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STATEMENT OF AGREEMENT

Alaska Yearly Meeting of Friends Church, Kotzebue, Alaska; California Yearly Meeting of Friends, Whittier, California; and George Fox College of Newberg, Oregon consent together to establish a program of education known as Kotzebue Center, George Fox College.

The purposes of the program are as follows:

1. to provide both general interest and college level courses of instruction to adults and young people from the churches of the yearly meeting and from the community of Kotzebue and outlying villages.
2. to fit college level courses into appropriate certificate or *Associate of Arts degree programs from George Fox College, creditable toward a baccalaureate degree.
3. to coordinate the courses of instruction offered by Friends Bible School, Kotzebue, operated by California Yearly Meeting of Friends Church with the programs of George Fox College.
4. to employ personnel from George Fox College, Friends Bible School, California Yearly Meeting of Friends and elsewhere for leadership in the courses as needed.

*Subject to approval by George Fox College faculty and Board.

The California Yearly Meeting of Friends Church and the Board of Trustees of George Fox College shall have final authority in matters effecting this program and they shall delegate responsibility for the implementation of these programs to administrative personnel as each shall see fit.

This agreement does not bind George Fox College to provide courses beyond its ability to manage nor does it bind Alaska Yearly Meeting or California Yearly Meeting to obligations beyond ability to manage. All financial arrangements shall be jointly approved by officials responsible before entering into contractual obligations.

It is the intent of this agreement that courses and programs offered through the Center shall be paid for by fees or subsidy from people served or supporting agencies including Alaska Yearly Meeting of Friends. The college will make an effort to use regularly contracted staff who will not require special stipend whenever possible for short term courses. It is especially understood that the Center will utilize programmed instruction, standardized examinations, and short term sessions for much of its instruction. The Dean of George Fox College shall approve all courses offered for credit and shall receive and file instructor credentials and syllabi for each course.

Unless otherwise directed by California Yearly Meeting it is specifically understood that the Friends Bible School shall determine the curriculum which it offers with the reservation that any courses offered for credit through George Fox College must meet the standards and requirements of the college.

Future plans for the Kotzebue Center include a four-week mini-term in March emphasizing the Behavioral Sciences, with one-hour credit seminars in Marriage and Family, Adolescent Psychology, Alcohol Problems, Human Behavior, and Social Ethics. Further projections into next fall include an Institute on Citizenship, with mini-courses in American Political System, Urban Problems, Social Trends, and Ecological Studies. These of course are dependent upon the securing of funding for the program.

Educational options which the college is offering under this program include courses by programmed instruction and credit by examination. These are self-study programs in which the student proceeds at his own pace under the guidance of the director, and receives college credit upon completion of the workbook and the passing of the examination.

The primary objective of the program is that of helping the native develop leadership skills that will enable him to serve his own culture and society. George Fox College desires to be cooperative rather than competitive in the educational enterprise, and to serve in this way as an expression of the historic Quaker concern for the development of the total man - physically, intellectually, socially, and spiritually. While George Fox College is church-related, its educational philosophy is non-sectarian, academic, and liberal arts. It is hoped that George Fox may be welcomed as part of the educational community of the great state of Alaska.

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