



FRIENDS WORLD COMMITTEE FOR CONSULTATION SECTION OF THE AMERICAS
COMITÉ MUNDIAL DE CONSULTA DE LOS AMIGOS SECCIÓN DE LAS AMÉRICAS

**Application to attend FWCC Young Adult Friends Conference
before the 2024 World Plenary Meeting of Friends**

<https://fwcc.world/global-young-adult-friends-gathering-announced/>

A gathering for Young Adult Friends from around the world will be held from 1 – 5 August 2024, immediately before the FWCC [World Plenary Meeting](https://fwcc.world/wpm), from 5 - 12 August 2024. fwcc.world/wpm

Inspired by the Southern African word [ubuntu](#), the theme will be based on Galatians 3:28 : “There is neither Jew nor Greek, neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus.” The event is intended to improve mutual understanding of Quaker diversity amongst Young Adult Friends worldwide, to reinforce international Quaker identity, and to re-establish the Young Adult Friends global network, leading to joint actions and plans. The event is planned by an international team consisting principally of Young Friends from Africa, with some representation from elsewhere, supported by elders from Southern Africa Yearly Meeting and the Africa Section.

Most participants will need to arrange their own travel costs, but participants who need support can access this through the [Young Adult Friends Development Fund](#). Instructions are available here: <https://fwcc.world/areas-of-work/supporting-young-friends/young-adult-development-fund/> Applications for the conference and travel subsidy can be made simultaneously. All participants should show a demonstrable commitment to Quakerism locally, through connection with Friends in their home country.

Questions may be directed to travelingministry@fwccamericas.org.

FWCC Section of the Americas has the following expectations of the young adult Friends conference participants:

1. The person will be able to participate in the full program from August 1-12, 2024, in Johannesburg, South Africa.
2. The participant will have their own passport before travel, valid through February 2025. FWCC will assist with visa applications and fees, if required.
3. The participant will register through the [registration form](#) for the World Plenary Meeting, ticking the box for under 35s and pay the \$130 registration fee. A discount code will be given to approved participants. <https://fwcc.regfox.com/fwcc-world-plenary-meeting>
4. The participant will comply with all international and conference specific health restrictions.
5. The participant will communicate with their yearly meeting and the Section of the Americas before and after the conference.

Applications should include:

- 1) Full name and mailing address, email and phone number of the applicant. Affirmation that the applicant is or will be over 18 years of age up to 35 years of age as of August 1, 2024.
- 2) A brief personal history in Quakerism including the name of the Friends meeting or church in which membership is held. (This should be no longer than one half of a page.)
- 3) A statement describing the applicant's spiritual leading and the discernment process to apply for this program. (This should be no longer than one half of a page.)
- 4) A budget showing how much of the cost of the travel and other expenses the applicant will cover
- 5) One letter of support from a body of Friends affirming your discernment. Can be from a clearness committee, the pastor of your meeting/church, ministry and counsel committee, or equivalent.

Applications and all supporting documents must be sent by **November 17, 2023** via email to travelingministry@fwccamericas.org

Applicants can expect acknowledgement of receipt of their application within one week of submission. Applicants will be notified of decisions by the end of November. The decisions of the committee are final.

Visitation is the essential work of FWCC. Visitation is like opening windows and letting the light of understanding shine in. Through visitation, Friends meet “face-to-face and heart-to-heart” to share both that which unites and that which divides them in the life of the Spirit. With God's help, open exchange builds understanding, respect, trust and love, and renews awareness of a worldwide family of Friends.

The Friends World Committee for Consultation, founded in 1937, encourages fellowship among all the branches of the Religious Society of Friends. In the Americas, the Quaker community extends from the Arctic to the Andes, spanning a rich diversity of regional cultures, beliefs and styles of worship. FWCC Section of the Americas offers programs that unite Friends across the hemisphere through Spirit-led fellowship. For more information, visit www.fwccamericas.org.