

Items not agreed upon through the RM discernment process which need to come to a YM20 Formal Session

It was agreed that, in the revised business process for YM20, Items not agreed upon through two rounds of discussion at Regional Meetings would need to come to Yearly Meeting to be considered at a business session. The responses from each round of Regional Meeting discernment can be found here:

<https://www.quakersaustralia.info/regional-meeting-responses-dia> (SC6.20.9)

SC6.20.9.1 Handbook Revision Committee Report

Standing Committee notes the Regional Meeting responses to the Handbook Revision Committee report, and the changes that were generally accepted by the Regional Meetings in their recent discernment processes, from March- June 2020.

Standing Committee agrees to ask the Handbook Revision Committee to identify the items still unresolved, make appropriate changes, so that the current revisions can be approved at Standing Committee in January 2021. This process will facilitate the uploading to the website of the revisions already made.

SC6.20.9.2 Right Holding of Yearly Meeting Report

From the Regional Meetings responses, there is general support for (a) laying down the Right Holding of Yearly Meeting Committee, (b) appointing a new ongoing planning committee to arrange the holding of Yearly Meeting gatherings in cooperation with the local arrangements committees, (c) streamlining the handling of Yearly Meeting business, including through holding Preparatory sessions prior to Yearly Meeting and ensuring that Regional Meetings have sufficient time to consider all *Documents in Advance* reports, (d) the tabling of annual reports at the AGM in January.

The experience of YM20 will be important in guiding future decisions on how to implement these changes. Following YM20, the AYM officers will prepare a report on the way forward, circulate it for comment, and then make it available for consideration by Regional Meetings before Standing Committee January 2021.

Standing Committee agrees to this process.

In relation to the AGM in January 2021, it is agreed that the annual reports and statements of membership be prepared before that gathering.