

Young Adult Quakers of Southeastern Yearly Meeting
Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business
30th day, 3rd month, 2013

Minute One: The Young Adult Quakers of SEYM convened for Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business on 30th day, 3rd month, 2013, beginning with a period of open worship. The clerk reviewed the agenda. Friends approved.

Minute Two: We read the Kabarak Call for Peace and Ecojustice, approved at the Sixth World Conference of Friends in Kenya last year, and spent time in worship sharing considering the challenges and hopes raised. We unite with the spirit of the Kabarak Call, seeking a deeper commitment to ecojustice in our lives-- not from a place of guilt, but from a place of hope, trusting in the sustenance and guidance of Spirit.

Minute Three: Clerks asked Friends to share what value, if any, the YAQ program has had for them this year. Friends affirmed the importance of the YAQ program at SEYM sessions in creating valuable space for interaction among young adults, increasing our visibility to other SEYM Friends, and helping us not to disappear within the body of an intergenerational yearly meeting. We also find that this structure gives us space to learn about Quaker process within a peer group, and we hope that it creates valuable and inviting space for young Friends growing up and graduating within the yearly meeting.

Minute Four: We considered whether there are young adults among us who might serve as the YAQ co-clerks in the coming year. Recognizing the various challenges facing us as a body-- distance, other life commitments, uncertainty about long-term plans-- we found that no Friends among us are able to commit to the co-clerking position as currently structured. For the coming year, we will shift to the following leadership structure: Suzanne Hodgkins will serve as point person for YAQ involvement in SEYM Executive Committee. Announcements of EC meetings will be sent to all YAQs, in the hope that one or more members of our community will be able to attend and represent us at each one. David Hersh will serve as the point person for SEYM sessions program and scheduling, communicating with SEYM Gathering committee as needed to ensure that time and space for the YAQ program is provided. YAQs in attendance at SEYM sessions in 2014 will appoint a clerk and recording clerk for meeting for worship with attention to business at those sessions among themselves.

Minute Five: In the spirit of last day over-tiredness and affection, we crafted a very silly epistle, which we will not be submitting to the yearly meeting. However, the epistle and general spirit of our experience can be summarized as follows:

It was good. And we like it. Very good, very good, yay!