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GENERAL SECRETARY  
NEW YORK YEARLY MEETING  
RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS**

**Dear Christopher and other Friends in NYYM.**

It has been a great pleasure to me when I received your letter of February 1, 2013. Your kind words and the fact that you have had us in your prayers are indeed touching us. May I thank you all most sincerely for updating us on the discernment progress has made over our proposed sister relationship.

The friends in Chwele have had to pray over the proposal for partnership with New York Yearly Meeting. We have had to think over the scope and nature of the relationship and how it can impact on our mutual spiritual empowerment.

Our General Representative Board, the main organ of the Yearly Meeting has recently formed a partnership Committee that will oversee the discernment and work out precise modalities for sister relationship between our Yearly Meeting on a medium and long term basis. Our committee includes:

1. Charles Sirengo 2. Jacob Chemuku 3. Joseph Mamai 4. Stephen Sikulu 5. Edina Khisa  
6. Alex Waliaula 7. Tadayo Mauka 8. Catherine Wanyonyi 9. Jamin Mukwe.

Once again I express our profound gratitude to your team for sending books to our secondary schools. The principals of our schools are extremely grateful and are very hopeful that the books will help to boost their respects in the National Examinations.

We welcome your interest in AVP and HROC programmes. This is crucial programmes for us and especially as the country is facing a general election on March 4, 2013. The scars of the post election violence in 2008 still remain unhealed. Chwele will gladly welcome Friends from New York who are interested in these areas. We shall also be happy to learn from them. The month of July is fine with us. Our 2013 conference is from 7<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup> August 2013.

We are praying for a free, fair and peaceful general election. We do hope that the electronic voter system being used for the first time will seriously eliminate voting malpractices that undermined previous elections. We are therefore very optimistic that the elections will be peaceful.

Friends in Chwele are keen and looking forward to receiving a friend in 2014 who has shown interest in Education in our Quaker schools. Our FUM - Africa ministries, in Kisumu has championed the peace curriculum in our Kenyan Schools. We hope that it will provide a true foundation for lasting peace in our beloved country.

Finally our Committee will be working out on the possibilities of sending some delegates to FUM triennial in Indiana in 2014. Chwele Friends seem keen on this and are quite excited as it will afford them all opportunity to meet friends from New York Yearly Meeting in person. It is God's Grace that we seek. Pass our greetings to all Friends in your Yearly Meeting. God bless you all as we look forward to a time when we shall together joyfully singing "The Amazing Grace" once again.

Yours in Christ,  
Charles Sirengo  
Stephen Sikulu  
Alex Waliaula  
Joseph Mamai  
Jacob Chemuku  
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John Muhanji  
Eden Grace