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To: New York Quarterly Meeting

From: NYQM Nominating Committee

Re: Report to the Quarter

Members of the Nominating Committee regard the opportunity to work on this committee as a privilege. We approach our work with care and we have a sense that we work well together.

We meet as a committee on the 2nd, 3rd, 5th, 6th, 9th, 11th and 12th months of the year, that is February, March, May, June, September, November, December, and we may meet on the 1st, 4th, and 10th months, or January, April and October, if there is a need. Because of inclement weather, many of our committee meetings this year have been by conference call and we are grateful that the weather permits us to meet in person again.

Our committee has been understaffed and we encourage the smaller meetings, Flushing and Manhattan, to consider again whom they might appoint to serve on NYQM Nominating Committee. There are funds available to reimburse Friends for the cost of child care if that is a concern.

Notwithstanding efforts to have staggered terms of service on committees, there has been a great deal of turnover on the Trustees Committee in the past year, and we have had some indications that some members of the Trustees Committee do not trust the discernments of the Nominating Committee. One Friend who agreed to serve if nominated and whose name appeared on our April, 2014 roster was persuaded by a Trustee on the day before Quarterly Meeting to withdraw his name from consideration.

In the past, it had been the practice of the Nominating Committee to invite members of other committees in the Quarter to meet with us at the beginning of the year and give us a sense of what gifts they seek in nominees and what challenges they face in working together.

Over the years, fewer and fewer committees have responded to our invitations and we have taken on the practice of simply calling the clerks of committees each year to have these conversations. While it may take less time and effort, we regret this development and commit to reviving the older practice of meeting with committees or at least a few committee members together in worship. We encourage committees to respond when we invite them at the beginning of next year.

Respectfully Submitted,

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