To: New York Quarterly Meeting, April 15, 2018

From: Educational Funds Committee

The Educational Fund Committee awards scholarship funds to assist Members of New York Quarterly Meeting in sending their children to either Brooklyn Friends School or Friends Seminary. The funds used come from the income of bequests made to New York Quarterly Meeting. Due to an increasing number of Quaker children the schools and the rising cost of tuition we have over the years been less and less able to meet the assistance of needy applicants. This year we had assistance requests of $81,209 and were only able to provide $52,000 (36%) in assistance. Assistance was provided to three (3) Friends Seminary students and twelve (12) students attending Brooklyn Friends. Almost half were minority children.

Friends began our schools to provide a "guarded education" to both children of Friends and non-Friends. In contrast to other independent schools at the time when Brooklyn Friends School opened it provided education to both male and female students. There was the belief that Friends had something to offer to our world through a Quaker eduction. Over time as the number of members of the Religious Society of Friends have declined and the tuition costs have increased there are fewer and fewer Quaker children attending our schools. Given our desire to have the members of our Quarter attend the historic New York Quarterly Meeting schools we need to increase the assistance we can provide our children. Without that assistance in the future some Quaker children may no longer be able to attend. After prayerful consideration of this matter the Educational Fund Committee suggests that 2.5% of the yearly space usage fee paid by Friends Seminary as part of separate incorporation

begin to the Educational Fund Committee to be used to provide scholarships to enable

Friends children to attend Friends Seminary and Brooklyn Friends School.

In Friendship,

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