

General Secretary:
Christopher Sammond

- I lead workshops and retreats for monthly meetings, where Friends ranging from early teens to older adult Friends share and learn about how to deepen in our practice as Friends.
- When I visit monthly meetings, I make a point of connecting with young adults, to see if they want to be connected to other YAF, and included in our YAF database. I also check in with young families as to how they are doing, and how the community and its worship are working for their family.
- By being in touch with the needs of many monthly meetings, I can make recommendations to the yearly meeting as to how to better meet those needs, like the NCC “One Spiritual Community” retreat at Brooklyn, or the hiring of our Young Adult and Children and Youth Field Secretaries.



***Nurturing
the Blessed
Community
at Every Age***



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Children and Youth Field Secretary:

Melinda Wenner Bradley

- My work is to support meetings in **developing and sustaining First Day programs** and other programs that nurture the religious education and spiritual life of children and youth, and support families in meeting life.
- **Building multigenerational community** and making space for all-ages worship experiences are parts of that work with meetings.
- In the next three years, the CYFS and other staff will work intensively with **six Monthly Meeting Partner Project meetings**, working with them on outreach, learning how to be more welcoming of young families, developing programming that meets the specific needs of their children and youth, and helping them to become more vital, multi-generational communities.
- I also travel in the ministry as a Godly Play trainer, sharing the **Godly Play and Faith & Play stories** and curriculum with meetings and Friends schools.

Young Adult Field Secretary:

Gabrielle Savory Bailey

- I travel throughout the Yearly Meeting, **getting to know young adults and families and finding out their concerns, needs and joys**. I also connect YAF and families with other YAF and families and meetings where they can feel part of a community local to where they live.
- Based on what I hear, I **facilitate workshops, discussions and retreats** for young adults, families, monthly and regional meetings on topics such as: helping Friends to know each other more deeply, Quaker practice, and cultivating environments that are welcoming and accessible to people of all ages.
- I **encourage communication and education about events and opportunities** for young adults in NYYM by using social media, working with several committees including **Young Adult Concerns Committee**, producing a semi-regular newsletter, and old fashioned phone calls and handwritten notes.
- **Lifting up and nurturing gifts of people of all ages**, so that everyone may participate more meaningfully, is a passion for me.

ARCH Director:

Callie Janoff

- ARCH staff **engage, train, and support our network of ARCH Visitors** who demonstrate competency in their care, building the trust and vulnerability needed to strengthen our community.
- We offer **workshops and retreats** to meetings and groups that help us ask difficult questions of ourselves and each other on such topics as advance care planning, caregiver support, care teams, and asking for and offering help as ministry/spiritual opportunity.
- **Individual Aging Consultations** with members and attenders of our meetings build bridges between the care needs of our oldest, and the active participation of our whole meeting body of all ages.