OVYM Social Action Coordinator(s):

APPOINTMENT: Assuming that this proposal is approved during the 2024 Annual Sessions, there are two possible avenues for appointment, depending on whether this is a paid or an unpaid position.

1. If it is unpaid, administrative position, 1-2 names will be brought by the OVYM Nominating Committee and approved by the Executive Committee for a one-year renewable term.
2. If it is a paid position, Executive Committee will designate a number of people as a hiring committee.

SUPERVISION: The Social Action Coordinator will report to the Executive Committee. For a paid position that committee will name one or more individuals to provide day-to-day supervision and direction and to conduct an annual review.

SUPPORT: Once appointed, the Social Action Coordinator is encouraged to put together a support committee of at least three members, either from one's monthly meeting or asking for assistance from the OVYM Executive Committee.

PURPOSE: The SAC's primary responsibility is to empower, support, cross-fertilize, and encourage social action work being done by OVYM monthly meetings and individuals. The coordinator will facilitate communication and connections.

RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Contact all monthly meetings in OVYM to describe what the coordinator is doing, to get information on interests, issues, and actions within the monthly meetings, and to get a sense of needs and dreams. "Contact" might necessitate e-mail, phone calls, online meetings, or in-person visits, depending upon the meetings.
- Maintain a contact list of monthly meeting social action committees and individuals.
- Keep an up-to-date record of current social action being carried out by OVYM monthly meetings or by individuals within an OVYM monthly meeting.
- Facilitate communication between monthly meetings regarding current activities and new leadings.
- Create issue-specific mailing lists to provide information and action plans to interested OVYM members.
- Make a Social Action Coordinator phone number and an e-mail address provided by the yearly meeting.
- Help get word out quickly for urgent action plans.
- Organize one meeting in conjunction with the yearly meeting sessions.
- Facilitate regular online and/or in-person meetings as broad interest demands, to connect social action committees and others within the yearly meeting. The purpose of these meetings would be to:
    1. foster interpersonal relationships between Friends engaged in social action in the monthly meetings
    2. share information on existing activities

3. provide an opportunity for participants to describe their ongoing work and new ideas, and invite collaboration with other monthly meetings
4. report on successes and failures
5. discuss new initiatives
6. solicit help and advice from other monthly meetings

- Share minutes of conscience from monthly meetings with other monthly meetings, the yearly meeting and beyond.
- Report on current activities and needs to the wider OVYM membership.
  1. Submit an article to *The Quaker Quill* three times per year.
  2. Submit announcements on the OVYM website.
  3. Report to each OVYM Executive Committee meeting.
  4. Post regularly to the OVYM Facebook page or send announcements to the OVYM administrative assistant for posting.
  5. Submit a report in advance for yearly meeting sessions (due 1 April each year).

HOURS: The expectation is that the coordinator will average ??? hours per month.

BUDGET: The yearly meeting will reimburse for all expenses incurred in this work (estimated amount to be determined). Travel will be reimbursed per the OVYM policy for travel expenses.

EXAMPLES OF WHAT A SOCIAL ACTION COORDINATOR MIGHT DO:

- Different meetings involved in food banks would like to share ideas with each other. Plan an online meeting for them to talk.
- Several people within one state want to plan a joint lobbying trip to the state's capital. Let other meetings know when and where, and who to contact in the meeting planning the trip.
- A meeting would like to visit a local legislator and would like support from other meetings. Advertise the need and the contact.
- A meeting is drafting a minute on an issue and would like input and ideas from other meetings. Share the contact for ideas, and the final results (both the minute and any actions resulting from the minute).
- A Friend in one meeting is trying to figure out what to do about gun violence. Put this Friend in touch with Friends in other meetings or with others (e.g., FCNL) sharing this concern.
- Friends upset about abortions want to locate other Friends wanting to act on this concern. The coordinator can put these Friends in touch with each other.
- A meeting wants to invite someone from FCNL to do a workshop on how to lobby. Work with them to invite other meetings, or suggest a yearly meeting workshop and invite all of the contacts from other meetings. This may also be something to pass on to the Gatherings Committee as a potential program.