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Dear Susan,

Thank you for welcoming this letter of inquiry from Baltimore Yearly Meeting. I have enjoyed the insights shared during the recent gathering hosted by FFA, and I look forward to joining you again by phone on September 29th.

The attached one-page letter of inquiry is the result of a dynamic end-of-life working group's protracted efforts now under the guidance of Ministry and Pastoral Care. The book that they propose publishing is the result of collaborators from nine Monthly Meetings. With the book entitled, *A Tender Time: Quaker Voices on the End of Life*, an accompanying workshop is being planned. If you would like to see a draft of the book, we would be happy to provide a copy.

We anticipate that the coming book will serve as a useful companion piece to the New York Yearly Meeting's booklet on end-of-life issues.

We are grateful for your consideration,

Sarah Gillooly
General Secretary

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Letter of Intent

To publish and present a book with an accompanying workshop to our local Meetings, Baltimore Yearly Meeting (BYM) requests \$9,625 in funding. **As a result of FFA grant support**, BYM expects to cultivate insight and leadership around end of life issues. The positive repercussions will extend not just to Friends, but also to the communities in which our Friends reside across the Mid-Atlantic region.

For one year, the working group on End of Life issues worked to create a substantial book that will serve individual Friends, families and Meetings. The proposed title for the book is A Tender Time: Quaker Voices on the End of Life. The authors have worked extensively to **leverage resources** from many professional sources resulting in a document of approximately 100 pages in length. The working group members themselves hail from nine local Meetings, but also **work collaboratively** with Monthly Meetings to provide resources and support. Upon the publication of their book, they envision traveling to Meetings to present in-person workshops. With the steadily aging population of BYM communities, we foresee an increasing need for the insightful work of the End of Life Working Group.

The potential for **integration of services** is high given that Baltimore Yearly Meeting and Friends House share a common campus (with Sandy Spring Friends School on contiguous property.) Moreover, New York Yearly Meeting has already expressed interest in obtaining a sizable number of copies.

Baltimore Yearly Meeting works to promote the religious, charitable service, and educational interests of its members and constituent Monthly Meetings across 4 Mid-Atlantic states and the District of Columbia. BYM's End of Life Working Group formed under the care of the Peace and Social Concerns Committee in 2019. Their purpose is to create and gather Late-life and End-of-Life resources to share and queries to inform "difficult conversations." For more information on the working group, please see [https://www.bym-rsf.org/what we do/committees/endoflife/](https://www.bym-rsf.org/what_we_do/committees/endoflife/)

Baltimore Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends formed 350 years ago. To this day, Friends devote themselves to progressing social justice, environment stewardship, peace and conflict resolution. In concert with FFA's values, **BYM actively serves diverse populations** through its change groups in local Meetings, its vastly growing STRIDE (Strengthening Transformative Relationships in Diverse Environments) program, its active hiring of diverse staff, and its specific queries.

Overview of BYM's Current Operations

Annually, Baltimore Yearly Meeting works to:

- Knit together local Meetings into the larger community of the Religious Society of Friends.
- Build community, to support the life of the spirit, to discern right action, and to bear witness in the world. The Yearly Meeting carries out these responsibilities through shared worship, regular Meetings with a Concern for Business, ongoing committee work, and sponsored projects.
- Organize and host special events, such as : Annual Session, Interim Meeting (October, March and June), Spiritual Formation, Women's Retreat, Peace Networking Day
- Offer Programs: 4 Summer Camps, Family Camp Weekends, Junior Young Friends, Young Friends, and Young Adult Friends
- Compile books of discipline, defining the faith and practice of Friends; publish the quarterly *Interchange* newsletter; host a website and social media platforms of information.

We thank you for your consideration and would very much welcome the **Friends Foundation for the Aging's** continued engagement with this project.

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**Baltimore Yearly Meeting
End-of-Life Working Group**

Item	Each	Total	Notes
Layout Honorarium	\$250	\$250	Find a Friend to do an in-design layout, which can be maintained by staff going forward for updates to the digital version
Copy Editing Honorarium	\$500	\$500	
Printing (1000 perfect-bound copies)	\$6	\$6,000	This is an approximate estimate
Mileage for 6 in-person workshops	\$0.65/mile	\$780	1,200 total miles: 3 trips at 100 miles round trip; 3 trips at 300 miles round trip
Meals for 3 in-person workshops	\$20	\$120	6 meals for 3 long-distance workshops
Hotels for 3 in-person workshops	\$125	\$375	3 hotel nights for 3 long-distance workshops
Web Posting & Hosting	\$800	\$800	
Online Announcements	\$250	\$250	
Printed Newsletter article	\$0.05	\$300	
Social Media	\$50	\$250	
Project TOTAL		\$9,625	