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Dear members of the Ramallah Friends School community,

Friends United Meeting is pleased to announce the hiring of Mr. Adrian Moody as the new Head of Ramallah Friends School. Adrian and his wife, Gillian, anticipate moving to Ramallah in August of 2017 to begin preparing for the upcoming school year.

Adrian brings over 30 years of academic experience to RFS. He is the former Head of several international schools, has extensive training in IB education, and is particularly interested in teacher evaluation processes and methods for improving teacher training. In looking for a new school to serve, Adrian was attracted to the rich history of RFS, its unique and important location in the world and the Quaker values which shape the kind and quality of education offered.

Just a week ago, Adrian and Gillian visited the RFS campus and met with members of the community. This was their first visit to Palestine and they were immediately impressed by the campus and city, the passion of the teachers and staff for their work, and the depth of parent and community investment in the school. They are working diligently to better understand the Palestinian situation and are eager to become part of the Ramallah/El Bireh community. They intend to settle into Ramallah for a lengthy term of service and hope to build collaborative relationships all of you, as we work together to improve the school. The couple will live on campus while their teenage daughter attends a boarding school in New Zealand.

While not a Quaker, Adrian is a devoted member of the Catholic church and shares in the values that are at the heart of RFS. FUM will provide him with the support, training and ongoing education he needs to transition into this role and as he continues to learn more about Friends.

Several of you had an opportunity to briefly meet with Adrian during his short stay in Ramallah. We know the time was not sufficient to get to know him in any depth, but it was the best we could arrange this time of year. As he settles into life on campus and as you find opportunity to get to know him more fully, we also trust that your confidence in his ability, experience and desire to stand with the Palestinian community will grow and deepen over time.

Finally, we do invite all of you to embrace and engage with Adrian, and Gillian, as new members of your community and to assist them in learning more about Palestine and about the uniqueness of RFS. This is a very important transition in the history of the school. Replacing our long-time

Director, Joyce Ajlouny, was no easy task, and we are delighted to have found such a well-qualified and experienced successor in Adrian Moody. We now rely on each of you—board members, administrators, faculty, staff, parents, alumni, students and other RFS supporters—to partner with us in making this transition as seamless and successful as possible.

We are excited about the future of RFS and continue to feel blessed to be partners in educating another generation of Palestinian children.

Sincerely,



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General Secretary  
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