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STUDENT VOICES PROJECT

Calling all middle school and high school students

We welcome submissions from all students (Quaker and non-Quaker) at Friends schools and also Quaker students in other educational venues, such as public schools and homeschooling.

2016–2017 Theme: Dear President

The President of the United States of America is the elected head of state and head of government of the United States. The president's two main jobs are leading the executive branch of the federal government and being commander-in-chief of the United States Armed Forces. On November 8, we will elect a new president of this country; the elected person will take office on January 20, 2017, for a four-year term. One of the most powerful positions in the world, the U.S. presidency comes with a great responsibility to represent and advocate for all the diverse citizens of this nation.

IDEAS

- What is needed in your community that the president could help accomplish?
- What lessons have you learned at school that would help the president do their job?
- What issues should be given priority during the first year and why?
- If you were president, what are three things you would do?
- Recommend a book that you think the president should read and explain why.
- Pick a famous Quaker and share two things about them that might inspire the next president.

WRITE A LETTER TO THE NEXT PRESIDENT

of the United States
suggesting what you think
they should focus on
during their first year.

Submit by February 13, 2017

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Submission guidelines

We encourage the letters to be handwritten in legible writing (submit as digital scan or by mail). Typed submissions are also acceptable.

Word count: between 100
and 500 words

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A selection of the letters will be mailed to the White House and featured in the May 2017 issue. Honorees will also receive a free one-year subscription and will be recognized by Friends Council on Education for their work.