

**Mountain View Meeting Renovation:** From an email to *Western Friend* from Ruth Montague, 9/15/2016, regarding the decision by Mountain View Friends Meeting, Denver, CO, to renovate its building, rather than buy a new building, which had been an option:

“We've found that other Quaker meetings have been interested in our five-year journey, once they hear of it, and how we got to the current stage of on-going construction. It's been a great rallying point for the meeting, we find, with over 45 volunteers signing up for needs as they arise, and several months now of work on our first efforts, increasing handicapped access by building an access ramp to our rather classical New Englandy-style building. With \$200K raised, we accepted an offer from a Friend with a leading to take on the role of construction manager of a focused three-phase renovation plan and a budget of \$300K. We had an anonymous donor provide \$200K in matching funds just before that offer -- and with a plan, a volunteer construction manager, and a budget in hand, the meeting reached unity at a remarkable evening meeting in May to accept these gifts and stay in our current meetinghouse and renovate. Or "revitalize," which is the term one of the guys suggested, indicating movement both on the meetinghouse and our collective effort and renewal.

“As the person providing the basic back-up to our pro bono construction manager, I developed (with his input, of course) a management plan that included an advisory Design committee (continuing from the search stage and backing up his offer), a support committee for him (Paul Motz-Storey) and his wife (Lisa), and a construction coordinating committee (CCC) to handle construction-related activities so they could complement (but not overtake or over-run) the on ongoing work of the meeting. This last committee includes Paul as construction manager, the Assistant Clerk of the meeting to ensure having a liaison with the Presiding Clerk and Business Meeting, three coordinators for the areas of Finance, Volunteers, and Communication, and one of the volunteer Site Supervisors to represent the construction element without Paul's having to wear two hats when we meet. (I'm the communications coordinator).

“Wait a minute! I can attach the figure introduced at the June/July Meeting for Worship Business that describes the committee structure in image form.”

