

## **NURTURE COORDINATING COMMITTEE**

### **ADVANCE REPORT 2012-2013**

Nurture Coordinating Committee this year has focused much of its attention on how to support, minister to and nurture our youth. We have not made a great deal of progress in this area, but our committees are working with the coordinating committee to find ways to move forward. In October 2012, a day-long session was held in Albany with Friends who are interested in expanding our service to our youth. JYM and Sessions are considering ways to make the experience for young Friends at Silver Bay more dynamic and positive. We have not yet found a way to bring programming for children to Spring and Fall Sessions.

The Friend who has handled the Resource Library for many years is no longer able to handle that responsibility, and NCC will be looking for ways to make that resource more accessible to monthly meetings for their First Day School programs.

Some of our members have been working with Steve Davison to create a dynamic and useful Nurture section of the NYYM website. This is moving slowly, but it is moving!

We were pleased to have the chance to meet Callie Janoff, the new ARCH coordinator, at one of our meetings. ARCH volunteers continue to expand their ability to meet the needs of aging Friends throughout the yearly meeting.

We looked at the cost for our representatives to attend meetings of FGC, FUM and FWCC. The amount budgeted, the same for the past several years, does not cover the costs. We are concerned that our appointed representatives are only those who can afford to pay at least a portion of their own way. This situation will continue as long as projected YM expenses meet or exceed the expected revenue.

We have followed with interest the efforts of the Chwele Task Group to build a framework to develop a meaningful partnership with Chwele (Kenya) Yearly Meeting. Friends from both yearly meetings are in communication, and hope to be able to have some intervisitation in 2014.

Support from staff has been very helpful this year as we work toward positive changes.  
Deborah Wood, clerk