

## **North Pacific Yearly Meeting (NPYM) Nominating Committee Questionnaire 2025**

Our NPYM community thrives through the many ways we connect with each other in our local meetings, quarterly gatherings and at Annual Session. Friends from Montana and Idaho, Washington and Oregon enjoy collaborating in the committees that support the mission of NPYM and in representing NPYM in local, national and global quaker organizations.

Though we do have several paid positions, NPYM runs on Volunteer Energy. This is the way we prefer it! It gives opportunities for every person to share their skills and knowledge, to undertake new tasks and discover new abilities they didn't know they had. Volunteering will provide spiritual growth, allow you to share your talents, nurture new skills and build our community.

Are you called to serve? Below is a brief description of the work of each of our committees and Quaker organizations that we collaborate with. Please look at the list of opportunities to deepen your connection with the broader Quaker Community. *Your Nominating Committee is currently working on positions that start on October 1, 2025*

**Please review the list of committees listed below. If you are interested in serving, respond to this form [Here](#)**

A member of the Nominating Committee will contact you to discuss possible service that might match your interests, abilities and availability. If you have questions, please feel free to contact any of us.

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### **North Pacific Yearly Meeting Committees**

#### **Annual Session Planning Committee**

This committee plans and runs Annual Session (AS). The Presiding Clerk of the Yearly Meeting and the AS Event Coordinator convene the group, which includes the paid positions Webkeeper, Youth Coordinator, and Registrar. Other members of the committee are the Program Coordinator, Volunteer Coordinator, Representatives from Junior Friends and Young Adult Friends, Worship Group Coordinator, Interest Group Coordinator, the Transportation Coordinator, and Bookstore Manager.

#### **Coordinating Committee**

The Coordinating Committee (CC) supports and enriches the life of NPYM. It is the venue where NPYM standing committees and Monthly Meetings share about their work and inspiration. The committee identifies and links converging and emerging issues and offers support to groups within NPYM. In addition, the committee provides support and oversight to NPYM Standing

Committees. The members of the Coordinating Committee who are not representing a committee are appointed by their monthly meeting.

### **Executive Committee (FYI regarding our structure)**

The Executive Committee includes the Presiding Clerk, Rising Clerk, Treasurer, Coordinating Committee Clerk, Secretary, Clerk of Ministry and Council.

### **Finance and Legal Committee**

The Finance & Legal Committee provides stewardship of financial and legal matters for NPYM, and support and oversight to the NPYM Treasurer.

### **Information Technology Committee**

The Information Technology Committee's function is to provide technical support and guidance for the Information Technology needs of NPYM.

### **Ministry and Counsel Committee**

The Committee on Ministry & Counsel (M&C) fosters the spiritual life and good order of the Yearly Meeting as a whole and at Annual Session. Responsibilities include encouraging communication among meetings and worship groups; serve as a resource for local M&C committees; coordinating with other standing committees about trends and needs within the Yearly Meeting; planning retreats and other educational opportunities. Responsibilities during Annual Session include orientation for first-time attenders at Annual Session; presentation of the State of the Meeting reports; Meeting for Memorials; care of the spiritual needs of individual attenders as needed; care of the closing Meeting for Worship.

### **Nominating Committee**

The Nominating Committee carefully considers the needs of the Yearly Meeting positions and asks appropriate people if they will accept nominations to Yearly Meeting and Annual Session positions. The Committee prepares as full a slate as possible for approval at Annual Session. At other times of the year, nominations may be approved by the Coordinating Committee or the Executive Committee.

### **Outreach and Visitation Committee**

The Outreach & Visitation Committee seeks ways to provide and stimulate personal visitation and other forms of communication throughout the Yearly Meeting, with a particular concern for Preparative Meetings, Worship Groups, and Friends isolated from any organized group. The work of the committee is meant to coordinate with and support Monthly Meetings, Quarterly Meetings, and NPYM's Ministry and Counsel Committee in their respective responsibilities in this area.

## **Peace and Social Concerns Committee**

The Peace and Social Concerns Committee has a mission of “Supporting the concerns of individuals, meetings and worship groups in NPYM.” The committee does not generate its own agendas for action but does its best to respond to issues that Meetings and Worship Groups are taking up. The committee provides opportunities for Meetings and Worship Groups to share their experiences, usually using online sessions outside of Annual Session. The committee also has responsibility for facilitating the seasoning of minutes of concern when they deal with social concerns issues.

## **Site Committee**

The Site Committee is responsible for exploring and making site recommendations to NPYM about where future Annual Sessions might be held — typically on a six-year rotation (two years at a site in western Washington, two years in western Oregon, two years east of the Cascades). Site arrangements are typically made several years in advance. The committee reports to Coordinating Committee and works closely with the Presiding Clerk and the General Arrangements Clerk.

## **Youth Committee**

The Youth Committee serves NPYM by supporting Yearly and Monthly Meetings in their work with children and youth. This committee nurtures spiritual development and a sense of community for our children and youth, and supports their transition to adult participation in the life of Friends. See the job description [here](#).

## **Opportunities to represent NPYM to Quaker Organizations**

American Friends Service Committee, Friends Committee for National Legislation, Western Friend Directors, Friends Peace Teams, Quaker Earthcare Witness, Friends World Committee for Consultation, Friends for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer Concerns.