



Friends Committee on
National Legislation

A Quaker Lobby in the Public Interest

Financial Support for Participation in Annual Meeting for FCNL General Committee Members

Recognizing that the Spirit-led discernment of the General Committee is essential to the governance of our organization, FCNL will provide financial support for participation in Annual Meeting to ensure that members of the General Committee who want to attend FCNL's Annual Meeting can do so. As a community we are grateful to the many meetings, churches and yearly meetings that provide financial support to their representatives for travel and registration for FCNL's Annual Meeting. Additionally, we rely on individuals who are able to use their own resources to fund their participation.

Yet we also realize that the cost of registration, travel, and accommodations can prohibit attendance for those General Committee members who do not receive funding through their monthly or yearly meetings. **In the hope that all General Committee members will attend Annual Meeting, FCNL will offer financial support to those who would otherwise not be able to attend.** Please note this is a different system than the reimbursements offered in the past or for standing committee travel.

As in the past, FCNL encourages General Committee members, especially appointed members, to seek funding from their yearly meetings or sponsoring organizations. We also urge General Committee members to seek alternative funding from their monthly or regional/quarterly meetings and churches as well. Those who have not yet appealed to these sources are asked to do so before requesting support from FCNL. However, inability to pay out of pocket or secure funding from outside sources should not preclude General Committee members from participating in the Annual Meeting. This support is available to both appointed and at-large General Committee members. We do expect that all attendees will pay for part of their travel, accommodations, and/or registration; however, FCNL is willing to provide varying amounts of support to make attendance a realistic possibility for **all** members of the General Committee. At the moment, this funding is only available to members of the General Committee.

There is no formal application process to acquire support nor is there a limit on the support available to each individual. If you are interested, please contact Andrew Silva at andrew@fcnl.org or (202) 903-2526 as soon as possible. If you coordinate funding requests for your yearly or monthly meeting, Andrew can discuss how FCNL can best support your appointed representatives to attend.