

**Friends Church of North Carolina Yearly Meeting**  
**Recording Committee Report**  
**August 7, 2021**

The Recording Committee of FCNC has the responsibility for training and recording of the spiritual gifts of those individuals approved by Representative Body and placed under the care of the committee. The year began at the end of the 2020 annual sessions with seven candidates comprised of one new candidate who was approved during last year's annual sessions, another candidate who was approved during the 2019 annual sessions and five candidates who were approved at the 2018 annual sessions. The new candidate is Sterling Brown (Cedar Square Friends Meeting).

The committee members serving on the FCNC Yearly Meeting Recording Committee for 2020-21 were Etta Florence Winslow, Mike Fulp, Ray Luther, Rusty Parson Jake Penley, Hugh Spaulding and Brent McKinney. The committee has met monthly to conduct the business of the committee and to meet the needs of the candidates. All committee members worked hard and the committee meeting attendance has been good. Some committee members met one-on-one with candidates when their schedules did not allow them to meet with the committee at scheduled times.

Other activities of the Recording Committee included sponsorship of a training session in April for the candidates. Five of the candidates attended and most of them brought their spouse. Other attendees, in addition to the committee members and spouses, included several pastors and retired pastors and their spouses and a few Ministry and Counsel Clerks and their spouses. Dr. Gary Chapman, author of the "Five Love Languages" was the invited guest speaker. Dr. Chapman spoke on "Improving Communication in our Churches and in our Marriages/Families." The event was held at Marlboro Friends Meeting and received very high compliments afterwards.

This year we are very pleased to report that three of the candidates; Mitch See, Gloria Simmons and Tommy Sluder have satisfactorily completed all the requirements for recording, including submittal of summary papers and exit interviews. Mitch See is serving as senior pastor of Forbush Friends, Tommy Sluder is serving as senior pastor of Centre Friends, and Gloria Simmons will soon begin her first pastorate at Branon Friends. Having satisfactorily completed all of the requirements for recording, the Recording Committee recommends to Ministry and Counsel that Patrick Mitchell See, Gloria Rose Simmons and Charles Thomas Sluder each be recorded by the Friends Church of North Carolina Yearly Meeting as a Minister of Pastoral Ministry of the Gospel.

Two other candidates, Brian Gullion and Eric Morrison, approved during the 2018 annual sessions, are making progress towards becoming recorded and are recommended to remain under the care of the Recording Committee. Sterling Brown who was approved at last year's annual sessions has submitted the required personal data and college transcripts, completed his psychological evaluation and has submitted several reports on selected readings. He is off to a great start and is also recommended to remain under the care of the Recording Committee.

Jared Warden, approved as a candidate for recording during the 2019 annual sessions became a father in January of this year. Jared is currently serving as Youth Pastor at Deep Creek Friends and Union Cross Friends plus he has a fulltime job at a law office in Winston-Salem. With his new parenting responsibilities, Jared has asked to drop out of the recording process at this time. Jared has expressed his intent to return to the recording process and become "recorded" in the not-too-distant future. The committee recommends approval of Jared's request.

You may recall in the 2018 annual sessions, the Recording Committee requested and was granted the additional responsibility and the authority to help candidates with the recognition, training, and recording of spiritual gifts in areas of (1) Chaplaincy, (2) Music, (3) Church Planting and as (4) Youth Pastor. Therefore, we call upon all members of FCNC to search for those among us who have spiritual gifts and encourage them to consider having their spiritual gifts recorded.

As we end one year and approach another, let us pray for our pastors, our present and future recording candidates, and for one another. We have been blessed by many people who have answered Christ's call to ministry, and to those who have served so faithfully, we give thanks. Let us continue to encourage one another to answer His call to use our gifts for the Glory of God's Kingdom.

Brent McKinney, Chairperson