Youth Committee has been reenergized this winter.
We have updated the Youth Page on our web page.

We have followed the development of the Seattle area Meetings’ monthly joint meetings, and sent a report out to all Meetings as a model for networking and creating community for children and families.

We distributed grants from the Youth Opportunity Fund to three applicants, to be used for a clerking workshop, an FCNL Lobby Weekend, and the Guatemala trip. (We have some money left in the fund for any May applicants).

We are excitedly planning many intergenerational opportunities for this year’s Annual Session, including an interest group, game times, a craft table, an interactive Quaker Fair display, and shared activities at the start of a few plenaries.

We have also been working with the Family Affordability Committee to find ways to make Annual Session easier for families. One idea we have is to host a “First Time Families” table at breakfast on Thursday.

Most importantly, we have been supervising Jay Thatcher who is doing a wonderful job of coordinating the Annual Session Children’s program. We have given advice when needed, helped to edit new advises and queries for youth workers, and helped with networking. He reports:

"Please let the Coordinating Committee know that I am working steadily. The most important task is one they could help with– finding good staff for each age group program. We still have open:

- Infant & toddlers: 1 person
- Pre schoolers: 1 person
- Primary (K-2) ages: 2 people
- Intermediate (3-5) ages: 1 person
- Central Friends (middle school): a half time person
- Children’s Activities: several people

I am also engaged in a conversation on the theme for annual session, drafting a set of Advices & Queries for staff to use to monitor their behavior, meeting with the Annual Session Planning Committee, visiting meetings and helping Friends of all ages get involved with the program at whatever level of commitment they might be led to.”