

Report to Spring Sessions 2013 on the Sabbatical of General Secretary of NYYM

General Secretary Christopher Sammond began a planned sabbatical in mid February with a return date of mid June. Prior to the sabbatical, he made plans for coverage of staff supervision and visits to selected Meetings. Steven Ross has been providing weekly supervision and support to Associate Secretary Helen Garay Toppins as a volunteer. His expenses will be reimbursed. Helen reports that it has been working well. The office staff are meeting weekly and the office is running smoothly. Helen is providing weekly administrative support to Young Adult Field Secretary Gabi Savory Bailey and both report that it is going well. In addition, Gabi also speaks with Janet Hough about her work and is pleased with the support she receives.

Prior to beginning his sabbatical, Christopher made arrangements for Callid Keefe-Perry to visit with selected Meetings. These visits were scheduled to begin at the end of March and he will be paid for the visits as a temporary employee. Janet Hough has volunteered to provide support to Callid and they have met or spoken several times.

The sabbatical will be financially neutral to NYYM. No additional expense will be carried by the Yearly Meeting. Any expenditures that are not covered by grants or donations will be the responsibility of the General Secretary and will be covered by a donation by him to the Yearly Meeting.

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