

NURTURE COORDINATING COMMITTEE ADVANCE REPORT
May 2014

Nurture Section and its committees have continued to work on supporting and nurturing Friends of all ages in our yearly meeting. With this goal in mind, we have scheduled a Nurture Weekend at Powell House in September. It will be led by John Scardina, Melinda Wenner Bradley and Chris de Roller. What a joy to have Friends with these skills as a resource in our yearly meeting! This year, programming for youth at Fall and Spring Sessions was well thought out, carefully planned, and served as a magnet for young Friends to get together. Special thanks to the host committees for doing the work involved in providing opportunities both for service and to attend committee meetings over these weekends. More adults attended these sessions than in recent years, probably mainly because their children insisted that those were the places to be.

JYM is working to have more transparency in their finances and to bring more Quaker content to Summer Sessions. The Resource Library, with its wealth of materials for religious education, will have a temporary home at Bulls Head-Oswego Meeting. Friends there will be reviewing what is available and how it can be made more readily accessible.

A Drug and Alcohol Task Group has been formed, clerked by Jen Perry. A number of Friends shared ideas and concerns during a discussion at Spring Sessions. Unfortunately, those who had agreed to serve were unable to attend, but strategies for dealing with the issues are becoming more clear.

The Chwele Task Group has received some funding for Friends to visit Chwele, although this probably won't happen until 2015. There is still hope that someone from Chwele will be attending the FUM Triennial this summer, and might be able to come to our Summer Sessions at Silver Bay.

The Nurture Section web page is in the process of being organized and updated.

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