



BRIDGING GAPS

For those who care for
Youth and Young Adults

A retreat sponsored by Quaker Hill Conference Center
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Bridging Gaps – between individuals, between meeting and community, between generations- those are some things that we, as the Church, are called to do. On September 20-22, 2012, we hope to gather leaders of Youth and Young Adults to Quaker Hill for a conference to discuss how to bridge gaps in youth programs, **what does it look like to lead a sustainable lifestyle, avoiding burnout while caring for younger Friends?** What does it mean to experience the Sabbath rest that Jesus offers us (Matthew 11:28-30)?

In June 2012, at the General Board of Friends United Meeting, the **North American Ministries Committee** was strongly drawn to the need to offer a Youth and Young Adult Leader's Conference. A Planning Committee was recruited for the task, which includes Pat Byers (WeYM), Sarah Vestal (NCYM), Micah Bales (OYM), Wanda Coffin Baker (WeYM) and Terri Johns (FUM staff). Out of this planning committee came Bridging Gaps for those who care for youth and young adults.

This retreat will feature times of worship and fellowship, speakers and workshops with **David Phillips, Micah Bales, Tim Vestal, Gabi Savory Bailey and Damon Seacott**. We hope this will be a time where we can go deeper together, exploring what it means to have a holistic ministry, engaging our congregations, youth and the resources available in our wider community. What can you do to help?

- First and foremost, **send your Youth and Young Adult Friends leaders**. We look forward to being blessed with participants from across FUM.
- Second, **send seed money**. We anticipate needing \$4000 for speaker expenses, stipends and travel as well as money for resources to run the conference and to purchase materials for each participant.

We recognize that each yearly meeting has been affected by the economic situation we find ourselves in, but if each of us contributes what we are led, God will provide.

We seek to make the Society of Friends stronger and more effective as we follow God's leading.

Sincerely,

Wanda Coffin Baker
Pat Byers
Sarah Vestal
Micah Bales
Terri Johns

²⁸ “Come to me,
all you
who are weary
and burdened,
and I will give
you rest.

⁹ Take my yoke
upon you
and learn from me,
for I am gentle and
humble in heart,
and you
will find rest
for your souls.

³⁰ For my yoke is easy
and my burden
is light.”
Mt. 11:28-30 (NIV)

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