

Joint Nominating Committee Report

18th day of 4th month 2021

The New York Quarterly Nominating Committee has met regularly each month over the past year to discern nominees to New York Quarterly Meeting Committees; we have met bi-weekly in January, February and March to prepare for this Quarterly meeting. Our meetings have been held via Zoom due to the social distancing requirements for avoiding COVID-19.

Our work significantly deepened early in the year, when as part of discerning a nomination, a Friend asked “what is the most loving thing we can do?”. This question has grounded our work over the past year: what is the most loving thing we can do for our committees and what is the most loving thing we can do for Friends agreeing to serve on these committees.

Securing the nominees for this current slate has been even more challenging than in the past. Achieving racial diversity in our committees presents further challenges, given the nature of our membership. Some particularly challenging committees to fill include

- Governance roles for the Quarter: The assistant clerk, Quarterly Ministry and Counsel, and Quarterly Nominating particularly need Friends to serve.
- Gay Pride Parade Coordinators. Both seats are currently empty. We ask the Quarter to discern if it is still led to organize a Quaker contingent for the parade or if our support for the LGBTQ community is leading us in a different direction.
- Brooklyn Friends School Board of Trustees. We understand the recent and continuing concerns about the state of the school may deter some Friends from serving on the board. We encourage Friends to consider whether they may be led to serve on this Board.
- Friends Seminary Board of Trustees. In light of a growing number of governance activities that must be conducted by formal trustees (as opposed to non-Trustee committee members), Friends Seminary is expanding the number of Trustees on its board by six, which means the Quarter needs to find an additional three Friends to serve. The expectation is that the new seats can be filled over the next 1-2 years so that we are able to find seasoned Friends to serve. Friends currently on the Board are finding the work rewarding and that the relationship between the Board and Quarter is in a position to continue to grow.

Our experience is that Friends are not aware of the importance of the love in the work of our Quarterly committees. We need to celebrate the good work of the Quarterly Meeting, especially how the work of loving one another opens paths for healing within the Quarter.

Submitted in Friendship,



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