Be part of an FUM youth delegation to attend the 2009 Conference of the Young Quaker Christian Association (YQCA) in Western Kenya



December 9-13, 2009

Theme: "For the Lord does not see as man sees" — 15amuel 16:7

Opportunities for work projects, home stays, safaris and mission site visits before conference, arranged by the FUM Africa Ministries Office.





Proposal to organize an FUM youth delegation to attend the 2009 Conference of the Young Quaker Christian Association (YQCA) in Western Kenya

YQCA is the pan-African Quaker youth organization, encompassing both programmed and unprogrammed young adult Friends from all over the continent. Its Triennial in Rwanda in 2006 was attended by a small number of non-African youth, who learned of the event by word of mouth and came to show solidarity and build community with African Quaker youth.

The Board of YQCA would like to build on this successful experience, and have invited the different branches of Friends world-wide to send official delegations of youth to attend the 2009 Triennial in Western Kenya.

Bainito Wamalwa, Presiding Clerk of YQCA, was the African coordinator for the 2005 World Gathering of Young Friends in Lancaster England, and was one of the main speakers at the 2008 Friends General Conference Gathering, and is therefore known to many international Friends. In his invitation he states:

"During the YQCA Africa Board meeting that was held towards the end of last year, we resolved to invite other young friends from overseas. So far we considered to invite Friends from different Quaker cultures and traditions. We have managed to extend our invitations to young friends from Europe and Middle East, and FGC, and now we want to extend our invitation to FUM young friends through your office. Also if you have any contact of EFI young friends it will be helpful if you could write to them about the same. The number from FUM should be between 10 and 12 while those from EFI should be between 6 and 8. The ages are between 18 and 35. The fees for the triennial is USD \$130 per person."

The dates of the Conference are 9-13 December 2009. The theme is "For the Lord does not see as man sees" (1 Samuel 16:7). The venue is the Mabanga Farmers Training Center, which is quite suitable for international visitors. As Bainito states, the Conference cost is \$130. An approximate budget for plane fare, visa, travel within Kenya and the conference would be \$2,000 per person (although it is possible that plane fares will be higher due to the holiday season). The FUM Africa Ministries Office would very much enjoy the opportunity to host a delegation of young people and offer them opportunities for work projects, home stays, safaris, mission site visits, etc, as desired, either before or after the Triennial.

As Bainito and I discussed this invitation in December, we both hoped that it might be possible for FUM to send young people from Ramallah, Cuba and Jamaica as well as North America. The African youth are extremely eager to meet Friends from many other cultures and branches of Quakers.

Please consider an appropriate response to the gracious invitation of YQCA, and coordinate with this office for planning purposes.

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YQCA CONFERENCE COSTS

Packages include:

Airline tickets, Visa fees, YQCA conference fees, Insurance, In-country travel, Meals and Lodging

Packages*:Approximate DatesA\$2,100Conference onlyDecember 7-15B\$2,400Conference and work projectDecember 1-15C\$2,400Conference and visit mission sites in western KenyaDecember 1-15

YQCA CONFERENCE APPLICATION

A non-refundable registration fee of \$500 (made out to Friends United Meeting with YQCA Conference listed in the memo section of your check) is to be included with this form. The total cost of the trip represents all costs except spending money from the point of departure. Participants must be between the ages of 18 to 35. Please fill out the form below and mail it to Terri Johns at Friends United Meeting (see address below) with your deposit. Please return a copy of your passport page with your registration and deposit. **Registration deadline: October 1, 2009.**

| Which package are you considering?(A—conference only; B—conference & work project; C—conference | ference & mission site visit) |
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| Name: | Friends United Meeting |
| Phone and email: Monthly/Yearly Meeting: Person to contact in case of emergency (list name, address, rel | |
| Preferred departure airport | |
| direct all questions, this form, the \$500 deposit and a copy of | eed special attention, please attach a letter of explanation. Please your passport to: Terri Johns, Global Ministries, Friends United (765) 962-7573; Fax: (765) 966-1293; E-mail: terrij@fum.org. |

^{*}Prices are subject to change depending on cost of airline tickets.