

WORKING RESIDENTS WANTED AT HONOLULU FRIENDS MEETING

Honolulu Friends Meeting is looking for two people who would come for two years to live in our Meeting House as active Quaker hosts, taking care of guests, meetings, and callers, and participating in the life of the Meeting.

We provide an honorarium of \$9000/year for two people (must be able to share a bedroom), plus airfare for you and shipping for your car, and a bedroom and bathroom in the Meeting House. One day off per week, one month off per year.

WANTED FOR TWO YEARS: Healthy, energetic couple (or any two such people able to share a room). Should have strong Quaker affiliation and be able to interact with a variety of personalities at all hours of the day. Must be financially self-supporting with own health insurance.

This is a challenging, interesting opportunity to serve the Religious Society of Friends in a city of about a million, and to meet an array of stimulating people. The Meeting House is in a pretty residential area near the university and shopping. Hawaii people work long, hard hours, but being in Hawaii really is as nice as you've heard.

"Life in the fishbowl" can be exhausting or exhilarating and often both. Living in a house open to the public, with one day off per week, you must maintain your equanimity in the midst of a busy crowd. It's a Friendly crowd, and the job is full of unexpected pleasures and rewards.

SUMMARY JOB DESCRIPTION OF RESIDENT COUPLE:

The principal job of the residents is to be the hosts for the Meeting House: welcoming visitors, talking with people, even counseling if you care to, and representing Quakerism to people who call or come. The many and various tasks around the house can be negotiated according to tastes and abilities. Residents live in the Meeting House, where they oversee the property and schedule the use of space. The job requires computer skills (PC). It's good if you can cook for groups, and drive in our slow but heavy city traffic. Here is the kind of work involved:

1. **PROVIDE FOR GUESTS OF THE MEETING HOUSE:** The Meeting House has seven guest beds. Residents receive guests and provide breakfast for them. Residents screen inquiries, provide information, keep records of arrangements and of donations. Guests make and unmake the beds; residents wash sheets and

towels. Residents may do light housekeeping, and grocery shopping to maintain the house. A professional cleaner comes in weekly.

2. **MANAGE USE OF THE MEETING HOUSE:** At least one of the residents is expected to be at home most of the day, except on the weekly day off. They answer the phone, field questions, unlock doors, greet anyone using the house. They keep the house tidy and inviting.

The Meeting House is used for Meeting for Worship, committee meetings, and meetings of AFSC and community groups. Residents help set up and clear up. They attend Meeting for Worship and any meetings that they care to. They maintain the schedule for use of space.

Residents may make lunch for large groups three times a month. (The kitchen is also used by committees.) Residents may do grocery shopping to prepare for these meals and may have to share in the clean-up.

3. **GENERAL:** Residents manage money and keep some financial records. If so inclined, they may make small repairs and do light yard work, and they help list the bigger chores to be done by House and Grounds Committee.

Residents do some office work, like mail, e-mail, and filing. They oversee equipment, recycling, composting. They meet monthly with Oversight and Counsel Committee to discuss concerns and report on events.

4. **PERSONAL:** Residents have one day off per week, and 4 weeks' paid vacation per year. You have your own bedroom, bathroom, and small lanai/porch. Weather is warm or hot, and humid. A modest honorarium, round-trip airfare, and shipping for your car, are provided.

Most of these tasks are open to negotiation, according to taste and ability. Our main interest is in bringing new people and views to our isolated community.

To request an application and further details, write to Honolulu Friends Meeting <quakers@pixi.com> and write on the Subject line: Residents inquiry