



October 21, 2016

TO: NWYM Representatives

Re: Called meeting on December 9-10, 2016

At the close of the 2016 Yearly Meeting sessions, it was clear there was not unity around accepting the decision of the NWYM Elders regarding the release of West Hills Friends Church. As the clerk of the meeting, I stated that this issue would be considered further at a called meeting of the NWYM Representatives, plus a youth from each area. I also stated that the Administrative Council would set parameters for this discussion.

The called Representatives meeting will be December 9-10, at Newberg Friends Church, in Newberg, Oregon. Meetings will begin promptly at 1 p.m. Friday, December 9 and continue through Saturday, December 10 until 4 pm if needed. Friday dinner and Saturday lunch will be provided.

Please use this link (<https://goo.gl/forms/EeSfaMCHQGdjRBSI2>) to register for the meeting. Registration is required as it gives us information about special diets, housing, and transportation needs. Because this is an exceptional circumstance (and an additional meeting for you), out-of-pocket transportation costs will be reimbursed for those traveling over 100 miles. We will not reimburse airport car rentals, or hotel/motel costs. Please make your own plane reservations and submit the receipt for reimbursement.

Although not the usual practice of NWYM, given the unusual circumstances around this decision, the meeting is for official reps only. If you are unable to attend, please encourage your church to appoint an alternate. Alternates need to be submitted to the yearly meeting office before 2 pm on December 8th. Alternates will attend the meeting only in the absence of the named representative. Attendance is by registration only. Childcare is not provided.

#### Tentative Agenda

- 1) Devotional led by Brad Holton, presiding clerk and Debbie Harrison, assistant presiding clerk
- 2) Summarized history of this issue – Debbie and Brad
- 3) Threshing Session - (Clerk is not looking for a decision to be made during this time,)
  - What might be the outcomes of an overturning of the elders' decision?
  - What might be the outcomes if the elders' decision stands?
  - What might be the outcomes of not coming to a decision?
- 4) Reps enter into a time of discernment around the following question:
  - With the hope of keeping as much of our YM together as possible, what is best for the YM?

I look forward to seeing you on December 9th seated and ready to start at 1 p.m.

Brad Holton, presiding clerk