

“The same Spirit that lifted up the Valiant Sixty and Lucretia Mott is not yet finished with us.”

- A Young Adult Friend
Philadelphia, February, 2006

Many high school, college and young adult Friends are deeply committed to our Religious Society of Friends, and many are engaged in vital ministries within their communities.

But some of these young Friends feel isolated, unsupported and unrecognized in their monthly meetings and within the wider community of Friends.

Eric Evans



How can we create a truly intergenerational community where everyone's gifts are recognized and supported?



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Spirit is alive and moving within our High School and Young Adult Friends



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FGC's new
Youth Ministries Program

We can strengthen our larger religious community by nurturing the communities of young Friends and by bridging the gaps between young and old in our Quaker communities. Younger and older Friends alike long for genuine, mutually beneficial relationships with Friends of all ages.

Faithfully supporting younger Friends and building authentic intergenerational ties within our Quaker communities will strengthen and energize our Religious Society.

Rich Regen



In October 2005, FGC's Central Committee approved the establishment of a new Youth Ministries Program.

Goals of the program include:

1. Build a dynamic and inclusive intergenerational Quaker community.
2. Recognize and nurture high school and young adult Friends and their leadings and ministries.
3. Foster and strengthen communities of high school and young adult Friends.
4. Facilitate opportunities for living our Quaker faith into action.

Current initiatives of the Committee include:

- Supporting younger and older Friends traveling in the ministry with a concern for inclusion of youth and intergenerational issues.
- Planning and holding conferences for youth, youth workers and intergenerational groups.
- Enhance communication amongst Quaker youth and create more opportunities for intergenerational dialogue.

We need your help!

The committee would like to hear about your experience as a Friend. We are collecting information about how monthly meetings are supporting younger Friends and how they could do this better! This is for Friends of all ages. It doesn't take much time, and your input is so important to us!

Check it out on the website! If you would like a hard copy please write to the FGC office.

Do you want to connect with other Friends—younger and older—who carry this concern?

Check out:

www.Quakeryouth.org

- current opportunities for young Friends and young adult Friends such as retreats, conferences, scholarships jobs/internships
- online discussions
- resources for meetings
- survey
- traveling directory for younger Friends
- booklists
- a place to share photos

David Stewart



Many have been doing this work for a long time. Some are new to the work. All are welcome.