

Northern Yearly Meeting (NYM) Representative to FRIENDS WORLD COMMITTEE FOR CONSULTATION (FWCC) Job Description

The purpose of the Friends World Committee for Consultation is to encourage fellowship among all the branches of the Religious Society of Friends. The Quaker community circles the globe, spanning a rich diversity of regional cultures, beliefs, and styles of worship. FWCC, through its four section offices, runs programs in different regions, uniting Friends around the world through Spirit-led fellowship. We learn from our differences, our commonalities, and the human connections we make in this work together.

Our association with the Quaker United Nations Offices offers a means to monitor and present Quaker contributions to world affairs. Our consultation extends to those of other faiths through work with the World Council of Churches.

Mission

Answering God's call to universal love, FWCC brings Friends of varying traditions and cultural experiences together in worship, communications, and consultation, to express our common heritage and our Quaker message to the world.

About NYM Representatives

All representatives on FWCC are members of the Religious Society of Friends (Quakers). Friends are nominated by the NYM Nominating Committee and are presented for approval at Interim or Annual Sessions. This is a three-year term as part of the 4 person FWCC committee.

Responsibilities of the Representatives

This committee meets on a semi-regular basis via zoom and at Annual and Interim sessions when feasible. We meet several times to plan World Quaker Day (WQD) for the Yearly Meeting, which is always the 1st Sunday in October. Or to plan our role in either the Section of the Americas meeting or a World Plenary (only once every 10 years). We do not have a regular meeting schedule. It is more on an "as needed" basis and is called by the convener of the committee.

Primary duties are to:

- Serve as a liaison between FWCC and NYM to share information about FWCC events with the NYM community of Monthly Meetings and Worship groups. The Regional Coordinator is a resource to help with this.
- The Regional Coordinator is part of a committee called the Representative Engagement Program Group (REPG) and engages representatives in activities at the regional, national and international level of FWCC. NYM is in the Section of the Americas. Our region is called the High Plains.
- Serve on an FWCC committee if led. This is optional but it is also how we get to know one another, about our lives and what we have in common. Frequency of committee meetings depends on the

committee (nominating, convocations, executive committee, et.). FWCC sends an annual interest survey out to representatives to get a sense of how they might be interested in committee work.

- Attend the Section of the Americas meeting held every other year in person (hybrid), and a one-day virtual Section Meeting held during the “in between years”. NYM supports this travel financially and spiritually.
- Attend other FWCC meetings such as the World Plenary, the International Representatives Meeting, etc. These may be hybrid. These are as led and therefore optional. NYM supports this travel financially and spiritually.

Communication between Yearly Meeting and FWCC: The representative is a conduit of concerns and support for FWCC from NYM. You are also tasked with bringing relevant FWCC information to NYM. This information flow happens from attending the meetings mentioned above, FWCC committee work, and the support of our Regional Coordinator. Working with the other FWCC reps plan ways to strengthen communication between FWCC and NYM. This could include regular reports to Annual and Interim sessions, hosting FWCC related events, sharing your own experiences travelling with FWCC, or set up a literature table at Annual Sessions.

Engagement with FWCC program staff: This would be to obtain literature for a table, help them update their data base and possibly work with them to plan events in NYM. Infrequent.

Contribute to FWCC: You contribute to FWCC’s work through your role as a representative, committee work, and financial contributions as led.

Additional Activities and Opportunities for learning about your role as a Representative:

- Visit the FWCC Section of the Americas (Our Section) website monthly (fwccamericas.org) to find out more about current programs and events in the Section of the Americas. Visit the World Office site (<http://fwcc.world>) to learn about programs and events in the wider Quaker world, outside the Section of the Americas.
- Set up an FWCC display designed for a Quaker audience when the opportunity is present.
- Regularly report stories and new programs of interest to Friends through written reports in Northern Yearly Meeting publications (ie, NYM eNews).

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