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Subject: Minute from Noah Merrill's Support and Accountability Committee

To: Susan Davies <spdbbh@gmail.com> Susan Davies, Permanent Board Clerk

Dear Susan

At the request of Leslie Manning, past Permanent Board clerk, our committee was asked to forward information about Noah Merrill's travel outside of Yearly Meeting.

I'm sending the following minute from Noah's Support and Accountability Committee of Putney Friends Meeting, Monday night meeting (March 30, 2025) in the spirit of communication and clarity. I'm entirely sure that the you and Rebecca and others have already also approved acceptance of this invitation from FWCC and Bolivian Friends, but in the interest of honoring Lesley's request for transparency, here is our minute.

On the last day of the third month of 2025, the support and accountability committee for the ministry expressed through Noah Merrill met to consider an invitation from Bolivia Central Yearly Meeting for Noah to attend their holy week celebration recognizing 50 years as a yearly meeting independent of missionary oversight. Noah would accompany the FWCC Section of the Americas Secretary, Evan Welkin, spending time in both urban and rural districts (quarterly meetings.)

Noah expects that his role on this trip would include eldership for Evan, vocal ministry as led, and encouragement of Bolivian Friends who are feeling a call to public ministry themselves. It is the sense of this committee that Noah's presence with Bolivian Friends would be a use of his gifts in good order and would be valuable in sharing New England Yearly Meeting's love and care for fellow Friends across physical and cultural differences.

-approved by the committee April1, 2025

Very best to you in all you do.

Love, Julie Forsythe

April 2019 Noah's prayerful preparation for his visit to Ireland Yearly Meeting was much valued. In his lecture, he challenged us to go back to the teaching of George Fox, and to have faith to follow the leadings of the Spirit. We are glad Noah had the opportunity to visit Ballitore, the burial place of John Scott - E.H. Bewley Ireland T.M. Clerk

FWC Section Meeting
Lake Doniphan, MO 2019, 23rd day 3rd mo
Dearest Francis in NEYM,

Noah has been faithful among us. He has received prayers for us. He has taught in and has helped build our Travelling Ministry Corps. Most faithfully he has remained open to the promptings of the Spirit. Thank you dear Friends for all your efforts in the corporate support of individual ministry. ~~Bernard Sanders~~ Eppler Clerk FWC Americas

Dear Friends,

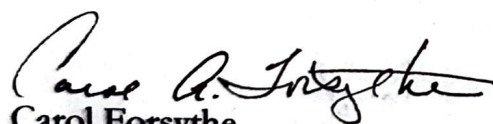
Noah Merrill is a member of Putney Friends Meeting whose spiritual wisdom is cherished. We recognize the gift of ministry given through him. We are grounding his service through nurture and oversight. Noah's work is the work of the Meeting.

Noah's faith has served as an instrument of Love in times of trouble. He seeks to live in and be open to the Life and Power of God. We witness this.

Under the guidance of the Spirit and with the prayers of Friends, may his service among you be faithful.

With Noah, we send our loving greetings.

Signed on behalf of Putney Friends Meeting,



Carol Forsythe,
Presiding Clerk
Putney Friends Meeting

New England Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends
12th July 2019.
Dear Friends,
we are thankful to have welcomed Noah to Senior Moyallon Camp. As a community, God has worked among us. We have recognised the Spirit in each other and have seen glimpses of the Kingdom of God in unexpected places. Noah has served our group through offering encouragement, wisdom and reaching out to others. We are glad that his story has led to Moyallon Camp and we hope that our journey together on behalf of Senior Moyallon Camp 2019. Judith Poole (clerk) Jonathan Poole (assistant clerk)

Joyfully reaffirmed at Northwest Quarter 3 Dec. 2016
Envelope M161
Minute approved Sixth Month 10, 2016

Dear Friends,

The time we spent with Noah on the evening of October 8, as well as at, and after Meeting for Worship the next day was very special. We thank you for encouraging him to share his gift of ministry with us. We gained a better appreciation for the work of Yearly Meeting and the gifts and strengths of our own meeting as well.

On the Light, Greg Pahl, co-clerk, South Starksboro Friends Meeting
10/14/16

Thank you for being part of
Young Adult Friends Midwinter 2025.
Thank you for connecting the writings of
early Friends with our contemporary
experiences, and deepening our
understanding of covenant community.

- Collee Williams

Dear friends of Putney Friends Meeting, March 20-23, 2025

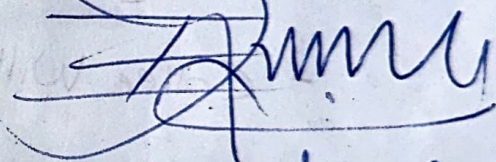
What a joy is it to have Noah with us, serving
FWCC Section Meeting 2025 with faithfulness and love.
His steadfast presence brought a stability and
spiritual depth to our gathering that is
appreciated and deeply felt.

We are blessed,
Lavonia French
FWCC Section of the Americas, clerk

Querido Noah

Estoy agradecido por su visita y quiero
expresar que Dios lo guarde y cuida en
su vida, siga predicando la palabra de Dios
y la palabra de se haga carne en ti
hoy, mañana y siempre.

Tu amigo Elisao M.Q.V.
Con Cristo, somos mas que vencedores



Para el hermano:

Noah Merrill. Miembro del Comité Ejecutivo del CMCA.

El Alto, La Paz, Bolivia.

17 de abril de 2025

A horas 20:00, p.m. del 17 de abril de 2025, la Junta Mensual 16 de Julio, de la Junta Anual: Iglesia Evangélica Unión Boliviana Amigos, durante el desarrollo del Culto de Bienvenida a la Junta de Pascua 2025, que se realizó en la sala del templo, el hermano Noah Merrill nos compartió acerca una enseñanza del tratamiento de la miel de abeja, donde para obtener una miel de calidad era necesario hacer varios trabajos y esperar los resultados para que al final se tenga una miel de calidad. Ésta narrativa fue relacionada con la historia de los dos discípulos de Jesús camino a Emmaús, escrita en Lucas 24:13 – 35.

Donde el desconocido para ellos (Cristo resucitado) hizo el trabajo de aclarar los eventos que tenían que cumplirse hasta que los discípulos le reconocieron.

Lo que nos compartió el hermano Noah, fue interesante y despertó el interés de los oyentes, dejando como resultado la necesidad de buscar profundidad en esta reflexión.

También fue de profunda reflexión acerca de los "muros de separación" que presentó el domingo 20 en el "Culto de Santidad", llamado así en el programa realizado en la Junta Mensual 16 de Julio. En la cita bíblica de Efesios 2:14 – 16, se refirió a que la humanidad hemos construido diferentes muros de separación; en lo político, social y religiosa; que frente a éstos muros es necesario hacer puentes de conexión especialmente con amigos de diferentes formas de adoración y distintas maneras de expresar la fe en Dios para que seamos creyentes verdaderos.

Asimismo; la pascua que se celebra no debería ser recordada sólo cada año, sino que, deberíamos tener en constante recordatorio éste suceso histórico que nos cambió nuestra relación con Dios (1 Corintios 5:7 – 8).

Deseamos los asistentes a ésta Junta; que el señor Jesucristo siga usando la vida del hermano Noah para transmitir aliento, consejo y enseñanza bajo la dirección del Espíritu Santo de Dios.

Sinceramente:

Gualberto Torrez Q.


Ptr. Gualberto Torrez Quispe
PRESIDENTE
DIRECTORIO NACIONAL
IGL. EV. UNIÓN BOLIVIANA "AMIGOS"

