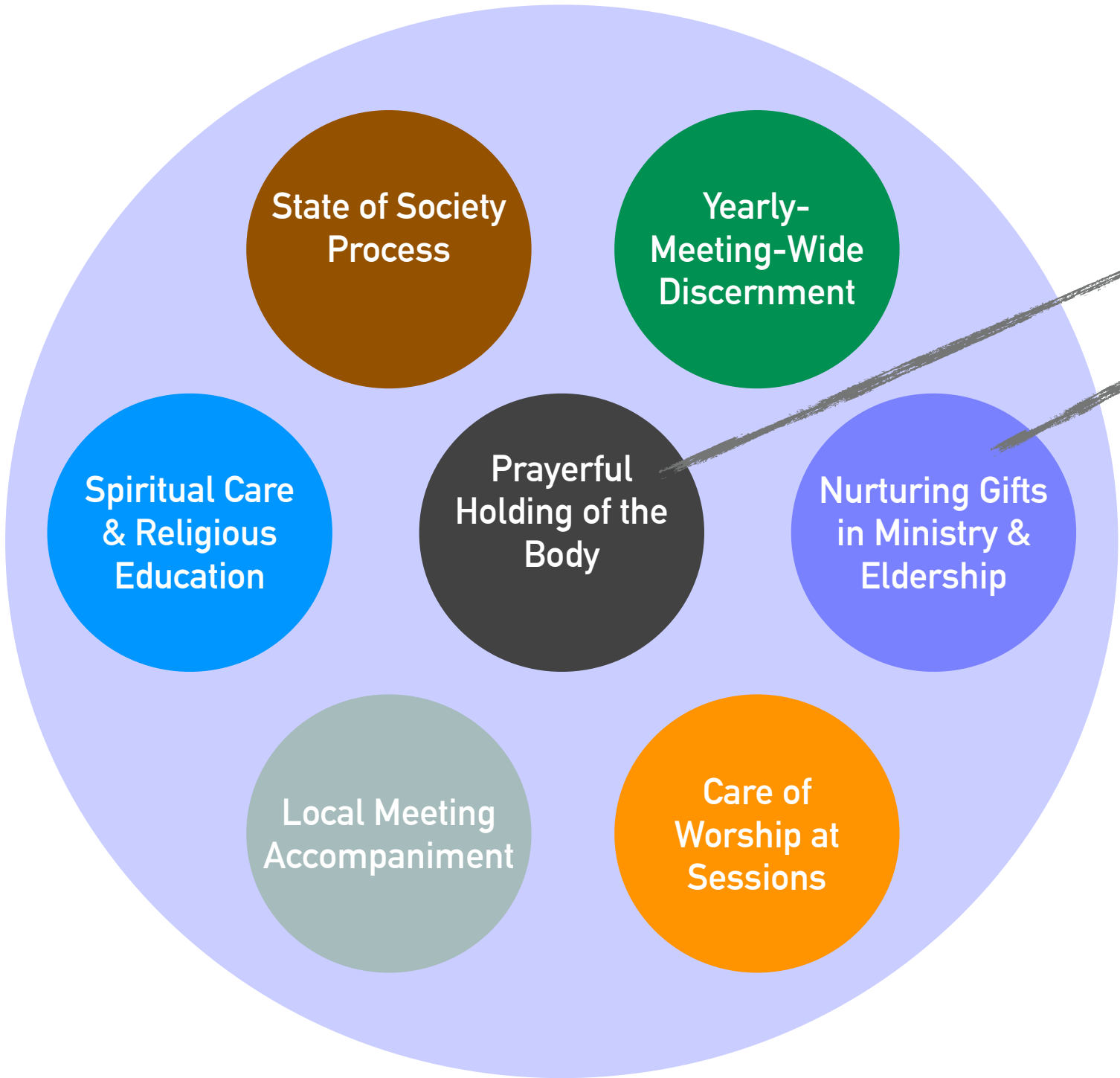


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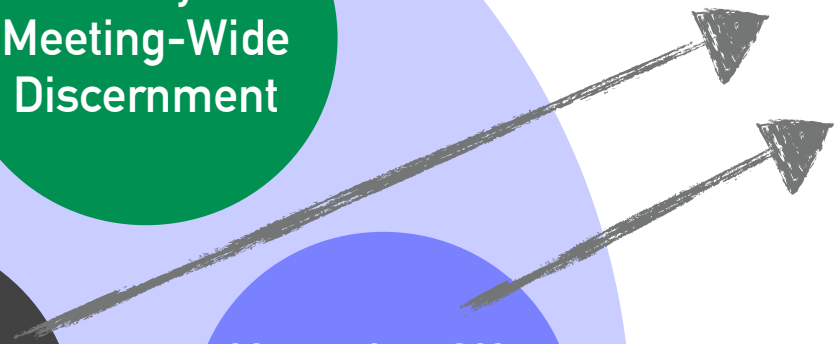




3. Host opportunities to learn about and celebrate Friends in public ministry



#4





4. Offer regular opportunities for prayerful holding of the wider body of Friends

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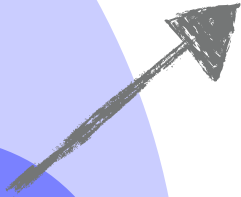
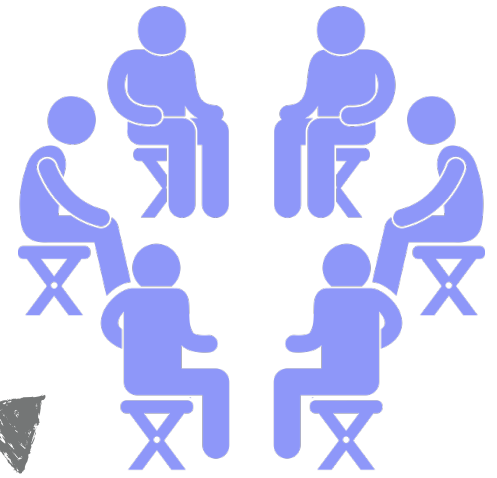
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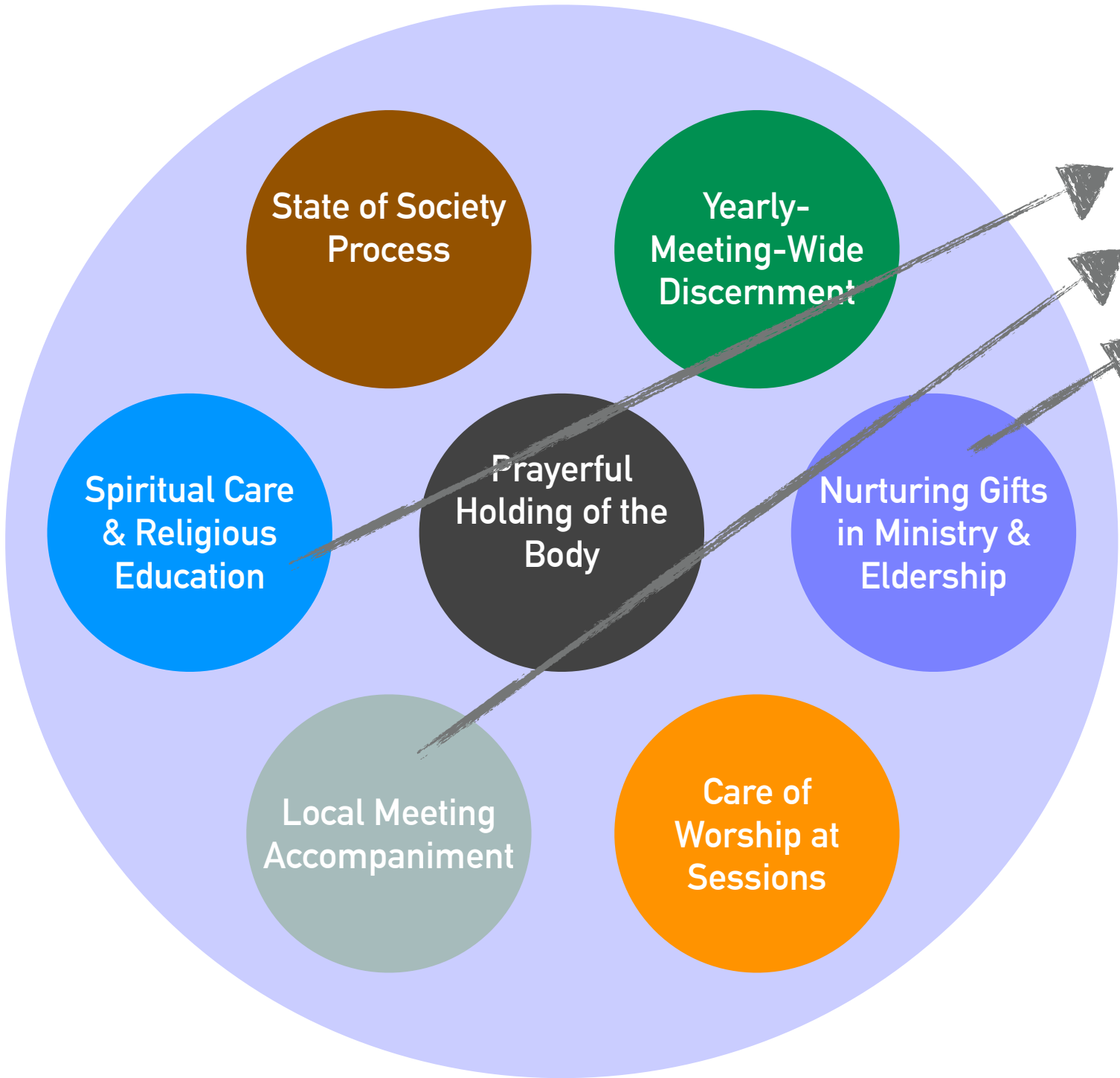
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5. Recognize the need—and offer support for—ministry & eldership “shop talk”



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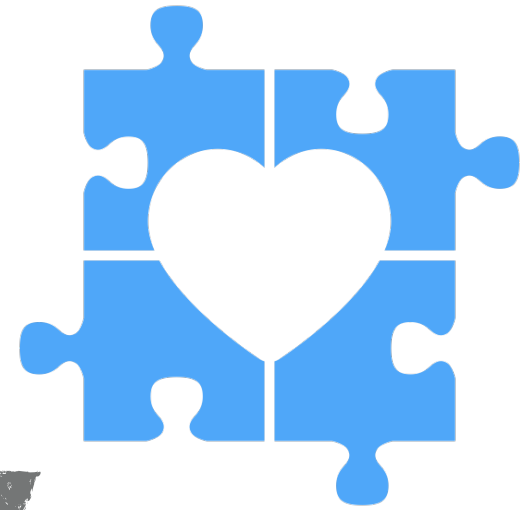
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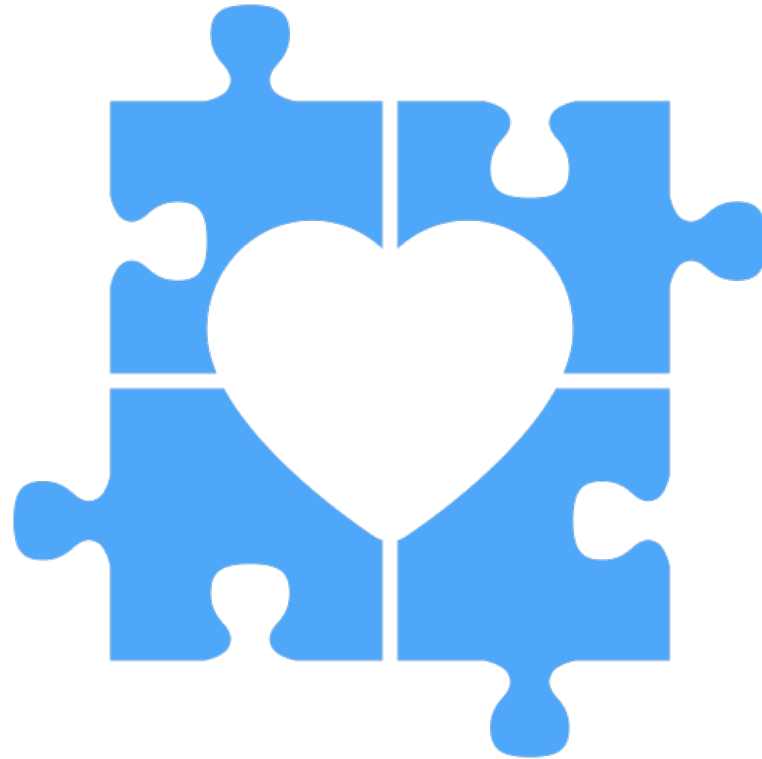
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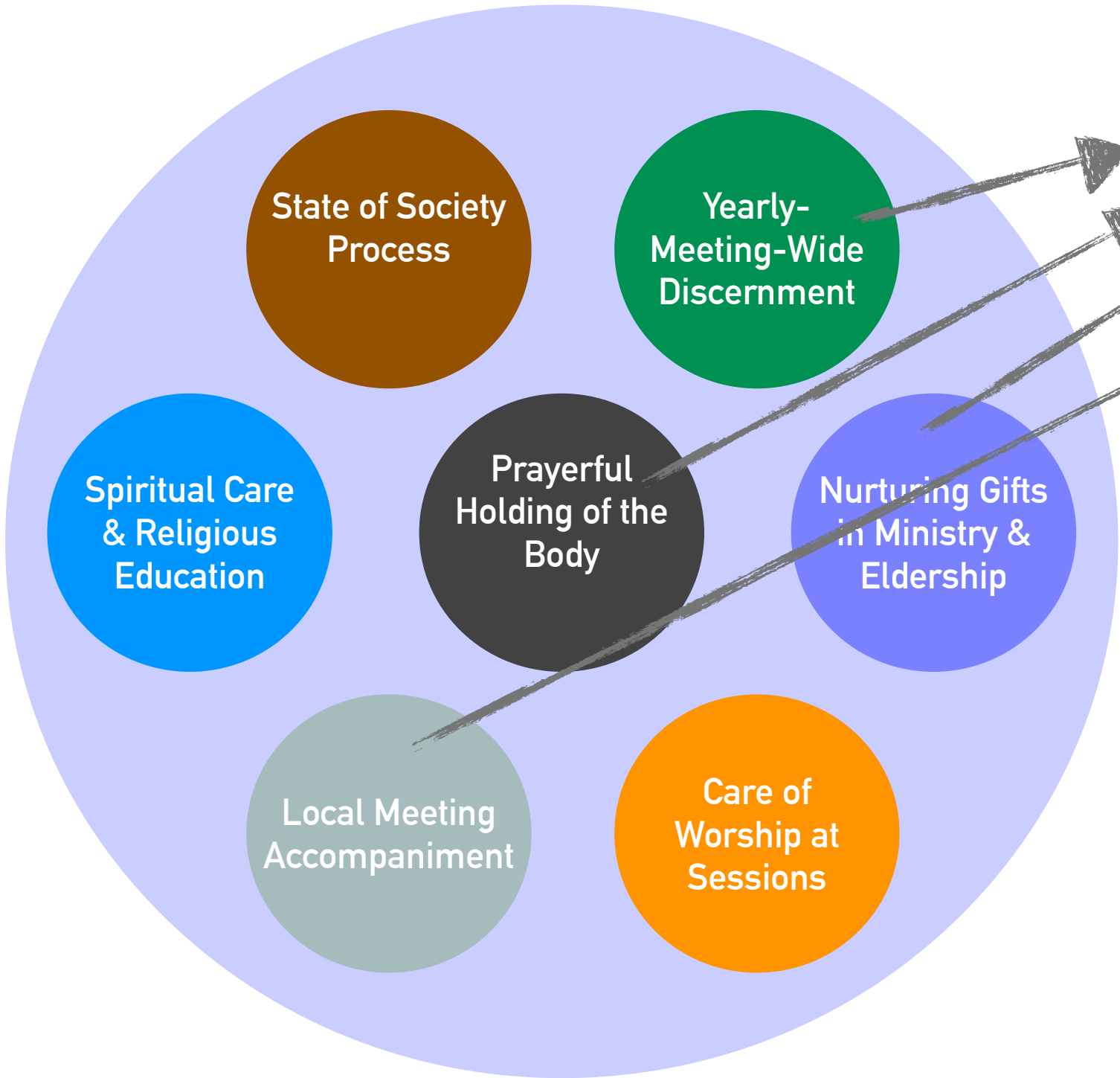
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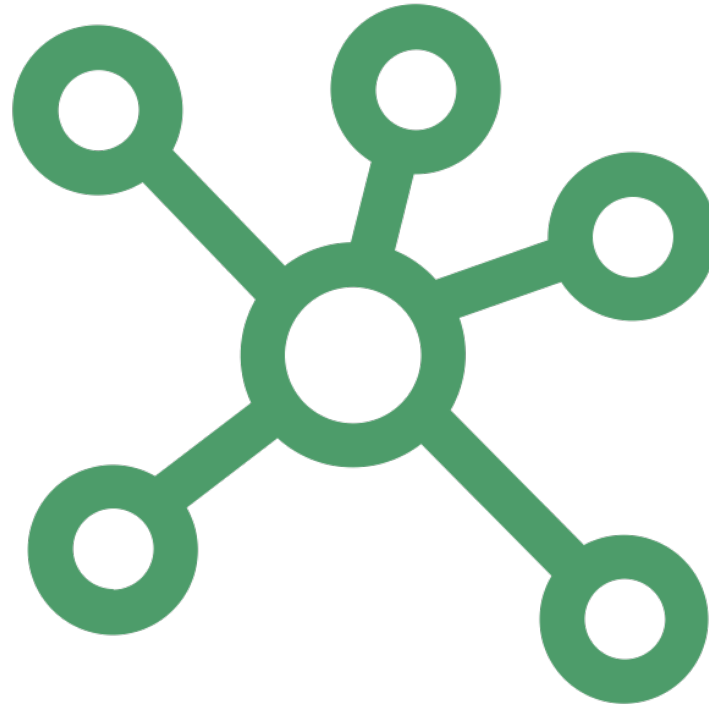
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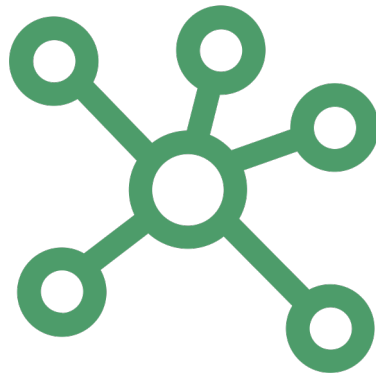
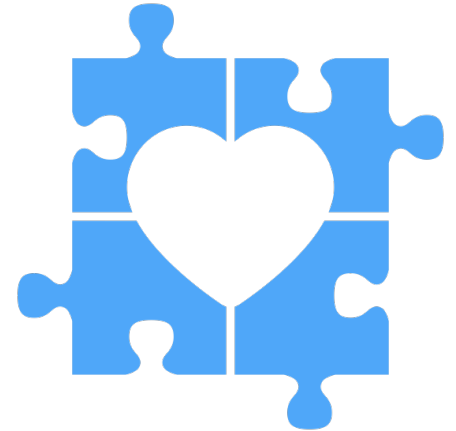
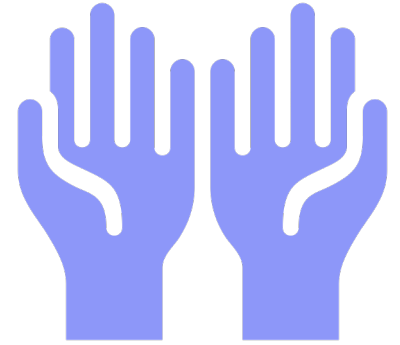
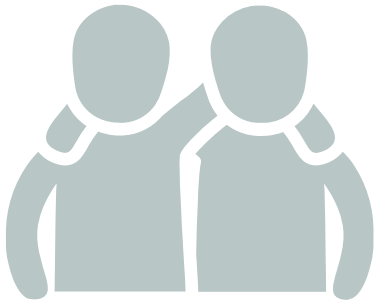
6. Increase awareness and capacity for spiritual formation and religious education



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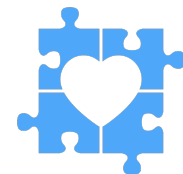
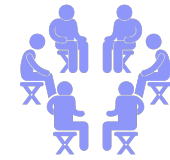
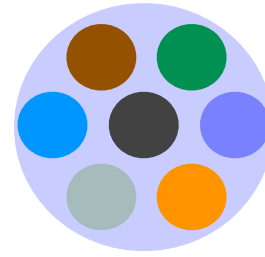


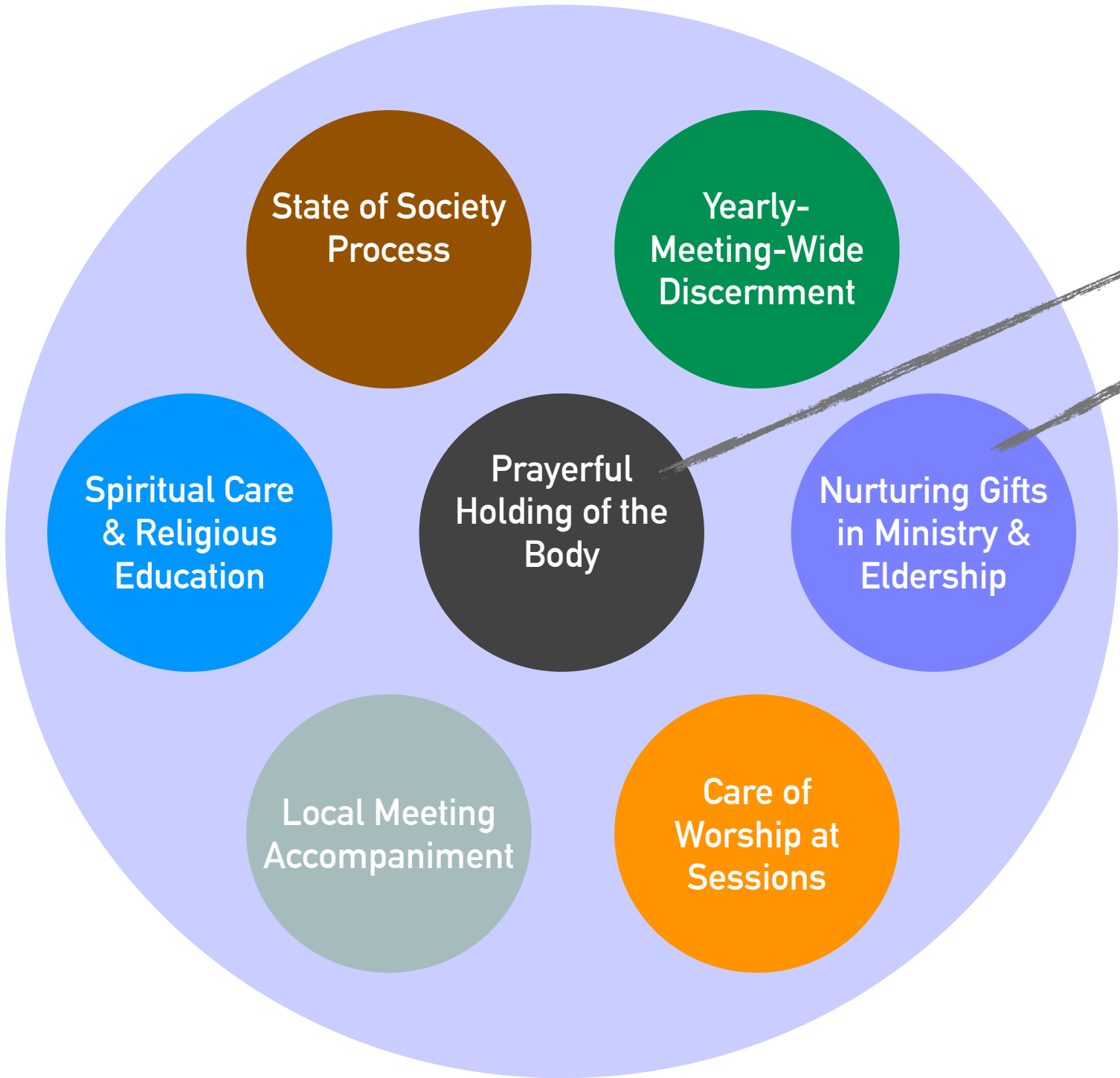
7. Consider a review of purpose, care, and oversight for quarterly meetings



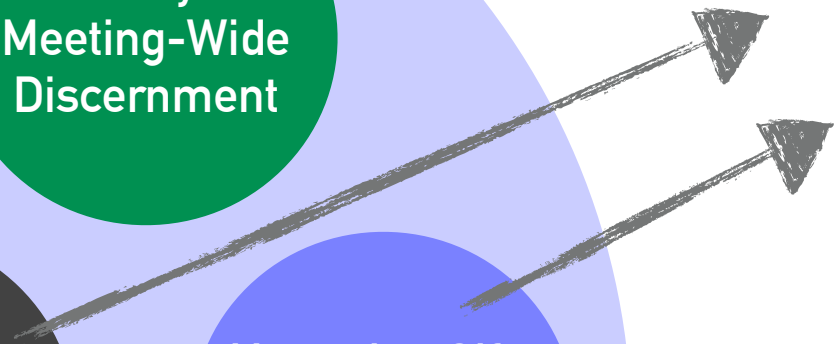
Where we are now, since 2022:

- The new Meeting Accompaniment group has engaged with 50+ local meetings and groups since its establishment in early 2023*
- On June 1, Friends from across our region will gather for the second annual Meeting for Listening, lifting up the life in our local meetings, informing our attention, programs, and funding priorities*
- A prayer list has been established, moderated by the Clerk of Ministry & Counsel, regularly sharing prayer requests and pastoral care concerns with Friends throughout our region—email mc-clerk@neym.org*
- The yearly meeting has hosted several spiritual formation opportunities, including a third offering of the Nurturing Faithfulness program; these opportunities are regularly featured in monthly email newsletters, as well as highlighted in monthly calls supporting servant leaders in local meetings and elsewhere*
- Friends have informally gathered many times for extended worship, and to encourage those with a sustained concern for vocal ministry*
- Still needed from approved recommendations:*
 - Review of quarterly meetings*
 - Periodic opportunities to gather to hold the Yearly Meeting in prayer*





#1



Renewed attention



1. Offer regular opportunities for prayerful holding of the wider body of Friends

Q1

Q2

December

January

November

February

October

March

September

April

August

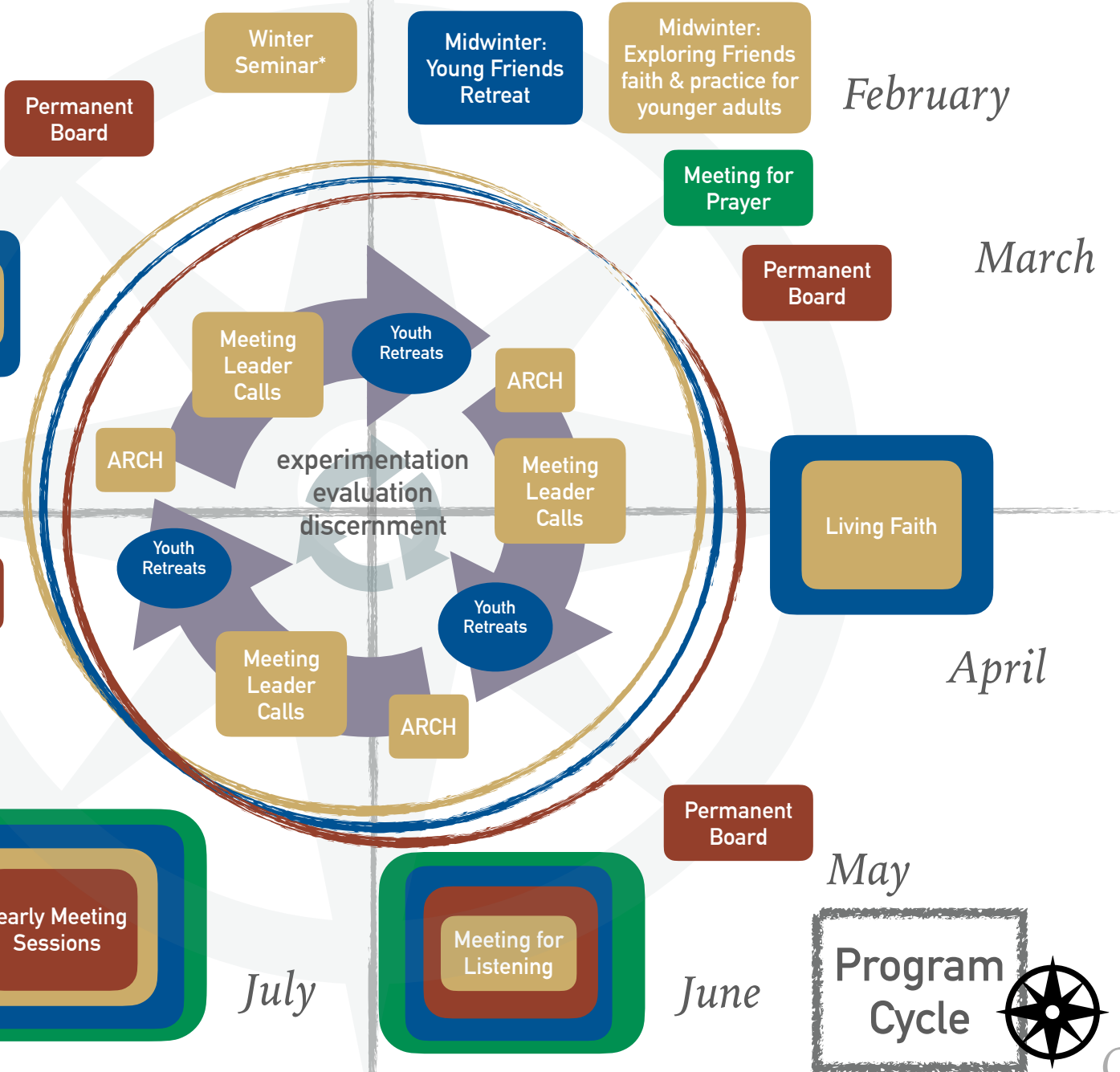
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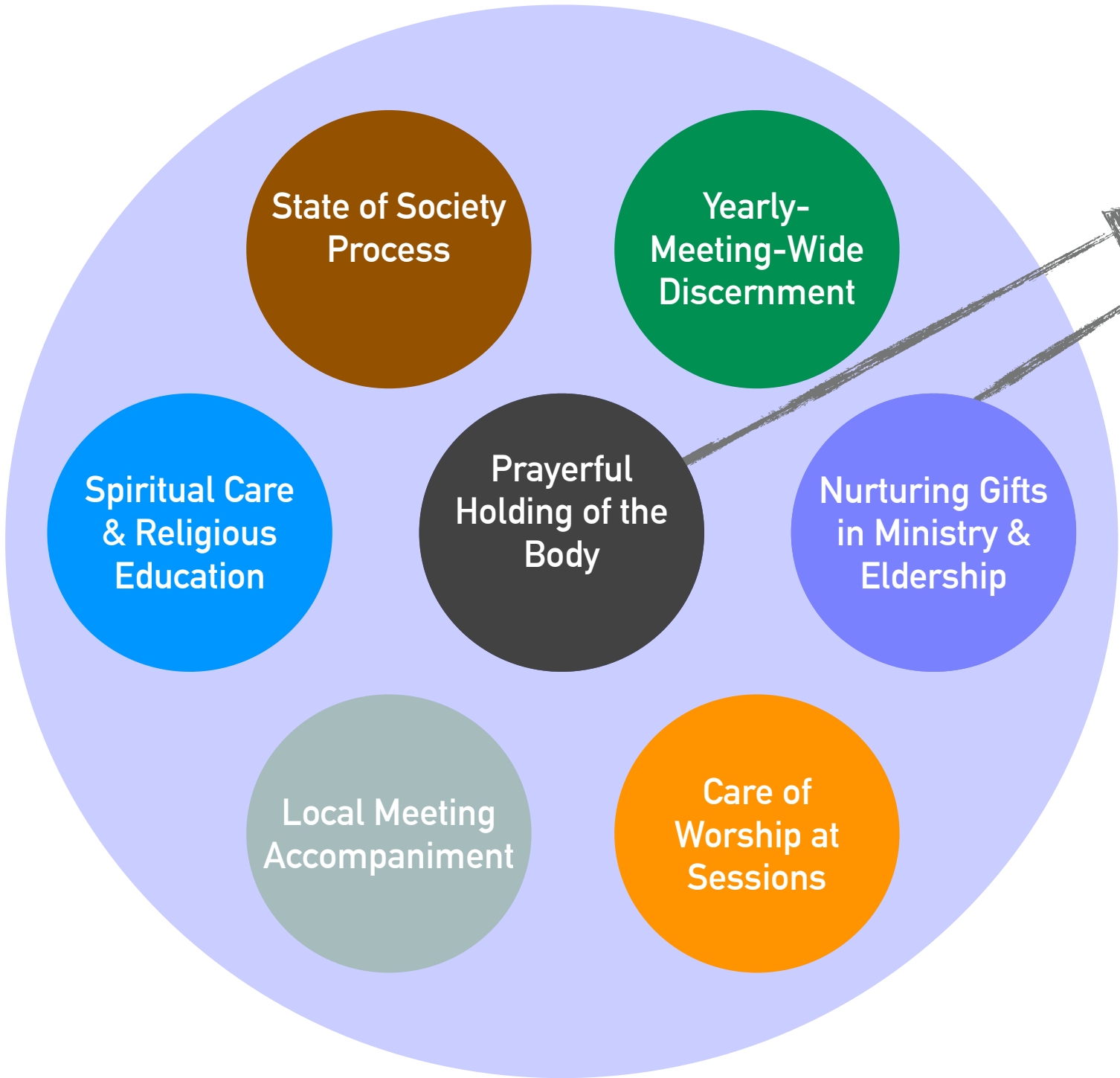
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Q4

Q3



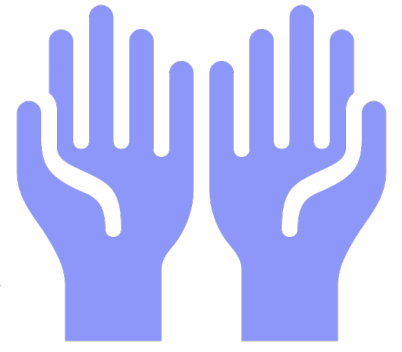
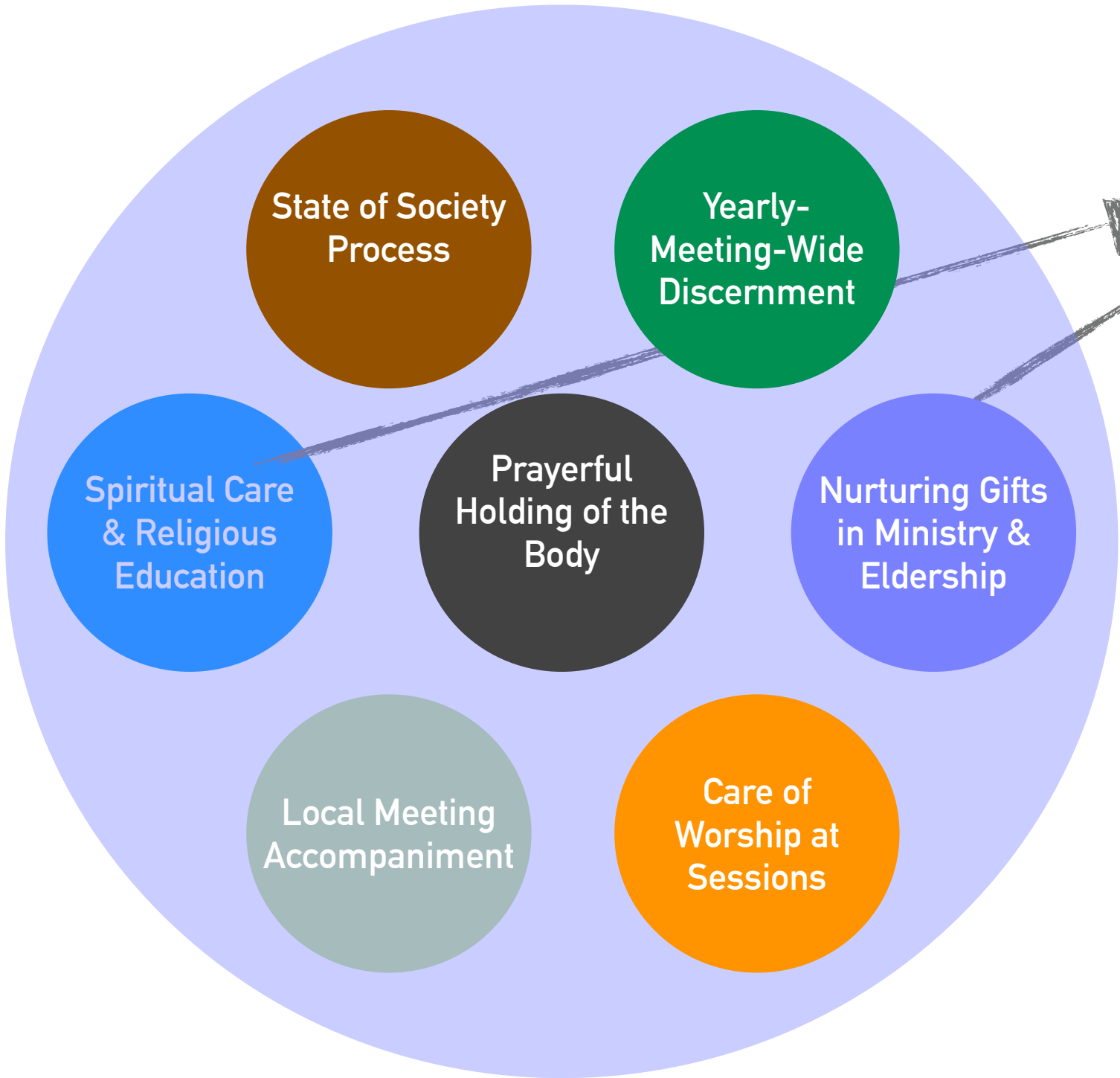
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Youth & multigenerational faith formation
Corporate discernment
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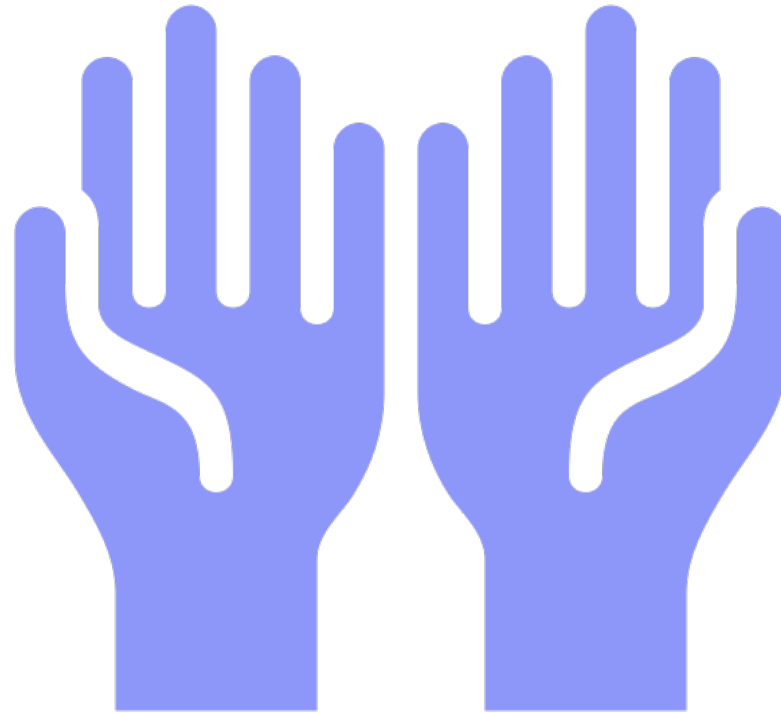
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2. Appoint a discerned small group of Friends with active, recognized gifts of ministry and eldership, in a relationship of oversight with their local meeting, to hold the spiritual health and condition of the wider body in prayer, to advise and assist the Clerk of Ministry & Counsel



#3



3. Gather a group of Friends to support local meetings' exercise of oversight and nurture of those stewarding gifts of ministry