

NPYM Faith and Practice

Advices & Queries — Creativity

Friends exercise our creative gifts as spiritual disciplines that require time, focus, patience, trust, love, and openness to the Spirit. We are encouraged to develop and exercise them with awe and gratitude under the leading of that Spirit.

We acknowledge and cherish the creativity found in our meetings.

We remain aware of the spiritual danger of idolizing or belittling artistic gifts or accomplishments, whether our own or others'.

- ▪ Do we exercise our creativity in humility and gratitude to the Creator who makes our work possible? Do we recognize creation as a sacred act and creative ability as a gift from God?
- ▪ Do we use our creative gifts to bring beauty, healing, and joy into others' lives and to reflect the glory of creation?
- ▪ Within our meeting communities, do we recognize and encourage each other in the exercise of creative gifts?
- ▪ In a culture that glorifies individual achievements, do we hold our own creations lightly?