

Southeastern Yearly Meeting

of the Religious Society of Friends

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Fall 2022 Executive Committee Meeting

Friday, 4 Eleventh Month (Nov.) 2022, 6:30 p.m. Eastern Time
and

Fall 2022 Interim Business Meeting

Saturday, 5 Eleventh Month (Nov.) 2022, 8:30 a.m. Eastern Time

Documents In Advance

And as many candles lighted, and put in one place, do greatly augment the light, and make it more to shine forth, so when many are gathered together into the same life, there is more of the glory of God, and his power appears, to the refreshment of each individual; for that he partakes not only of the light and life raised in himself, but in all the rest.

Robert Barclay, Apology, 1676

We will be gathering via video teleconference on Zoom and in person at St. Petersburg Meetinghouse, 130 19th Ave SE, St. Petersburg, Florida

Fall Executive Committee Meeting AND Interim Business Meeting
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Fall Executive Cte Meeting:

Friday evening, Nov. 4, 2022, 6:30 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Fall Interim Business Meeting

Saturday, Nov. 5, 2022, 8:30 AM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

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Schedule, Agenda, and Reports

Friday, 1 Eleventh Month

FALL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

- 6:30 p.m. Virtual Fellowship, all are welcome
- 7:00 p.m. Executive Committee meeting, all are welcome

Saturday, 5 Eleventh Month

FALL INTERIM BUSINESS MEETING

- 8:30 am Fellowship, coffee and snacks, all are welcome
- 9:00 am Opening Worship
- Nominating Committee preliminary report..... 5
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- 9:30 am Committee meetings: All are welcome to attend (breakout rooms)
- 11:00 am Meeting Open Forum: How does Spirit fare with Thee?
- 12 noon Lunch served by St. Petersburg Friends
- 1:00 pm Meeting for Worship with a Concern for Business
- AGENDA:
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Reading back the minutes

- 4:30 Closing Worship
- 5:00 Fellowship, then Dinner at a local restaurant

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Summer 2022 Executive Committee Meeting

18 Sixth Month 2022

Via video teleconference

Numbered Minute

- 22SEC01** SEYM EC approves that IBM Clerk (Bill Carlie), Treasurer (Joel Cook), and Assistant Clerk (Jack Bradin), along with former IBM Clerk (Phoebe Andersen) and Recording Clerk (Liz Dykes) act as *ad hoc* supervisory committee to complete overdue staff evaluations by 2022 Fall Interim Business Meeting.
APPROVED

Southeastern Yearly Meeting of The Religious Society of Friends

Preliminary Treasurer Report for 2021 - 2022 Fiscal Year, Fall Interim Business Meeting 2022

Preliminary Annual Report for end of Fiscal Year 2021-2022 (June 1, 2021 thru May 31, 2022)

All values are rounded to the nearest dollar.

SEYM Total Cash Flow not including Trustees

The overall cash flow of the Yearly Meeting (excluding separately reported accounts under the care of the Trustees) yielded a net surplus (excluding unrealized capital gains) of \$10,326. This resulted from an SEYM total real income of \$123,168 against total expenses of \$112,842.

SEYM General Fund for Administration - Cash Flow and Budget Performance

At the end of the fiscal year, the General Fund (the operations fund for which we approved a balanced budget of \$85,380 in our 2021 Yearly Meeting sessions) showed a net loss of \$8,183. This resulted from General Fund total income of \$59,403 (70% of budget) against expenses of \$67,586 (79% of budget).

Budget Support Apportionments & Contributions Received

During this fiscal year, in response to the annual request for support of the approved General Fund Budget (the Apportionments), contributions received from the Monthly Meetings and Worship Groups totaled \$52,748, or 70% of the year's budgeted request of \$74,908.

Fifteen (15) Monthly Meetings and eleven (11) Worship Groups were included in the Apportionment request this fiscal year. Eleven (11) contributed more than 90% of their requested amount, one (1) contributed between 51% and 90%, three (3) contributed between 26% and 50%, two (2) contributed between 10% and 25%, and nine (9) contributed nothing.

The unrestricted individual donations received toward the Budget during this period totaled \$5,076 approximately 254% of the \$2,000 budgeted amount.

Cash Flow Results for Programs

The annual programs for this fiscal year are complete. There may, however, be some adjustments to these figures.

The Yearly Meeting Gathering and Walton Lecture had an income of \$19,736 and expenses of \$8,378 yielding a net surplus of \$11,358.

Half Yearly Meeting had an income of \$2,617 and expenses of \$1,854 giving a net surplus of \$763.

The Michener Lecture had an income of \$1,600 and expenses of \$187, yielding a net surplus of \$1,413.

Programs for Youth had income of \$15,636 and expenses of \$12,720, yielding a net surplus of \$2,916.

The Publications program had income of \$1,848 and expenses of \$2,162, yielding a net loss of \$314 (excluding unrealized capital losses of \$695 on investments for the program).

The SEYM Field Secretary for Earthcare program during this period received \$19,313 in donations and had expenses of \$17,807, yielding a net surplus of \$1,506. As of 5/31/2022 the SEYM Field Secretary for Earthcare program had an available balance of \$11,683. (Note: As of 10/31/2022 the FSE Program has an available balance of \$10,570.)

Net Worth

The Net Worth of the combined Yearly Meeting and its Trustees at the end of this period was \$670,211, a decrease of \$1,002 including \$21,125 in unrealized capital losses since the beginning of the fiscal year.

NOTE: Intuit, the publisher of our QuickBooks accounting program, discontinued support of the desktop version of the program we had used for many years. This required us to transition to the QuickBooks online version. The transition has been difficult. But, our bookkeeper, Dianna Langan, has worked tirelessly to make sure all the data is correct. There is more work for her and I to do.

Joel D. Cook, Treasurer - SEYM 11/2/2022

Southeastern Yearly Meeting, Religious Society of
Budget vs. Actuals: FY_2021_2022 - FY22 P&L
 June 2021 - May 2022

	Total			
	Actual	Budget	over Budget	% of Budget
Revenue				
2000 Income			0.00	
2001 Donations			0.00	
2002 Indivd.Donations-Classes	5,075.53	2,000.00	3,075.53	253.78%
2003 Meeting Donations	52,823.91	75,000.00	-22,176.09	70.43%
Total 2001 Donations	\$ 57,899.44	\$ 77,000.00	-\$ 19,100.56	75.19%
2200 Investment Earnings			0.00	
2203 Savings Account Interest	3.65	20.00	-16.35	18.25%
Total 2200 Investment Earnings	\$ 3.65	\$ 20.00	-\$ 16.35	18.25%
Total 2000 Income	\$ 57,903.09	\$ 77,020.00	-\$ 19,116.91	75.18%
2700 Transfer in FROM other classes			0.00	
2712 Michener Lect. to GF/insurance	150.00	190.00	-40.00	78.95%
2732 Gath/Walton to GF/insurance	900.00	1,140.00	-240.00	78.95%
2752 HYM to GF/insurance	450.00	570.00	-120.00	78.95%
2804 from Trustee's Funds			0.00	
2815 for BertscheOutreach Travel		1,930.00	-1,930.00	0.00%
2820 for Staff Salary		4,530.00	-4,530.00	0.00%
Total 2804 from Trustee's Funds	\$ 0.00	\$ 6,460.00	-\$ 6,460.00	0.00%
Total 2700 Transfer in FROM other classes	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 8,360.00	-\$ 6,860.00	17.94%
Total Revenue	\$ 59,403.09	\$ 85,380.00	-\$ 25,976.91	69.57%
Expenditures				
2999 Expenses			0.00	
3000 Operating Costs			0.00	
3001 Bank Service Charges	359.40	200.00	159.40	179.70%
3002 PayPal service fee	119.82	10.00	109.82	1198.20%
3080 Duplication	517.72	1,000.00	-482.28	51.77%
3100 Insurance			0.00	
3106 Liability Insurance	1,631.63	1,900.00	-268.37	85.88%
Total 3100 Insurance	\$ 1,631.63	\$ 1,900.00	-\$ 268.37	85.88%
3107 Youth Worker CAP Certification	201.60	160.00	41.60	126.00%
3146 Non-Profit Corporation Fee	61.25	60.00	1.25	102.08%
3200 Office Supplies	330.12	400.00	-69.88	82.53%
3270 Payroll Expenses	41,930.82	47,500.00	-5,569.18	88.28%
3272 Employer Payroll Taxes	2,717.65	3,500.00	-782.35	77.65%
3380 Postage/Shipping	504.60	300.00	204.60	168.20%
3381 Post Office Box rental		200.00	-200.00	0.00%
3400 Office Equipment		400.00	-400.00	0.00%
3500 Professional Fees		700.00	-700.00	0.00%
3640 Rent warehouse/office			0.00	
3643 Storage Unit	1,802.00	2,800.00	-998.00	64.36%
Total 3640 Rent warehouse/office	\$ 1,802.00	\$ 2,800.00	-\$ 998.00	64.36%
3700 Repairs			0.00	
3740 Computer Repairs	449.99	200.00	249.99	225.00%
Total 3700 Repairs	\$ 449.99	\$ 200.00	\$ 249.99	225.00%
3816 Software	1,897.51	2,000.00	-102.49	94.88%
3840 Telephone & Inet access	1,450.80	1,200.00	250.80	120.90%
3860 Travel Administrative		1,000.00	-1,000.00	0.00%
3900 Website	1,249.20	1,400.00	-150.80	89.23%
Total 3000 Operating Costs	\$ 55,224.11	\$ 64,930.00	-\$ 9,705.89	85.05%

	Actual	Budget	over Budget	% of Budget
4000 Committees Operating Expenses				0.00
4309 Archives		300.00	-300.00	0.00%
4329 EC and IBM		50.00	-50.00	0.00%
4339 Faith and Practice		25.00	-25.00	0.00%
4349 Finance		25.00	-25.00	0.00%
4359 Nominating		25.00	-25.00	0.00%
4369 Peace and Social Concerns	450.00	450.00	0.00	100.00%
4389 Youth Committee		25.00	-25.00	0.00%
4399 Worship and Ministry		25.00	-25.00	0.00%
4429 Earthcare		100.00	-100.00	0.00%
4449 Publications		25.00	-25.00	0.00%
4469 Racism, Ministry on		25.00	-25.00	0.00%
4489 Young Adult Quakers		25.00	-25.00	0.00%
Total 4000 Committees Operating Expenses	\$ 450.00	\$ 1,100.00	-\$ 650.00	40.91%
5000 Donations to Organizations				0.00
5007 AFSC	200.00	200.00	0.00	100.00%
5018 Earlham School of Religion	100.00	100.00	0.00	100.00%
5027 FCNL	300.00	300.00	0.00	100.00%
5028 QEW (FCUN)	200.00	200.00	0.00	100.00%
5030 FLGBTQC	100.00	100.00	0.00	100.00%
5037 FGC	1,200.00	1,200.00	0.00	100.00%
5038 FLCoalition for Peace & Justice	100.00	100.00	0.00	100.00%
5047 Florida Council of Churches	200.00	200.00	0.00	100.00%
5048 Florida Impact	300.00	300.00	0.00	100.00%
5057 Friends Journal	100.00	100.00	0.00	100.00%
5061 Friends Peace Teams	1,000.00	500.00	500.00	200.00%
5067 FUM	500.00	500.00	0.00	100.00%
5068 FWCC	1,450.00	1,450.00	0.00	100.00%
5077 Pendle Hill	100.00	100.00	0.00	100.00%
5085 Quaker House of Fayetteville NC	200.00	200.00	0.00	100.00%
5087 Quaker Life	100.00	100.00	0.00	100.00%
5089 QUNO	100.00	100.00	0.00	100.00%
5097 Wm Penn House	100.00	100.00	0.00	100.00%
Total 5000 Donations to Organizations	\$ 6,350.00	\$ 5,850.00	\$ 500.00	108.55%
8000 Travel & Financial Aid				0.00
8160 Annual Representative	62.00	4,000.00	-3,938.00	1.55%
8360 Attend SEYM-approved Activities		1,500.00	-1,500.00	0.00%
8460 Travel Support to SEYM Business		1,000.00	-1,000.00	0.00%
Total 8000 Travel & Financial Aid	\$ 62.00	\$ 6,500.00	-\$ 6,438.00	0.95%
8500 Contingency	500.00	2,000.00	-1,500.00	25.00%
Total 2999 Expenses	\$ 62,586.11	\$ 80,380.00	-\$ 17,793.89	77.86%
9000 Transfer OUT TO other classes				0.00
9004 for Youth Programs	2,500.00	2,500.00	0.00	100.00%
9005 for Gathering Youth	2,000.00	2,000.00	0.00	100.00%
9060 for Triennial Travel	500.00	500.00	0.00	100.00%
Total 9000 Transfer OUT TO other classes	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 0.00	100.00%
Total Expenditures	\$ 67,586.11	\$ 85,380.00	-\$ 17,793.89	79.16%
Net Revenue	-\$ 8,183.02	\$ 0.00	-\$ 8,183.02	

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Southeastern Yearly Meeting, Religious Society of
Income and Expense
 June 2021 - May 2022

Revenue	Admin/General Fund	Covid Relief	Gathering/ Walton Lecture	Half Yearly Meeting (HYM)	Int'l WG Support	Michener Lecture	Programs for Youth	Publications	Earthcare	Secretary - Travel	Trustee's Funds	TOTAL
2000 Income				0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
2001 Donations												0.00
2002 Indivd.Donations-Classes	5,075.53											5,075.53
2003 Meeting Donations	49,803.64											49,803.64
2013 Meeting Donations, Unaffiliated	1,748.47											1,748.47
2023 Meeting Donations, WG wo support	1,271.80											1,271.80
Total 2003 Meeting Donations	52,823.91	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	52,823.91
2006 In-kind Donation			469.28									469.28
2104 Ind Donatn for Youth Event Exp			888.00			90.00						978.00
Total 2001 Donations	57,899.44	0.00	0.00	1,357.28	0.00	0.00	90.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	59,346.72
2040 Restricted Donations												0.00
2050 Restricted - Other						12,286.15				10.00	60.00	12,366.15
2055 Int'l WG Support					1,200.00							1,200.00
2060 Donations - Restricted- FSE										19,312.50		19,312.50
2065 Restricted - Covid Relief		2,000.00										2,000.00
Total 2040 Restricted Donations	0.00	2,000.00	0.00	0.00	1,200.00	0.00	12,286.15	10.00	19,312.50	10.00	60.00	34,878.65
2200 Investment Earnings												0.00
2203 Savings Account Interest		3.65										3.65
2205 Dividends FFC Gathering Youth										2,271.52		2,271.52
2210 Dividends FFC Michener Fund										475.92		475.92
2215 Dividends FFC Bertsche OuTravel										992.83		992.83
2220 Dividends-FFC Staff Salary Fund										2,336.85		2,336.85
2225 Dividends FFC Unrestricted										11,314.22		11,314.22
2230 Dividends FFC Walton Fund										879.68		879.68
2280 Dividends FFC SEYM Publications								295.22				295.22

	Admin/General Fund	Covid Relief	Gathering/ Walton Lecture	Half Yearly Meeting (HYM)	Int'l WG Support	Michener Lecture	Programs for Youth	Publications	Secretary - Earthcare	Triennial Travel	Trustee's Funds	TOTAL
2290 Investment Capital Gains/Losses												0.00
2206 Capital Gain(Loss) Gath. Youth											(5,201.15)	(5,201.15)
2211 Capital Gain(Loss) Michener											(1,089.71)	(1,089.71)
2216 Capital Gain(Loss) BertscheOTra											(2,273.31)	(2,273.31)
2221 Capital Gain(Loss) Staff Salary											(5,350.73)	(5,350.73)
2226 Capital Gain(Loss) Unrestricted											(3,610.81)	(3,610.81)
2231 Capital Gain(Loss) Walton											(2,014.68)	(2,014.68)
2232 Capital Gain (Loss) Meetinghouse											(889.02)	(889.02)
2281 Capital Gain(loss) SEYM Publish								(695.28)			(695.28)	(695.28)
Total 2290 Investment Capital Gains/Losses	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	(20,429.41)	(21,124.69)
Total 2200 Investment Earnings	3.65	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	(400.06)	0.00	0.00	(2,156.39)	(2,554.80)
2400 Program Registrations			17,735.75	1,260.00		1,600.00	760.00					21,355.75
2430 Registration Fee			17,735.75	1,260.00	0.00	1,600.00	760.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	21,355.75
Total 2400 Program Registrations	0.00	0.00	17,735.75	1,260.00	0.00	1,600.00	760.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	21,355.75
2600 Sales												0.00
2680 Publication Sales								1,543.01				1,543.01
Total 2600 Sales	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,543.01	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,543.01
Total 2000 Income	57,903.09	2,000.00	17,735.75	2,617.28	1,200.00	1,600.00	13,136.15	1,152.95	19,312.50	10.00	(2,096.39)	114,569.33
2700 Transfer in FROM other classes												0.00
2712 Michener Lect to GF/Insurance	150.00											150.00
2732 Gath/Walton to GF/Insurance	900.00											900.00
2752 HYM to GF/Insurance	450.00											450.00
2784 from GF for YouthProgramsClass							2,500.00					2,500.00
2801 transfer from General Fund			2,000.00							500.00		500.00
2802 from GF for Gathering Youth	1,500.00	0.00	2,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,500.00	0.00	500.00	0.00	0.00	2,000.00
Total 2700 Transfer in FROM other classes	59,403.09	2,000.00	19,735.75	2,617.28	1,200.00	1,600.00	15,636.15	1,152.95	19,312.50	510.00	(2,096.39)	121,069.33
Total Revenue												

Expenditures	Admini/General Fund	Covid Relief	Gathering/ Walton Lecture	Half Yearly Meeting (HYM)	Int'l WG Support	Michener Lecture	Programs for Youth	Publications	Secretary - Earthcare	Triennial Travel	Trustee's Funds	TOTAL
2999 Expenses												0.00
3000 Operating Costs												0.00
3001 Bank Service Charges	359.40											359.40
3002 PayPal service fee	119.82		367.26	10.69		36.92	46.59	4.12	112.84			698.24
3080 Duplication	517.72											517.72
3100 Insurance												0.00
3106 Liability Insurance	1,631.63											1,631.63
Total 3100 Insurance	1,631.63	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,631.63
3107 Youth Worker CAP Certification	201.60											201.60
3146 Non-Profit Corporation Fee	61.25											61.25
3200 Office Supplies	330.12		523.68					3.48				857.28
3270 Payroll Expenses	41,930.82								16,527.17			58,457.99
3272 Employer Payroll Taxes	2,717.65								1,166.94			3,884.59
3380 Postage/Shipping	504.60							157.82				662.42
3640 Rent warehouse/office												0.00
3642 Office Rent	770.00											770.00
3643 Storage Unit	1,032.00											1,032.00
Total 3640 Rent warehouse/office	1,802.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,802.00
3700 Repairs												0.00
3740 Computer Repairs	449.99											449.99
Total 3700 Repairs	449.99	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	449.99
3816 Software	1,897.51											1,897.51
3840 Telephone & Inet access	1,450.80											1,450.80
3900 Website	337.96							1,500.00				1,837.96
3641 Rent E=Data off-site storage	799.99											799.99
3940 Domain Name Registrations	111.25											111.25
Total 3900 Website	1,249.20	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,500.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,749.20
Total 3000 Operating Costs	55,224.11	0.00	890.94	10.69	0.00	36.92	46.59	1,665.42	17,806.95	0.00	0.00	75,661.62

	Admini/General Fund	Covid Relief	Gathering/ Walton Lecture	Half Yearly Meeting (HYM)	Int'l WG Support	Michener Lecture	Programs for Youth	Publications	Secretary - Earthcare	Triennial Travel	Trustee's Funds	TOTAL
4000 Committees Operating Expenses												
4389 Peace and Social Concerns	450.00											0.00
Total 4000 Committees Operating Expenses	450.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	450.00
5000 Donations to Organizations												
5007 AFSC	200.00											0.00
5018 Earlham School of Religion	100.00											200.00
5027 FCNL	300.00											100.00
5028 QEW (FCUN)	200.00											300.00
5030 FLGBTQC	100.00											200.00
5037 FGC	1,200.00											100.00
5038 FLCoalition for Peace & Justice	100.00											1,200.00
5047 Florida Council of Churches	200.00											100.00
5048 Florida Impact	300.00											200.00
5057 Friends Journal	100.00											300.00
5061 Friends Peace Teams	1,000.00											100.00
5067 FUM	500.00											1,000.00
5068 FWCC	1,450.00											500.00
5077 Pendle Hill	100.00											1,450.00
5085 Quaker House of Fayetteville NC	200.00											100.00
5087 Quaker Life	100.00											200.00
5089 QUINO	100.00											100.00
5097 Wm Penn House	100.00											100.00
Total 5000 Donations to Organizations	6,350.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	6,350.00
6000 Production												
6080 ISSN Printing, Publications								104.00				0.00
6280 Printing, Service Bureau								47.20				104.00
6380 ISBN production								345.55				47.20
Total 6000 Production	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	496.75	0.00	0.00	0.00	345.55
Total	6,350.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	496.75	0.00	0.00	0.00	496.75

	Admini/General Fund	Covid Relief	Gathering/Walton Lecture	Half Yearly Meeting (HYM)	Int'WG Support	Michener Lecture	Programs for Youth	Publications	Secretary - Earthcare	Triennial Travel	Trustee's Funds	TOTAL
7000 Operating Costs Programs												0.00
7200 Food, snacks			80.17									80.17
7500 Site Fees												0.00
7533 Site Deposits				923.92								923.92
7534 Site Fees- Meals												0.00
7537 Food, Dining Room			3,137.25	469.28								3,606.53
Total 7534 Site Fees- Meals	0.00	0.00	3,137.25	469.28	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	3,606.53
Total 7500 Site Fees	0.00	0.00	3,137.25	1,393.20	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	4,530.45
7650 Speaker Honorarium			1,500.00									1,500.00
7660 Speaker travel			1,869.21									1,869.21
7800 Youth Program												0.00
7804 Youth Prg. Expenses/Fees/Other						598.49						598.49
7805 Youth Program Leader/childcare						12,075.00						12,075.00
Total 7800 Youth Program	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	12,673.49	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	12,673.49
Total 7000 Operating Costs Programs	0.00	0.00	6,886.63	1,393.20	0.00	0.00	12,673.49	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	20,653.32
8000 Travel & Financial Aid			62.00									62.00
8160 Annual Representative												62.00
Total 8000 Travel & Financial Aid	62.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	62.00
8500 Contingency												0.00
8505 Contingency - Covid Relief		1,500.00										1,500.00
8510 Contingency - Int'l Worship Grou					648.00							1,148.00
Total 8500 Contingency	500.00	1,500.00	0.00	0.00	648.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,648.00
Total 2999 Expenses	62,586.11	1,500.00	7,477.57	1,403.89	648.00	36.92	12,720.08	2,162.17	17,806.95	0.00	0.00	106,341.69
9000 Transfer OUT TO other classes												0.00
9002 to GF for insurance			900.00	450.00		150.00						1,500.00
9004 for Youth Programs	2,500.00									7,230.00		9,730.00
9005 for Gathering Youth	2,000.00											2,000.00
9060 for Triennial Travel	500.00											500.00
9460 TO Covid Relief										2,000.00		2,000.00
Total 9000 Transfer OUT TO other classes	5,000.00	0.00	900.00	450.00	0.00	150.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	9,230.00	0.00	15,730.00
Total Expenditures	67,586.11	1,500.00	8,377.57	1,853.89	648.00	186.92	12,720.08	2,162.17	17,806.95	0.00	9,230.00	122,071.69
Revenue	(8,183.02)	500.00	11,356.18	763.39	552.00	1,413.08	2,916.07	(1,009.22)	1,505.55	510.00	(11,328.39)	(1,002.36)
Total 2290 Investment Capital Gains/Losses	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	(695.28)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Net Revenue - Less Unrealized Capital Gains/losses	(8,183.02)	500.00	11,386.18	763.39	552.00	1,413.08	2,916.07	(313.94)	1,505.55	510.00	0.00	510.00

Southeastern Yearly Meeting, Religious Society of
Balance Sheet Prev Year Comparison
As of May 31, 2022

	Total		
	As of May 31, 2022	As of May 31, 2021 (PP)	Change
ASSETS			
Current Assets			
Bank Accounts			
0501 Checking Account BOA	-3,297.18	0.00	-3,297.18
511 Checking - Gen'l Fund - General	-4,294.54	-3,093.81	-1,200.73
560 Checking-GF-Triennial Travel	20,587.31	20,077.31	510.00
561 Peace Team Travel Fund	0.00	0.00	0.00
566 Checking-GF-Sufferings	170.00	170.00	0.00
610 Checking-SA-Michener	1,413.08	0.00	1,413.08
630 Checking-SA-YBM Gathering	11,358.18	0.00	11,358.18
640 Checking-SA-Programs for Youth	240.85	-1,535.22	1,776.07
650 Checking-SA-HYM	763.39	0.00	763.39
670 Checking - SA - Earthcare	6,945.54	8,658.77	-1,713.23
680 Checking-SA-Publications	-5,564.70	-6,000.76	436.06
690 Checking - 690 Covid Relief	500.00	0.00	500.00
695 Checking - Int'l WG Support	452.00	0.00	452.00
700 Checking-Trustees	0.00	0.00	0.00
705 Checking - 6 Gathering Youth Fund	5,663.26	3,381.74	2,281.52
710 Checking - 3 Michener Fund	490.92	5.00	485.92
715 Checking - 2 Bertsche Travel Fund	1,007.83	5.00	1,002.83
720 Checking - 5 Staff Salary	2,951.85	605.00	2,346.85
725 Checking - 4 Unrestricted Fund	10,765.34	530.00	10,235.34
730 Checking - 1 Walton Fund	894.68	5.00	889.68
750 Checking -FGC Meetinghouse Fund	0.00	0.00	0.00
759 Checking - Other Trustee Funds	0.00	0.00	0.00
773 Miami Mtg/Bartram House Loan	0.00	0.00	0.00
776 Matching Funds, GYouthE Fund	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total 700 Checking-Trustees	\$ 21,773.88	\$ 4,531.74	\$ 17,242.14
803 Clearing Account	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total 0501 Checking Account BOA	\$ 51,047.81	\$ 22,808.03	\$ 28,239.78
802 Petty Cash	0.00	0.00	0.00
830 Checking - BofA Payroll	9,777.58	9,857.56	-79.98
903 Savings BOA	36,924.14	36,920.49	3.65
999 Pay Pal	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Bank Accounts	\$ 97,749.53	\$ 69,586.08	\$ 28,163.45
Accounts Receivable			
1100 Accounts Receivable	-17.52	-17.52	0.00
Total Accounts Receivable	-\$ 17.52	-\$ 17.52	\$ 0.00
Other Current Assets			
1101 Mtg Donation FY rec'd next FY	0.00	0.00	0.00
1120 Inventory Asset	0.01	0.01	0.00
1130 Pre-paid expenses	0.00	0.00	0.00
1133 Site deposits-next Fiscal Year	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total 1130 Pre-paid expenses	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
1180 FFC SOYM1 Publications Investme	17,873.09	18,568.37	-695.28
1183 Pre-paid Meeting Donations next	0.00	0.00	0.00
1184 Pre-paid Youth Donation next	0.00	0.00	0.00
1185 Pre-paid YAQ Donation next	0.00	0.00	0.00
1199 Undeposited Funds	100.00	0.00	100.00
1200 Trustee Investments	0.00	0.00	0.00

	As of May 31, 2022	As of May 31, 2021 (PP)	Change
1205 FFC SOYMT6 GatheringYouth Fund	137,522.63	142,723.78	-5,201.15
1210 FFC SOYMT3 Michener	28,812.97	29,902.68	-1,089.71
1215 FFC SOYMT2 BertscheTravel Fd	60,108.14	62,381.45	-2,273.31
1220 FFC SOYMT5 Staff Salary Fund	141,477.54	146,828.27	-5,350.73
1225 FFC SOYMT4 Unrestricted	106,903.19	118,655.12	-11,751.93
1230 FFC SOYMT1 Walton Fund	53,257.84	55,272.52	-2,014.68
1240 FFC SOYMT7 Meetinghouse Support	26,423.90	27,312.92	-889.02
1250 FGC Meetinghouse Fund	0.00	0.00	0.00
1255 Domini Fund	0.00	0.00	0.00
1257 Domini International Equity	0.00	0.00	0.00
1259 Domini Social Equity Fund	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total 1255 Domini Fund	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Total 1200 Trustee Investments	\$ 554,506.21	\$ 583,076.74	-\$ 28,570.53
Total Other Current Assets	\$ 572,479.31	\$ 601,645.12	-\$ 29,165.81
Total Current Assets	\$ 670,211.32	\$ 671,213.68	-\$ 1,002.36
Other Assets			
1270 Loans	0.00	0.00	0.00
1276 SEYM Bank Error	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total 1270 Loans	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Total Other Assets	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 670,211.32	\$ 671,213.68	-\$ 1,002.36
LIABILITIES AND EQUITY			
Liabilities			
Current Liabilities			
Other Current Liabilities			
1300 Expected/prepaid expenses	0.00	0.00	0.00
1336 Last FY Expenses not paid	0.00	0.00	0.00
1383 Prepaid Mtg. Donations	0.00	0.00	0.00
1384 Youth Donation FY next	0.00	0.00	0.00
1385 YAQ Donation FY next	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total 1300 Expected/prepaid expenses	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
1370 Payroll Liabilities	57.03	57.03	0.00
1372 SEYM Payroll Liability	57.03	57.03	0.00
Total 1370 Payroll Liabilities	\$ 114.06	\$ 114.06	\$ 0.00
Total Other Current Liabilities	\$ 114.06	\$ 114.06	\$ 0.00
Total Current Liabilities	\$ 114.06	\$ 114.06	\$ 0.00
Total Liabilities	\$ 114.06	\$ 114.06	\$ 0.00
Equity			
1400 Trustees Funds Equity	296,694.99	296,694.99	0.00
1500 Operational Equity/ Net Assets			
1511 General Fund Net Assets	29,324.36	29,324.36	0.00
1560 Triennial Travel Net Assets	5,349.80	5,349.80	0.00
1561 FPT Donations Net Assets	0.00	0.00	0.00
1580 Publications Net Assets	14,341.85	14,341.85	0.00
Total 1500 Operational Equity/ Net Assets	\$ 49,016.01	\$ 49,016.01	\$ 0.00
1700 Retained Earnings	325,388.62	199,373.75	126,014.87
1800 Opening Bal Net Assets	0.00	0.00	0.00
Net Revenue	-1,002.36	126,014.87	-127,017.23
Total Equity	\$ 670,097.26	\$ 671,099.62	-\$ 1,002.36
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	\$ 670,211.32	\$ 671,213.68	-\$ 1,002.36

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Worship & Ministry Committee Report

SEYM Fall Interim Business Meeting
5 Eleventh Month 2022

The SEYM Worship & Ministry Committee has been hard at work discerning way forward for its ministry. One of the most important things the committee has discovered is the importance of listening to the spiritual nurture of ourselves, our Meetings, and the Yearly Meeting. Our meeting on 25 Eighth Month began with a reading that epitomizes this aspect of our Quaker life:

To "listen" another's soul into a condition of disclosure and discovery may be almost the greatest service that any human being ever performs for another. But in this scrutiny of the business of listening, is that all that has emerged? Is it blasphemous to suggest that over the shoulder of the human listener, there is never absent the silent presence of the Eternal Listener, the living God? For in penetrating to what is involved in listening, do we not disclose the thinness of the filament that separates persons listening openly to one another, and that of God intently listening to each soul?

GLEANINGS by Douglas V. Steere

We have thus discerned four areas upon which our efforts will be concentrated at the present time:

1. Intervisitation Reimagined and the Listening Project: Taking the previous Intervisitation practice to a new level by not just visiting other Meetings and Worship Groups but fostering listening and conversation around the spiritual nurture of Monthly Meetings and Worship Groups.
2. Providing the opportunity for Friends to participate in an Extended Worship experience via Zoom (this was first provided at Yearly Meeting Gathering 2022).
3. Adding a Query of the Week (or as often as Spirit leads and life allows) – Called **Queries for the Journey** – to the SEYM website home page.
4. The initiation of a Spiritual Book Club on various spiritual texts.

And, of course, we continue to hold in the Light the hearts and concerns of all Friends.

SEYM Worship & Ministry Committee co-clerks,
Jan Dahm, Lisa Erazmus, and Richelle Ogle

Field Secretary for Earthcare (FSE) Report

SEYM Fall Interim Business Meeting

5 Eleventh Month 2022

Overview

Provide focus and coordinate efforts on environmental work in the Southeastern Yearly Meeting (SEYM) region.

This report summarizes the field secretary activities undertaken since the written and oral reports submitted for SEYM Gathering. Due to lack of access, some activities were not reported during the Sixth Month Executive Committee. The majority of activities continue to be carried out online; however, some in-person visits and hybrid were made during this period. As usual, this report also includes planned activities.

Communication with the Anchoring Committee

Communication with the FSE Anchoring Committee members continues to be through email, telephone, or other electronic means. As in-person or hybrid visits increase, I'm looking for to meeting with Anchoring Committee members.

Meeting with Monthly Meetings (MMs), Worship Groups (WGs), and Others

Perform visits to Monthly Meetings and Worship Groups within SEYM to help them discern their leadings in care of the Earth, and to provide information and coordination among Meetings.

As a reminder, "Meetings can issue invitations to the [SEYM] administrative secretary, FSE, or the Anchor Committee [for FSE visits]. We will all conference over the invitation and subsequent planning" (Phoebe Andersen, 3 Tenth Month 2016). This includes virtual visits.

Contact Information

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- Snailmail: P.O. Box 1614, Umatilla, FL 32784 (until further notice).

A Google calendar showing requests for visitation and FSE has been created and shared with the Anchoring Committee. All prior, for this reporting period, and upcoming visits are shown below. MMs and WGs continue to request visits or workshops.

Suggested workshop/event topics:

- Angelic Troublemaking: Beyond Bystander Training: explores anti-racism/decolonization work with emphasis on local concerns and means of accompaniment;
- Climate Equity/Climate Justice in Our Community: identifies specific local social justice and equity concerns. Participants identify actions to address concerns;
- Discerning Earthcare Leadings: listening and sharing experiences to reach individual and group decisions on Earthcare actions;
- Earthcare audits: baseline assessment of individual or community activities and discernment;
- Equality or Equity? What is Our Testimony?: examines Friends' equality testimony, the concepts of equity and justice, and the relationship of these to Earthcare;
- Permaculture is Not Just Agriculture: introduces permaculture design and domains and ways to bring these practices into Earthcare;

- Project Drawdown, Introduction and more: presents information on actions that “drawdown” carbon emissions and ways to promote drawdown choices as individuals and communities;
- Quakers and Climate Collapse: shares and builds on a Woodbrooke course led by Jackie Carpenter from 2021 Fifth Month (May), including review of the latest science, worship sharing, and discernment;
- Racial Wealth Gap Simulation: an exercise that helps “...people understand the connections among racial equity, hunger, poverty, and wealth”;
- Transportation, migration, and climate: explores access and mobility issues from the local to global perspective and the impacts of climate change;
- Underwater Homeowners Association: shares local actions that can be undertaken by communities experiencing sea level rise;
- Water: Sea Level Rise, Flooding, and Water Quality explores local, national, and global water issues; and
- Waterline Communities: Displacement and Gentrification and Why Quakers Should Care drills down to the county or community level on the impacts of displacement.

SEYM Earth Day Drop-In, 22 Fourth Month

On Earth Day about 20 Friends gathered virtually to discuss local and State issues and beyond. At the top of the discussion was a brief recap of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) following from the SEYM Gathering workshop.

The impacts of the planned toll road on the Split Oak Forest Wildlife and Environmental Area were also discussed. (The forest is an 1,689-acre park and a joint project between the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) and Osceola and Orange Counties. It is just southeast of the Orlando International Airport). We viewed a newsclip, [Environmental group to fight state agency’s approval of toll road through Split Oak Forest](#). The Central Florida Expressway Authority proposes to extend the Osceola Parkway more than a mile across the southwest corner of the forest.

We also discussed the upcoming UN Climate Change Conference 2022 (UNFCCC COP 27) 7 - 18 Eleventh Month (November) 2022, Sharm el-Sheikh, South Sinai, Egypt. Of concern was the disappointment with the lack of substantive outcomes from the UN Climate Change Conference 2021 (UNFCCC COP 26) and failure to enact the get the Build Back Better Act passed by the Senate, at that time.

There also was some discussion on the work of Decolonizing Quakers and Quakers Uprooting Racism. Water issues continue to be of concern; however, the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) does make available as much as \$1.6 billion over five years to improve water infrastructure across the State. There was interest by participants in continuing to have more “drop-ins” and I will be establishing a schedule that will be shared on the SEYM website.

Miami Monthly Meeting, 29 Fifth Month

From the Yearly Meeting session, Brian Olson invited me, on behalf of the Miami Meeting, to conduct a workshop on “Beyond Build Back Better: Realizing the World We Seek.” This workshop looks at the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act of 2021 and breakdown the State allocation to the county level. The major funding categories are

- Roads and bridges
- Public transportation options
- Electric vehicle (EV) charging stations
- High-speed internet connectivity

- Climate change, cyber attacks, and extreme weather events preparation
- Water infrastructure improvements
- Airport infrastructure improvements.

Overall, the Act seeks to address climate change mitigation, resilience, equity, and safety and is linked to the Executive Order (EO) 14008, Tackling the Climate Crisis at Home and Abroad, signed 27 First Month 2021. This EO created the government-wide Justice40 Initiative. The Initiative directs at least 40 percent of the overall benefits from federal investments in climate and clean energy to disadvantaged communities. More than 21 federal programs have been prioritized to begin enhancing benefits for these communities.

The workshop also provided some brainstorming on looking beyond the former Build Back Better Act. Since the workshop, the Build Back Better Act has been enacted as the Inflation Reduction Act. As State allocations of this Act are made available, I will provide county level estimates.

The purpose of these estimates and the workshops is help Friends discern how to be involved on the local level in the decision-making of the use of these funds. I have developed county level information for all the SEYM counties and somewhat beyond. If you're interested in a virtual or hybrid workshop, please contact me. I encourage Friends to invite local groups to participate.

Orlando Monthly Meeting, Peace and Social Concerns Committee, 29 Seventh Month

The Quakers of Orlando invited me to participate in an organizational meeting of the committee. The original request was to share information from the SEYM Gathering workshop, however, the discussion centered more on structural issues and practice. Participants agreed to include the work of Earthcare as part of the committee's charge and I will provide support as schedule permits.

I continue to worship virtually with various Meetings and Worship Groups, e.g., St. Augustine; SEYM, and other Quaker groups, and am planning for in-person or hybrid worship.

Interactions or Collaborations between and among other SEYM committees

These interactions between and among SEYM committees help to facilitate communication and collaboration of our regional concerns with national organizations and to be a Quaker Presence at specific events.

- The Committee for Ministry on Racism (CMOR): I continue to serve as a member of CMOR and provide support, especially in identifying resources and preparing for the Gathering workshop. I have been in contact with Susan Taylor and other committee members about convening a virtual meeting to discuss the "Model Minute For Consideration By Yearly Meetings on Responsibility for Support of Boarding Schools for Indigenous Children", <https://www.decolonizingquakers.org/quakers-and-boarding-schools/model-minute-for-consideration-by-yearly-meetings/>;
- Earthcare Committee: I continue to work closely with the Committee on an individual or small group basis;
- Florida Council of Churches (FCC): Work the with Florida Council of Churches has been supportive of the efforts of the executive director, Russell Meyer, and others during the Florida Legislative session. This included participating in Florida Clergy Gathering 16 - 17 Fifth Month (May) in Orlando. The Florida Council of Churches is hosted the event, which was presented by Pastors for Florida Children. We discussed ways for people of faith to be involved in legislative advocacy, community organizing, and voter empowerment. I shared SEYM's Minute on Florida's

new discriminatory laws with participants, including representatives from the Southern Poverty Law Center (SPLC) and Equality Florida;

- Peace and Social Concerns: some contact has continued with the SEYM Peace and Social Concerns Committee and Monthly Meetings Peace and Social Concerns Committees, as mentioned above;
- Quaker United Nations Office (QUNO), AFSC: Kathy Hersh and I share an SEYM appointment to AFSC. More information about QUNO and AFSC is detailed below;
- Right Sharing of World Resources: I continue to share information through the QEW United Nations Working Group, AFSC, and Quaker United Nations Committee.
- Youth Committee: I continue to work with the Youth Committee and will miss Kody Hersh.

The Wider Quaker World, Interfaith Groups, Other Environmental Organizations

To communicate and collaborate our regional concerns with national organizations including Quaker Earthcare Witness (QEW), Earth Quaker Action Team (EQAT), Friends Committee on National Legislation (FCNL), and Friends General Conference (FGC). To be a Quaker Presence at specific events, including those arranged by others.

In the wider Quaker World, interfaith groups, and other environmental organizations, I have listed existing memberships, partnerships, or collaborations that have been a part of the outreach effort. These include, but are not limited to:

- Alternatives to Violence Project (AVP): The Florida AVP facilitators continue to hold monthly virtual meetings. I remain in contact with former AVP USA president Dawn Addy;
- American Friends Service Committee (AFSC): I continue to serve as a corporate member of AFSC and as part of that work am a member of the Quaker United Nations Committee (QUNC). I also am part of AFSC's Third World Coalition.
 - o I participated in several virtual sessions of the AFSC Corporation meeting held 3 - 7 Fourth Month (April). Of interest may be the links to these presentations:
 - Winona LaDuke, keynote address, <https://youtu.be/iqKYNQUpHTE>;
 - Panel: Quaker climate activists - Intersections of climate justice and Quakerism, with [Liana Irvine](#), FCNL PA Advocacy Corps Organizer; [Pamela Boyce Simms](#), Buddhist-Quaker Facilitating Evolutionary Culture-design; [Clarence Edwards](#), FCNL Legislative Director for Sustainable Energy & Environment; [Shelley Tanenbaum](#), Quaker Earthcare Witness; <https://youtu.be/wrDPxoYTgqA>.
 - o I participated virtually in QUNC's hybrid annual meeting 16-19 Third Month (March). We continue to plan for the 75th anniversary; the celebration will take place Spring 2023.
 - o The final full meeting of Quakers Uprooting Racism (QUR) community of practice took place 8 Sixth Month. Prior to that meeting, I co-facilitated a meeting with the QUR planners with Lucy Duncan. Many of the QUR cohort participants continue to meet in smaller working groups with the intention of being resources to the wider Quaker world. I am participating in the Quaker Organizations Working Group.

- Decolonizing Quakers, <https://www.decolonizingquakers.org/>: The first affinity group meeting for indigenous Friends was held during Second Month (February) 2022 and evolved into a second gathering. I was a convener of two meetings of Friends of African descent on discerning the meaning of “decolonizing.” The meetings were held on 9 Seventh Month (July) and 20 Eight Month (August). A third meeting is scheduled for 1 Eleventh Month (October);
- Fellowship of Friends of African Descent (FOFAD): From the work with Quakers Uprooting Racism and climate justice, I have become more active in FOFAD. I will participate in virtual celebration on 31 Eighth Month (August) to celebrate the International Day for People of African Descent. Paula Rhodes, AFSC and Mountain View Friends Meeting, is working on a draft declaration for the Permanent Forum of People of African Descent for the promotion, protection and full respect of the human rights of people of African descent.
- Florida Interfaith Climate Actions Network (FL-iCAN): Jan Booher continues to work with the Florida Disaster Resilience Initiative, (<https://resiliencesystem.org/dashboards/florida-disaster-resilience-initiative/>) and share health and environmental information, including COVID-19.
- Friends Committee on National Legislation (FCNL): Brad Stocker and I continue to share a slot as representatives to FCNL for QEW.
 - o On 16 Sixth Month (June), I participated in the FCNL Call to Conscience or Call to Climate Action and made a presentation on the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act of 2021 and the Build Back Better Act. One aim of this presentation was to encourage Friends to engage on the local level in the decision making processes on the use of the funds to promote actions to mitigate the impacts of climate collapse.
 - o Friends may be interested in “Inside the Greenhouse”, a monthly update on FCNL’s environmental advocacy and the emerging climate issues. See, <https://www.fcnl.org/email/greenhouse>.
- Friends General Conference: I continue to work with FGC, particularly with the Fellowship of Friends of Color, FOFAD, and Quakers Uprooting Racism.
- Friends Peace Teams (FPT): I continue to work with members of FPT linking FPT to QEW UN Working Group and Towards Right Relationship/Decolonizing Quakers;
- Friends United Meeting (FUM): I continue to work with Jim Kessler, Grinnell Friends Church, through Quaker Earthcare Witness;
- Friends World Committee for Consultation (FWCC): I continue to work to strengthen links to FWCC through QEW, FGC, and AFSC;
- National Academies of Sciences, Transportation Research Board (TRB), Equity in Transportation and the Women’s Issues in Transportation Committees. Following the Conference on Advancing Equity in Transportation, I made a presentation to the TRB executive committee and to the research team of the U.S. Department on Transportation (USDOT) on the findings from the conference.
- The Pachamama Alliance: I continue to work with members through the FL-iCAN network;

- QEW: I did co-clerk the biannual meeting during Fourth Month (April) with Brad Stocker. Through QEW Presents!, an online offering of workshops, I have or am preparing to work virtually with
 - o Durham Friends in Durham, NC, 15 Sixth Month (June), “Beyond Build Back Better”;
 - o Wilton Quaker Meeting in Wilton, CT, 25 Ninth Month (September), “Racial Wealth Gap Simulation”;
- Tri-City NAACP Branch: I continue with the Environmental and Climate Justice Committee. This work has led to several requests for presentations:
 - o I lead the keynote discussion, “Centering Environmental Justice in Lake County’s Conservation Work”, at the Lake County Conservation Symposium, 30 Fourth Month (April), Trout Lake Nature Center, Eustis, FL. Nearly 100 participants attended the Symposium, which was sponsored by more than a dozen environmental and social justice groups and the general public;
 - o I made a presentation on environmental justice to the Greater Leesburg Democratic Club on 20 Sixth Month (June);
 - o I provided the First Day message, “The Battered Earth: Injury, Loss, and Healing” for the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Lake County on 24 Seventh Month (July);
 - o I facilitated a third forum in the form of a town hall meeting of elected officials and the public on sustainable growth on in Lake County on 21 Eighth Month (August).
- University of South Florida, Institute on Black Life (IBL), Advisory Committee and the Patel College of Global Sustainability (PCGS): I continue to work with the University. My colleagues and I have a upcoming publication, “Exploring the Role of Social Networks in Hurricane Preparedness Planning: A Study of Public Housing Residents” in the book *Hurricane Risk in a Changing Climate*.

Social Media

I continue to blog through “eField Notes” on the SEYM website, <http://seymquakers.org/faith-in-action/field-secretary-for-earthcare/>. I also share short pieces on activities, with SEYM Monthly Meetings, Working Groups, the wider Quaker world and others. Please send suggestions for topics, research, etc.

Thank you so much for love, support, and kindness.

May we all be safe.

May we all be healthy.

May we all know joy.

May we all know happiness.

May we all live lives of wellbeing.

Love and Peace,
Beverly G. Ward

Committee for Ministry on Racism

SEYM Fall Interim Business Meeting

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The Committee for Ministry on Racism (CMOR) has a new clerk, Kathy Hersh (DeLand WG). Susan Taylor (Tallahassee MM) will be the recorder/notetaker. Additional members of the committee are:

Wendy Geiger, Jacksonville
Minerva Glidden, Orlando MM
Beverly Ward, Tampa MM,
Brad Stocker, Miami MM
Cindy Kwalwasser, DeLand WG
Jane Westberg, Boulder MM
Cheryl Demers, DeLand WG
Mainus Sultan, Savannah MM
Katie Green, Clearwater MM
Jean Larson, Gainesville MM

The Committee hold a Zoom meeting on November 14, 7-8pm. If anyone in SEYM would like to sit in on this meeting, please notify Susan Taylor and she will send you the Zoom link.

In addition to designing workshops for our YM sessions, we are constantly looking out for new books, videos, podcasts and retreats which we think SEYM Friends will find useful in the process of liberating ourselves from the systemic racism. We always welcome suggestions.

At this time of deep political and cultural divisions, we need to be alert to the fallout from the mid-term elections and the potential violence directed toward the “others,” particularly people of color.

May the Light illuminate the way forward.

Submitted by Kathy Hersh, clerk, SEYM Committee for Ministry on Racism

Friends Peace Teams Report

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Toward Healing

By Cecilia Yocum, Nadine Hoover and Kevin King

What can we do to address trauma passing from generation to generation if the trauma might have occurred many years ago? This question has become part of healing from trauma in people's lives. FPT is just beginning to explore this.

Toward Right Relationship with Native Peoples understands that the first step toward healing is to learn and acknowledge the history and ongoing impacts of genocide, colonization, and forced assimilation. Where are we, our families, and our communities in this story? In our TRR workshops, participants engage in learning, reflection, and dialogue, and begin to take steps toward healing. Visit friendspeaceteams.org/trr to register for our workshops and presentations.

Studying books such as "Healing Haunted Histories," (Enns & Myers, 2021) has also helped raise awareness among settlers. Many of us are seeking ways to look at our own lineage and how our ancestors have hurt or been hurt by others through slavery, human trafficking, colonization, and exploitation. This can be very uncomfortable work when we see the damage that was done by or to our ancestors and we might be unsure how to address these injustices, how to heal, or how to repair the damage done.

Healing and Rebuilding Our Communities In Rwanda and Burundi. Ways have been developed to bring different communities together to look at the violence that had been going on for years, including genocide. The participants voiced their desire to not only heal individually, but to work together to restore and rebuild the community relationships through a series of workshops, community healing companions, and community gatherings. Activities focused on inclusion and sharing among perpetrators and victims. Especially important was finding common ground. An unexpected outcome for some volunteers was to work with some of the US congress on the Genocide Prevention Act.

Power of Goodness collects stories and children's artwork relating to how people have addressed interpersonal conflicts, but also collective, historical, and environmental abuse and injustice. This collection began to help Quaker children deal with the traumas of WWII, then the Chechen and Ukrainian wars. Friends are invited to share true stories from around the world that have helped up heal and end violence and injustice.

Alternatives to Violence Project Trauma Resiliency Workshops In Colombia and several Central American countries provided a place where people talked about how separation between groups was promoted by government actions and companies taking over land. In Indonesia, enemies in decades of war or religious violence came together in structured, residential workshops and were shocked at the ability to heal, reconcile, and even become lasting friends. The Spirit lives in these direct relationships, which is where miracles are possible.

River of Life is an important exercise where people look at the past, present, and future-formative events, strengths and weaknesses. The participants imagine a future where they could use their strengths to create a new future that avoids repeating past mistakes. They act out these futures to come up with new ideas. For example, one young man had been in a rebel group like many in his family. When

he imagined his future, he said he saw a new vision. He said, "My life will be forever changed. I saw I didn't have to be who I was before."

We hope you will join us in the work of looking at the past, present, and future to build a better world. Thanks for all your support over the past 20 plus years.

See FriendsPeaceTeams.org for more information and inspiration

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	Brad Stocker.....	Miami.....	2023
	Gary Crosby.....	St. Petersburg.....	2023
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	Wendy Clarissa Geiger	Jacksonville WG	2023
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	Mainus Sultan.....	Savannah.....	2023
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Cindy Kwalwasser.....	Orlando.....	2025	
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	Eduardo Diaz.....	Orlando.....	2023
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	Joel Cook.....	Palm Beach	2025
	Cheryl Demers-Holton.....	Gainesville.....	2025
	Nancyrose Logan.....	Sarasota	2025
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	<i>Bookstore</i>		
	Brian Olson, <i>Program Coordinator</i>	Miami.....	2023
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	Kathy Hersh.....	Miami.....	2025

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**Friends for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender & Queer
Concerns – FLGBTQ**

Under Discernment

Palmetto Friends Gathering

Phoebe Andersen.....Tallahassee.....2023
Neil Andersen.....Tallahassee.....2023

Quaker Earthcare Witness

Jack Bradin.Palm Beach2023
Brad Stocker.....Miami.....2025

Quaker House (Fayetteville)

Lynn NewsomBluffton SC WG.....2023

**Quaker United Nations Office
- QUNO**

Liz JenkinsOrlando.....2025

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Quaker Earthcare Witness Report

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Quaker Earthcare Witness held its annual fall steering committee meeting from October 20 to 23 via Zoom. Beverly G. Ward and Brad Stocker were the co-clerks.

All members of the Steering Committee were presented with information about the resources available from QEW and was asked to share them with their respective meetings.

What follows are some of the resources available. Access is through the SEYM members of Quaker Earthcare Witness and from the Quaker Earthcare Witness website (<https://quakerearthcare.org/>).

There are power points available to use. One is about Quaker Earthcare Witness in general. <https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1hbbGM4Rs9kbGiySgbLnsh0z3Ka4ll19y/edit#slide=id.p1>

This one is about Mini-grants <https://quakerearthcare.org/mini-grants/>).

There is one on Population and Earthcare:
(<https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1QzzzeW6tffQ2Z1fNgPZ-OBVjQZyYc64G/edit#slide=id.p1>

There are a more that are from member's presentations Quaker Earthcare Witness Presents. (<https://quakerearthcare.org/workshops/>) Invite these Friends to your Meetings.

These resources are free for all to use. So, use them, please!

- Quaker Earthcare Witness has implemented a Community Safety Agreement (CSA) similar to those used by FGC, FCNL, and some Friends Yearly and Monthly Meetings. A copy is available at the end of this report.
- Shelley Tanenbaum, currently the Quaker Earthcare Witness general secretary announced her plans for retiring at the end of 2023. The search will soon begin for a new general secretary. Those who might be interested in the position can reach out to Beverly Ward (FSEarthcare@seymquakers.org) or Brad Stocker (brstocker@yahoo.com) for more information.
- For the last year and a half Quaker Earthcare Witness has lifted attention to work on anti-racism and there have been several presentations about that work. The CSA, mentioned above, is part of that work.

Quaker Earthcare Witness has four passes for attendance at COP27. One of them is shared with a new member, Frank Granshaw. Frank made a short presentation about the Virtual Bridge to COP27. <https://prezi.com/view/8KoaYVwUh5CNRyYb1MMF/>
<https://sites.google.com/pdx.edu/connectingtocop27/home> There is a concern that the choice of Egypt was initially made to prevent countries and people with few financial resources from attending. Thus, the bridge is important for voices. [There will be a virtual and on the ground pilgrimage to COP27 organized by Dominican Sisters but including all people religious. [<https://jcor2030.org/shoeless-on-sinai-a-digital-pilgrimage-to-cop27/>.]

Brad Stocker presented the Decade of Defiance about people who have been murdered for working on saving Earth and which points out the significant difference between the global north and the global

south. Here are two links: <https://www.globalwitness.org/en/campaigns/environmental-activists/decade-defiance/> and <https://www.globalwitness.org/en/campaigns/environmental-activists/numbers-lethal-attacks-against-defenders-2012/>.

Another presentation in power point is “Five Key Points on Biodiversity” that focuses on biodiversity loss. Here is David Millar’s Five Key Points on Biodiversity. <https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/19ArHJvpowWTjp9GqU7WhnMoGLUZheKUK/edit#slide=id.p2>

- Beverly presented on Environmental Justice in a conversation format with the General Secretary and Director of Quaker Earthcare Witness. It was recorded and may be available soon.
- Jack Bradin announced that he is stepping back and is co-clerking several important committees to ease the new Friends in. His term ends in 2023 and SEYM nominating needs to keep that in mind.

The following needs consideration for action:

- **Quaker Earthcare Witness is on a fund-raising drive. It needs about \$10,000 to make operating budget soon. All of us have been asked to bring this concern back to our respective meetings and ask for them to consider if their financial support could be increased. Inflation has had its impact on Quaker Earthcare Witness’ staff.**

One notion that came up is to mention to our Meetings is that during the pandemic all in person gatherings of Quaker Earthcare Witness have been suspended and thus, the costs for those that Meetings incurred to send their representatives were not needed.

- **So, we are asking for SEYM consider what was not needed to support travel, registration, room and board at in person meeting be donated to Quaker Earthcare Witness directly to help with its work and financial needs.**

This report is submitted by Brad Stocker.

Quaker Earthcare Witness Community Safety Agreement

We seek to support QEW in its process of becoming a more diverse, equitable and inclusive organization,

- We move forward embracing the necessary discomfort that is part of this process.
- We understand that this transformation is possible, if we are willing to be held accountable.
- We recognize that our own diversity will require that we work on this concern in ourselves, our home Meetings, and in our service with QEW.
- As Quakers, we are committed to transformation through God’s refining fire as the necessary process to create the world we want to create.

We therefore aspire to:

Justice: We will strive for restoration and healing when injuries occur.

Respect: We will communicate respect for each other; with our **patience** and caring.

Honesty: We commit to speaking candidly, plainly, and tenderly with one another.

Affirmation: We will affirm each other’s humanity and value.

Empathy: We will **listen deeply** communicating empathy through our words and body language.

Curious: We will explore together, asking honest questions

Brave: We will venture outside our comfort zone.

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Ukraine, Russia, and the Quaker Peace Testimony

During FCNL’s October Quaker Changemaker event, “Ukraine, Russia, and the Quaker Peace Testimony,” Tim Gee, general secretary for the Friends World Committee for Consultation, and Nozizwe Madlala-Routledge, director of the Quaker United Nations Office in Geneva, discussed their recent trip through Central Europe. Their discussion was based on their personal experience and witness and was rooted in Quaker history and wisdom. Along with FCNL General Secretary Bridget Moix, Tim and Nozizwe reflected on the role that Quakers can play as peacebuilders as the war in Ukraine escalates.

Friends can view this discussion in full on the FCNL YouTube channel at: [Ukraine, Russia, and the Quaker Peace Testimony - YouTube](#)

Friends may be led to join the FCNL campaign to keep open the lines of diplomacy at: [Friends Committee on National Legislation | Condemn Russia's Nuclear Threats and Press for Diplomacy to End the War in Ukraine \(quorum.us\)](#)

Friends can read the new October 26, 2022 Statement on the Peace Testimony and Ukraine at: [Statement on the Peace Testimony and Ukraine | Friends Committee On National Legislation \(fcnl.org\)](#)

Submitted by
Elizabeth Jenkins
SEYM QUNO Representative



Florida Coalition for Peace and Justice.
10665 SW 89th Ave.
Hampton FL. 32044

September 22, 2022

Background:

Founded in 1982 by a coalition of Peace Activists, in 1994 land (14 acres) was donated by Julia and Al Geiger upon which a Peace education Center was built and in 2010, 2 residential homes were constructed. The F.C.P.J. is a 501C3 org whose purpose is described here, in Article 2 of our bylaws:

The purposes of the Organization shall be to use its land-based assets: *To provide a space for meetings, retreats, workshops, camps, and educational activities that promote peace, human rights, and social justice awareness.*

Founded as non-denominational, all are welcomed and encouraged to participate and share space on this Common Ground.

Update:

This past year of 2022 has seen improvements to infrastructure as well as programming and guest organizations and individuals utilizing our property/facilities. With the installation of 4 RV pads w/ sewer hookups, we have created income producing areas for RVs in addition to tent camping sites. Our Peace Education Center provides showers & kitchen privileges as well as a large common room for events or simply a quiet space to read and reflect. Recently we have installed a Bee colony which will expand into an apiary this coming Spring.

Programs in Pictures



FCPJ is a midway stop on the Florida Trail and a partner in the Gateway Community, offering hikers a respite and safe space at low cost. We look forward to the coming season, serving our traveling friends as they hike through Florida's wild places.



The Hope CommUnity has run their programming with us on a number of occasions & we always look forward to this lively group.



The Keystone Scouts have spent time working on their merit badges as we offered them affordable rates and volunteer staff to assist them in creating worthwhile and memorable experiences.

World Fusion Classroom

Mindful Movement

Ages 6-12

Mondays

4:30-5:30pm

10665 SW 89th Ave

Hampton, FL

Astarte & Nathan have brought their **World Fusion Classroom** business to FCPJ! As new residents we are thrilled to partner with these two talented, professionals.

The Season is starting NOW.
Hikers, Scouts, Dancers of all ages will be coming to FCPJ.
Please Join us!

Our ASK of SEYM

In past, SEYM has been generous in contributing to FCPJ. It is no secret that for over a decade, FCPJ went through a decline in programming and quite honestly seemed to have misplaced the original vision shared with the Founders and supported by the Geiger Family through the land donation. We are presently leaping ahead with work and vision to establish FCPJ as a member in the Worldwide Community of sustainability Centers which are forming a network across cultures and National divisions globally.

This past year, SEYM allocated \$100 to FCPJ as a yearly contribution. We are asking for that amount to be increased. Specifically, we are reaching out for seed dollars for a list of projects which include:

1. Establishing a Certified Kitchen
2. Materials for educational programming (drums, art supplies)
3. Gardens & Apiary.
4. Maintenance (we're painting the inside of the PEC)

We are asking SEYM for an increase of between \$500 & \$1000 per year.

We are also inviting you to visit this season and experience our "Common Ground".

[Individuals can donate through PayPal: [florida4peace.org](https://www.florida4peace.org)]

"won't be asked to do our share when we're gone,
so I guess we'll have to do it while we're here." P. Ochs

