

Connecticut Valley Quarterly Meeting
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Dear Noah,

I am writing to inform you that Litchfield Hills Monthly Meeting (LHMM) of the Connecticut Valley Quarterly Meeting has been discontinued. This action was taken at the request of Jeff Van Wagenen, the last member of LHMM, at the February 2, 2025 meeting of the Quarter. Liesa Stamm, of Hartford Friends Meeting, brought the request from Jeff to the Quarter in her capacity as a member of the NEYM Meeting Accompaniment Group.

We understand that the Quarter is responsible for confirming the conditions required to discontinue a meeting and those conditions are:

All members of the meeting have been given the opportunity to transfer their membership.

Jeff, the only remaining member, does not want to continue as a Friend.

The property and assets of the meeting have been transferred to the yearly meeting.

The remaining funds (\$3,153.69) in the LHMM bank account have been sent to the Treasurer of NEYM. LHMM owns no property.

The meeting records have been transferred to the quarterly meeting for appropriate disposition.

Jeff gave Liesa a box containing the meeting's records. Bank statements and membership records have been removed from the box of meeting records and have been discarded. What remains is minutes and other records of the meeting including such things as the guest books that were used in the meeting space. These materials cover the life of LHMM from about the mid-1960s to early into the current century. These materials were deposited with the Yearly Meeting Archives at UMass Amherst as part of the CVQM collection on March 17.

Jeff also gave Liesa seven boxes of books. We received the help of Peter Blood in reviewing these books. Peter took a stack of books for his online inwardlight.org project. Other books were set aside for review by other Friends. The bulk of the books were determined to be only suitable for discard or donation to a used book sale because the books were either moldy or non-Quaker or out of date.

Those present at our Quarterly meeting shared memories of their connections with LHMM in decades past. It's hard to see the meeting disappear. We held a moment of silence for a meeting that has served its purpose and must now be released.

In Gratitude,
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