

# SEYM Minutes establishing the Field Secretary for Earthcare position

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15YBM03 - Southeastern Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends establishes the new position of Field Secretary for Earthcare. The purpose of the Field Secretary for Earthcare will be coordination, inspiration, and communication within SEYM and facilitation of interaction with others to encourage Friendly, Spirit-led action for the caring of the Earth. The Field Secretary will be working under the guidance of the Spirit, energized by the person's individual leadings. Description of the duties, responsibilities, and supervision will be provided by the Earthcare Committee of SEYM in concert with the Executive Committee as Personnel Committee through its clerk, and grounded in the loving interest and care of the Yearly Meeting.

15YBM04 - Duties for the position of Field Secretary for Earthcare in SEYM:

- Provide focus and coordinate efforts on environmental work in the SEYM region.
- Perform visits to Monthly Meetings and Worship Groups within SEYM to help them discern their leadings in care of the Earth, and to provide information and coordination among Meetings.
- To be a Quaker Presence at specific events, including those arranged by others.
- To assist the Youth of SEYM in their Earthcare projects, to be an inspiration and model for them; to be a presence and resource for Young Adult Friends.
- To communicate and collaborate our regional concerns with national organizations including Quaker Earthcare Witness (QEW), Earth Quaker Action Team (EQAT), Friends Committee on National Legislation (FCNL), and Friends General Conference (FGC).
- To serve as SEYM's public presence for Earthcare and to serve as a liaison with other like-minded organizations at the direction of the Earthcare Committee of SEYM in concert with the Executive Committee as Personnel Committee through its clerk, and grounded in the loving interest and care of the Yearly Meeting.

15YBM05 - Funding Plan for the position of Field Secretary for Earthcare in SEYM:

- Southeastern Yearly Meeting establishes a restricted fund within the SEYM accounts for the Field Secretary for Earthcare position. All donations received will be sent to the Yearly Meeting so that they may be recorded and placed in that restricted fund for the committee's use and to ensure right ordering for 501(c)3 tax accounting.
- A total of \$500 will be included in the SEYM 2015-2016 budget for the Earthcare Committee operations to provide for administration of the work of the Field Secretary for Earthcare, and to continue the Committee's business between sessions of the Yearly Meeting.
- The implementation plan, including financing, will be a working document subject to improvement once funds have been received.

15YBM06 - Donation of Support from SEYM Trustees: Southeastern Yearly Meeting requests that the Yearly Meeting Trustees donate \$10,000 for initialization of the position of Field Secretary for Earthcare in SEYM. This would be a one-time donation in the 2015-2016 fiscal year into the restricted fund.

15YBM07 - Minute for Field Secretary for Earthcare Program Evaluation - The Field Secretary for Earthcare will have goals and objectives that are established in conjunction with the Earthcare Committee and the Executive Committee of SEYM. These goals and objectives will serve as the basis for continuing evaluation of program progress. The Field Secretary for Earthcare will submit a report of attainment of goals and objectives and other unanticipated activities and accomplishments for SEYM's discernment at the annual gathering.