

Nurture Coordinating Committee

The Nurture Section has committees under its care that serve our yearly meeting, and representatives to various Quaker organizations. One purpose of Nurture Coordinating Committee (NCC) is to provide support for activities of its constituent committees. NCC receives reports from the bodies to which we send representatives or delegates, and encourages our yearly meeting to support concerns and leadings from those bodies where appropriate.

This year, NCC formed an ad hoc task group to look over JYM expenses for volunteers leading the JYM program during Summer Sessions over the last five years. The group will be looking to see whether the expenses adhere to the policies put in place by the JYM Committee. We expect to have a report at Summer Sessions this year.

NCC is looking over its *Handbook* page to ascertain whether our work could be accomplished with fewer at-large members. During Summer Sessions, we look forward to hearing from our delegates to the Sixth World Conference of Friends being held in Kenya in April. Christopher Sammond will tell us about progress with Chwele (Kenya) YM toward becoming a partner with our yearly meeting.

John Edminster, one of our representatives to FUM, has brought news of *Forty Days of Prayer for the Future of Friends*, to be held from October 10 through November 18, 2012. FUM will make available a daily reading guide with queries for reflection, prayer suggestions, and action steps. We will be looking for ways to involve monthly meetings in participating. John plans to lead an interest group during Summer Sessions with more details about this initiative.

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