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**Sandy Spring Friends School to Host Quaker Youth Leadership Conference
for 150-plus students February 2 - 4**

Sandy Spring Friends School will host the annual Quaker Youth Leadership Conference February 2 – 4 on its campus in Sandy Spring, Maryland.

The event, for students in the ninth through twelfth grades, is co-sponsored by Friends School of Baltimore, Sidwell Friends School of Washington, DC, and Thornton Friends School of Silver Spring and Alexandria.

Over two dozen Quaker secondary schools throughout the country have been invited to participate; some 150 students and advisers are expected to attend.

This year's conference theme is "Passion and Compassion." Students and faculty will explore these ideas through a variety of workshops, discussions, and presentations.

"Given the current state of our world and the increasingly complex life choices we all have to make, it is important that we all discover and actively pursue our individual passions while maintaining a commitment to helping others and improving our world," noted Karen Cumberbatch, Sandy Spring Assistant Upper School Head, speaking on behalf of the organizers. "Our future leaders need to embrace these concepts if they are to become effective change agents."

In addition to the thematic discussions, the conference will include community service, leadership training, and social activities.

Sandy Spring Friends School is a coeducational, pre-K through twelfth grade college preparatory school offering a balance of academics, arts, athletics and community, and incorporating basic Quaker values. The school is located on 140 wooded acres at 16923 Norwood Road, in the historic Quaker community of Sandy Spring.

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