

New York Yearly Meeting

Consent Agenda

Fall Sessions, November 11 - 13, 2011

Friends are asked to consider the items below in preparation for the meeting for worship with attention to the life of the Yearly Meeting on **Sunday morning, November 13**, at Powell House, when Friends will be asked whether we can approve the items without discussion. Prior to that time, Friends should familiarize themselves with the consent agenda, read the written material pertaining to each item, and contact the named Friends with questions or concerns. General questions can be brought to the Yearly Meeting Clerk, Heather Cook. Any item brought to the Clerk with unresolved concerns will be removed from the consent agenda, and at the Clerk’s discretion will either be sent back to the originating committee or be brought to the Yearly Meeting for worshipful consideration.

All contact information is available in the Yearly Meeting Yearbook, which should be available at all Meetings.

Decision Concerning	Info Available	Friends Available for Consultation	Actions Proposed (to be recorded as YM minutes)
1. Nominations for service	Page 2	Jill McLellan and Deb Wood, co-clerks, Nominating Committee	Friends are asked to approve appointments for Yearly Meeting service as listed for review.
2. Requests for release from service	Page 2	Jill McLellan and Deb Wood, co-clerks, Nominating Committee	Friends are asked to accept requests for release from Yearly Meeting service as listed for review.
3. Proposed <i>Handbook</i> page for Ministry Coordinating Committee (MCC)	Page 2-3	Amy Willauer-Obermayer, clerk, MCC	Friends are to approve the <i>Handbook</i> page for MCC. <i>Approved by MCC in 2008.</i>
4. Proposed revised <i>Handbook</i> page for Nominating Committee	Page 4-5	Jeffrey Aaron, clerk, General Services Coordinating Committee (GSCC)	Friends are asked to approve revisions to the <i>Handbook</i> page for Nominating Committee. <i>Approved by GSCC in September 2011.</i>

1. Nominations

Committee for Conflict Transformation: 2014

Jack Cuffari (Montclair)

Ministry and Pastoral Care Committee: 2013

Lucinda Antrim (Scarsdale)

Epistle Committee: 2013

Kathryn (Kate) Moss '09 (Fifteenth Street)

Committee for Black Concerns: 2013

Ella Holmes (Brooklyn)

Committee for Conscientious Objection to Paying for War: 2014

Andrew von Salis '08 (Brooklyn)

2. Requests for Release from Service

Eleanor Novek (Manasquan)

Communications Committee: 2012

Arlene Reduto (Saratoga)

Elsie K. Powell House, Inc: 2014

Natalie Braun (Old Chatham)

Young Adult Concerns Committee: 2012

James Hall (Collins)

Indian Affairs Committee: 2013

3. Proposed *Handbook* page for Ministry Coordinating Committee

Following is the proposed NYYM *Handbook* page for Ministry Coordinating Committee (MCC), which evolved in 2007. MCC approved this page in March 2008. Its first presentation to the Yearly Meeting came at Summer Sessions 2011. No concerns have been brought to the clerk of MCC, and so it is presented again here unchanged.

MINISTRY COORDINATING COMMITTEE

Purposes & Objectives

The Ministry Coordinating Committee (MCC) functions as the administrative body for the work of the Ministry Section, which is composed of the committees and task groups that are concerned with the spiritual life and pastoral care of the Yearly Meeting.

Committees

- Advancement
- Committee on Conflict Transformation
- Committee to Revise *Faith & Practice*
- Committee on Sufferings
- Worship at Yearly Meeting Sessions
- State of the Society
- Ministry & Pastoral Care

Functions & Activities

The Coordinating Committee provides guidance and care to its constituent committees and task groups. It receives minutes concerning proposed recording of ministers from monthly meetings, appoints clearness committees regarding these minutes, and takes recommendations to the Yearly Meeting for approval. It administers distributions from the Stevens Fund.

Organization & Method of Appointment

Each Quarterly, Half Yearly and Regional Meeting appoints one member of the Coordinating Committee; Farmington-Scipio appoints two. Following the NYYM guideline, MCC recommends that a Friend is appointed for a three-year term, and may be reappointed for a second consecutive three-year term. The Yearly Meeting names three members at large upon the recommendation of the Yearly Meeting Nominating Committee, one each year for a three-year term. Each committee and task group in the section appoints a representative to the coordinating committee. MCC appoints a clerk and a recording clerk, and other clerks as needed. The clerk or another appointee represents MCC on Sessions and Liaison Committees, and to the YM budget process.

Meeting Times and Places

MCC meets during Spring, Summer and Fall Sessions, during Coordinating Committee Weekend at Powell House in the spring, and meets at other times as needed.

Finances

The YM Operating Budget provides money for administrative and travel expenses of MCC, and program expenses of constituent committees. Some committees have additional sources of funds as described on their *Handbook* page.

Approved by MCC March 2008

4. Proposed revised *Handbook* page for Nominating Committee.

Below is the proposed NYYM *Handbook* page for Nominating Committee. Its first presentation to the Yearly Meeting came at Summer Sessions 2011. Since that presentation, two points have been clarified, and were approved by General Services Coordinating Committee in September. They are marked in bold below.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Purposes & Objectives

To search for and to propose, for the approval of the Yearly Meeting, the names of Friends to serve as officers and on the committees of the Yearly Meeting.

Functions & Activities

The Nominating Committee ordinarily proposes all nominations for Yearly Meeting officers and committees for approval to the Yearly Meeting as follows:

1. Yearly Meeting Clerk, Assistant Clerk, Reading and Recording Clerks, Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer, Trustees of the Yearly Meeting, and of the Lindley Murray Fund.
2. Members of all other standing committees of the Yearly Meeting and such special nominations as the Yearly Meeting may direct, with the exception of appointments to the Nominating Committee itself **and Friends appointed by regional meetings to the Ministry Coordinating Committee.**
3. **Members of the corporations or governing bodies of wider Friends organizations of which NYYM is a constituent body, consistent with the by-laws or other applicable policies of those organizations.**

Normally nominations are confined to members of New York Yearly Meeting, but committees may request inclusion of Friends from other yearly meetings. Under special circumstances, which the yearly meeting must consider and approve, Nominating Committee may propose names of non-Friends.

Friends who wish to request release from service or who need to resign are asked to submit their request in writing either electronically or by postal mail to the NYYM clerk, with copies to the committee clerk, the appropriate coordinating committee clerk, the Nominating Committee clerk, and the NYYM office. Friends should request release when they find they cannot participate in the work of the committee, permitting the Yearly Meeting Nominating Committee to find Friends to fill vacancies in a timely manner.

Friends should resign when they find they cannot participate in the work of the committee, permitting the Yearly Meeting Nominating Committee to find Friends to fill vacancies in a timely matter.

When resignations or other vacancies in any of the appointments normally made by the Yearly Meeting require replacement before the next Summer Sessions, or if membership is needed for a new committee established by the Yearly Meeting, nominations are proposed at the next Session of the Yearly Meeting.

Organization & Method of Appointment

Each Regional Meeting is asked to name one member to the Yearly Meeting Nominating Committee for each 200 members of the regional meeting or fraction thereof, with at least one member from each Regional Meeting. It is requested that these meetings designate an alternate to serve on the Nominating Committee whenever notified that a regular member cannot attend. The terms are determined by each regional meeting. It is recommended that approximately one-third of the total appointments are made each year for staggered three-year terms. Appointments should be made by regional meetings before Summer Sessions each year, and the Yearly Meeting Office should be notified.

The committee appoints its own clerk and assistant clerk at an organizational meeting at the end of Summer Sessions or when new appointments are known. It also names a representative to General Services Coordinating Committee.

If a member asks to be released from service before his or her term expires, he/she makes the request to the Regional Meeting, and the clerk of the Region informs the clerk of Yearly Meeting and the clerk of Nominating Committee.

Meeting Times & Places

The committee meets at the time of Fall and Spring Sessions. To establish a pool of willing potential nominees, individual members are assigned committees for which they are responsible. Additional meetings or conference calls may be needed prior to Summer Sessions to bring together all nominations and to set up committee slates. If nominations are not finalized by the beginning of Summer Sessions, the committee meets during Summer Sessions as needed.

Finances

The Nominating Committee has an appropriation in the operating budget to cover clerical costs, telephone charges, some committee travel, and other miscellaneous expenses.

Approved by Nominating Committee.

Approved by GSCC 09.23.11