SAYMA Outreach Committee
Annual Report for Yearly Meeting – June 2012

The ad hoc SAYMA Outreach Committee was less active during this past year than in previous years, with the primary form of communication the Outreach Committee's Google group. New people joined the group, and there were additional participants in the conversations. What did not happen was a face-to-face meeting of the Committee or the presentation by the Committee of a request to Yearly Meeting to become a standing committee rather than simply an ad hoc committee. The Committee is united in the need for SAYMA to have an on-going focus on outreach, but as earlier committees have experienced, it has found that it is difficult to provide more than a forum and exchange of ideas.

FGC's Quaker Quest program is a "package" that many Monthly Meetings have either examined or have used or are currently using. It is clearly a valuable model that emphasizes the importance of self-examination before attempting to reach out to others. Small meetings, however, find the formal model (and expense) not well suited to their needs.