

Proposal as Approved by Twin Rocks Board of Directors on May 13, 2017, subject to further review by the Board, input from the NWYM Transition Team, and approval from the Twin Rocks Friends Conference Association.

TWIN ROCKS ADJUSTMENTS IN LIGHT OF NWYM RESTRUCTURE:

Over the last century, Twin Rocks has been a place where lives have been changed through personal encounters with Christ. Evidence of these encounters can be seen rippling throughout Northwest Yearly Meeting and into the wider world. Twin Rocks seeks to continue its highly effective ministry, and hopes to conduct its future work in a matter that is – in as many ways as possible – consistent with its successful past. We desire that the watching world may see Twin Rocks’ ministry as one that cares deeply about one another and all those who desire to come to Twin Rocks.

The Board of Directors of Twin Rocks Friends Conference Association proposes adjustments to its bylaws and policies as a result of a 2017-2018 restructure occurring in Northwest Yearly Meeting of Friends Church:

1) Who can come to Twin Rocks?

Open to All. All campers, regardless of church membership or theological beliefs, will continue to be welcome at Twin Rocks and encouraged to attend camp sessions.

2) How will programming be affected?

Camp Programming Unchanged. Twin Rocks plans to continue to offer its impactful slate of summer camps: Girls Camp, Boys Camp, Tween Camp, Surfside Camp, Day Camp, and Family Camp. Our programmed camps (Girls, Boys, Day, Tween, Surfside, Family, etc.) will focus on our commitment to follow Christ as our present teacher, and on our stated core mission at Twin Rocks ‘to use God’s creation and a Christ-centered environment to promote personal and spiritual growth.’

3) How is Twin Rocks ownership affected?

(One of the following two options will be selected by the board at a later date, prior to submitting this document to the Twin Rocks Friends Conference Association for approval.)

- a. Ownership Definition Unchanged. The owners of Twin Rocks – the Twin Rocks Friends Conference Association – will continue to be comprised of the members of Friends churches in the Salem, Newberg, Portland, and Southwest Washington Areas of Northwest Yearly Meeting.

OR

- b. Independent Camp. In an effort to avoid being “owned” by either branch of the split among Friends, Twin Rocks will become an independent entity, not tied to any Yearly Meeting. Twin Rocks’ board of directors (as it exists on June 1, 2017) will serve as the inaugural board of the new, independent organization. This board will establish Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws for the organization. This independent camp will maintain a Friends heritage, but board members will not be required to be members of a Friends church. Instead, board members will need to be Christian, and able to adhere to the expectations of camp volunteers (as in #5 below).

4) Will churches still receive the discounted rate?

Friends Group Discount Extended. Churches remaining in Northwest Yearly Meeting as well as churches in the “New Yearly Meeting” who conduct their own retreats at Twin Rocks will continue to receive the “Friends group rate,” which is 15% below regular rates. Similarly, churches formerly with NWYM who choose to remain independent from both Yearly Meetings will also be provided the 15% Friends group discount. Rentals will uphold standards the camp holds for its other guest rental groups.

5) How are staff selected?

Staff Selection Procedures Unchanged. Employees and volunteers will continue to (1) sign a Christian Statement of Faith (which has to date been the same as George Fox University’s), and (2) avoid advocating beliefs in opposition to the following statement: “Related to human sexuality, Twin Rocks aspires to be a camp welcoming of all people – loving, caring, and compassionate toward each person with whom we have contact. We denounce as contrary to God’s teaching all acts of slander, bullying, and unkindness shown toward others. We affirm the goodness of marriage, singleness, celibacy, and sexual intimacy exclusively within a marriage covenant between a man and a woman. Because God has called us to seek peace and unity, we call on all those who would serve at Twin Rocks to offer grace, love and forbearance to each other as we discuss issues of sexuality, always seeking to be faithful to our Lord Jesus Christ.”

6) Additional summer camps?

Possible “New Yearly Meeting” Summer Camps. If the New Yearly Meeting so desires, Twin Rocks will attempt to free up 1-2 weeks each summer to enable the New Yearly Meeting to organize and conduct its own summer camps at Twin Rocks. (To potentially secure summer camp dates, at least a year’s advance notice would be needed. Rentals would uphold standards the camp holds for its other guest rental groups, and rates for those weeks would be provided at a 15% discount from normal Twin Rocks rates.)