

Dear Friends/ treasurer,

As you may be aware, in addition to attending meetings at [insert name of meeting], I am also a regular participant at gatherings for Young Friends General Meeting (YFGM). You probably know that YFGM is a Quaker community for young adult friends between the ages of 18 and 30(ish). It meets for three to six events each year during which young Friends spend time together exploring their faith and ways of living out the Quaker testimonies.

YFGM offers young Friends many opportunities to learn information and skills which can then be of use to local and area meetings. Through our speaker sessions and special interest groups, YFGM members can learn about the variety of Quaker bodies that seek to live out Quaker beliefs through their work. In addition, participants at YFGM quickly become accustomed to the Quaker business method and nominations processes. As YFGM runs all of its own committees following the structure of other meetings, participants who are nominated have the chance to learn the necessary skills for becoming an elder, overseer, clerk or member of nominations committee. I have personally been able to [add anything you have done in a role at YFGM].

As a community, YFGM is committed to strengthening its connections with local and area meetings and making the wider Quaker community aware of the work that we do. I would thus be very grateful if you would consider appointing me as your representative to YFGM so that links between our communities can grow. It is anticipated that representatives to local or area [delete as applicable] meetings will have their travel expenses and cost of attending YFGM reimbursed by their meeting. In return, as your representative, I would be more than happy to offer a verbal and/ or written report of each gathering I attend, as well as to provide you with copies of YFGM's publication *The Young Quaker*.

I would like to thank you in advance for your consideration of this proposal and I very much hope that together we can strengthen our meeting's bond with the national community of young Friends.

In friendship,

[signed]