

January 2016

# Quakers: Young Adult Friends



Dear Friends,

**This is a collection of jobs, events, and news from the Yearly meeting staff and F/friends. Please share this information frequently and give it to friends! If you are able, please print this and have it for both in-reach out-reach and general knowledge at your Monthly Meeting house or worship group. Gabi has returned to working for NYYM as the Young Adult Field Secretary for NYYM. Please take a moment to hold Gabi, and her family in the Light as she comes back to work. She can be contacted at [nnyy.yafs@gmail.com](mailto:nnyy.yafs@gmail.com)**

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<http://www.whiteprivilegeconference.com>

## #BLACKLIVESMATTER.

Alicia Garza, Patrisse Cullors, and Opal Tometi are the community organizers who collectively began this movement.

But what is the White Privilege Conference?

On **April 14-17 2016** in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania there will be a national gathering called LET FREEDOM RING: Re-imagining Equity and Justice in the United States. Registration Opens on MLK Day! Since this is expected to fill in the first two days please discern if you would like to go soon! There may not be any available spots left after the 20<sup>th</sup> of January. Our young adult representative and liaison to YACC from NYYM is Joy Meikle. If you would like to receive regular email updates about the White Privilege Conference, email Jeff Hitchcock at [jeffhitchcock@euroamerican.org](mailto:jeffhitchcock@euroamerican.org) to be added to the mailing list.

### How to register

It's still too early to register, but when the time comes, registration will be a 2-step process.

- Step 1- Go to the FGC-sponsored page (forthcoming, not available yet) and register with FGC. Fill in the required information. FGC will then give you a discount code.
- Step 2 - Go to [WhitePrivilegeConference.com](http://WhitePrivilegeConference.com) and register. Use the FGC-assigned discount code you received to qualify for the discount.

**Registration opens on January 18.**

\*\*\*The Task Group has been working on a process for distributing funds raised to support NYYM Friends attending WPC17. Final guidelines will be [available soon on NYYM.org](#). Friends are encouraged to check often for updates since applications will be considered on a rolling basis — first come, first considered. We strongly encourage Friends to also begin requesting funds from your monthly meetings as soon as possible.



<http://www.pendlehill.org/learn/workshops-courses-events/>

~Paths in Prayer A retreat with Nancy Bieber

Jan 22-24, 2016 **“Teach us to pray, the disciples asked Jesus. The question still echoes for us: How can we pray now, in this moment of joy or fear, of despair or gratitude or awe?”**

~Release & Reconnect with Mixed-Media Fiber Art: Asake Denise Jones, M.A., M.Ed.

Feb 6, 2016 **“Are you willing to release what is not serving you in this season of your life?”**

**~Living the Compassionate Life: The Essence of Nonviolent Communication**

**Feb 19-21, 2016 A three-day retreat led by Robert Gonzales, assisted by Stephen Michael Tumolo. Co-sponsored with Heart-to-Heart, Inc.**

9:15am - 5:45pm each day “You will be introduced to and practice processes that Robert has developed to deepen more self-awareness, self-compassion, and living compassion in relationships.” **“Robert Gonzales** is one of the most sought-after trainers of NVC in the world. His passion is the spirituality of compassionate communication...”

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## **Children and Youth Field Secretary job opening**

Dear Friends,

New York Yearly Meeting seeks a gifted and energetic Friend to serve in our new Children and Youth Field Secretary position.

The Children and Youth Field Secretary's major responsibilities are to work with families with children (ages 0-18), their meetings and Religious Education Committees, serving as a locus and a catalyst for networking and community building; doing mentoring, coordinating, outreach, and helping meetings to develop and sustain First Day School programs or other programs that nurture the spiritual life of children. This work will necessitate considerable travel, meeting face to face with young families where they live and worship. This is a .7 FTE position including many weekend commitments.

The Children and Youth Field Secretary shall be a member of the Religions Society of Friends (or a committed and active participant in a Friends Meeting) with a strong understanding of Quaker testimonies and practice. This Friend must have strong verbal and written communication skills, including public speaking. He/she should also be skilled at supporting and investing the gifts and energies of others, be personable, and have a firm grasp of current electronic communication technologies and social media.

The full job description can be found [here](#).

Application deadline is February 5th, 2016.

Resumes, and cover letters can be sent to [Menzelbarbara014@gmail.com](mailto:Menzelbarbara014@gmail.com). For more information, contact NYYM General Secretary Christopher Sammond at [nnyym.gensec@gmail.com](mailto:nnyym.gensec@gmail.com)

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<http://powellhouse.org>

### Transformation & The New Birth, with Marcelle Martin

January 22-24, 2016 The Quaker spiritual journey involves a radical inward and outward transformation that early Friends called The New Birth. During this weekend we will consider three elements of spiritual rebirth: Openings, the Refiner's Fire, and Community. We will discuss short passages written by the first Quakers, and share our own experiences of transformation. We'll also explore how to most fully cooperate with the changes God is bringing about, and we'll support one another in shifting from being conformed to society and out of touch with our true nature, to being filled with the Spirit and whole-heartedly responsive to divine promptings.

Register by January 7th

\*Childcare available with three weeks notice.

**Jillian:** "What is **Coordinating Committee** weekend anyway?"

**When:** January 29-30, 2016

**Emily:** "Coordinating Committee weekend is a time when the largest four New York Yearly Meeting committees meet. It's a great opportunity to committee-hop and learn more about the workings of New York Yearly Meeting. How does the NYYM body practice collective witness? How does the yearly meeting nurture its Friends and its institutions (such as Powell House and ARCH)? How do we maintain our budget and steward our finances? Learn all of this and meet awesome Friends - and you don't actually have to join a committee!"

**Where:** at Powell House: 524 Pitt Hall Road, Old Chatham, New York, USA, 12136-3410 **Please register** by calling Powell House 518-794-8811 or online.

### Clerking: Serving the Community with Joy & Confidence

February 5-7, 2016 Some of you may already be registered. Feel free to share this information. This is an opportunity for new, experienced and potential clerks of Friends' meetings and committees to meet and think together about the role of presiding clerk. It is expected that each person will leave the weekend with new energy and enthusiasm for being a clerk, feeling well grounded in both the theoretical and the practical. There will be hand-outs, exercises and opportunities for experience sharing.

Among other topics, we will consider:

- The fundamentals of a Quaker meeting for business.
- What is a "sense of the meeting," and how is it different from consensus?
- What is the meaning of "unity?"
- Why "standing in the way" is no longer a useful concept.
- Techniques of "good" clerking.
- Dealing with difficult situations.



February 26-28, 2016 GETTING OLDER Powell House Retreat Center  
With Chris DeRoller and Mike Clark



[www.powellhouse.org](http://www.powellhouse.org)

If you're in 11th or 12th grade or a young adult we'd love to have you join us for our third annual bridge (not the card game but the erasing-the-imaginary-line-between-high-school-and-beyond) weekend! And if you're an older friend now pass it on to younger friends that you know.

We all do it. In different ways. At different speeds. There are new responsibilities and new opportunities. Successes and failures along the way. There's no single recipe for getting it right but there may be some basic ingredients and skills that help. We'll spend the weekend cooking mostly healthy, sometimes decadent, food together and sharing recipes for moving into adulthood and creating a full and good life there. For those who've made it and for those still on the way.

Fee \$125 (Financial aid is available as needed)

## Spiritual Deepening Program Coordinator JOB

The person hired to become the Spiritual Deepening Program Coordinator will have a passion for making the full depth, joy and fire of Quaker faith and practice highly available, teachable and experiential for all those who are or would become part of our faith communities. This position will work with FGC committees and staff, especially the FGC Spiritual Deepening Working Group (SDWG) and Committee on Nurturing Ministries (CNM), to launch, coordinate, promote, evaluate and improve the Spiritual Deepening Program (initial program development is mostly complete). This position will also have the responsibility of coordinating the FGC Yearly Meeting Visitors Program. Yearly Meeting Visitors Program duties are primarily clustered in the spring and summer.

The ideal candidate will:

- Have a college degree
- Have the ability to explain Quaker faith and practice to newcomers
- Be able to work effectively with committees and volunteers (includes some evening conference calls)
- Be highly organized and able to work expeditiously as well as independently
- Have strong writing and computer skills
- Be an active and seasoned member of the Religious Society of Friends
- Be able to travel periodically, including some weekends

A complete job description is available at [www.fgcquaker.org/jobs](http://www.fgcquaker.org/jobs). A preliminary description of the Spiritual Deepening program is available at <http://www.fgcquaker.org/deepen/enrichment/spiritualdeepening>.

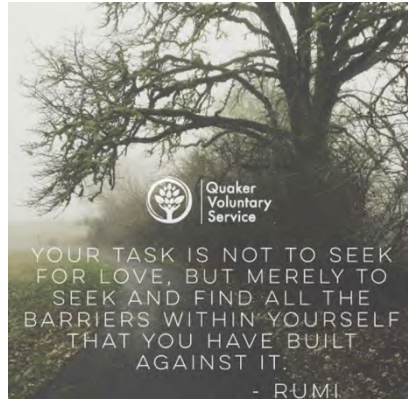
Send address your cover letter, resume, and three references to Barry Crossno, General Secretary, Friends General Conference, 1216 Arch Street, 2B, Philadelphia, PA 19107 and send these materials via e-mail to Nicole Rayborn [nicoler@fgcquaker.org](mailto:nicoler@fgcquaker.org). Please include "Spiritual Deepening Program Coordinator" in the subject line of the e-mail. Applications received by Monday, January 11<sup>th</sup> at 5pm will be given priority consideration.

This is an 80% time position (4 days per week) with health and retirement benefits. The person holding this position can work from FGC's Philadelphia office or from a remote office that has broadband internet and access to a major airport. Salary will be commensurate with experience. This position reports to the General Secretary (Executive Director) of Friends General Conference and works closely with the Clerk of the Committee for Nurturing Ministries. The expected start date is approximately March 7<sup>th</sup>, 2016 depending on the amount of time required to complete the hiring process and the availability of the chosen candidate. FGC is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

With Appreciation ~

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Are you a young person looking for opportunities to change the world? The Friends Committee on National Legislation is expanding our programs that support young adults who want to work for peace and social justice. We have several ways young people can get hands-on experience through FCNL. I hope you will register, apply, or pass them along.

- **Spring Lobby Weekend** (March 12-15, 2016) will draw some 350 young adults to Washington to be trained and then lobby on mass incarceration. For those who need it, financial assistance is available.
- **Summer Internship Program** (June and July 2016) is designed for college sophomores and juniors. This opportunity provides two months of experience working with our Quaker lobby in Washington, DC.
- **Advocacy Corps** (**paid, part-time**, August 2016 to May 2017) includes a 10-day training in Washington, DC followed by nine months of part-time, paid consulting work (25-35 hrs per month) organizing locally to support legislation on comprehensive immigration reform.
- **Young Fellows Program** (**paid, full-time**, September 2016 to July 2017) brings recent college grads to work full-time in our Washington, DC office learning how to change the world. Nearly 200 young adults have come through this program over the last 40 years, and they've gained a keen appreciation for the power of effective, principled advocacy whether they go on to a career in law and policy change or in another field.

It can be difficult and daunting for a young adult to find a way to make change and make a living. Finding promising and sustainable opportunities, let alone paid opportunities, in peace and justice work can be tough. By offering summer internships, paid year-long fellowships, paid grassroots organizing positions, and expanded training opportunities in Washington, FCNL is working to change that. FCNL is committed to providing young adults with opportunities, paid and volunteer, to advocate for peace and justice. But we need your help to connect people you know with these opportunities. Please help us spread the word.

For more information on any of these programs, please contact me at [ellen@fcnl.org](mailto:ellen@fcnl.org).

Sincerely,  
 Ellen Short  
 Program Assistant  
 Young Adult Outreach

**The Young Adult Concerns Committee (YACC)** is a committee of NYYM. This committee is one way that YAF can find voice in the yearly meeting. YACC is also interested in the spiritual nurture and care of Friends between 18-35ish.

YACC is interested in hearing from you and welcomes ideas and participation from all YAF. We are looking to connect with other long lost YAFs in the area. If you know someone or are looking to connect with other YAFs feel free to contact YACC. (The current clerk is Glenn Josey his e-mail is: [gjosey95@gmail.com](mailto:gjosey95@gmail.com). He would love to hear from you!)

### June 17<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup> 2016 YAF Party in NYC



There's a **Party** coming up in NYC and we are expecting hundreds of Young Adult Quakers because we are inviting Young Adult Friends from all of NYYM and more yearly meetings! We have reserved the 15<sup>th</sup> St meeting house and we are excited! Can you save the date?  
June 17<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup> 2016 YAF Party in NYC

### ***Meeting for Discernment***

***Saturday, February 27, 2016***

*(9:00am coffee and light breakfast, 9:30 worship begins)*

*Westbury Meeting, 550 Post Rd. Westbury, NY 11590*

*Meeting for Discernment is a chance for extended worship among New York Yearly Meeting Friends, a chance to hear and experience what is rising in our meetings and in our selves. It is a way to bring our meetings together and to get to know each other better. Come and let your voice and your spirit participate. The meeting will have two sessions, one in the morning and one in the afternoon, with lunch provided in between. The snow date is Saturday, March 5.*

***Queries:** What is alive, engaging, exciting in your meeting? What is alive in you?*

*We want to hear where Friends are alight, led, and enthusiastic. Where is the spark of Spirit in our meetings? In ourselves?*

**Joyful Wednesdays** are at 15th Street in Manhattan. Email [eprovanca@hotmail.com](mailto:eprovanca@hotmail.com) if you want to receive the weekly e-mails and themes. Come one, come all! Every Wednesday, folks gather for an alternating schedule of worship or discussion. 6:30 pm till 8:00pm.



**maybe check this out?**

<http://www.friendsjournal.org/>