

ARCH mid-year conversation 2.23.22

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Project: ARCH Visitors across NYYM to provide spiritual support in challenging times.

Pandemic continues to have an impact on recruiting and visiting. Virtual training going well. Have not had time to revise the End of Life Planning booklet.

Good news: collaboration with NEYM is moving forward. Got through hurdles put up by NYYM (worries about insurance, cost...) with persistence. NEYM will hire a coordinator who will work with Callie and her NYYM coordinators, NEYM will provide administrative. Key person= Nia Thomas. <\$10K. Should see LOI soon. Pilot 2 years. Can replicate with BYM and others, each will be different. Foundational workshop to build ARCH network in NE.

What can I control? Do the work without using trigger words.

NYYM also doing antiracism training with Roots of Justice. Hard work. Thinking of changing ARCH name. Aging as an "ism" - the problems we encounter have been building for a lifetime. Should aging be separated?

Service network is fragmented and often offers bandaids, but we should not duplicate the services offered out there. We offer accompaniment on the journey, connections.

Discussed possible Quaker Aging conversation at FFA annual meeting: add Rich Ailes, Concord Q, mix of professional and volunteer. Keep small for first, figure out where to go next.

- How does your organization serve aging Friends
- What's your biggest worry
- What are you most excited about
- If you had a magic wand, what would you do
- Should aging be separate
- What is the next step

Multi-year funding would be welcome, know could plan, budget and build a program with more confidence. Other funders would also invest knowing that the program had stable funding (from conversations with other funders). It really is operating funding-just for a program.

SwH: We need to look at level vs increasing funding year over year. Different model than expecting them to pick up more of % each year. Did increase total this year. Harder choices.