

## 2018 Application to be a Traveling Minister

Visitation is the essential work of FWCC. Through visitation we open windows and let the light of understanding shine in. 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. Open exchange builds understanding, respect, trust and love, and, with God’s help, renews awareness of a worldwide family of Friends.

Travel in the ministry includes both divine direction to travel for the sake of ministry and the actual spiritual ministry for which God has called a person. Historically, two things have been crucial in the discerning if a person is called to be a Traveling Minister. These are:

- the overpowering leading of the Light and
- the nature and purpose of the specific occasion of travel.

Recognition of the Ministry recommends the bearer's message as well as the individual minister. Recognition for traveling ministry also suggests that a careful and thorough process has been followed by ones monthly meeting. It is from here where we discern the clarity of the divine call as well as the person's history of hearing and obeying inner promptings from God. This program is designed for people who are already active in ministry.

FWCC Traveling Ministry Corps Program Group has the following expectation of the Traveling Ministers:

1. The person will be at least 18 years of age at the beginning of service and able to participate in the program for 2 years. During this time the person will be able to travel in the ministry a minimum of 4 times a year.
2. This service is voluntary and ministers will not be reimbursed for their time. This program is not meant to replace a person’s regular employment. Travel expenses will be reimbursed and the person is not expected to pay for any of the costs of their travel including housing and meals.
3. The person must be able to attend the initial training from March 18-24, 2019 near Kansas City, MO. We expect that the person will also participate in the second year gathering as part of the next cohort’s training.
4. The concern that is carried by the Traveling Minister is that of FWCC: FWCC brings Friends of varying traditions and cultural experiences together in worship, communications and consultation, to express our common heritage and our Quaker message to the world. We are looking to build bridges between the different branches and traditions of Quakerism.

Applications should include:

- 1) Full name and address, email and phone number of the applicant. Affirmation that the applicant is over 18 years of age.
- 2) A brief personal history in Quakerism including the name of the Friends meeting or church and yearly meeting 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) One letter of support from a body of Friends affirming your discernment process. Can be from a clearness committee, the pastor of your meeting/church, Ministry and Counsel committee, or equivalent.
- 5) Answers to the following questions. (Altogether, this should be no longer than one page.)
  - a. What topics are you passionate about?
  - b. What are your spiritual gifts?
  - c. Tell us briefly about a time when you had to understand somebody from a different group (whether that was a different church, race, gender, language, etc.) How did you resolve the confusion?
  - d. What is your experience in public speaking? (In school, at church/meeting, or in the community? How many people were there? What was the topic? What were you worried about? How did you prepare? Why would you want to do that again?)
  - e. If you described yourself as a part of the body of Christ, what part are you?
  - f. What are the qualities/virtues of your best friend? (defined any way you like)
  - g. What experience do you have as a leader in your church or Friends community?

Applications must be received by September 30, 2018.

Please send application and any supporting documents to [travelingministry@fwccamericas.org](mailto:travelingministry@fwccamericas.org).