

Dear Friends,

We are writing to ask your help with two important searches: the search for the new General Secretary for the American Friends Service Committee, and the search for AFSC's nominee for the 2011 Nobel Peace Prize.

The General Secretary

The AFSC General Secretary Search Committee asks for your help in identifying candidates for the General Secretary of the AFSC (see the enclosed notice). We seek a seasoned Friend with skills and abilities that can lead the AFSC in our work for peace and justice. This Friend will articulate a compelling vision of how AFSC programs effectively promote Friends testimonies of equity, community, peace and nonviolence.

We know from experience that your help in identifying Friends who can serve in this challenging leadership role is crucial in our search process. Please write to us about Friends whom you recommend for this position or discuss your suggestion with a member of the Search Committee.

We prefer to receive correspondence by email, which should be addressed to: sam_lowe@me.com.

Other correspondence may be addressed to:

AFSC General Secretary Search Committee
405 Waltham Street, #387
Lexington, MA 02421

The deadline for receiving letters of interest and resumes is March 19, 2010.

Sincerely,
Sam Lowe (New England Yearly Meeting),
Clerk of the General Secretary Search Committee
On behalf of its members: Carol Bartles (Illinois Yearly Meeting);
Wendy Batson (//); Gabriel Camacho (AFSC Staff, New England
Region); Sadie Forsythe (New England Yearly Meeting); Joe Franko
(Pacific Yearly Meeting); Arlene Kelly (Philadelphia Yearly
Meeting); Conni Gratop Lewis (///); Sonia Tuma (AFSC Staff,
Central Region); and Peter Woodrow (//)

Nominee for the 2011 Nobel Peace Prize

In 1947, the American Friends Service Council in Britain accepted the nomination of all Quakers. As a Nobel laureate, I am a candidate for the Peace Prize every year. This is an opportunity to highlight the efforts of Friends for peace and nonviolence. For the 2010 Nobel Peace Prize, I nominate the Bourgeois and School of the Americas. These leaders, for their sustained creative nonviolence, have helped Latin Americans tortured, disappeared, and killed by the U.S. Army-sponsored school at

The AFSC Nobel Peace Prize Committee, which includes Quakers and others for potential nominees, I can report that one of the nominees I engage in every year is helping to create a list of worthy candidates doing stellar work. These candidates are brought to the attention of our committee meeting to participate in this dynamic process of selecting your own candidate for AFSC's 2011 nominees for the 2011 Nobel Peace Prize. I explain how.

Sincerely,
John J. Meyer
Clerk, Nobel Peace Prize Nominating