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FWCC QUAKER YOUTH PILGRIMAGE 2010 REQUEST FOR REFERENCE FOR PILGRIM

Dear Friend,

A young Quaker who has submitted an application to join the Quaker Youth Pilgrimage in the summer of 2010 has given this letter to you. We hope you will help us carefully consider this application by sending us your thoughts about the readiness of the young person for this experience, in light of the following information.

28 young Quakers will be chosen from the Americas and Europe. Four adult leaders will accompany the pilgrims. The Pilgrimage will involve four weeks of travel as a group in Washington and Oregon. During the month, the pilgrims will be living and traveling together. Sometimes they will be staying with local families. They will explore some Quaker historical sites. They will be exposed to people from different cultures and with different beliefs.

The purpose of this experience is for pilgrims to see roots of their Quaker faith and to exercise their maturity in Quaker practice. It will give the individuals the opportunity to consider the relevance of what they see of their Quaker heritage and apply it to their own lives, values and futures.

The pilgrims must be mature, open young people who show promise of active participation in the Religious Society of Friends. As you evaluate the candidate please address your comments to the following:

- Readiness for a significant spiritual experience
- Physical stamina for a month of strenuous activity
- Ability to get along with others in intensive group situations
- Ability to relate to people from different cultures
- Ability to relate to people with different values, views and beliefs
- Ability to contribute to role modeling for other Quaker youth
- Demonstrated seeking in their Quaker faith commitment

As part of your letter, please describe three strengths and three weaknesses of this person. Include other points that you think would be helpful. Unprepared or immature participants could experience significant disappointment and provide the group with a great deal of stress. For this to be the best possible experience for all of the pilgrims, we need your most candid thoughts.

Please reply by **September 30, 2009** to the **FWCC Office**:

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Thank you very much for your help.

Sincerely,

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