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Dear Friends,

Moving into autumn signals the time for our annual "Fall Clerk's Letter" with memories and news from our recently concluded 2020 business sessions for your use. This attached folder offers an easy way for monthly meetings and members to find and print information they need until the printed minutes become available. Yearly meeting appointments (Nominating Report) and monthly meeting apportionments and the ym budget (Representatives Report) are easily accessible in the individual attachments.

Along with the above reports you will find the:

- Scattergood School and Farm Head, Farm and School Committee reports
- P&SC Report
- The closing minute as a simple way to share a general overview of our gathering. *This year, the body requested our closing minute also serve be our epistle sent to Absent Friends, Friends Everywhere, and Conservative Friends in North Carolina and Ohio.

Exciting things are happening at Scattergood School and Farm! How wonderful to have members of the staff, faculty and School Committee join us at yearly meeting from the Hickory Grove Meeting House. We enjoyed meeting new Scattergood Head, John Zimmerman and hear of his plans for the school. We were also introduced to other incoming staff and faculty, including Jamie Newton, the first director of our new Middle School. As in the past, the reports from Scattergood School and Farm were thoughtful and moving. The energy, vision and investment of love by so many Friends speaks of the dream that Scattergood be our witness of faith to the world. All are welcome to roll up their sleeves and join in this vision. The Head, Farm and School Committee reports are included in a zip folder.

Our Peace and Social Concerns Committee continues to mirror the ongoing work of Friends across IYMC who continue working for a more just world on many different fronts and in many different ways. In their report you'll find a minute on racism that Friends can use in any way they are led: incorporated into letters to the editor or elected representatives, or shared with others who would find it helpful to promoting awareness on this issue.

I hope you find these attachments useful and easy to pass along to other members. If you have any questions or problems in opening these folders, please let me know.
As most already know, we are glad to welcome Carol Gilbert as new IYMC clerk and Bob Winkleblack as assistant clerk. There is now a new address to contact Carol: clerk@iymc.org

I am grateful for your patience as I grew into clerking over the past decade. I've been stretched and learned a lot. Most of all, I have deeply appreciated the opportunity to meet and work with so many remarkable people across our yearly meeting. You have truly enriched my life, and I hope to continue to build on all you have taught me.

Thank you.

love, Deb