

Southeastern Yearly Meeting
of the Religious Society of Friends

Yearly Meeting Gathering
Fourth Month, 13th Day to Fourth Month 16th Day, 2017

MINUTES
of Yearly Business Meetings

First Plenary Session Fifth Day, Fourth Month, Day 13, 2017 – 4:15 p.m.

Friends gathered and settled into worshipful, attentive silence to begin the first plenary session. Seated at the Clerk's table for this and subsequent sessions were Phoebe Andersen, (Tallahassee MM), SEYM clerk; Nancy Corindia (Sarasota MM) assistant clerk; and Jan Dahm and Lisa Erazmus, (Tampa MM), recording co-clerks.

Assistant clerk read the following:

“But ask the animals, and they will teach you, or the birds in the sky, and they will tell you; or speak to the earth, and it will teach you, or let the fish in the sea inform you. Which of all these does not know that the hand of the LORD has done this? In his hand is the life of every creature and the breath of all humankind.” Job 12:7-10

Clerk opened from out of the silence with greetings of welcome.

The agenda was reviewed and the following changes were made: The four reports previously on the agenda will be moved to the third plenary session. The second plenary will then include two reports: Beverly Ward on her first six months as the Earthcare Field Secretary and Vicki Mariner on the status of ProNica. Clerk asked that Friends be patient with these changes and any future adjustments to the agenda.

The Assistant clerk read the general announcements.

The Roll Call of Meetings and Worship Groups with Milestones was taken. A list of registrants for YM 2016 appears at the end of these minutes

The following **milestones** were reported:

Fort Myers MM: The Meeting released one person from membership – Keith Wallace.

Gainesville MM: Member, Polly Doughty, died.

Miami MM: Two births – Iver Joseph Bruce, son of member, Sara Diaz Bruce and Siana Marrazi, born to Efe Yaboah and Luca Marrazi; One death – Juan Vasquez, husband of Mercedes Soca; transfer of membership – Holly Iglesias from Mount Toby Meeting in New Jersey.

Orlando MM: One Friend laid down her membership – Ingrid Swenson; and two new members were added – Gary Evans and Gregory Allen Anderson.

Palm Beach MM: Javier del Sol and Ketia Latique married under the care of the Meeting on 18th Day 3rd Month, 2017.

Sarasota MM: Gulf Coast Friends Worship Group is a new Worship Group under Sarasota Meeting's care. A Serenity Garden has been created as a place to hold the ashes of deceased Friends. An ongoing weekly Meeting for Healing has been started.

Tallahassee MM: Long-time beloved member Jean Oppenheimer passed away and Meeting welcomed Bob Allenson back into membership. A long-time member, Margaret Fogg, passed on 7 First Month, 2017. The following memorial minute was read by Susan Taylor:

03/12/2017-MFB-03 Tallahassee Monthly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends mourns the death (January 7, 2017) and celebrates the life of our beloved Meeting co-founder (1962), and member, Margaret Fogg. She was also a graduate of George School and Earlham College.

Margaret shared a deep, mutual love and support with her seven children and eleven grandchildren, reflected in the variety of ways they engaged fully in life. She took them on domestic and international travel adventures, relished the outdoors, acted on environmental and other social concerns, cooked skillfully, was present when needed and visibly demonstrated love. When she lived in Washington, D.C, she volunteered for the Friends Committee on National Legislation (FCNL).

Her loving concern for our Meeting was equally clear through her practical help spontaneously and energetically offered to individual Friends, her model of putting her beliefs into action, as well as her delicious potluck offerings. She regularly contributed letters to the editor in "The Tallahassee Democrat." We were inspired by her indomitable spirit, her strength and perseverance in the face of loss and hardships, her dedication to her children, and her deep faith. Her modesty and desire to live a quiet and simple life impressed us. Her voice, integrity, equanimity, and the joy in her company will also stay with us.

Later in her life, though Margaret's activities with family and other concerns kept her from attending meeting for worship, she maintained valued friendships with individual members and a spiritual and supportive connection with our Meeting. We are grateful to have known her and will miss her.

Tampa MM: The new Meetinghouse was completed and we held our Open House on 30 Tenth Month, 2016. We added one new member, Chris Hugues.

Assistant Clerk read a **Minute of Travel for *eric maya joy*** from Olympia Monthly Meeting, North Pacific YM. This Friend carries the concern of unity with nature.

Kathy Hersh, clerk of **Nominating Committee** gave the preliminary report from Nominating Committee (in Documents in Advance). The names of those who are being brought forward to fill various positions were read. Most of these are in DIA. Friends were encouraged to discern a possible leading to serve on the Committee on Racism due to rising concerns in our current culture. Friends were also reminded that there is a need for a bilingual person with writing, editing, and translation skills for the Publications Committee.

There being no numbered minutes to approve, this session closed with silent worship.



Second Plenary Session Fifth Day, Fourth Month, Day 13, 2017 – 7:00 p.m.

Friends gathered and settled into worshipful, attentive silence to begin the second plenary session. Out of the worship, a message was shared of opportunity and invitation to live in a world we want to create rather than one in which fear threatens to dissolve us. At our core, we are trustful in God’s leadings and this trustfulness is the means by which we give glory to God.

The clerk introduced Beverly Ward (Tampa MM), **Field Secretary for Earthcare**, and she shared an informal accounting of her work in the first six months of the position. Following her report, Friends were invited to participate in a brief session of questions and answers. The formal report will be given at a later plenary session during the gathering.

Vicki Mariner (Tallahassee MM), brought forward a state of ProNica report. The statement was written by the ProNica Board in response to recent concerns and contained three recommendations for SEYM to consider:

- 1) St. Petersburg MM takes oversight of ProNica which would have St. Petersburg MM retain its spiritual oversight; this would mean that SEYM would no longer have any fiscal or structural responsibilities.
- 2) SEYM retains presence and oversight with changes as follows:
 - seek a new stateside location for ProNica
 - the host Meeting may have to change by-laws regarding board members
 - there is a responsibility to care for the current staff through various means
 - there would need to be significant renovation done on the Managua properties
- 3) SEYM cedes control of ProNica to the Nicaraguan organization / lays down the organization.

The report concluded with the following statement: "It is the desire of the ProNica Board of Directors that SEYM make a clear and immediate decision between these options at the 2017 yearly meeting. Without a decision being made, the current board will assume that the responsibility will transfer to the first option outlined above."

Clerk clarified that the ProNica bylaws state SEYM offers spiritual support and guidance and asked Friends to allow space for the Board to make their own decisions in way forward for their structure and relationship with ProNica. The body settled into silent worship; Friends lifted questions and concerns out of the silence. A reminder to hold this concern in God's time spoke to the condition of many Friends.

After some discussion, Clerk asked Friends to hold this concern over until such time as more information can be provided and these concerns and queries be properly and prayerfully discerned.

There being no numbered minutes to approve, this session closed with silent worship.



Third Plenary Session Sixth Day, Fourth Month, Day 14, 2017 – 10:00 a.m.

Friends gathered and settled into worshipful, attentive silence to begin the third plenary session.

Clerk announced that there will be an afternoon worship sharing regarding the ProNica concern at 4 p.m. on the benches by the lake.

Assistant clerk read the following:

“This world, as a glorious apartment of the boundless palace of the sovereign Creator, is furnished with an infinite variety of animated scenes, inexpressibly beautiful and pleasing, equally free to the inspection and enjoyment of all [her] creatures. Perhaps there is not any part of creation, within the reach of our observations, which exhibits a more glorious display of the Almighty hand, than the vegetable world.”
--- William Bartram

Susan Taylor shared that a Friends Meeting in Britain sent a card expressing their love and support. These greetings will be attached to the minutes of these Yearly Meeting Business sessions.

Assistant clerk read the general announcements.

A Friend shared a reflection from Scripture: “The leaves of this tree are for the healing of the nations” (Revelation 22:2). May that begin here and spread everywhere.

Clerk welcomed Friends and visitors not previously introduced.

Clerk asked for three Friends to volunteer to form an Epistle Committee.

Assistant Clerk read a **letter of introduction for Naomi Madaras**, Chambersburg MM, Philadelphia YM, who is travelling from William Penn House.

Lisa Stewart, EC and IBM Meeting clerk, brought forward minutes from the Executive Committee Meetings in the summer as EC, at Fall Interim Business Meeting, at Winter Interim Business Meeting, and at YM EC Meeting session for the approval of the Yearly Meeting body.

Summer Executive Committee Meeting – 18 Sixth Month, 2016

16SEC01. SEYM Executive Committee approves extending the sabbatical of the Faith and Practice Committee for another year.

16SEC02. SEYM Executive Committee recommends that Yearly Meeting approve creating an asset account for memorial donations received.

16SEC03. SEYM Executive Committee approves a scholarship of \$400 out of the contingency account to enable Lyn Cope to accompany Jerry Knutson to Friends General Conference Gathering as an elder.

16SEC04. SEYM mourns with the families, loved ones, and friends of the victims of the June 12th, 2016 mass shooting at the ‘Pulse’ LGBTQ nightclub in Orlando. We pray for the swift and complete recovery of the wounded. We are heartbroken by this act of violence against the LGBTQ community. But we are also heartened by the outpouring of love and support we have seen from around the world.

16SEC05. Executive Committee was reminded of the plight of at-risk LGBTQ persons, particularly the problem of youth not being accepted by their family. We are moved to request that all SEYM Monthly Meetings and Worship Groups open their communities and worship spaces as safe places for the LGBTQ community, especially youth. Friends are to be a beacon of light in the darkness, and the instruments of God's infinite, unconditional love.

16SEC06. SEYM Executive Committee expresses gratitude to Tampa Monthly Meeting for their warm hospitality and refreshments in hosting the June 2016 EC meeting.

Fall Executive Committee Meeting – 30 Ninth Month, 2016

16FEC01. SEYM Executive Committee as Personnel Committee accepts the report of the SEYM Field Secretary for Earth care (FSE) Search Committee.

16FEC02. It is with joy and a sense of Spirit that the SEYM Executive Committee as Personnel Committee hires Beverly G. Ward for the position of Field Secretary for Earthcare. Beverly brings a rich and relevant background and depth of understanding to the environmental issues facing SEYM. This is a \$15/hour, 20 hour/week salaried position, as per the job description.

16FEC03. SEYM Executive Committee as Personnel Committee with deep gratitude lays down the SEYM FSE Search Committee.

16FEC04. SEYM Executive Committee as Personnel Committee is very happy to name the following people to serve on the FSE Anchor Committee for two years: Bill Carlie, Bonnie Zimmer, Phoebe Andersen, and Nancy Triscritti.

16FEC05. SEYM Executive Committee as Personnel Committee acknowledges the report that the Administrative Secretary position, based on history, requires compensation for two-thirds time, and therefore approves this increase in compensated time effective 1 First Month, 2016.

Winter Executive Committee Meeting – 13 First Month, 2017

No Numbered Minutes were recorded.

Yearly Meeting Executive Committee Meeting – 12 Fourth Month, 2017

17YEC01. Executive Committee of SEYM of the Religious Society of Friends approves appointing Nancy Corindia as assistant clerk to fulfill the unexpired term of Nancy Triscritti (through 2018).

17YEC02. Executive Committee of SEYM of the Religious Society of Friends approves laying down of the Ocala Worship Group.

The Executive Committee Clerk read a narrative version of the minutes of the Yearly Meeting Executive Committee session held 12 Fourth Month 2017. After clarifications and concerns regarding all of the above Executive Committee meeting minutes were addressed, the following minute was brought forward for approval by the Yearly Meeting body:

17YM01 **Southeastern Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends approves the Numbered Minutes of the 2016 Summer Executive Committee, Fall Interim Business Executive Committee, and the Yearly Meeting Executive Committee Meetings.**

Lisa Stewart, EC and IBM Meeting clerk, brought forward **minutes from the 2016 Fall Interim Business Meeting and 2017 Winter Interim Business Meeting** for the approval of the Yearly Meeting body.

Fall Interim Business Meeting October 1, 2016

16FIBM01. Southeastern Yearly Meeting stands in unity with Miami Monthly Meeting, New York Yearly Meeting, Quaker Earthcare Witness, and other monthly meetings of the Religious Society of Friends in support of the Standing Rock Protest as follows: "The Dakota Access pipeline, which is being built by the Dallas-based company Energy Transfer Partners, endangers culturally significant land and also puts the Missouri River in danger of pollution. We, the Southeastern Yearly Meeting and the Miami Friends Meeting (SEYM), are called to support the voices and actions of the Standing Rock Sioux and the others who have joined them in peaceful protest and protection of the water of the Missouri River. We also stand in solidarity with New York Yearly Meeting, Dallas Friends Meeting, Quaker Earthcare Witness and others who oppose the pipeline project and the violence toward peaceful protestors by security forces."

16FIBM02. It is with joy and a sense of Spirit that the SEYM Executive Committee as Personnel Committee hires Beverly G. Ward for the position of Field Secretary for Earthcare effective October 1, 2016. Beverly brings a rich and relevant background and depth of understanding to the environmental issues facing SEYM. This is a \$15/hour, 20 hour/week salaried position, as per the job description.

16FIBM03. SEYM will provide and maintain a computer for our bookkeeper.

Winter Interim Business Meeting January 14, 2017

17WIBM01. The Sabal Trail Pipeline and Florida South Connection, which are being built by Florida Power and Light, Next Era, and Duke & Spectra Energy, endanger culturally significant land and also put several Florida waterways, human populations and wildlife in danger. We, Southeastern Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends (Quakers), meeting at WIBM, are called to support the voices and peaceful actions of those who are protesting this pipeline.

After clarifications and concerns regarding the above Interim Business Meeting minutes were addressed, the following minute was brought forward for approval by the Yearly Meeting body:

17YM02 **Southeastern Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends approves the Numbered Minutes of the 2016 Fall Interim Business Meeting and 2017 Winter Interim Business Meeting.**

Neil Andersen (Tallahassee MM) gave the **Treasurer's report.** (See attached.)

17YM03 **Southeastern Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends accepted the Treasurer's Report as provided and explained in the report.**

Peter Schmidt (Tampa MM) presented the first reading of the **2017-2018 Budget.** (See attached.) The following minute was brought forward by the Finance Committee to the gathered body for approval after the second reading:

The Finance Committee establishes a new budget line item for the operating budget, beginning with the 2017-18 fiscal year, for financial assistance to attendees of

programs and activities of interest to SEYM. Requests shall be made to the SEYM Assistant Clerk for discernment, in consultation with the appropriate committee clerks. The SEYM Assistant Clerk is responsible for transmitting approval to the SEYM Treasurer.

Clerk asked Friends to speak to the Finance Committee members before the second reading of the budget regarding any concerns about this minute.

Clara Diaz (Miami MM), gave the report for **Worship and Ministry**. The 2017 Michener Lecture was a great success. The 2018 Michener Lecturer will be Wes Daniels from Guilford College, who will speak on *Convergent Quakerism*. Friends continue to express gratitude for the quotes and queries provided for this Gathering's Worship Sharing sessions. Intervisitation will continue particularly on fifth First Days as a positive way to reach out to other Quakers. Pastoral Care is available throughout the Gathering. Eduardo Diaz is coordinating Friends in a variety of grace at meals. A Meeting for Worship for Remembrance and a workshop "Invoking the Presence of God" are on the schedule.

The Worship and Ministry report was accepted by the Yearly Meeting body.

Eduardo and Clara Diaz (Miami MM) and Nancyrose Logan (Sarasota MM) gave a brief report on the **FWCC**. They shared deep and inspiring experiences which were enhanced by a rich diversity of Friends. A growing movement toward convergent Quakerism is strong among young Friends gathered there. These Friends queried, "Can we have more than tolerance for each other and embrace our differences instead of allowing division?"

The numbered minutes for this plenary session were read and approved.

The session closed with silent worship.



Fourth Plenary Session Seventh Day, Fourth Month, Day 15, 2017 – 10:00 a.m.

Friends gathered and settled into worshipful, attentive silence to begin the fourth plenary session.

Assistant clerk read the following:

The Worship of Nature

*The harp at Nature's advent strung has never ceased to play;
The song the stars of morning sung has never died away.
And prayer is made, and praise is given by all things near and far;
The ocean looks up to heaven, and mirrors every star.
Its waves are kneeling on the strand, as kneels the human knee,
Their white locks bowing to the sand, the priesthood of the sea!
They pour their glittering treasures forth, their gifts of pearl they bring,
And all the listening hills of earth take up the song they sing.
The green earth sends its incense up from many a mountain shrine;
From folded leaf and dewy cup she pours her sacred wine.
The mists above the morning rills rise white as wings of prayer;
The altar-curtains of the hills are sunsets' purple air.
The winds with hymns of praise are loud, or low with sobs of pain,
The thunder-organ of the cloud the dropping tears of rain.
With drooping head and branches crossed the twilight forest grieves,
Or speaks with tongues of Pentecost from all its sunlit leaves.
The blue sky is the temple's arch, its transept earth and air
The music of its starry march is the chorus of a prayer.*

---John Greenleaf Whittier

Clerk welcomed Friends and visitors not previously introduced.

Assistant clerk read the general announcements.

Jack Bradin (Palm Beach MM) gave the **Trustees** report as follows:

Trustees have met at all IBM meetings since SEYM's 2016 annual Gathering. We have allocated donated funds to most of our yearly recipients; and have contributed half of the \$10,000.00 seed money for the Field Secretary for Earthcare (FSE). Trustees expect to contribute the second half as promised before the end of the first year of FSE employment, in consultation with the SEYM Treasurer. Trustees have diligently sought to protect SEYM's investment funds through these troubled times facing people of peace as our Nation confronts radical domestic and international turmoil.

We wish to remind Friends how Trustees are engaged by Friends seeking donations or monetary support for a cause or belief they hold up to us as a worthy candidate for support. Please take your leading to the appropriate committee in your Monthly Meeting and then to the MM for discussion as a minute. If approved then to the Executive Committee at IBM, or the Annual Gathering, for SEYM seasoning. The minute may be circulated to all the Monthly Meetings in the Yearly Meeting for consideration, revision, and/or approval. Then and only then will it come before Trustees for consideration.

A concern was raised about the timing of the Field Secretary for Earthcare's employment being outside of the fiscal year and if Trustees had provided funding for the FSE's continued employment beyond the first year. A concern was also brought forward regarding additional monies to be allocated for the position in the future.

Responses to these concerns were that the second year is already funded, the Earthcare Committee is responsible for fundraising, and that additional questions for the Treasurer and Trustees follow the process outlined in the report.

The second reading of the **budget** was presented by Peter Schmidt (Tampa MM), Finance Committee Clerk. He described the changes and recommendations from the first reading. The following minute brought forward in the first reading of the budget was brought forward for approval:

17YM04 Southeastern Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends approves the Finance Committee establishing a new budget line item for the operating budget, beginning with the 2017-18 fiscal year, for financial assistance to attendees of programs and activities of interest to SEYM. Requests shall be made to the SEYM Assistant Clerk for discernment, in consultation with the appropriate committee clerks. The SEYM Assistant Clerk is responsible for transmitting approval to the SEYM Treasurer.

The following minute was brought forward for approval:

17YM05 Southeastern Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends approves the 2017-2018 budget as presented by the Finance Committee in the second reading.

Susan Taylor (Tallahassee MM) gave the **Committee for Ministry on Racism** report (in DIAs).

There was a moment of worship for the Seminole Nation who originally lived on this land where we gather for YM sessions. Friends have expressed gratitude for the exercise of being disturbed by the displays which lifted up awareness of white privilege in history and in ourselves. Two minutes were brought forward for consideration and approval by the SEYM body and will be brought back with revisions for approval at the fifth plenary session.

Clerk introduced a letter responding to the **ProNica** concerns that will be sent from the outgoing YM clerk, Phoebe Andersen and the incoming YM clerk, Bill Carlie. Bill Carlie read the letter.

The numbered minutes were read to the body and approved:

The session closed with silent worship.

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Fifth Plenary Session Seventh Day, Fourth Month, Day 15, 2017 – 1:15 p.m.

Friends gathered and settled into worshipful, attentive silence to begin the fifth plenary session.

Elaine Martin (Jacksonville MM) gave the **Peace and Social Concerns** report. (See attached.)

The following minute was brought forward for approval by the SEYM body:

17YM06 Southeastern Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends stands in unity with other faith communities in Florida by signing on to a letter of support for State Attorney Aramis Ayala for her brave decision to not pursue the death penalty in cases prosecuted by her office. This letter is addressed to Governor Rick Scott and asks him to reconsider his decision to remove these cases from State Attorney Aramis Ayala's prosecutorial discretion.

Another concern brought forward was the violent disruption of a peaceful demonstration in Jacksonville, FL. A disturbance was created by an individual who was not part of the organized non-violent action. This disruption was both physical and verbal and police responded with force, arresting five leaders of the organized group, one of whom required hospital care due to injuries received from the arrest. The instigator was not arrested.

Clerk was asked for a moment of silence to hold in the Light the city of Jacksonville and all those involved in this situation.

Mercedes Soca (Havana Unprogrammed WG/Miami Friends Meeting) gave a report from the **Havana Unprogrammed Worship Group**. Friends in Havana Worship Group are reestablishing their meeting for worship.

Beverly Ward (Tampa MM), **Field Secretary for Earthcare**, gave a summary of her expansive and detailed report found in the DIAs. Friends expressed profound gratitude for Beverly's deep ministry and her commitment, which extends so far beyond the 20-hour per week job description.

Beverly Ward (Tampa MM), gave a report from the **Florida Council of Churches** (in DIAs).

Bill Carlie (Orlando MM) gave the report for the **Earthcare Committee**. The following minute was brought forward and approved by the YM body:

17YM07 Southeastern Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends approves the request from the Earthcare Committee to distribute the Statement on Climate Change and Environmental Protection to Monthly Meetings and Worship Groups for their discernment and comment.

The **Statement on Climate Change and Environmental Protection** is attached to these minutes.

Cece Yocum (Tampa MM) gave the **Friends Peace Teams** report. (See attached.)

Gerry O'Sullivan (Miami MM) and Traci Hjeldt Sullivan (FGC) gave the **FGC report** (in DIAs).

Stephanie Preston (Orlando MM) gave the **FLGBTQC** report (See attached.)

Cece Yocum (Tampa MM) gave the report from **Quaker House**. Her book on “Moral Injury” is available for \$12 – all proceeds go to Quaker House.

All of the above Committee Reports were accepted by the YM body.

Susan Taylor (Tallahassee MM) brought forward the revised minutes from the **Committee for Ministry on Racism** for approval by the Yearly Meeting body.

End Slavery for All

17YM08 Southeastern Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends joins in support of the national movement to remove the exception clause of the Thirteenth Amendment to the United States Constitution. Currently, persons in prisons are coerced into working in what amounts to slavery. They leave prison with severely restrictive conditions of freedom that shackle their efforts for normalcy, often for the rest of their lives. We affirm that the purpose of prisons should be to protect members of society and prepare those imprisoned to return as productive members of their community through provision of comprehensive education and training. We further affirm that persons formerly in prison should have full restoration of constitutional rights, including access to housing, voting, and jobs.

We seek the above in light of the Religious Society of Friends’ (Quakers) testimony on equality and our history of seeking to honor that of God in everyone through justice that restores.

We ask other Yearly Meetings to join us in this ministry.

This minute was accepted and approved by Friends.

Institutional Assessment on Structural Racism

17YM09 Southeastern Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends strongly supports the Institutional Assessment of Friends General Conference (FGC) that aims to remove structural racism within the organization. We will give \$1500.00 from the contingency fund to help fund this endeavor and will let FGC know of our financial commitment by May 1. We will also work to hold FGC accountable for sharing the outcome of the assessment and following through with the recommendations for implementation of the assessment. SEYM sees this as an opportunity for us to address structural racism within our own yearly meeting. We also recognize that structural racism is connected to all other forms of oppression including patriarchy, sexism, and LGBTQ discrimination.

It is hoped that once this information is shared, it will provide a guide for us to use within our Yearly Meeting and Monthly Meetings.

This minute was accepted and approved by Friends.

The numbered minutes for this session were read to the body and approved:

The session closed with silent worship.



Sixth Plenary Session First Day, Fourth Month, Day 16, 2017 – 9:00 a.m.

Friends gathered and settled into worshipful, attentive silence to begin the sixth plenary session.

Assistant clerk read the following prayer from *Earthcare Witness* by Jane Soderberg:

*Divine Creator, Spirit in All Things,
Your kingdom is Here and Now.
Your creativity is manifest everywhere I look on this heavenly Earth.
Nourish us Body and Soul in this earthly Paradise.
Forgive us for not noticing, for overlooking, the tiny, the subtle,
the seemingly insignificant beauty in your Creation.
And teach us how to forgive those who would harm your Great Works.
Make our Loving attention constant.
Deliver us from Ingratitude.
For You are our perfect Guide through the Delights of our sacred Home.*

Assistant clerk read the general announcements.

Kathy Hersh (Miami MM), clerk of **Nominating Committee**, gave the Second Reading of the new positions being filled as well as the full Nominating Committee report. (See attached.)

The incoming YM clerk will select a Naming Committee to discern the person who will fill the open position on the Nominating Committee.

17YM10 Southeastern Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends approved the Nominating Committee's second reading of the new positions being filled. Friends express deep gratitude for the faithful work of this committee in listening and responding to the Spirit.

Kathy Hersh brought forward a minute on **ProNica** for approval by the body:

17YM11 After careful consideration of the ProNica by-laws and incumbent Florida legal obligations, Southeastern Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends urges the ProNica board of directors to convene an annual meeting before 31 Fifth Month, 2017, at a mutually convenient time and place, in order to determine ProNica's ongoing viability. SEYM will continue to hold the board of directors in the Light as it seeks way forward.

This minute will be added to the clerk's letter from the Fourth Plenary Session

Katie Breslin (FCNL) gave a report from **FCNL**.

17YM12 Southeastern Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends joyfully expresses gratitude for Kate Breslin's faithful and tireless service as our microphone runner throughout our plenary sessions.

Stephanie Preston (Orlando MM) gave the **Gathering Committee Report**. (See attached.) She thanked the many Friends for their help in the planning and implementation of the Gathering. The 2018 SEYM Yearly Meeting Gathering will be 28 Third Month through 1

Fourth Month. The Walton Lecturer will be Sa-ed Atshan and a working title of his lecture is "Quaker Response in Turbulent Times."

17YM13 Southeastern Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends accepts the Gathering Committee Report with joyful thanks.

Aurelio Anderson read the epistle for the **Young Adult Friends** (See attached.)

Young and Wee Friends presented an epistle mural; animals were given voice to express all the manner of endangerment that they face. Each animal/Friend gave specific ecological details that not only informed but touched us. The epistle as read to Friends (see attached) was received with joy and gratitude.

Teen Friends read their epistle with reference to climate change (see attached), which included the following minute from the Teen Friends' Business Meeting:

The 2017 SEYM Teen Business Meeting requests that the Youth Committee work with the teens to provide flexible program for individuals in the teen group. We believe that having the ages flexible will help us foster a more inclusive community.

The gathered body received these epistles and accepted them with gratitude and the following minute:

17YM14 Southeastern Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends accepted with joy the SEYM youth program and YAQ epistles. These will be posted on the SEYM website and distributed to "Friends Everywhere."

Clerk expressed gratitude to many Friends for their years of faithful and varied service. Clerk expressed gratitude for being allowed to serve Southeastern Yearly Meeting for the last six years.

Joel Cook (Treasure Coast WG) read the **YM Epistle** (below) for the Gathering Epistle Committee. Clerk expressed gratitude to Joel Cook, Stephanie Preston and Nancyrose Logan for their work.

Southeastern Yearly Meeting 2017 Epistle

Loving Greetings to Friends Everywhere:

Southeastern Yearly Meeting gathered in Fruitland Park, Florida, USA, Fourth Month 12-16, 2017 with 162 Friends in attendance, including 21 children. There were many first-time attenders at our sessions, as well as Friends who we had not seen in recent years. Visitors from Quaker organizations and other Yearly Meetings enriched our gathering and reminded us of the bonds of love that bind us to Friends the world over.

The beauty of the Life Enrichment Center, situated on the shore of Lake Griffin made us appreciate how fortunate we are to meet here. Early morning worship was in the natural cathedral formed by the towering live oaks. Every morning the ministry of the breeze in the trees and the singing of the birds brought the closeness of God to the remembrance of our souls.

Our Friends community held our beloved ProNica in the Light as they struggled with complex issues within their organization. After worship sharing with a concern for

ProNica, Friends continue holding ProNica in the Light and are available to offer spiritual support and guidance.

Story-teller, Bible scholar, performance artist Peterson Toscano delivered the annual Walton Lecture titled “*Discerning Our Collective Calling: Love, Hope, and Climate Justice.*” This unique three-act lecture/performance brought to us an understanding that climate change is not a reason for despair. Rather than being paralyzed with fear, we can see ourselves as honored to be living in this time and being a part of the movement for climate justice. Climate change effects people of color, women, and people lower on the economic ladder more severely than white people, men, and those whose economic situation is better. Addressing climate change is not only a matter of technology, it is a matter of justice.

In the workshops led by Peterson, “*Beyond Lightbulbs and Polar Bears. Overcoming Shame and Fear: Leading in a Time of Climate Change*” and “*You Already Have Skin in the Game—Justice, Pets, and Coffee Beans*”, SEYM Friends heard stories from several of Peterson’s characters to bring us out of guilt and shame about climate change to a place of hope. We formed pods (small groups) and explored our stories and how we might reach others to open the sometimes difficult dialog about climate change.

Friends were excited to receive the first report from our Field Secretary for Earthcare. Beverly’s first six months in this new position have been very active. We look forward to moving forward together in discerned action for the care of our planet and each other.

Friends described powerful worship sharing sessions. It is one of the things that many of us love most about our gathering. Queries and quotes about our earth and our personal relationship to it were inspiring.

We are deeply grateful for the many Friends who shared their gifts and leadings through a variety of informative and inspiring workshops. The breadth and depth of the spiritual gifts of SEYM Friends and Friends who travelled to be with us are a blessing to our community. A great difficulty for many Friends attending Yearly Meeting is having to choose between workshops being held at the same time.

SEYM Friends feel renewed in our call to be faithful. Guided by Spirit we can look forward to walking cheerfully over the world, answering that of God in everyone, sharing what we have learned and being a blessing to all.

In the Light,
Southeastern Yearly Meeting of the
Religious Society of Friends

Phoebe B. Andersen, Clerk

17YM15 Friends approved with deep appreciation the 2017 SEYM epistle, which captured the Spirit of our Gathering. It will be posted on the SEYM website and distributed widely among Friends.

Several Minutes of Appreciation were brought forward for approval.

17YM16 Southeastern Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends minutes its heartfelt appreciation of Phoebe Andersen for her loving and wise service as our Yearly Meeting Clerk for the last six years.

17YM17 Southeastern Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends expresses gratitude to the Gathering Committee for their creativity and care in all aspects of organizing this year's Gathering which ensured our joyful experience.

17YM18 Southeastern Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends thanks Carl Hersh, Vincent Cosomano, and Ezra Merleaux for their faithful preparation and continuing care of our technical and sound needs throughout the gathering. Helping Friends to truly hear was a gift.

17YM19 Southeastern Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends expresses their sincere thanks to the staff and the director of the Florida United Methodist Life Enrichment Center for their diligent efforts that make our time together so rewarding and comfortable.

17YM20 Southeastern Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends expresses gratitude to Cece Yocum, Elizabeth Croce, Mira Tanna, Kody Hersh and all others involved in preparing, creating, and guiding the activities and programs for the young Friends of all ages. Their love and tender care was evident and abundant.

17YM21 Southeastern Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends thanks those Friends who gave of their time and gifts in providing a Healing Center during the Gathering.

The **numbered minutes** for this session were read to the body and approved.

The session closed with silent worship.

Respectfully submitted,

Phoebe B. Andersen, clerk

Jan Dahm, co-recording clerk

Lisa Erazmus, co-recording clerk

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YM Registrants 2017

Clearwater MM

Rick Brice
Mike Flanery
Katie Green
Phil Stone
Douglas Woodward
Elizabeth Woodward

Fort Lauderdale MM

Brian Humphrey
George Manion

Fort Myers MM

Nancy Fennell
Richard Frechette
Nancy Howell

Gainesville MM

Jen Ambrose
Gary Arthur
Hoyt Cotter
Cheryl Demers
Shawna Doran
Tim Fogarty
Bronwyn Hall
Audrey Hall
Jean Larson
Catherine Puckett

Jacksonville MM

Al Geiger
Elaine Martin
Willie Hager
Mike Shell

Lake Wales WG

Caroline Lanker
Catherine Price

Melbourne, Quaker Meeting of

Donald Garwood

Miami MM

Rebecca Arnstutz
Vincent Cosomano
Floyd Daniels
Vera Daniels
Clara Diaz
Eduardo Diaz
Stephen Donachie
Carl Hersh

David Hersh
Kathy Hersh
Kody Hersh
Andrea Hoskins
Warren Hoskins
April Merleaux
Derek Merleaux
Ezra Merleaux
Leo Merleaux
Brian Olson
Geraldine O'Sullivan
Candido Quelvys
Mercedes Soca

Orlando MM

Gregory Allen-Anderson
Bill Carlie
Vicki Carlie
Elizabeth Croce
Gary Evans
Minerva Glidden
Elizabeth Hughes
Bruce Humphrey
Sara Humphrey
Rachel Humphrey
Julia Humphrey
Daniel Humphrey
Liz Jenkins
Ray Jenkins
Jerry Knutson
Chris Laning
Ed Lesnick
Kay Lesnick
Mary Ellen Meagher
Martha Morris
Kiran Nwakanma
Priya Nwakanma
Stephanie Preston
Jackie Schroeder
Philip Schwalb
Evelyn Schwalb
Will Schwalb
Eleanor Schwalb
Mira Tanna

Palm Beach MM

Peter Ackerman
Jack Bradin
Ellie Caldwell
Caroline Chen
Sandra Heys
Jack McGregor
Lisa Stewart

Saint Petersburg MM

Gary Crosby
Michelle Crosby
Peter Crockett
Davida Johns
Kurt Guenther
Lynn Carol Henderson
George Henderson
Dianne Langan
Andrew Raheb
Dena Raheb
Nathan Raheb
Sadie Raheb
Ortega Rand
Carol Strebig
Susan Wade

Sarasota MM

Ed Chew
Phyllis Chew
Nancy Corindia
Tom Corindia
Sarah Hernandez
Nancyrose Logan
David Rakyta
Johannes Werner
Martina Werner
Cassie Mendoza
Jennifer Mendoza
Lena Mendoza

Savannah MM

Joe Guy

Tallahassee MM

Bob Allenson
Neil Andersen
Phoebe Andersen
Aurelio Anderson
Tor Bejnar
Petra Doan
Liz Kamphausen-Doan
Laura Gunter-Kimel
Vicki Mariner
Jim Meade
Angela Prather
Susan Taylor
Tamara Weinstein

Tampa MM

Marjorie Arnaldi
Jennifer Soyke
Eric Soyke
Elijah Soyke
Ryan Willard
Deborah Breeden
Vincent Cobb
Jan Dahm
Lisa Erazmus
Dustin Lemke
Jessica Moore
Karen Putney
Peter Schmidt
Nancy Triscritti
Beverly Ward
Cece Yocum

Treasure Coast WG

Joel Cook

AFSC

Paul Mondesir

FCNL

Katie Breslin

FGC

Traci Hjeldt Sullivan

Quaker House

Curt Torell

Earlham School of Religion

Steve Angell

Friends Fiduciary

Kate Monahan

William Penn House

Naomi Madaras

Visiting Friends

Daniel Booth (Boulder MM)
Diane Byington (Boulder MM)
Eric Joy (Olympia MM)
John Skinner (Twin Cities MM)
Monteze Snyder (Chapel Hill MM)
Peterson Toscano (Millesville MM)
Joyce Zerwekh (Multnomah MM)

Dear friends,

At our Meeting for Worship preceeding our Meeting for Worship for Business on Sunday, a friend gave Ministry that we hold you in the light in these times of extraordinary challenge.

We want you to know that our thoughts and love are with you.

in friendship,

Rachel Bennett.

clerk of Cornwall Area Meeting

Southeastern Yearly Meeting of The Religious Society of Friends

Treasurer Report at 2017 SEYM Business Meeting

Report at end Third Quarter - Fiscal Year 2016-17

(June 1, 2016 thru February 28, 2017)

All values are rounded to the nearest dollar.

SEYM Cash Flow – not including Trustees

The cash flow of the Yearly Meeting (excluding the separately-reported Trustees accounts) for this period showed a net income of \$9,802 (excluding unrealized capital gains of \$411), resulting from a total real income of \$78,937 against total expenses of \$69,135.

SEYM General Fund for Administration - Cash Flow and Budget Performance

At the end of this period, the General Fund (the balanced annual budget of \$69,490 for operations that was approved in the 2016 Yearly Meeting) showed a net deficit of \$6,266, resulting from General Fund total income of \$44,506 (64% of budget) vs. General Fund total expenses of \$50,772 (73% of budget). This temporary condition may be attributed to the early payment of the annual contribution to ProNica at their request and the approved but unbudgeted purchase of a computer for use of the Bookkeeper.

Budget Support Apportionments & Contributions Received

During this period, in response to the requests (the Apportionments) for support of the approved General Fund Budget, contributions amounting to \$35,180 (58% of the \$60,880 budget) were received, including one payment of 171% above the particular group's request.

At the end of the first nine months, twelve (12) of the nineteen (19) Monthly Meetings and Worship Groups in the Apportionment request have responded, including three which have paid the full requested amount or more.

The unrestricted individual donations received during this period totaled \$1,623 (81% of the \$2,000 budget).

Results for Programs

The following three annual programs are planned to have zero net income; at their conclusion any deficit (net expense) is paid by the General Fund and any surplus (net income) is to be transferred to other areas in accordance with existing Yearly Meeting policy:

- The Half-Yearly Meeting had a net income of \$282, to be transferred to the General Fund.
- The Michener Lecture had a net income of \$491, to be transferred to the investment in the Trustees' Michener Lecture Endowment Fund.
- The Annual Gathering of the Yearly Meeting and Walton Lecture are in progress and cash flow results are not complete.

The Programs for Youth account has a net income so far of \$1,929, resulting in assets of \$7,577 for use in future programs.

The Publications Program account has a net income so far of \$784. However, on-going special efforts since last year to reduce the backlog of committed publications, offset by normal income from sales, have resulted in cash assets which were negative at the end of last fiscal year and temporarily continue so (\$ -2,434) now, despite the positive net income so far this fiscal year. In addition, the Publications Fund investment account has a value of \$13,213, including \$411 in unrealized capital gains this year.

The SEYM Field Secretary for Earthcare Program account has a net income so far of \$7,435 including the first half (\$5,000) of the support previously committed from Trustees, resulting in assets of \$28,082 for on-going support.

Net Worth

The combined Net Worth of the Yearly Meeting and its Trustees at the end of this period was \$536,819 (reflecting \$1,879 in current liabilities), an increase of \$19,336 since the beginning of the fiscal year.

Neil H. Andersen, Treasurer SEYM

January 11, 2017

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Southeastern Yearly Meeting
Budget vs. Actual Income & Expense
June 2016 through February 2017

QBP20170409rpts	Nine Months Actual	Fiscal Year Budget	Over/Under(-) Budget	% of Budget
Income				
2000 · Income				
2001 · Donations				
2002 · Indivd.Donations-Classes	1,623.00	2,000.00	-377.00	81%
2003 · Meeting Donations				
2023 · Meeting Donations, WG wo apport	100.00	0.00	100.00	n/a
2003 · Meeting Donations - Other	35,180.00	60,880.00	-25,700.00	58%
Total 2003 · Meeting Donations	<u>35,280.00</u>	<u>60,880.00</u>	<u>-25,600.00</u>	<u>58%</u>
Total 2001 · Donations	36,903.00	62,880.00	-25,977.00	59%
2200 · Investment Earnings				
2203 · Savings Account Interest	13.86	10.00	3.86	139%
Total 2200 · Investment Earnings	<u>13.86</u>	<u>10.00</u>	<u>3.86</u>	<u>139%</u>
Total 2000 · Income	<u>36,916.86</u>	<u>62,890.00</u>	<u>-25,973.14</u>	<u>59%</u>
2700 · Transfer in FROM other classes				
2712 · Michener Lect. to GF/insurance	150.00	150.00	0.00	100%
2732 · Gath/Walton to GF/insurance	900.00	900.00	0.00	100%
2752 · HYM to GF/insurance	450.00	450.00	0.00	100%
2804 · from Trustee's Funds				
2815 · for BertscheOutreach Travel	1,827.92	1,500.00	327.92	122%
2820 · for Staff Salary	4,261.53	3,600.00	661.53	118%
Total 2804 · from Trustee's Funds	<u>6,089.45</u>	<u>5,100.00</u>	<u>989.45</u>	<u>119%</u>
Total 2700 · Transfer in FROM other classes	<u>7,589.45</u>	<u>6,600.00</u>	<u>989.45</u>	<u>115%</u>
Total Income	<u>44,506.31</u>	<u>69,490.00</u>	<u>-24,983.69</u>	<u>64%</u>
Expense				
2999 · Expenses				
3000 · Operating Costs				
3001 · Bank Service Charges	0.00	20.00	-20.00	0%
3002 · PayPal service fee	3.88	10.00	-6.12	39%
3080 · Duplication	1,063.95	1,000.00	63.95	106%
3106 · Liability Insurance	1,368.36	1,400.00	-31.64	98%
3107 · Youth Worker CAP Certification	87.45	150.00	-62.55	58%
3146 · Non-Profit Corporation Fee	0.00	60.00	-60.00	0%
3200 · Office Supplies	550.28	500.00	50.28	110%
3270 · Payroll Expenses	27,070.57	29,200.00	-2,129.43	93%
3272 · Employer Payroll Taxes	2,072.33	2,200.00	-127.67	94%
3380 · Postage/Shipping	340.42	500.00	-159.58	68%
3381 · Post Office Box rental	152.00	200.00	-48.00	76%
3400 · Office Equipment	1,417.42	400.00	1,017.42	354%
3500 · Professional Fees	0.00	1,400.00	-1,400.00	0%
3640 · Rent warehouse/office	1,137.85	1,400.00	-262.15	81%
3700 · Repairs	102.09	200.00	-97.91	51%
3816 · Software	1,087.75	1,400.00	-312.25	78%
3840 · Telephone & Inet access	1,282.42	2,000.00	-717.58	64%
3860 · Travel Administrative	1,267.83	2,000.00	-732.17	63%
3900 · Website	681.46	1,000.00	-318.54	68%
Total 3000 · Operating Costs	<u>39,686.06</u>	<u>45,040.00</u>	<u>-5,353.94</u>	<u>88%</u>
4000 · Committees Operating Expenses				
4309 · Archives	0.00	550.00	-550.00	0%

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Budget vs. Actual Income & Expense
June 2016 through February 2017

QB20170409rpts	Nine Months Actual	Fiscal Year Budget	Over/Under(-) Budget	% of Budget
4329 · EC and IBM	0.00	100.00	-100.00	0%
4339 · Faith and Practice	0.00	50.00	-50.00	0%
4349 · Finance	0.00	50.00	-50.00	0%
4359 · Nominating	0.00	50.00	-50.00	0%
4369 · Peace and Social Concerns	0.00	450.00	-450.00	0%
4389 · Youth Committee	0.00	50.00	-50.00	0%
4399 · Worship and Ministry	0.00	150.00	-150.00	0%
4429 · Earthcare	0.00	500.00	-500.00	0%
4449 · Publications	0.00	50.00	-50.00	0%
4469 · Racism, Ministry on	0.00	50.00	-50.00	0%
4489 · Young Adult Quakers	0.00	50.00	-50.00	0%
Total 4000 · Committees Operating Expenses	0.00	2,100.00	-2,100.00	0%
5000 · Donations to Organizations				
5007 · AFSC	0.00	200.00	-200.00	0%
5018 · Earlham School of Religion	0.00	100.00	-100.00	0%
5027 · FCNL	0.00	300.00	-300.00	0%
5028 · QEW (FCUN)	0.00	200.00	-200.00	0%
5030 · FLGBTQC	0.00	100.00	-100.00	0%
5037 · FGC	0.00	1,200.00	-1,200.00	0%
5038 · FLCoalition for Peace & Justice	0.00	100.00	-100.00	0%
5047 · Florida Council of Churches	0.00	200.00	-200.00	0%
5048 · Florida Impact	0.00	300.00	-300.00	0%
5057 · Friends Journal	0.00	100.00	-100.00	0%
5061 · Friends Peace Teams	0.00	500.00	-500.00	0%
5067 · FUM	0.00	500.00	-500.00	0%
5068 · FWCC	0.00	1,450.00	-1,450.00	0%
5077 · Pendle Hill	0.00	100.00	-100.00	0%
5078 · ProNica	4,000.00	4,000.00	0.00	100%
5085 · Quaker House of Fayetteville NC	0.00	200.00	-200.00	0%
5087 · Quaker Life	0.00	100.00	-100.00	0%
5089 · QUNO	0.00	100.00	-100.00	0%
5097 · Wm Penn House	0.00	100.00	-100.00	0%
Total 5000 · Donations to Organizations	4,000.00	9,850.00	-5,850.00	41%
8000 · Representative Travel				
8160 · Annual Representative	1,051.00	4,000.00	-2,949.00	26%
8460 · Travel Support to SEYM Business	0.00	1,000.00	-1,000.00	0%
8000 · Representative Travel - Other	535.45	0.00	535.45	n/a
Total 8000 · Representative Travel	1,586.45	5,000.00	-3,413.55	32%
8500 · Contingency	0.00	2,000.00	-2,000.00	0%
Total 2999 · Expenses	45,272.51	63,990.00	-18,717.49	71%
9000 · Transfer OUT TO other classes				
9004 · for Youth Programs	2,500.00	2,500.00	0.00	100%
9005 · for Gathering Youth	2,000.00	2,000.00	0.00	100%
9060 · for Triennial Travel	1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00	100%
Total 9000 · Transfer OUT TO other classes	5,500.00	5,500.00	0.00	100%
Total Expense	50,772.51	69,490.00	-18,717.49	73%
Net Income	-6,266.20	0.00	-6,266.20	n/a

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Balance Sheet
As of February 28, 2017

	Feb 28, 17	May 31, 16	\$ Change
ASSETS			
Current Assets			
Checking/Savings			
0501 · Checking Account BOA			
511 · Checking - Gen'l Fund - General	-9,672.30	36,899.19	-46,571.49
560 · Checking-GF-Triennial Travel	5,848.18	4,848.18	1,000.00
566 · Checking-GF-Sufferings	170.00	170.00	0.00
610 · Checking-SA-Michener	2,250.24	1,758.78	491.46
630 · Checking-SA-YBM Gathering	5,842.58	1,695.56	4,147.02
640 · Checking-SA-Programs for Youth	7,576.68	5,647.27	1,929.41
650 · Checking-SA-HYM	400.67	119.09	281.58
670 · Checking - SA - Earthcare	28,081.90	20,647.15	7,434.75
680 · Checking-SA-Publications	-2,434.33	-3,218.46	784.13
700 · Checking-Trustees			
705 · Checking - Gathering Youth Fund	1,622.05	3,723.74	-2,101.69
710 · Checking - Michener Fund	-440.33	0.00	-440.33
715 · Checking - Bertsche Travel Fund	918.60	0.00	918.60
720 · Checking - Secretary's Fund	-7,141.58	0.00	-7,141.58
725 · Checking - Unrestricted Fund	34,378.66	0.00	34,378.66
730 · Checking - Walton Fund	-813.91	0.00	-813.91
750 · Checking -FGC Meetinghouse Fund	2,575.00	1,900.00	675.00
Total 700 · Checking-Trustees	<u>31,098.49</u>	<u>5,623.74</u>	<u>25,474.75</u>
Total 0501 · Checking Account BOA	69,162.11	74,190.50	-5,028.39
903 · Savings BOA	60,848.42	20,834.56	40,013.86
999 · Pay Pal	43.75	134.72	-90.97
Total Checking/Savings	<u>130,054.28</u>	<u>95,159.78</u>	<u>34,894.50</u>
Accounts Receivable			
1100 · Accounts Receivable	20.52	20.52	0.00
Total Accounts Receivable	<u>20.52</u>	<u>20.52</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Other Current Assets			
1180 · FFC SOYM1 Publications Investment	13,213.06	12,801.96	411.10
1199 · Undeposited Funds	791.50	0.00	791.50
1200 · Trustee Investments			
1205 · FFC SOYMT6 GatheringYouth Fund	104,582.15	98,759.55	5,822.60
1210 · FFC SOYMT3 Michener	21,740.93	20,691.55	1,049.38
1215 · FFC SOYMT2 BertscheTravel Fd	44,436.23	43,165.64	1,270.59
1220 · FFC SOYMT5 Sec's Salary Fund	105,737.87	100,634.11	5,103.76
1225 · FFC SOYMT4 Unrestricted	56,247.32	54,268.93	1,978.39
1230 · FFC SOYMT1 Walton Fund	39,372.00	38,246.22	1,125.78

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710 · Checking - Michener Fund	-440.33	0.00	-440.33
715 · Checking - Bertsche Travel Fund	918.60	0.00	918.60
720 · Checking - Secretary's Fund	-7,141.58	0.00	-7,141.58
725 · Checking - Unrestricted Fund	34,378.66	0.00	34,378.66
730 · Checking - Walton Fund	-813.91	0.00	-813.91
750 · Checking -FGC Meetinghouse Fund	2,575.00	1,900.00	675.00
Total 700 · Checking-Trustees	<u>31,098.49</u>	<u>5,623.74</u>	<u>25,474.75</u>
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1100 · Accounts Receivable	20.52	20.52	0.00
Total Accounts Receivable	<u>20.52</u>	<u>20.52</u>	<u>0.00</u>
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1220 · FFC SOYMT5 Sec's Salary Fund	105,737.87	100,634.11	5,103.76
1225 · FFC SOYMT4 Unrestricted	56,247.32	54,268.93	1,978.39
1230 · FFC SOYMT1 Walton Fund	39,372.00	38,246.22	1,125.78

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1250 · FGC Meetinghouse Fund	22,500.00	22,500.00	0.00
1255 · Domini Fund			
1257 · Domini International Equity	0.00	15,037.14	-15,037.14
1259 · Domini Social Equity Fund	0.00	17,666.14	-17,666.14
Total 1255 · Domini Fund	<u>0.00</u>	<u>32,703.28</u>	<u>-32,703.28</u>
Total 1200 · Trustee Investments	<u>394,616.50</u>	<u>410,969.28</u>	<u>-16,352.78</u>
Total Other Current Assets	<u>408,621.06</u>	<u>423,771.24</u>	<u>-15,150.18</u>
Total Current Assets	<u>538,695.86</u>	<u>518,951.54</u>	<u>19,744.32</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u><u>538,695.86</u></u>	<u><u>518,951.54</u></u>	<u><u>19,744.32</u></u>
LIABILITIES & EQUITY			
Liabilities			
Current Liabilities			
Other Current Liabilities			
1370 · Payroll Liabilities			
1372 · SEYM Payroll Liability	749.00	598.45	150.55
1370 · Payroll Liabilities - Other	1,129.61	871.06	258.55
Total 1370 · Payroll Liabilities	<u>1,878.61</u>	<u>1,469.51</u>	<u>409.10</u>
Total Other Current Liabilities	<u>1,878.61</u>	<u>1,469.51</u>	<u>409.10</u>
Total Current Liabilities	<u>1,878.61</u>	<u>1,469.51</u>	<u>409.10</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>1,878.61</u>	<u>1,469.51</u>	<u>409.10</u>
Equity			
1400 · Trustees Funds Equity	296,694.99	296,693.93	1.06
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
1580 · Publications Net Assets	14,341.85	14,341.85	0.00
Total 1500 · Operational Equity/ Net Assets	<u>49,016.01</u>	<u>49,016.01</u>	<u>0.00</u>
1700 · Retained Earnings	171,772.09	175,877.25	-4,105.16
Net Income	19,334.16	-4,105.16	23,439.32
Total Equity	<u>536,817.25</u>	<u>517,482.03</u>	<u>19,335.22</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	<u><u>538,695.86</u></u>	<u><u>518,951.54</u></u>	<u><u>19,744.32</u></u>

Southeastern Yearly Meeting
Income & Expense by Class
June 2016 through February 2017

Income	Admin/ General Fund	Gathering/ Walton Lecture	Half Yearly Meeting (HYM)	Mitchener Lecture	Programs for Youth	Publi- cations	Secretary - Earticare	Triennial Travel	Trustees	TOTAL
2000 - Income										
2001 - Donations										
2002 - Individ. Donations--Classes	1,623.00	0.00	94.25	30.00	10.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,757.25
2003 - Meeting Donations										
2023 - Meeting Donations, WIG w/o apport	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	100.00
2003 - Meeting Donations - Other	35,180.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	35,180.00
Total 2003 - Meeting Donations	35,280.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	35,280.00
2080 - Donations - Restricted	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	9,800.00	0.00	0.00	9,800.00
2115 - BertscheOutreachTr. to Trustees	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	918.60	918.60
Total 2001 - Donations	36,903.00	0.00	94.25	30.00	10.00	0.00	9,800.00	0.00	918.60	47,755.85
2200 - Investment Earnings										
2203 - Savings Account Interest	13.86	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	13.86
2205 - Dividends FFC Gathering Youth	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	4,182.15	4,182.15
2210 - Dividends FFC Michener Fund	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	876.22	876.22
2215 - Dividends FFC Bertsche OUTTravel	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,827.92	1,827.92
2220 - Dividends-FFC Sec. Salary Fund	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	4,261.53	4,261.53
2230 - Dividends FFC Walton Fund	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,619.60	1,619.60
2290 - Interest FGC Meetinghouse Fund	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	675.00	675.00
2280 - Dividends FFC SEMM Publications	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	543.54	0.00	0.00	0.00	543.54
2290 - Investment Capital Gains/Losses										
2206 - Capital Gain(Loss) Gath. Youth	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,907.00	2,907.00
2211 - Capital Gain(Loss) Michener	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	609.05	609.05
2216 - Capital Gain(Loss) BertscheCTra	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,270.59	1,270.59
2221 - Capital Gain(Loss) Sec. Salary Fd	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,962.18	2,962.18
2226 - Capital Gain(Loss) Unrestricted	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,978.39	1,978.39
2231 - Capital Gain(Loss) Walton	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,125.78	1,125.78
2256 - Capital Gain(Loss) Domini	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,674.32	1,674.32
2281 - Capital Gain(Loss) SEMM Publish	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	411.10	0.00	0.00	0.00	411.10
Total 2290 - Investment Capital Gains/Losses	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	411.10	0.00	0.00	12,527.31	12,938.41
Total 2200 - Investment Earnings	13.86	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	954.64	0.00	0.00	25,999.73	26,938.23
2400 - Program Registrations										
2430 - Registration Fee	0.00	0.00	2,769.20	1,330.36	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	4,099.56
Total 2400 - Program Registrations	0.00	0.00	2,769.20	1,330.36	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	4,099.56
2600 - Sales										
2680 - Publication Sales	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,663.55	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,663.55
2691 - DeCutter, LittleQuakerBook of	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	12.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	12.00
Total 2600 - Sales	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,675.55	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,675.55
Total 2000 - Income	36,916.86	0.00	2,863.45	1,360.36	10.00	3,630.19	9,800.00	0.00	26,988.33	81,469.19
2700 - Transfer in FROM other classes										
2712 - Mitchener Lect. to GF/Insurance	150.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	150.00
2732 - Gath/Walton to GF/Insurance	900.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	900.00
2752 - HYM to GF/Insurance	450.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	450.00
2784 - from GF for YouthProgramsClass	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,500.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,500.00

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QB20170409pts										
2801 - transfer from General Fund	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00
2802 - from GF for Gathering Youth	0.00	2,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,000.00
2804 - from Trustee's Funds										
2805 - for Gathering Youth	0.00	4,182.15	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	4,182.15
2810 - for Michener Lecture	0.00	0.00	0.00	876.22	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	876.22
2815 - for Bertsche/Outreach Travel	1,827.92	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,827.92
2820 - for Staff Salary	4,261.53	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	4,261.53
2830 - for Walton Lecture/Gathering	0.00	1,619.60	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,619.60
2804 - from Trustee's Funds - Other	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	5,000.00	0.00	0.00	5,000.00
Total 2804 - from Trustee's Funds	6,089.45	5,801.75	0.00	876.22	0.00	0.00	5,000.00	0.00	0.00	17,767.42
Total 2700 - Transfer in FROM other classes	7,589.45	7,801.75	0.00	876.22	2,500.00	0.00	5,000.00	1,000.00	0.00	24,767.42
Total Income	44,506.31	7,801.75	2,863.45	2,236.58	2,510.00	3,630.19	14,800.00	1,000.00	26,888.33	106,236.61
Expense										
2999 - Expenses										
3000 - Operating Costs										
3002 - PayPal service fee	3.88	0.00	87.50	1.17	0.59	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	93.14
3080 - Duplication	1,063.95	101.49	42.00	36.45	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,243.89
3100 - Insurance										
3106 - Liability Insurance	1,368.36	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,368.36
Total 3100 - Insurance	1,368.36	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,368.36
3107 - Youth Worker CAP Certification	87.45	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	87.45
3200 - Office Supplies	550.28	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	9.81	0.00	0.00	0.00	560.09
3270 - Payroll Expenses	27,070.57	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	6,500.00	0.00	0.00	33,570.57
3272 - Employer Payroll Taxes	2,072.33	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	497.25	0.00	0.00	2,569.58
3380 - Postage/Shipping	340.42	53.24	31.55	25.10	0.00	36.04	0.00	0.00	0.00	486.35
3381 - Post Office Box rental	152.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	152.00
3400 - Office Equipment	1,417.42	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,417.42
3500 - Professional Fees										
3586 - E-pub Dist fees	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	29.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	29.00
3596 - Publishers Editing & Publishing	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	499.86	0.00	0.00	0.00	499.86
Total 3500 - Professional Fees	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	528.86	0.00	0.00	0.00	528.86
3640 - Rent warehouse/office										
3642 - Office Rent	450.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	450.00
3643 - Storage Unit	687.85	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	687.85
Total 3640 - Rent warehouse/office	1,137.85	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,137.85
3700 - Repairs										
3740 - Computer Repairs	102.09	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	102.09
Total 3700 - Repairs	102.09	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	102.09
3816 - Software	1,087.75	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	58.67	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,146.42
3840 - Telephone & Inet access	1,282.42	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,282.42
3860 - Travel/Administrative	1,267.83	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,267.83
3900 - Website										
3641 - Rent E-Data off-site storage	444.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	444.00
3940 - Domain Name Registrations	32.72	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	32.72

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3900 - Website - Other	204.74	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	204.74
Total 3900 - Website	681.45	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	681.45
Total 3000 - Operating Costs	39,686.06	154.73	161.05	62.72	0.59	633.38	6,997.25	0.00	0.00	47,695.78
4000 - Committees Operating Expenses	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	368.00	0.00	0.00	368.00
4429 - Earthcare	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	368.00	0.00	0.00	368.00
Total 4000 - Committees Operating Expenses	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	368.00	0.00	0.00	368.00
5000 - Donations to Organizations	4,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	4,000.00
5078 - ProNica	4,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	4,000.00
Total 5000 - Donations to Organizations	4,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	4,000.00
6000 - Production	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,685.58	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,685.58
6080 - ISSN Printing Publications	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,685.58	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,685.58
6280 - Printing, Service Bureau	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	116.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	116.00
Total 6000 - Production	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,801.58	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,801.58
7000 - Operating Costs Programs	0.00	0.00	0.00	460.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	460.00
7086 - Equipment Rental	0.00	0.00	0.00	460.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	460.00
7200 - Food, snacks	0.00	0.00	770.82	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	770.82
7500 - Site Fees	0.00	2,600.00	1,200.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	3,800.00
7533 - Site Deposits	0.00	2,600.00	1,200.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	3,800.00
Total 7500 - Site Fees	0.00	2,600.00	1,200.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	3,800.00
7650 - Speaker Honorarium	0.00	0.00	0.00	500.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	500.00
7660 - Speaker travel	0.00	0.00	0.00	572.40	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	572.40
7800 - Youth Program	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	580.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	580.00
7804 - Youth Prg. Expenses/Fees/Other	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	580.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	580.00
Total 7800 - Youth Program	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	580.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	580.00
Total 7000 - Operating Costs Programs	0.00	2,600.00	1,970.82	1,532.40	580.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	6,683.22
8000 - Representative Travel	1,051.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,051.00
8160 - Annual Representative	535.45	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	535.45
8000 - Representative Travel - Other	1,586.45	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,586.45
Total 8000 - Representative Travel	45,272.51	2,754.73	2,131.87	1,595.12	580.59	2,434.96	7,365.25	0.00	0.00	62,135.03
Total 2999 - Expenses	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
9000 - Transfer OUT TO other classes	0.00	900.00	450.00	150.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,500.00
9002 - to GF for Insurance	2,500.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,500.00
9004 - for Youth Programs	2,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,000.00
9005 - for Gathering Youth	1,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,000.00
9060 - for Triennial Travel	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
9210 - for Michener Lecture	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
9215 - for Bertsche/Outreach/Travel	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
9220 - for Staff Salary	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
9230 - for Walton Lecture/Gathering	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
9000 - Transfer OUT TO other classes	5,500.00	900.00	450.00	150.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	6,400.00
Total 9000 - Transfer OUT TO other classes	50,772.51	3,654.73	2,581.87	1,745.12	580.59	2,434.96	7,365.25	0.00	0.00	62,400.45
Total Expense	6,286.20	4,147.02	281.58	491.46	1,929.41	784.13	7,434.75	1,000.00	3,406.40	6,395.75
Net Income before Capital/Gains Losses	-6,286.20	4,147.02	281.58	491.46	1,929.41	784.13	7,434.75	1,000.00	3,406.40	6,395.75

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	Annual Budget \$ FY2014-15	FYE Rpt Actual \$ FY2014-15	Annual Budget \$ FY2015-16	Actual \$ FY2015-16	Annual Budget \$ FY2016-17	1ST HALF Actual \$ FY2016-17	Annual Budget \$ FY2017-18
Income							
2000 Income							
2001 Donations							
2002 Individual Donations (& In-Kind: GF Acct#2006)	\$ 2,200	2,208.75	\$ 2,000	2,341.00	\$ 2,000	1,155.00	\$ 2,000
2003 Meetings & Worship Groups - Apportionments	\$ 58,748	59,210.00	\$ 58,290	57,195.23	\$ 60,880	26,955.00	\$ 61,870
2003 Meetings & WGs - Others (GF Accts #2013,2023)		550.00		400.00			
2080 Donations - Restricted							
Total 2001 Donations	\$ 60,948	61,968.75	\$ 60,290	59,936.23	\$ 62,880.00	28,110.00	\$ 63,870
2200 Investment Earnings							
2203 Savings account interest	\$ 8	6.23	\$ 10	6.25	\$ 10	6.76	\$ 10
Total 2200 Investment Earnings	\$ 8	6.23	\$ 10	6.25	\$ 10	6.76	\$ 10
2306 Miscellaneous Income (& GF Acct#2316,2390)							
Total 2000 Income	\$ 60,956	62,325.26	\$ 60,300	59,942.48	\$ 62,890.00	28,116.76	\$ 63,880
2700 Transfers in FROM other classes							
2711 Donations to GF through other classes							
2712 Michener Lecture to GF Insurance	\$ 150	150.00	\$ 150	150.00	\$ 150	0.00	\$ 150
2732 Gain/Wallon to GF Insurance	\$ 900	900.00	\$ 900	900.00	\$ 900	0.00	\$ 900
2752 HYM to GF Insurance	\$ 450	450.00	\$ 450	450.00	\$ 450	450.00	\$ 450
2804 From Trustee's Funds							
2815 for Bertsche Outreach Travel	\$ 1,670	1,762.98	\$ 1,800	1,855.76	\$ 1,500	909.32	\$ 1,800
2820 for Secretary's Salary	\$ 3,900	4,110.10	\$ 4,200	4,326.43	\$ 3,800	2,119.95	\$ 4,500
Total 2804 from Trustee's Funds	\$ 5,570	5,873.08	\$ 6,000	6,182.19	\$ 5,100.00	3,029.27	\$ 6,300
Total 2700 Transfers in FROM other classes	\$ 7,070	7,373.08	\$ 7,500	7,682.19	\$ 6,600.00	3,479.27	\$ 7,800
Total Income	\$ 68,026	69,698.34	\$ 67,800	67,624.67	\$ 69,490.00	31,596.03	\$ 71,680
Expenses							
2999 Expenses							
3000 Administrative							
3001 Bank Service Charges	\$ 20	0.00	\$ 20	30.00	\$ 20	0.00	\$ 30
3002 Credit Card & Payroll service fees	\$ 70	0.00	\$ 10	0.00	\$ 10	0.00	\$ 10
3080 Duplication (& GF Acct#6000)	\$ 4,500	1,545.07	\$ 2,000	1,143.94	\$ 1,000	1,026.40	\$ 1,000
3106 Liability Insurance	\$ 1,500	1,393.55	\$ 1,700	1,282.00	\$ 1,400	1,368.36	\$ 1,540
3107 Youth Worker CAP Certification Program	\$ 150	222.60	\$ 150	103.35	\$ 150	71.55	\$ 150
3146 State Fee for Non-Profit Corporation	\$ 61	61.25	\$ 60	61.25	\$ 60	0.00	\$ 60
3200 Office Supplies	\$ 600	943.01	\$ 900	831.00	\$ 500	281.59	\$ 800
3270 Payroll Expenses - Employee Salary	\$ 24,877	26,546.14	\$ 27,600	28,080.00	\$ 29,200	18,046.06	\$ 30,400

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	Annual Budget \$ FY2014-15	FYE Rpt Actual \$ FY2014-15	Annual Budget \$ FY2015-16	Actual \$ FY2015-16	Annual Budget \$ FY2016-17	1ST HALF Actual \$ FY2016-17	Annual Budget \$ FY2017-18
3271 Payroll Expenses - Employee Benefits	\$ 1,903	2,211.24	\$ 2,100	2,148.08	\$ 2,200	1,381.96	\$ 2,380
3272 Payroll Expenses - Employer Taxes for Staff	\$ 700	674.47	\$ 900	222.35	\$ 500	335.18	\$ 500
3390 Postage & Shipping	\$ 150	78.00	\$ 80	160.00	\$ 200	152.00	\$ 150
3381 Post Office Box Rental	\$ 400	77.90	\$ 400	0.00	\$ 400	1,417.42	\$ 400
3400 Office Equipment	\$ 3,075	2,054.28	\$ 1,580	1,854.50	\$ 1,400	0.00	\$ 1,400
3640 Rent, Office & Off-site Storage Unit	\$ 1,320	1,374.72	\$ 1,400	1,477.40	\$ 1,400	720.85	\$ 1,400
3700 Repairs	\$ 350	204.00	\$ 100	102.09	\$ 200	0.00	\$ 200
3816 Software	\$ 600	803.92	\$ 800	706.44	\$ 1,400	500.00	\$ 800
3840 Telephone & Internet Service	\$ 2,000	2,288.15	\$ 2,000	1,511.44	\$ 2,000	884.36	\$ 2,000
3960 Travel Administrative (& GF Acct#9003)	\$ 2,500	926.04	\$ 2,000	817.82	\$ 2,000	848.00	\$ 2,000
3900 Website Fees (& Off-site E-Data Storage)	\$ 800	464.88	\$ 800	965.30	\$ 1,000	476.78	\$ 1,000
Total 3000 Administrative	\$ 45,576	41,879.22	\$ 44,600	41,496.96	\$ 45,040.00	27,510.51	\$ 46,230
4000 Committees Operating Expenses	\$ 550	389.78	\$ 550	100.00	\$ 550	0.00	\$ 550
4309 Archives	\$ 100	0.00	\$ 100	0.00	\$ 100	0.00	\$ 100
4329 EC & IBM (& GF Acct#7000)	\$ 50	0.00	\$ 50	0.00	\$ 50	0.00	\$ 50
4339 Faith & Practice	\$ 50	26.24	\$ 50	0.00	\$ 50	0.00	\$ 50
4349 Finance	\$ 50	0.00	\$ 50	0.00	\$ 50	0.00	\$ 50
4359 Nominating	\$ 200	0.00	\$ 200	231.84	\$ 450	0.00	\$ 450
4369 Peace & Social Concerns	\$ 50	0.00	\$ 50	0.00	\$ 50	0.00	\$ 50
4379 Publications	\$ 150	65.00	\$ 150	0.00	\$ 150	0.00	\$ 150
4399 Youth Committee	\$ 50	0.00	\$ 50	0.00	\$ 50	0.00	\$ 50
4399 Worship & Ministry	\$ 50	0.00	\$ 500	414.75	\$ 500	276.00	\$ 500
4429 Earthcare	\$ 50	0.00	\$ 50	0.00	\$ 50	0.00	\$ 50
4469 Ministry on Racism	\$ 50	0.00	\$ 50	0.00	\$ 50	0.00	\$ 50
4489 Young Adult Quakers	\$ 50	0.00	\$ 50	0.00	\$ 50	0.00	\$ 50
Total 4000 Committee Operating Expenses	\$ 1,350	481.02	\$ 1,850	746.59	\$ 2,100.00	276.00	\$ 2,100
5000 Donations to Organizations	\$ 200	200.00	\$ 200	550.00	\$ 200	0.00	\$ 200
5007 AFSC	\$ 100	100.00	\$ 100	100.00	\$ 100	0.00	\$ 100
5018 Earham School of Religion	\$ 300	300.00	\$ 300	300.00	\$ 300	0.00	\$ 300
5027 FCNL	\$ 200	200.00	\$ 200	200.00	\$ 200	0.00	\$ 200
5028 QEW	\$ 100	100.00	\$ 100	100.00	\$ 100	0.00	\$ 100
5030 FLGBTQC	\$ 1,200	1,200.00	\$ 1,200	1,200.00	\$ 1,200	0.00	\$ 1,200
5037 FGC	\$ 100	100.00	\$ 100	100.00	\$ 100	0.00	\$ 100
5038 Florida Coalition for Peace & Justice	\$ 200	200.00	\$ 200	200.00	\$ 200	0.00	\$ 200
5047 Florida Council of Churches	\$ 300	300.00	\$ 300	300.00	\$ 300	0.00	\$ 300
5048 Florida Impact							

SEYM General Fund Budget FY 2017-2018

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	Annual Budget \$ FY2014-15	FYE Rpt Actual \$ FY2014-15	Annual Budget \$ FY2015-16	Actual \$ FY2015-16	Annual Budget \$ FY2016-17	1ST HALF Actual \$ FY2016-17	Annual Budget \$ FY2017-18
5057 Friends Journal	\$ 100	\$ 100.00	\$ 100	\$ 100.00	\$ 100	\$ 0.00	\$ 100
5058 Friends Peace Teams	\$ 250	\$ 250.00	\$ 500	\$ 500.00	\$ 500	\$ 0.00	\$ 500
5067 FUM (often restricted to specific Project(s))	\$ 500	\$ 500.00	\$ 500	\$ 500.00	\$ 500	\$ 0.00	\$ 500
5068 FWCC	\$ 1,450	\$ 1,450.00	\$ 1,450	\$ 1,450.00	\$ 1,450	\$ 0.00	\$ 1,450
5077 Pendle Hill	\$ 100	\$ 100.00	\$ 100	\$ 100.00	\$ 100	\$ 0.00	\$ 100
5078 Pronilca	\$ 4,000	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,000	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,000	\$ 0.00	\$ 4,000
5085 Quaker House of Fayetteville NC	\$ 200	\$ 200.00	\$ 200	\$ 200.00	\$ 200	\$ 0.00	\$ 200
5087 Quaker Life	\$ 100	\$ 100.00	\$ 100	\$ 100.00	\$ 100	\$ 0.00	\$ 100
5089 Quaker UN Office	\$ 100	\$ 100.00	\$ 100	\$ 100.00	\$ 100	\$ 0.00	\$ 100
5097 William Penn House	\$ 100	\$ 100.00	\$ 100	\$ 100.00	\$ 100	\$ 0.00	\$ 100
Total 5000 Donations to Organizations	\$ 9,600	\$ 9,600.00	\$ 9,850	\$ 10,400.00	\$ 9,850.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 9,850.00
8000 Travel & Financial Aid							
8160 Annual Representatives	\$ 4,000	\$ 5,082.09	\$ 4,000	\$ 2,063.31	\$ 4,000	\$ 395.00	\$ 4,000
8460 Travel Support to SEYM Business					\$ 1,000	\$ 0.00	\$ 1,000
8560 Attendance at SEYM-approved Activities					\$ 1,000	\$ 0.00	\$ 1,000
Total 8000 Travel & Financial Aid	\$ 4,000	\$ 5,082.09	\$ 4,000	\$ 2,063.31	\$ 5,000	\$ 395	\$ 6,000
8500 Contingency	\$ 2,000	\$ 0.00	\$ 2,000	\$ 300.00	\$ 2,000	\$ 0.00	\$ 2,000
Total 2999 Expenses	\$ 62,526	\$ 57,042.33	\$ 62,300	\$ 55,006.86	\$ 63,990.00	\$ 28,181.51	\$ 66,180
9000 Transfer out to other classes							
9004 for Youth Programs	\$ 2,500	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500	\$ 0.00	\$ 2,500
9005 for Gathering Youth	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000	\$ 0.00	\$ 2,000
9060 for Triennial Travel Reserves	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000	\$ 0.00	\$ 1,000
Total 9000 Transfer out to other classes	\$ 5,500	\$ 5,500.00	\$ 5,500	\$ 5,500.00	\$ 5,500.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 5,500
Total Expenses	\$ 68,026	\$ 62,542.33	\$ 67,800	\$ 60,506.86	\$ 69,490.00	\$ 28,181.51	\$ 71,680
Net Income	\$ 0	\$ 7,156.01	\$ -	\$ 7,117.81	\$ 0.00	\$ 3,414.52	\$ -

Southeastern Yearly Meeting of The Religious Society of Friends
 Budget Support Apportionments for Fiscal Year 2017-2018

Based on SEYM Directory Statistics a/o 3/20/2017 & Approved FY2018 Budget = \$ 61,870

Meeting/Worship Group	March 2017		FY2018		FY2018		COMPARISON WITH PREVIOUS YEARS					
	Attendees	March Members	Apport. Units	MMWG % of Total	Actual Apprtmnt	Budget	March 2016 Members	March 2016 Apport. Units	FY2017 Actual Apprtmnt	March 2015 Members	March 2015 Apport. Units	FY2016 Actual Apprtmnt
Charleston MM	6	9	12.0	2.2%	\$ 1,367	\$	9	12.0	\$ 1,352	7	11.0	\$ 1,113
Clearwater MM	12	15	21.0	3.9%	\$ 2,388	\$	15	20.0	\$ 2,259	14	21.5	\$ 2,180
Fort Lauderdale MM	3	5	6.5	1.2%	\$ 742	\$	6	6.5	\$ 731	6	7.0	\$ 711
Fort Myers MM	42	24	45.0	8.3%	\$ 5,123	\$	22	37.0	\$ 4,176	25	43.0	\$ 4,354
Gainesville MM	17	64	72.5	13.3%	\$ 8,253	\$	63	71.5	\$ 8,067	66	73.5	\$ 7,444
Jacksonville MM	17	7	15.5	2.9%	\$ 1,763	\$	7	15.5	\$ 1,747	7	19.5	\$ 1,976
Melbourne, Qkr Mtg of	6	15	18.0	3.3%	\$ 2,048	\$	13	15.5	\$ 1,747	14	15.5	\$ 1,568
Miami MM	21	63	73.5	13.5%	\$ 8,365	\$	61	71.0	\$ 8,012	60	73.0	\$ 7,391
Orlando MM	15	41	48.5	8.9%	\$ 5,519	\$	41	50.5	\$ 5,698	38	48.5	\$ 4,914
Palm Beach MM	4	31	33.0	6.1%	\$ 3,756	\$	33	36.5	\$ 4,122	35	38.0	\$ 3,847
Treasure Coast WG	2	0	1.0	0.2%	\$ 111	\$	0	1.0	\$ 116	0	1.0	\$ 99
Palm Beach MM Total	6	31	34.0	6.3%	\$ 3,867	\$	33	37.5	\$ 4,238	35	39.0	\$ 3,946
Saint Petersburg MM	25	38	50.5	9.3%	\$ 5,748	\$	38	49.5	\$ 5,589	47	57.0	\$ 5,771
Lake Wales WG	5	0	2.5	0.5%	\$ 285	\$	0	1.5	\$ 170	0	1.5	\$ 152
Managua WG	6	0	3.0	0.6%	\$ 340	\$	0	1.0	\$ 116	0	2.0	\$ 204
St. Petersburg MM Total	36	38	56.0	10.3%	\$ 6,373	\$	38	52.0	\$ 5,875	47	60.5	\$ 6,127
Sarasota MM	10	36	41.0	7.5%	\$ 4,665	\$	36	42.5	\$ 4,797	45	51.5	\$ 5,217
Savannah MM	11	8	13.5	2.5%	\$ 1,534	\$	10	17.0	\$ 1,918	11	15.0	\$ 1,521
Tallahassee MM	13	44	50.5	9.3%	\$ 5,748	\$	47	58.0	\$ 6,545	47	61.0	\$ 6,179
Tampa MM	23	20	31.5	5.8%	\$ 3,588	\$	18	28.5	\$ 3,214	21	29.5	\$ 2,990
Winter Park MM	5	2	4.5	0.8%	\$ 514	\$	2	4.5	\$ 505	4	6.5	\$ 659
TOTALS	243	422	543.5	100.0%	\$ 61,857	\$	421	539.5	\$ 60,881	447	575.5	\$ 58,290

History Comparison	Attendees	Members	Units	Y-Y Incrs (%)	Budget Apprtmnt	% Incrs	Unit Apprtmnt	Y-Y Incrs (%)
Fiscal Year 2017-2018	243	422	543.5	0.7%	\$61,870	1.6%	\$113,84	0.9%
Fiscal Year 2016-2017	237	421	539.5	-6.3%	\$60,880	4.4%	\$112,85	11.4%
Fiscal Year 2015-2016	257	447	575.5	-2.8%	\$58,290	-0.8%	\$101,29	2.1%
Fiscal Year 2014-2015	248	468	592.0	-7.9%	\$58,748	-23.0%	\$89,24	-

Peace and Social Concerns Report

The Committee discerned a request from Kate Breslin from FCNL to stand in unity with other faith communities to sign a letter of support for State Attorney Aramis Ayala.

Minute:

The Southeastern Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends stands in unity with other faith communities in Florida by signing onto a letter of support for State Attorney Aramis Ayala for her brave decision to not pursue the death penalty in cases prosecuted by her office. This letter is addressed to Governor Rick Scott and asks him to reconsider his decision to remove these cases from State Attorney Aramis Ayala's prosecutorial discretion.

(letter attached separately)

With regrets, we must make Friends aware of an event which occurred in Jacksonville on April 7, 2017. A peaceful protest against military action in Syria called by the Jacksonville Progressive Coalition with support of the large Syrian community was disrupted and ended violently. Accounts from protesters, those in attendance and witnesses as well as news videos of the incident widely contradict the police reports. What is indisputable is that the Jacksonville Sheriff's Office (JSO) failed to protect peaceful protesters who were exercising their First Amendment rights.

A provocateur well known throughout Northeast Florida, appeared uninvited. He walked through the protest continuously; harassed and bumped into assembled protestors, harassed, interrupted and prevented the action organizers from delivering their message, stormed onto the stage and antagonized the organizers without any police intervention. When interactions between Conell Crooms, one of the organizers, and the provocateur escalated, the police tackled and beat Conell Crooms, a deaf African American, and descended on the crowd of protesters with excessive use of force.

Five protesters were arrested. Crooms was taken to the hospital unresponsive and two others required medical attention including Willie Hager, with Veterans for Peace and a faithful attender of the Jacksonville Meeting. All five have been charged with felony criminal charges.

The ACLU has opened an investigation.

Within the past two weeks, the Florida Times Union reported that members of the Jacksonville Progressive Coalition have been under surveillance by the JSO. The Jacksonville Progressive Coalition has been holding actions in Jacksonville for over five years without incident.

The provocateur is a white supremacist with a history of inciting violence at peaceful protests in other cities, most notably Chicago.

The Jacksonville Progressive Coalition and concerned citizens of Jacksonville are collecting money for defense and medical costs for the Jax 5. If Friends are interested in helping, Willie is here and can take donations. In addition, Vickie has also agreed to post the information on the SEYM e-news with links and other information. Friends are also invited to write the Duval County State Attorney Melissa Nelson asking that all charges against the Jax5 be dropped.

(Friends entered into the silence to hold in the Light, the City of Jacksonville, all involved and affected for healing and a peaceful way forward that is just and equitable)

Tim Fogarty reported on the Sabal Trail Pipeline and the ministry of Peter Ackerman regarding the Sabal Trail Pipeline. Peter, Kaithleen Hernandez, and Tim presented a workshop on an alternative model which allows for personal empowerment to develop strategies for social change. The pipeline will be coming toward Tampa using eminent domain. There is a great need to educate and inform people. Meetings and Friends are invited to contact their local Sierra Club and hold forums. If any Direct Action is planned please contact Peter Ackerman, Palm Beach Meeting or Water is Life House - Dunnellon on Facebook.

Elaine reported on the Alternatives to Violence Project activities. Presently we have AVP facilitators in Tampa, Miami, Jacksonville, Sarasota and Tallahassee. A mini AVP workshop is planned for May 20th in Sarasota. If interested, please contact Glenn Plyer, Sarasota Meeting. In addition, facilitators are willing to travel to any meeting to host AVP workshops if your meeting is interested.

The P&SC committee continued to discuss the need for Non Violent Direct Action and Peacekeepers training, identifying and making available resources and trainers.

Respectfully Submitted,
Elaine Martin
Co-clerk Peace and Social Concerns

Draft SEYM Statement on Climate Change and Environmental Protection

Faith statement on Care for the Earth

It is our experience and testimony that the Light, Life, Love, and Wisdom of God calls us to preserve and protect the Holy creation of which we are part. It is contrary to the Spirit of God to waste or exploit nature on human greed or vanity. We are called to be good stewards of the earth, to live simply and sustainably, with care and reverence for all creation, preserving earth's biodiversity and abundance for future generations.

Therefore, we call on all our members of Congress, members of the Florida Legislature, the Governor of Florida, and local governments to uphold and enact laws, regulations, and policies that protect our natural environment from pollution, habitat loss, and climate change.

We ask you to uphold the integrity of our environmental agencies and protect public lands. The environment belongs to all of us; it is the role of government to preserve it for future generations and defend it against exploitation by private economic interests.

Urgent Action is needed if we are to avoid the catastrophic impacts of climate change.

All reputable scientists agree that Climate Change is real, and is caused by increased carbon emissions mostly from burning of fossil fuels. This threatens all life on Earth. Our glaciers are melting, our seas are rising, and our ecosystems are suffering disruption from a warming climate, seasonal weather changes, and more pests and diseases. Climate change is already threatening our economy, impacting our food supply, and causing flooding of coastal communities.

We ask our government to support society's transition to clean energy sources, and redirect subsidies from fossil fuel industries to support displaced workers and communities impacted by the transition to clean energy.

Clean energy is the energy of the future. Countries and communities around the world are proving that alternative energy and sustainable practices are not only viable, but can be a boon to economies. Clean and sustainable sources of energy are now readily available and comparable or cheaper in cost than fossil fuels. Solar and wind power create more jobs than fossil fuel industries.



"It would go a long way to caution and direct people in their use of the world, that they were better studied and knowing in the Creation of it. For how could [they] find the confidence to abuse it, while they should see the great Creator stare them in the face, in all and every part of it?"

---William Penn, 1693

In faith and unity,

Friends Peace Teams Report 2017

Friends Peace Teams Asia West Pacific Initiative engages with peace workers in Central Java, North Sumatra, Aceh in Indonesia; Manila, Tagbilaran City, and Davao City in the Philippines; Seoul in Korea; Kathmandu, Pokara and Bhutanese camps in Nepal; and we maintain a concern for peace workers in Palestine, Israel, Afghanistan, Chechnya, Ukraine, New Zealand and Australia. As our peace-work follows the calling of our volunteers, in 2016 we actively worked in Nepal, Indonesia, the Philippines and Korea supporting nonviolence, peace, trauma healing, conflict transformation, and social justice advocacy for communities recovering from war or religious violence.

We completed earthquake relief activities in Nepal. We also provided a grant to Peace Place in Central Java to expand their training center and school. We continue to develop and support pre-schools, after-school programs, and parent, family and teacher training based on peace and nonviolence. The book, *The Power of Goodness: Art and Stories for a Culture of Peace* was published and is now available. It is a collection of short stories from the lives of real people who chose nonviolence and reconciliation and is accompanied by illustrations by young artists.

Peacebuilding en las Américas (PLA) has over ten active peacebuilding and trauma healing programs in Colombia, Guatemala, El Salvador, and Honduras, Peacebuilding en Las Americas (PLA) provides grassroots solidarity, tools and hope to those most discriminated against and marginalized. 2016 marked an important year for the continued sustainability of PLA's programs. After 13 years of volunteer service, Founding Coordinator, Val Liveoak, retired, continuing as advisor to the new team: Monica Maher, Initiative Coordinator; Allie Prescott, Communications Specialist and Andy Cross, Financial Specialist. During this transition, the new team focused on growing and solidifying relationships with in-field Facilitators, Coordinators, and Volunteers who have passionately supported and facilitated workshops.

In 2016, each of PLA's programs focused work with at-risk youth, teachers, war survivors, former and active gang members, prison personnel, indigenous communities and grassroots leaders. Some program highlights include: the first ever workshop in a Mayan Language in Guatemala; trauma healing workshops in El Salvador with female war survivors who have disappeared relatives; workshops that empowered women in Afro-Indigenous and Indigenous communities defending their land rights against illegal development in Honduras; workshops that provide rehabilitation for former gang members and prisoners in a Honduran Prison; and workshops with victims of violence as well as demobilized guerrilla and paramilitary fighters in Colombia during the historic signing of the Peace Accords. For more information on our work, please visit: <http://pla.friendspeaceteams.org/>.

The African Great Lakes Initiative of Friends Peace Teams (AGLI) has continued its work in Central East Africa: Burundi, Rwanda, Kenya, and Democratic Republic of Congo. This includes Healing and Rebuilding Our Communities (HROC), Friends Womens Association's, clinic in Bujumbura, Burundi, the Alternatives to Violence Project AVP, and other work. David Zarembka, the founder of AGLI resigned in August, and was partially replaced by David Bucura, a Rwandan. AGLI will be seeking a US-based person for outreach.

FPT's office in St. Louis continues to be run efficiently and frugally by our Administrative Specialist, John Kintree. A new Communications Specialist, Hayley Hathaway, has been doing a great job updating our website and producing the beautiful new brochure available on our table. Tom Martin and Nancy Shippen continue as co-Clerks. We are grateful to the many volunteers who help us and our partners abroad continue to do this work.

Please visit our table in the display area for newsletters and more to take back to your monthly meetings, and also our website at: www.FriendsPeaceTeams.org.

Friends Peace Teams Initiative PEACEBUILDING EN LAS AMERICAS Annual Report 2016

In 2016 Peacebuilding en Las Americas (PLA) continued promoting peace and trauma healing in Colombia, El Salvador, Guatemala and Honduras. PLA offers Basic, Advanced and Trauma Healing Alternatives to Violence Project (AVP) workshops and prepares local volunteers to lead them. Our workshops draw on the shared experiences of participants, using integrative exercises, discussions, games and role-plays to examine the ways we respond to situations where injustice, prejudice, frustration and anger can lead to aggressive behavior and violence. With over ten programs across the four countries, our work provides grassroots solidarity, tools and hope to those most discriminated against in countries where the violent legacies of civil war perpetuates social inequality and injustice.

Since PLA began initial workshops in 2002, facilitators have completed over 900 workshops in communities, hospitals, schools, NGOs, churches, and prisons, impacting over 4,000 participants.

Workshop with Nasa Indigenous, Colombia

Many people ask why it is important to do AVP work in Latin America. Consider the words of Alejandro Parra, an AVP Colombia Facilitator with the Collective of Conscientious Objectors: "I do not consider [doing AVP work in Colombia] to just be important; I consider it to be urgent. This is a country that is not just militaristic, but militarized. It is the country that is the second largest recipient of U.S. military aid in the world. We have the 2nd largest army in Latin America after Brazil and Brazil is a country seven times larger with five times the population. We are a country where 63% of the population lives below the poverty line. All of this generates violence... We have more than 220,000 people who have died in the armed conflict. More than 60,000 disappeared. And this violence is reproduced because it is a spiral. How to avoid falling in this spiral of violence? How to interrupt cycles of violence? A methodology like AVP looks precisely into finding the best in you, to try to transform the violence that you produce and that your surroundings produce. I repeat: it is not just important, it is urgent."

COLOMBIA

The AVP program in Colombia is PLA's longest-running program and has included five regions: Bogotá/Central, Atlantic coast, Northeast, Occident and Medellín. From 2006-2016, AVP Colombia completed over 300 workshops, impacting more than 2,500 participants. Youth have been a priority population for AVP Colombia as well as victims of the armed violence, 75% of whom are women; communities with greatest vulnerability have been the indigenous and Afro-Colombian territories, located in the coastal and southwestern regions rich in natural resources.

In 2016, Gladys Cedeño, former Coordinator of the Occident Region, became Interim National Coordinator for AVP Colombia. With the signing of the Peace Accords in 2016 ending the 52-year armed conflict, Colombia faced new challenges and opportunities with the demobilization and reintegration of the FARC guerilla army and persons involved in paramilitary activities.

Red Zone of Conflict: Nasa Indigenous Community, Caldono, Cauca

In 2016 workshops began in the Nasa indigenous community in Caldono, Cauca, a former Red Zone of armed conflict. The local sponsor was the Pentecostal Church whose pacifist pastor serves on the municipal reconciliation committee. Participants included a former guerilla and a former military soldier. One striking feature of the workshop was participants' emphasis on the relationship between peace at home and peace in the country, with profound reflections on the trans-generational nature of violence. "Work with victims and victimizers is very important because they are the ones who will generate peace. There is violence in cities, but it is nothing like the violence in rural areas," said Gladys Cedeño.

The Wounds of War: Franciscan School, Granada, Antioquia

In 2016 AVP work continued in Granada, Antioquia, a city that suffered greatly due to its strategic placement as a FARC stronghold in the early 2000s. "The paramilitary went in and 'fumigated' the town, killing everyone in sight including old couples, children...everyone," said Franciscan Sister

Adela. The violence prompted many survivors to migrate, but for those who remain, trauma still pervades many aspects of life. “Children are showing signs of the terror of War.” AVP workshops have helped ease the pain of families and survivors who saw parents, sisters, or brothers killed. Granada represents one town of the many who have suffered similar violence where AVP Facilitators have begun healing deep personal and communal wounds.

HONDURAS

2016 marked the sixth year of PLA work in Honduras. Through partnerships with Mercy Dream Weavers in San Pedro Sula and the Mennonite Church in la Ceiba, # AVP workshops were offered to students in high-risk neighborhoods, church members, teachers, indigenous and Garifuna (Afro-Honduran) women, and prison inmates. The AVP Honduras community is united and strong; in December 2016 facilitators from around the country met inside the El Porvenir Prison so that incarcerated Facilitators could be included.

El Porvenir Prison, La Ceiba

Although rehabilitation is required by Honduran law, prisons typically “oppress, repress, and mistreat,” asserts Facilitator Ondina Murillo. “It is not a place for humans. There is violence everywhere. It is an environment where you go to die.” In this context, AVP workshops provide inmates with tools for developing empathy and hope. Since 2014, 12 workshops have been offered to 164 inmates. The AVP community in the prison includes both former gang members and non-members. All help each other face living conditions filled with violence, actively improve their surroundings and visualize a better future. “There are many who have confessed to me that they thought that they were born to be bad; now they discover they can be more human and caring” says AVP Facilitator, Coni Lustenburger. Three inmates are now AVP Facilitators.

“AVP changed my life... helped me heal myself internally. It is beneficial for all people who have an ego inside. The internal ego is me, me, me. I can do everything. When you have this, you trick yourself. Now, thanks to God, I am seeing from another point of view. We can change. We have the will to change...The truth is AVP has served me a lot. ...I only have help from two places: the first is God and the second is AVP. I only have two things: before and now.” - Luis Leal, participant from El Porvenir Prison, Honduras

Tolupan Indigenous Tribe in Locomapa, Yoro

In 2016, AVP workshops continued in Locomapa, Honduras with women of the Tolupan indigenous tribe whose ancestral territories have been invaded by transnational mining companies involved in the illegal extraction of natural resources. Despite local resistance, the companies have successfully intimidated the population. Several Tolupanes who defended their land rights were assassinated with impunity.

For Tolupan women, violence is not only an external threat but a norm inside their homes due to high rates of domestic violence. In AVP workshops, women have learned about their rights and begun to use their voices as leaders in their tribe. “AVP empowers women...They learn how to value themselves and feel more secure and confident in themselves... They learn that to be nonviolent does not mean to be submissive, it does not mean to be oppressed. On the contrary, to be nonviolent means to demand that the rights of women are also important....” stated AVP Facilitator, Aida Gonzalez, of Mercy Dream Weavers.

GUATEMALA

Our work in Guatemala, part of the Triangle of Death, provides youth, teachers, prison personnel, indigenous communities and grassroots leaders tools to challenge violence rooted in systemic and intra-personal discrimination. In 2016, AVP Guatemala offered 15 workshops to 177 participants in nine municipalities across the country.

First AVP Workshop in Mayan Language, Chemebeque, Isabal

Guatemala is home to a 40% indigenous population (6.3% Q’ekchi) with 23 different Amerindian languages spoken. In 2016, AVP Guatemala carried out its first workshop in Q’ekchi. The workshop

was held with people who escaped the violence of the civil war in Coban Municipality by resettling in remote, mountainous villages of Isabal Municipality, accessible only by foot or horse, where most residents do backbreaking agricultural work growing cardamom. In partnership with Guatemala Village Health, AVP Spanish- Q'ekchi bilingual facilitators offered a basic workshop with women, schoolteachers and community leaders in the hope of building social awareness and stronger community bonds. "AVP helps so people can be not only physically healthy, but also mentally healthy...so they can go forward economically and improve communication among themselves," explained Facilitator Vladimir Melgar, of Guatemala Village Health. PLA hopes to translate the basic AVP manual into Q'ekchi for greater outreach and impact.

Comunidad La Esperanza, Chimaltenango

In its third year of integrating AVP into its curriculum, Comunidad La Esperanza, a small middle school directed by AVP Facilitator Hilda Vasquez, offered basic and advanced workshops in 2016 for 66 youth of Cackchiquel Indigenous and Mestizo background, ages 12 to 19. Located in a high-risk neighborhood marked by gender violence, intrafamilial violence, bullying, extortion, theft, assassinations and organized crime, the School has lost four of its students to the violence since 2012. For this reason, AVP has become essential to creating a safe haven for students not only to learn, but to form community based on dignity, respect and joy. Twelve - year-old Jennifer asserts, "AVP helps us think before we act, utilize communication before using violence, be more polite, nicer, more attentive and tolerant. I was a very violent person, everything resulted in punches, shouts, or mistreatment...When I received my first AVP workshop, it changed me a lot."

EL SALVADOR

AVP El Salvador, in its ninth year, runs workshops in 12 municipalities with over 17 organizations and churches. In 2016 AVP El Salvador focused 13 workshops on at-risk youth in gang-dominated communities, war survivors, and people living with disabilities.

Co-Madres

Co-Madres is an organization of over 400 mothers and relatives of the disappeared and assassinated, which has maintained a consistent voice of nonviolent resistance and truth seeking in El Salvador since 1980. Most Co-Madres members are part of a larger population that lacks access to basic health, education and other human rights. "The civil war in El Salvador left profound trauma in people who directly lived the repression, unimaginable tortures, disappearance of people and all of the collateral damage. Sadly, these people were not considered in the Peace Accords," stated AVP Country Coordinator, Salomon Medina.

In its third year of collaboration, PLA sponsored five workshops for 33 Co-Madres participants with the aim to provide tools to heal from trauma and to become stronger community leaders.

Persons Living with Disability in Quezaltepeque

AVP El Salvador began workshops with people living with disabilities in 2016 with the aim of creating a core group of facilitators to work with others with similar conditions. AVP offered participants tools to face widespread discrimination and patterns of abuse both within the family and by "a system that has marginalized them and considered them expendable. Many persons living with disabilities have complex personal, familial and community problems. Despite this, they now challenge themselves to see life with greater happiness and optimism despite its vicissitudes and systemic marginalization," said Medina. In 2016 AVP facilitators raised the issue of the rights of persons living with disabilities with their own adolescent children and family members and during the process, saw a shift in attitudes.

PLA ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATES

After 13 years of volunteer service, Founding Coordinator, Val Liveoak, retired in 2016, continuing as advisor to the new team: Monica Maher, Initiative Coordinator; Allie Prescott, Communications Specialist and Andy Cross, Financial Specialist.

Report from FLGBTQC SEYM Annual Gathering 4/15/2017

Friends for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, & Queer Concerns

There are no action minutes for discernment.

FLGBTQC Midwinter Gathering (MWG) took place from February 17-20, 2017 at Camp Collins in Gresham, Oregon. The theme of the gathering was "Would You Harbor Me?" I was unable to attend due to a previous commitment to present at a professional conference at the same time.

FLGBTQC approved a "Jubilee Year" that began at the end of MWG 2017 and will conclude at the beginning of MWG 2018. The purpose of the jubilee year is to rediscover our joy and bliss and working together, and to ensure that the structure and functioning of FLGBTQC aligns with its stated values. Only minimal and absolutely necessary business will be conducted during this time.

FLGBTQC is specifically concerned with making our community more welcoming to Friends of color. To this end we established the Bayard Rustin Fund to provide financial support to Friends of color requesting travel assistance, including to the annual FGC summer gathering. Twelve requests have been submitted thus far and all were fully funded. Additionally, FLGBTQC restructured the scheduling of our activities so that friends were able to attend other events at the gathering addressing concerns of racism and white privilege. Two members of FLGBTQC are serving as co-clerks of the team to assist with conducting the FGC Institutional Assessment on Racism.

As FLGBTQC Representative, I have been approached by SEYM Friends inquiring about how monthly meetings can make themselves known as safe places for LGBTQ individuals. I remind Friends of a minute approved by SEYM Executive Committee in June 2016.

16SEC05: Executive Committee was reminded of the plight of at-risk LGBTQ persons, particularly the problem of youth not being accepted by family. We are moved to request that all SEYM Monthly Meetings and Worship Groups open their communities and worship spaces as safe places for the LGBTQ community, especially youth. Friends are to be a beacon of light in the darkness, and the instruments of God's infinite, unconditional love.

While I see this as ongoing work of ALL Friends, I seek to engage in dialogue with SEYM Friends about ways that we can work together to this end. I will be hosting a Table Talk at dinner tonight to discuss this topic. I also invite Friends throughout the year to share ideas about what your monthly meetings are already doing. Additionally, I will seek input from self-identified LGBTQ+ Friends within SEYM on how Quaker spaces can be experienced as more inviting, welcoming, and affirming.

Representative Stephanie Preston

Nominating Committee Report Yearly Meeting 2017

Approved slate of Officers, Committees, Representatives, & Appointees

OFFICERS

Yearly Meeting Clerk	Bill Carlie	Orlando.....	2020
Interim Business Meeting (IBM) & Executive Committee (EC) Clerk	Lisa Stewart.....	Palm Beach.....	2018
YM & IBM Assistant Clerk.....	Nancy Corindia	Sarasota.....	2020
Co-Recording Clerks, Yearly Meeting	Jan Dahm	Tampa.....	2018
.....	Lisa Erazmus	Tampa.....	2018
Recording Clerk, IBM	Michael Shell.....	Jacksonville.....	2019
Assistant Recording Clerks .....	.....	.....	.....
Treasurer	Joel Cook.....	Palm Beach.....	2020
Membership Recorder Ed Lesnick	Orlando.....	2020	
Young Adult Quakers Clerk.....			
Young Friends Clerk			
Young Friends Recording Clerk			

TRUSTEES

Clerk	Jack Bradin	Palm Beach.....	2018
.....	Neil Anderson	Tallahassee.....	2020
.....	Jean Larson	Gainesville.....	2019
.....	Eileen Zingaro	Clearwater.....	2019
.....	Mike Flanery	Clearwater.....	2020
YM Treas. (ex officio).....	Joel Cook.....	Treasure Coast	2020

CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION PROGRAM (CAPP)

Coordinator.....	Vicki Mariner	Tallahassee.....	2019
Trainer	Vicki Mariner	Tallahassee.....	2019
Trainer	Sandy Lyon	Gainesville.....	2018
Trainer	Ellie Caldwell	Palm Beach.....	2019

COMMITTEES

Archives	Clerk.....	Bill Rapp.....	Lake Wales	2018
	.....	Phoebe Andersen	Tallahassee.....	2020

Earthcare	Co-clerk	Brad Stocker	Miami.....	2020
	Co-clerk	Bill Carlie.....	Orlando.....	2018
	.....	Jack Bradin	Palm Beach.....	2020
	.....	Mike Flanery	Clearwater.....	2020
	.....	Al Geiger	Jacksonville.....	2018
	.....	Harold Branam	Savannah.....	2019
.....	Beverly Ward	Tampa.....	2019	

..... Catherine Price..... Lake Wales 2019
 Bonnie Zimmer Gainesville 2019

Faith & Practice

on sabbatical until 2018

Clerk..... Phoebe Andersen Tallahassee 2017
 Cathy Gaskill Orlando..... Emeritus

Finance

Clerk..... Peter Schmidt..... Tampa 2019
 Shawna Doran..... Gainesville 2018
 Tom Corindia..... Sarasota 2018
 Steve Donachie..... Miami 2018
 Clerk Trustees (ex officio) Jack Bradin Palm Beach 2018
 Asst.YM Clerk (ex off) Nancy Corindia Sarasota 2020
 YM Sec'y (ex officio)..... Vicki Carlie Orlando
 YM Treasurer (ex off) Joel Cook..... Treasure Coast 2020

Half-Yearly Meeting

Clerk..... Carl Hersh Miami 2017
 Clerk in training Jerry Knutson..... Orlando.....
 Registrar Beeg Camarota Orlando..... 2017
 Registrar in training Brian Olson..... Miami.....

Ministry on Racism

Co-clerk Susan Taylor..... Tallahassee 2020
 Co-clerk Wendy Clarissa Geiger Jacksonville 2020
 Minerva Glidden Orlando..... 2018
 Cheryl Demers-Holton..... Gainesville 2020
 Lisa Stewart..... Palm Beach..... 2019

Peace & Social Concerns

Co-Clerk Elaine Martin Jacksonville 2019
 Co-Clerk Cece Yocum Tampa 2019
 Warren Hoskins Miami 2019
 Willie Hager Jacksonville 2019
 Mercedes Soca..... Miami 2019
 Mike Flanery Clearwater..... 2020
 Peter Harrell..... Gainesville 2018
 Tim Fogarty Gainesville 2018
 Eileen Zingaro Clearwater..... 2018
 Phil Stone Clearwater..... 2020
 Caroline Kaufman..... Clearwater..... 2020
 Peter Ackerman Palm Beach..... 2020

Publications

Clerk..... Phoebe Andersen Tallahassee 2018
 Sandy Branam Savannah..... 2018
 Stephanie Preston Orlando..... 2018
 Mercedes Soca..... Miami 2020

Worship & Ministry	Clerk.....	Clara Diaz.....	Miami.....	2020
	.....	Nancy Corindia.....	Sarasota.....	2018
	.....	Eduardo Diaz.....	Miami.....	2020
	.....	Nancy Fennell.....	Ft. Myers.....	2018
	.....	Tom Fennell.....	Ft. Myers.....	2018
	.....	Nancyrose Logan.....	Sarasota.....	2019
	.....	Mimi McAdoo.....	Sarasota.....	2019
YM Gathering	Co-Clerk.....	Stephanie Preston.....	Orlando.....	2018
	Co-Clerk.....	Andrea Hoskins.....	Miami.....	2020
	Program Coordinator.....	Richard Frechette.....	Ft. Myers.....	2018
	Registrar.....	Andrea Hoskins.....	Miami.....	2017
	.....	Floyd Daniels.....	Miami.....	2018
Youth Committee	Clerk.....	Mira Tanna.....	Orlando.....	2019
	.....	Vicki Mariner.....	Tallahassee.....	2018
	.....	Aurelio Anderson.....	Tallahassee.....	2018
	.....	Caroline Chen.....	Palm Beach.....	2020
	.....	Jennifer Mendoza.....	Sarasota.....	2018
	.....	Kate Sundberg.....	Sarasota.....	2018
	.....	Cecelia Yocum.....	Tampa.....	2019

APPOINTEES

ProNica Board	.....	Joshua Paolino.....	Miami.....	2019
	.....	Vicki Mariner.....	Tallahassee.....	2019
	.....	Lis-Marie Alverado.....	Miami.....	2020
	.....	Mercedes Soca.....	Miami.....	2020

REPRESENTATIVES TO ORGANIZATIONS

American Friends Service Committee Corporation, AFSC/Philadelphia

.....	Chris Lazurek.....	Savannah.....	2019
.....	Stacey Lazurek.....	Savannah.....	2019

Friends Committee on National Legislation, FCNL/William Penn House

.....	Nancy Corindia.....	Sarasota.....	2020
.....	Karen Putney.....	Tampa.....	2018
.....	Lou Putney.....	Tampa.....	2020
.....	Aurelio Anderson.....	Tallahassee.....	2020

Friends General Conference, FGC Central Committee

.....	Ed Lesnick.....	Orlando.....	2018
.....	Kay Lesnick.....	Orlando.....	2018
.....	Gerry O'Sullivan.....	Miami.....	2019

Friends World Committee for Consultation - FWCC

.....	Clara Diaz.....	Miami.....	2019
.....	Eduardo Diaz.....	Miami.....	2018

	..... Sarah Hernandez	Sarasota.....	2018
	..... Nancyrose Logan	Sarasota.....	2020
Friends Peace Teams	..... Cecilia Yocum	Tampa.....	2018
	..... Shawna Doran	Gainesville	2018
Florida Council of Churches	..... Beverly Ward	Tampa.....	2019
Florida Impact, Contact Person	..... Phil Anderson.....	Tallahassee.....	2019
Friends for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender & Queer Concerns - FLGBTQC			
	..... Stephanie Preston	Orlando.....	2018
Historic Peace Churches: Quaker, Mennonite, and Church of the Brethren			
	South Florida	Warren Hoskins	Miami.....
	North Florida	Tim Fogarty	Gainesville
Palmetto Friends Gathering	..... Phoebe Andersen	Tallahassee	2020
	..... Neil Andersen	Tallahassee.....	2020
Quaker Earthcare Witness	..... Jack Bradin	Palm Beach.....	2019
	..... Brad Stocker	Miami.....	2019
Quaker House	..... Elaine Martin	Jacksonville.....	2020
Quaker United Nations Office (QUNO)	..... Warren Hoskins	Miami.....	2019

APPOINTED OBSERVERS TO ORGANIZATIONS

FUM General Board Observer	Kody Hersh.....	Miami.....	2018
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2017 Gathering Committee Report

Submitted by Gathering Co-Clerk Stephanie Preston

This weekend was made possible by the faithful service of your gathering committee. Their quiet dedication in the weeks and months leading up to our time together is what created this sacred space, brought you the bookstore, checked you in and assigned your rooms, and made sure the programs happened. Please join me in thanking Richard Frechette, Andrea Hoskins, and Floyd Daniels.

2017 Attendance Summary

141 Adults

21 Youth

162 Total Attenders

Oldest = Al Geiger (86)

Youngest = Cassie Mendoza (5)

2018 SEYM Gathering Dates: March 28th -April 1st, 2018

Theme = Quaker Response in Turbulent Times

Walton Lecturer and Workshop Facilitator will be Sa'ed Atshan

Sa'ed Atshan is a member of Philadelphia Yearly Meeting and currently attends Central Philadelphia MM. He is a Palestinian Quaker who attended The Friends School in Ramallah. He earned his PhD. from Harvard and is currently an assistant professor of peace studies at Swarthmore College. He has spoken about and taken peaceful action against violence in the Middle East. Sa'ed has written for Friends Journal and many national publications. His personal reflection after the Pulse tragedy, "Gay and Middle Eastern in Post-Orlando America," was featured in the Huffington Post. He has led many talks and workshops in the wider Quaker world. Sa'ed will be one of the featured evening plenary speakers at the FGC Gathering this year in July 2017 in Niagara Falls, NY where he will be accompanied a Jewish peace activist.

A Quaker Response in Turbulent Times demands that we not turn away from difficult issues, but instead imagine creative spirit-led ways through those things that initially appear to us earthlings to be at an impasse. SEYM Friends will be invited to consider how we can address the concerns of our new political reality on problems ranging from structural racism to environmental destruction while maintaining our integrity as Friends. We recognize that as Quakers, not only are we uniquely equipped to rise to this challenge, but also honored to be called to do so.

SEYM Gathering 2017

Young Adult Quaker Epistle

The Southeastern Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends Young Adult Quakers Program began with us arriving Wednesday night to catch Peterson Toscano's first retreat session. After this first session, it seemed quite evident that it would be a great week. Thursday began with us joining various workshops such as Quakerism 101 and Journey of the Universe. We then led our own successful workshop on the Friends Committee on National Legislation and how citizens can be advocates to their local Congressional offices. After an enlightening Meeting for Business, we joined others for refreshments.

Friday began with worship sharing, Business Meeting, and the second retreat session. We attended such workshops as Finding God in Difficult People, Managing Meeting Finances, and Laughter Yoga. The annual intergenerational dance was fun as always with Gary Arthur's expertise in square dancing and the Faith and no Practice Band's music. The night ended with deep discussion and singing at a campfire.

Saturday began once again with worship sharing, Business Meeting, and continued onto capture the flag with its annual controversial ending, canoeing, and workshops like is Conscientious Objection for You, and Extremism vs True Islam. We then listened to the Walton Lecture by Peterson Toscano. His brilliant insight on Biblical scripture, his witty characters like Tony Defuzio, and his views on advocacy and the effects of climate change on human rights were awe inspiring. Some of us YAQs joined by the campfire to reflect on Holy Saturday and Easter Sunday may bring, as well as deep reflections on forgiveness and worship sharing.

Once again, the Southeastern Yearly Meeting Gathering was an enlightening, encouraging, and generally fun experience. Thank you Southeastern Yearly Meeting for having us, and we hope to be back again next year!

SEYM 2017 Teens Epistle

To Friends Everywhere,

The teen group (grades 8-12) of Southeastern Yearly Meeting met at the Methodist Life Enrichment Center in Leesburg, Florida, from April 12-16, 2017. In addition to participating in worship sharing, retreat sessions, and other activities as part of the wider SEYM community, we also spent time together for learning, fun and business. We joined with several worship sharing groups to have new and different experiences outside of our own meetings. We used this opportunity to listen to different people and change and adapt our own ideas. In addition, we joined the other youth groups on the low ropes course in teamwork exercises where we learned communication skills. On Friday, we went to the intergenerational dance where we relaxed and had fun with other Quakers of all ages.

Though we may have not been here for the past year, we have definitely noticed a significant change...there was a growth in the mosquito population! Though these little critters may be happy about our endless supply of food and nice weather, we aren't happy about being the food! The weather is perfect for mosquitoes, but it's much too hot for most of the animals. Unfortunately, this warmer weather is becoming more widespread and affecting everything. Now the polar bears will become food for the mosquitoes as well! Fortunately, there is still hope. We can fight against the mosquito empire and win, to protect other animals from becoming the mosquitoes' dinner. Were it not for Peterson Toscano's teachings, we would be running around in circles, panicking about the end of the world.

When one or a group yearns for calm and silence in the outdoors, there are numerous places to sojourn. One could walk the paths of the forest, pondering and thinking to oneself. Deeper into the trails, lie paths of silence with exquisite views of the lake and forest. If anyone feels the need to pace and ask deep questions of themselves, the hedge maze will serve this purpose. The grassy fields and shady areas that lie under oaks and palms, games are played and children run about. Near the lakeside, beaches await for friends to gaze out at the water and life on the lake. Out upon the lake those that wish, may canoe their way across the water and further immerse yourself into nature.

The SEYM Teens discerned that the topic for the 2017-18 year will be Florida water quality. Furthermore, we agreed to start a better relationship with the Earthcare Field Secretary. Each teen will facilitate discussion about the Field Secretary at their local meetinghouse. We approved two new co-clerks - Brendan and Vincent - and are excited to face the next year with this passionate team.

Friends expressed gratitude to the SEYM for their unity and kindness that the teens enjoyed throughout the gathering.

Teens of Southeastern Yearly Meeting, April 16, 2017

--Sara, Ryan, Vincent, Ezra, Kiran, Martina, Elijah, Brendan

SEYM 2017 Young & Junior Friends Epistle

Dear Friends Everywhere,

We are the Young and Junior Friends of Southeastern Yearly Meeting and this week we focused on animals and climate change.

As we arrived at the meeting, we started with crafts. There was a fierce battle over the golden and silver duct tape. Eventually, Leo reigned victorious.

After that, we did Worship Sharing, where we discussed how to create a welcoming community for all in the SEYM youth program. We asked ourselves:

1. How do we show up and treat others when we are seeing that of God within them?
2. What do I need to thrive in my community, school, and home?

As other children began to arrive, we went to the parachute where Kiran and Ezra refused to compromise their manliness by engaging in parachute play. Kiran did, however, step into the big yellow cheerio. Ezra watched from afar, silently judging.

While the younger children painted stick puppets for the epistle mural, the Junior and Teen Friends played a very Quakerly game of Mafia, where we silently murdered each other.

On Friday, we visited an extremely low, no ropes course, where we used teamwork and logs to succeed.

And, of course, we all enjoyed an evening of dancing with Gary Arthur (caller) and the wonderful Faith and No Practice Band.

On Saturday, we saw Gary Arthur again for a fantabulous session on animal yoga.

Then we were joined by Peter Toscano for an interesting and hilarious talk on climate change.

We played two games of intergenerational Capture the Flag, won by Daniel and Lena, who bested us all with their incredible Capture the Flag skills!

We are now finished with the epistle and are eagerly awaiting the egg hunt.

Thank you,

Priya, Bronwyn, Leo, Audrey, Hoyt, Magdalena, Cassandra, Daniel, Julia, Sadie, and Nathan

Southeastern Yearly Meeting 2017 Epistle

Loving Greetings to Friends Everywhere:

Southeastern Yearly Meeting gathered in Fruitland Park, Florida, USA, Fourth Month 12-16, 2017 with 162 Friends in attendance, including 21 children. There were many first-time attenders at our sessions, as well as Friends who we had not seen in recent years. Visitors from Quaker organizations and other Yearly Meetings enriched our gathering and reminded us of the bonds of love that bind us to Friends the world over.

The beauty of the Life Enrichment Center, situated on the shore of Lake Griffin made us appreciate how fortunate we are to meet here. Early morning worship was in the natural cathedral formed by the towering live oaks. Every morning the ministry of the breeze in the trees and the singing of the birds brought the closeness of God to the remembrance of our souls.

Our Friends community held our beloved ProNica in the Light as they struggled with complex issues within their organization. After worship sharing with a concern for ProNica, Friends continue holding ProNica in the Light and are available to offer spiritual support and guidance.

Story-teller, Bible scholar, performance artist Peterson Toscano delivered the annual Walton Lecture titled "Discerning our collective calling: love, hope, & climate justice." This unique three-act lecture/performance brought to us an understanding that climate change is not only a reason for despair. Rather than being paralyzed with fear, we can see ourselves as honored to be living in this time and being a part of the movement for climate justice. Climate change effects people of color, women, and people lower on the economic ladder more severely than white people, men, and those whose economic situation is better. Addressing climate change is not only a matter of technology, it is a matter of justice.

In the workshops led by Peterson, "Beyond Lightbulbs and Polar Bears. Overcoming Shame and Fear: Leading in a Time of Climate Change" and "You Already Have Skin in the Game—Justice, Pets, and Coffee Beans", SEYM Friends heard stories from several of Peterson's characters to bring us out of guilt and shame about climate change to a place of hope. We formed pods (small groups) and explored our stories and how we might reach others to open the sometimes difficult dialog about climate change.

Friends were excited to receive the first report from our Field Secretary for Earthcare. Beverly's first six months in this new position have been very active. We look forward to moving forward together in discerned action for the care of our planet and each other.

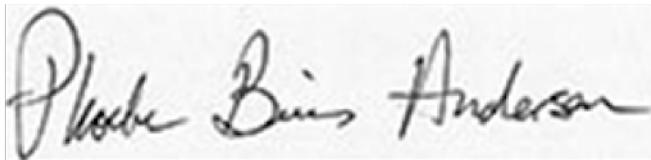
Friends described powerful worship sharing sessions. It is one of the things that many of us love most about our gathering. Queries and quotes about our earth and our personal relationship to it were inspiring.

We are deeply grateful for the many Friends who shared their gifts and leadings through a variety of informative and inspiring workshops. The breadth and depth of the spiritual gifts of SEYM Friends and Friends who travelled to be with us are a blessing to our community. A great difficulty for many Friends attending Yearly Meeting is having to choose between workshops being held at the same time.

SEYM Friends feel renewed in our call to be faithful. Guided by Spirit we can look forward to walking cheerfully over the world, answering that of God in everyone, sharing what we have learned and being a blessing to all.

In the Light,

Southeastern Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Phoebe B. Andersen". The signature is written in black ink on a light-colored background.

Phoebe B. Andersen, Clerk