

# Southeastern Yearly Meeting

*of the Religious Society of Friends*

## Yearly Business Meeting 2023

5 to 9 Fourth Month 2023

In-person and via video teleconference

### NUMBERED MINUTES

- 23YBM01** Yearly Business Meeting approves the minutes from Summer, Fall, and Winter Executive Committee Meetings, and Fall and Winter Interim Business Meeting as published in the Documents in Advance, giving special attention to approval of numbered minute 23WIBM02.  
**Approved.**
- 23YBM02** SEYM minutes its intention, beginning in 2024, to change the date of the Winter Interim Business Meeting and the Michener Lecture so they do not occur on the same date as the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Weekend, thereby freeing Friends to celebrate that Memorial Weekend in their own communities. Executive Committee will work with Orlando Monthly Meeting on re-scheduling those two events.  
**Approved.**
- 23YBM03** SEYM approves exploration of the creation of a physical space in Florida in which Friends and others may gather to model The Blessed Community, whether through a retirement community, a K-12 school, an InterFaith Conference Center, or some combination thereof. To that end, SEYM authorizes the *ad hoc* Florida Retirement Community Committee to survey all SEYM Monthly Meetings and Worship Groups regarding their interest in participating in a joint effort to implement this concept within SEYM.  
**Approved**
- 23YBM04** SEYM encourages its constituent Monthly Meetings and Worship Groups to invite one or more of the members of SEYM's *ad hoc* Florida Retirement Community Committee, to meet with them, either in person, or via Zoom, to envision such a physical space, and to discern what role they might play, or what resources they might bring, to the implementation of such a vision.  
**Approved**
- 23YBM05** SEYM asks its Finance Committee to establish a separate budget line item of up to \$500.00 for the reimbursement of individual members of the *ad hoc* Florida Retirement Community Committee for any SEYM clerk-approved travel expenses they may incur in accepting such invitations.  
**Approved**
- 23YBM06** SEYM thanks Susan Wade for her continual care of Friends in her role as Administrative Secretary. Susan not only gets all the things done, but provides support when Friends invariably ask for more.  
**Approved.**

**23YBM07** SEYM thanks DaySpring staff for their hospitality and for providing access to the many beautiful areas on the site. We are grateful for the opportunity to remember the importance of time.  
**Approved.**

**23YBM08** SEYM expresses deep appreciation for the dedication and hard work of the Gathering Committee to make our Annual Gathering a reality again, particularly while shifting to a new space. The care and attention shown to ensure so many details came together was extraordinary and a blessing for all. Friends are especially grateful to Vicki Carlie who has carried this ministry for so many years. Thee has been faithful.  
**Approved.**