

INFOSHARE

New York Yearly Meeting

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Positions Available

Food Service Manager/Lead Cook at Powell House, Old Chatham, NY. This is a full time position with benefits including medical coverage. Salary: \$24,000. Overall supervision of meals program at a conference facility. Menu planning, purchasing of food and supplies, recruiting & supervision of cooks, budgeting. Familiarity with NY State guidelines regarding food preparation, service, and storage. Good communication skills and ability to work with staff and provide a welcoming environment for guests. Must be available to work weekends. To apply or request more information, e-mail Regina Haag regina@powellhouse.org

General Secretary – American Friends Service Committee – The AFSC, an organization working on five continents, seeks a General Secretary to lead in advancing its vision of a world in which lasting peace with justice is achieved through active nonviolence and the transforming power of love. The position requires active membership in the Religious Society of Friends, ten years' experience in leadership (or senior-level administrative position) at least 5 years of which was in a not-for-profit setting with a substantial annual budget, direct experience developing and supervising programs, a track record of working successfully with people from a wide range of religious, racial, ethnic, cultural, economic and other backgrounds. Applicants must have a baccalaureate degree and personal or professional international experience. Please visit www.afsc.org/jobs for full details and complete job description. Resumes and letters of interest should be sent to wstreater@afsc.org and must be received by **September 6, 2016**. Electronic submissions are preferred.

Program Coordinator for William Penn House, a Quaker center for education, service, and hospitality, located in the Capitol Hill neighborhood of Washington, DC. The Program Coordinator is responsible for the design, administration, and facilitation of William Penn House's education and service-learning programs. These programs engage youth and intergenerational groups with social justice issues through hands-on, experiential activities and opportunities to build relationships with activists, community leaders, policy makers, and people in marginalized communities. For more information visit, www.williampennhouse.org. To apply, contact Andrei Israel, executivedirector@williampennhouse.org

The Fellowship of Reconciliation is seeking to fill the following positions: **Senior Organizer and Trainer:** (Any location), **Director of Operations** (Nyack, NY) and an **On-site Property Manager** (Nyack, NY). For more information visit www.forusa.org and scroll down to job openings.

News & Notes

Quakers in Pastoral Care, Counseling, and Healing will meet in Richmond, IN, **September 15-18, 2016**. Stephanie Ford, former professor of Christian spirituality at Earlham School of Religion, will lead a weekend of learning, reconnecting, and restoration on the theme *Centered in Wholeness: Body & Spirit*. The schedule will include discussion, exercises and small groups with ample time for recharging and reconnecting with F/friends, nature, the Divine, and yourself. Participate in massage, yoga, aromatherapy, centering prayer, and other self-care opportunities. Visit www.qpcc.us for more information.

The **Faith for a Fair New York Conference, September 25-27, 2016** is co-sponsored by the New York State Council of Churches, the Labor-Religion Coalition, and the Upper New York United Methodist Conference. The registration cost for the Conference is \$125 and scholarship assistance is available. If you have questions, please contact Reverend Peter Cook at 508-380-8289 or pcook@nyscoc.org. Visit the following link for more details and registration information.

<http://www.labor-religion.org/register-now-faith-for-a-fair-ny-2016-conference-sept-25-27/#.V4Z4wTU-iVA>

Consider joining the ARCH network: the next **ARCH Visitor Training** will be October 14-16 at Rochester Meeting. This weekend retreat is for everyone who would like to be a better companion to aging F/friends, and will support the ministry you already do! Complete the application online <http://tinyurl.com/ARCHTrainingFall2016> by **September 29, 2016**.

NYYM's Aging Resources Consultation and Help Program (ARCH) needs your support! Please take a quick and easy 5 minute survey on aging concerns. Your participation helps us to demonstrate how important our program is to our funders, and to make sure that we are doing everything we can to support grace filled aging in our Meetings. No matter what age you are, please take this survey! Surveys will be collected until **October 1, 2016**. <http://tinyurl.com/ARCHsurvey2016>

Celebrate World Quaker Day on October 2nd with Friends around the globe. FWCC Section of the Americas is working in partnership with the Quaker Religious Education Collaborative to provide resources for World Quaker Day programming. To learn more about WQD visit: www.worldquakerday.org.

The Quaker Women in Public Ministry gathering is scheduled for **October 21-23, 2016** in North Andover, MA. The event's primary purpose is encouragement and

building connections between Quaker women ministers. Space for participants is limited so we encourage early registration. Thanks to financial support from the NEYM Futures Fund and the Obadiah Brown Benevolent Fund, registration is on a sliding scale. Some travel assistance funds are available. Details and registration information is available at <https://quakerwomeninpublicministry.wordpress.com/>

Monthly Meeting Partner Project: An Invitation – Monthly Meetings and Worship Groups are invited to discern their interest in being one of the first two “partner meetings” in this exciting work with the Children and Youth Field Secretary and other YM staff. The first two meeting communities will be involved in the project from 2016-19. We hope to learn as much as we can over the next three years about effective new modes and methods of outreach to, and inclusion of, children and families, while also helping your local Quaker meeting to deepen in Spirit and grow as a multiage community. Christopher Sammond, General Secretary, and Melinda Wenner Bradley (CYFS) will discern the initial sites for the Partner Project. Whether or not this project is a good fit with your meeting community at this time, the Yearly Meeting hopes to support your work with children and families, and Melinda is happy to serve as a resource for you. If you have questions contact her at childrenyouthfs@nyym.org. Use the link below to a Google Form with questions for discernment and to apply to be part of the project.
<https://goo.gl/forms/Ute40D62u01zTPSo1>

The Quakers and Business Group kicked off on May 4th at QUNO in NYC – F/friends who were interested in the topic of Quakers & Business gathered at Quaker House on May 4th for networking, a meal, a presentation and discussion. Karen Tibbals presented some findings from her thesis research which identified the Bible verses upon which early Quakers created their business related advices, and highlighted that there were problems over time, which were dealt with by creation of new advices. There was discussion of the fact that Quakers who are in business are at the margin of Quakerism. Some of us felt welcomed in the broader Quaker community, some did not. Karen stated that her purpose is to build up a group of Quakers in business so that it isn't individual people, it is a group. The group decided to create a list of Quakers who have services to offer so that we can do business with each other, and to schedule a **September meeting**. Contact Karen at karenjtibbals@yahoo.com, if interested.

Staff Calendars

Children and Youth Field Secretary, Melinda Wenner Bradley

August

19-21 “Playing in the Light” training (Godly Play/Faith & Play), Pendle Hill Conference Center, Wallingford, PA

September

10 Consultation with Religious Education Committee, Montclair Monthly

Meeting, Montclair, NJ

- 28 Dinner with the New York Yearly Meeting Development Committee, New York, NY

October

- 21–23 **The Quaker Women in Public Ministry** gathering, North Andover, MA
- 28-30 "Playing in the Light" training (Godly Play/Faith & Play), Wellesley Meeting, Wellesley, MA

ARCH Director, Callie Janoff

August

- 7 Nine Partners Quarterly Meeting Program Facilitation, Cornwall MM, Cornwall, NY

September

- 23-24 Committee on Aging Concerns and ARCH Staff Retreat, Poughkeepsie MM, Poughkeepsie, NY
- 28-29 Friends Services for the Aging Annual Meeting, Blue Bell, PA

October

- 14-16 ARCH Visitor training, Rochester MM, Rochester, NY
- 30-31 ARCH Presentation, The Hickman, West Chester, PA

General Secretary, Christopher Sammond

August

- 7 Attend Perry City Monthly Meeting 200 Year Anniversary Celebration, Trumansburg, NY
- 15-28 Vacation

September

- 18-23 Attend Superintendents and Secretaries Retreat, Newburg, OR
- 23-25 Co-Facilitate Tending the Garden Retreat: *Building Facilitation Skills Authentically*, Powell House, Old Chatham, NY
- 29 Support NYYM Fundraising Dinner, New York, NY
- 30 Meet with Ad Hoc Committee on NYYM Staffing Structure Review, New York, NY

October

- 1 Facilitate Vocal Ministry Retreat for Albany Monthly Meeting, Powell House, Old Chatham, NY
- 13 Attend Quakers and Business Meeting Dinner, New York, NY

18–22 Support NYYM/NEYM Pastors Retreat, Weekapaug, RI

Associate Secretary, Helen Garay Toppins

August

- 12-14 Fellowship of Friends of African Descent Gathering, Arch Street Meeting, Philadelphia, PA
- 19-21 Co-facilitating *Shall We Dance? When Gender Meets Race*, Women's Weekend, Powell House, Old Chatham, NY

The Surprising Quakers, Heralds of Peace in a World of Conflict – Christian History Institute (CHI), publisher of Christian History magazine (CHM), announces its latest issue titled: *The Surprising Quakers, Heralds of Peace in a World of Conflict*. This CHM issue, #117, contains 10 feature articles; a time-line chronology, rare archival art-work & photos along with an extensive reading list, compiled by the CHM editorial-staff. The entire magazine is available on-line and can be read at: www.christianhistoryinstitute.org.