

## **Southeastern Yearly Meeting**

### **Minutes of the Yearly Meeting, Fourth Month 7-11, 2004**

The 42<sup>nd</sup> Annual Sessions of the Southeastern Meeting gathered at the United Methodist Life Enrichment Center in Leesburg, Florida, from Fourth Month 7 to 11, 2004. The tranquil setting on the shore of Lake Griffin shaded by stately live oak trees was perfect for our theme of Peace Building.

In keeping with the peace building theme, Mary Lord offered an opening talk called, "When peace work brings division: the prophet and the mediator," a workshop on "Discerning our Leadings as People of Peace," and the Walton lecture titled, "A Vision of Peace."

*From the 2004 SEYM Epistle by Petra Doan*

#### **Plenary 1: Fifth Day, 4 pm**

The session began with silent worship.

Daniel Vaughen, SEYM clerk, extended greetings to the attendees at the Yearly Annual Sessions. Attachment 1: Yearly Meeting Attendees, Fourth Month, 2004

Given the Gathering's theme of "Peace Building," Dan shared the following from *The New Revelations: A Conversation with God* by Neal Donald Walsch.

There are five things you can choose now if changing the world, and the self-destructive direction in which it is moving, is what you wish to achieve.

1. You can choose to acknowledge that some of your old beliefs about God and about Life are no longer working.
2. You can choose to acknowledge that there is something you do not understand about God and about Life, the understanding of which will change everything.
3. You can choose to be willing for a new understanding of God and Life to now be brought forth, an understanding that can produce a new way of life on our planet.
4. You can choose to be courageous enough to explore and examine this understanding, and, if it aligns with your inner truth and knowing, to enlarge your belief system to include it.
5. You can choose to live your life as demonstrations of your highest and grandest beliefs, rather than denials of them.

These are the Five Steps to Peace, and if you take them, you can shift everything on our planet.

Dan proceeded with the roll call of Monthly Meetings and Worship Groups.

On behalf of Augusta MM Marguerite Rece sent a message through Dan saying she and others are doing well.

Deland WG is "growing in courage and joy" towards monthly meeting status.

Mary Jo Klingle, Ft. Lauderdale MM, related that following a fear the meeting was ready to be laid down attendance has increased and the meeting is optimistic about the future.

Ft. Myers MM added five new members and saw the departure of two.

Laura Winefordner, Gainesville MM, thanked SEYM members for their support in the fundraisers for the new Gainesville meetinghouse. The Meeting added a new member, Patricia Ulrey; and they noted the death of Guy Olmer III.

Halifax MM noted the many visitors and guests over the past year. The meeting reported with sadness the passing of Ed Segal.

Wendy Clarrisa Geiger, Jacksonville MM, reminded us about her mother's passing. The life of a dear Friend and active member of SEYM, Julia Ould Geiger, is celebrated in a minute of remembrance, 03RM15.

Carolyn Lanker, Lake Wales WG, stated the group has had a number of international visitors over the past year. Phil Vale, a winter attendee who contributed much to Lake Wales WG, died at his home in Kennett Square PA.

Miami MM reported the conversion of the Bartram House into the Quaker Center for Peace, Education, and Social Justice. Two child members were accepted, a member transferred to a California meeting. Friend Fred Stupel died.

Palm Beach MM noted two losses: one of who was the wife of member Norris Fussell.

Fern Mayo, Sarasota MM, said the meeting is growing with fifteen new attendees since September 2002.

St. Petersburg MM added a new member, Camille Ann Brewer. The Putneys transferred to Tampa MM.

Space Coast MM noted the addition of Sophia Cortez and Rick Darling.

Bob Allenson, Tallahassee MM, is encouraged by the meeting's outreach to the western FL Panhandle.

Tampa MM, now worshiping in their new meetinghouse, noted a recent open house. Karen Putney said, ". . . the new space has brought us a lot of peace and joy."

Winter Park MM celebrated a birth and a marriage this past year. They also held a memorial meeting to celebrate the life of the recently departed Ruth Finucan, an attender of Winter Park.

State of the Meeting Reports is included in the Documents In Advance, pages 23-38. Winter Park MM report appears as an attachment to these YM minutes. Attachment 2: Winter Park State of the Meeting

Friends paused for a moment of silence for those no longer with us.

Visitors to the Gathering were recognized.

Debra Fisch serves as coordinator of the FGC Traveling Ministries Program. She is clerk of the Iowa Yearly Meeting (Conservative), and previously served on the governing boards of Friends Journal and Scattergood School. Dan read a letter of introduction which has been placed on file.

Mary Lord is this year's J. Barnard Walton Lecturer. She is the Director of the Peacebuilding Unit of AFSC. Also, she is national founding clerk of the Quaker Volunteer Service and Witness Network.

Beth Lavoie is from the American Friends Service Committee.

T. Canby Jones, brother of Cathy Gaskill, visits us from Wilmington Ohio MM. Canby is a longtime professor of religion.

Nancy Craft, North Carolina YM, is representing the Friends World Committee on Consultation.

Liz Kamphosen, Toronto MM, is traveling on behalf of FGC. She is present to answer questions about FGC and its program. She can also speak about Pendle Hill.

Michael Wajda is from the FGC.

Don Olson is Brian Olson's father.

Rod Zwirner is from New Hampshire and represents Quaker Earthcare Witness, formerly the Friends Committee on Unity with Nature.

Messages to the SEYM Gathering were read.

On behalf of the Southeastern Regional Office (SER0) of the AFSC, Valerie Barlow, Regional Director, sent a message of greeting and a "Thank you Friends for all you do."

Ben Pink Dandelion, 2003 J. Barnard Walton Lecturer, sent greetings.

Ed Lesnick read an epistle from the Friends World Committee for Consultation (FWCC). Dan read an epistle regarding Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer Concerns. The two items are attached to these Yearly Meeting minutes as Attachment 3 and Attachment 4, respectively.

Regarding the FWCC, Fern Mayo explained the importance of the organization as the body, which gives Quakers credibility with other world organization, such as the United Nations.

Following daily announcements, Dan presented the agenda for the plenary sessions. The Agenda was approved with the addition of the Articles of Incorporation and By-Laws and a consideration of the Deland WG.

The clerk encouraged Friends to read and be prepared to discuss the aforementioned proposed documents.

The Nominating Committee Report was postponed until the third plenary session.

SEYM Executive Committee offered the minute for consideration.

04EC02 The Yearly Meeting Assistant clerk has the responsibility for dispensing travel funds and for providing support and nurture for our representatives to organizations.

If the Assistant clerk has difficulty in managing the funds, we request the Finance Committee clerk be ready to support the Assistant clerk in doing so.

The Ad Hoc Travel Funds Committee is charged with providing guidelines on ways to inform the Assistant clerk in dispersing travel funds and providing nurture for those Yearly Meeting representatives who travel.

04EC02 was approved as **04YM01**.

The First Plenary Session of the 2004 Yearly Meeting concluded in silent worship.

## **Plenary 2: Sixth Day 10 am**

The session opened with silent worship.

Steve Angell, former SEYM Clerk and former member of Tallahassee MM, was welcomed back to the Gathering. Steve is a Professor of Quaker Studies at Earlham School of Religion.

Traveling minutes for visitors Michael Wajda (FGC) and Liz Kamphausen (AFSC) were read.

**04YM02** SEYM approves the endorsements made by the YM clerk regarding the travel minutes for visitors Michael Wadga (FGC) and Liz Kamphausen (AFSC).

Al Gieger, Jacksonville MM, was thanked for providing lighting used to spotlight the Auditorium displays.

Daily Announcements included a reminder to prepare for consideration of the proposed Articles of Incorporation and By-Laws at the 3<sup>rd</sup> Plenary Session.

The following minute was approved.

**04YM03** With regard to 03RM06, SEYM Representative Meeting approves the recommendation of our Worship and Ministry Committee that we acknowledge and approve Jan Dahm's calling to travel in the ministry with Friends General Conference Traveling Ministries, and as she might otherwise be led. To that end, we endorse the traveling minute for her as prepared by St. Petersburg Monthly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends. The text of the SPMM minute appears as Attachment 5 in the 2004 YM minutes.

Phoebe Andersen presented the Faith and Practice Committee Report. The printed report is in the DIA, pages 5 through 15.

Phoebe related how the revising of SEYM has been a “labor of love.” The process is half completed. There are eighteen sections to be looked at and discerned. Monthly Meetings will receive three sections every September to thresh and provide recommendations to the committee. Sessions are being held during Gathering on Queries and Advices and Marriage and Commitment.

Since minute 98YM07 was approved, the Faith & Practice revision process has changed.

Phoebe offered a minute on the Faith & Practice report, pages 5-7 of the DIA.

Questions were asked and responses given. How does the process prevent undue consideration of trivial proposals? It is implied that frivolous proposals can be laid aside by using the proposed process. Can changes be made anytime? Yes. It is an ongoing, evolving process. When we have a complete published volume of Faith and Practice? The goal is to have a right ordered, living document, not simply a bound shelf copy of the Discipline. Who decides who makes proposed changes? It is a balance between YM and the Faith & Practice Committee.

A member rose to thank the thoughtful comments of those who spoke to the need for clarification.

**04YM04** The YM approves the revised procedures for “How to Change or Make Additions to the Faith and Practice” as they appeared in the Documents In Advance, pages 5 to 7, and as amended at the second plenary.

As Membership Recorder, Phoebe reported the SEYM Directory will be published following Yearly Meeting. This is to assure a complete and updated document. YM attendees are requested to make any corrections, including e-mail addresses, on the “prototype” copy on the Secretary’s Table.

A mailing will be made to Monthly Meetings, YM representatives, committee members, and officers.

Phoebe requested meetings to send the SEYM Membership Recorder all changes in membership status. An accurate accounting of transfers, resignations, laying down of memberships, and life events (birth, marriage, and death) is necessary to the YM, the community of Friends.

Karen Putney asked how parents of college students who are no longer active in a monthly meeting should handle their child’s membership status. Lyn replied it was important to maintain young people on the membership roles. Meeting data must be correct and current for draft age members.

Carl Hersh reported on the Cuban Quaker Project. SEYM helps support the Cuban YM and the Havana peace coordinator. The YM also supports travel between the States and Cuba and the visitations of Cuban representatives to the YM.

For this year's Gathering, the selected visitor could not be with us because of the severe free travel restrictions in the name of "national security." Once passage is cleared, it is the hope that our Cuban Friend will be able to tour monthly meetings.

Our religious and tax status covers visitation by SEYM Friends to Cuba on behalf of the YM. Up to \$10,000 can be brought into Cuba for humanitarian projects.

Responding to a question, Caroline noted the budgetary change which placed the contribution towards the Havana peace coordinator into the Donations category. Carl encouraged contributions to the Project. Miami MM will accept donations earmarked for the Cuban Quaker Project.

Ruth Paine, Kathy Wingard, and Lillian Hall shared the report for ProNica.

While commenting that she is doing less, Ruth is delighted with the strength of others and grateful for the donations to ProNica. Private grants have helped in ProNica's programs on health, agriculture, and education in Nicaragua. Ruth remains the Treasurer of ProNica.

Kathy Wingard serves as a part-time employed staff member at the ProNica office in St. Petersburg. Kathy commented on the changes in administration and corporate status. She requested that monthly meetings donate recycled inkjet cartridges, old cell phones, and frequent flyer miles from American and Continental airlines.

Lillian Hall brings greetings from the Managua WG. Nicaragua, she related, is the second poorest country in the western hemisphere. Trade restrictions and American policy compound the people's difficulties. However, many projects continue to address the people's needs such as anti-violence efforts in the most deprived and crime-ridden neighborhoods. Also, there is optimism as exceptional people make it happen for the good. For example, a principal whose school is regulated by the government but gets no government financial support insists that although the neighborhood may be poor, that does not mean education should be poor. According to Friend Lillian, many are working against all odds to transform Nicaragua.

Neil Andersen, SEYM Treasurer, explained and responded to questions regarding the Year End Balance Sheet for FY2003, the FY 2002-2003 Annual Report, and the Income and Expense for Selected Classes: June 1, 2003 through March 31, 2004. They appear as Attachments 6, 7, and 8 with explanatory notes.

**04YM05** YM approves the FY2003 Financial Report as presented by treasurer Neil Andersen.

**04YM06** YM approves the FY2004 Interim Financial Report as presented by treasurer Neil Andersen.

The session ended with silence.

### **Plenary 3: Seventh Day, 10:00 am and 2 pm**

The session began with silent worship.

Dan commented on how wonderful it was to see more known Friends in attendance. He extended SEYM greetings to Doug McCown, stateside coordinator for ProNica; and Carol and Richard McCleery, co-clerks of the SEYM Half Year Gathering.

Bob Tanzig and Teresa Zokovitch, Florida Coalition for Peace and Justice, are conducting the Young Friend Peace Camp program. Friends are requested to greet Bob and Teresa and thank them for their service to our youth.

ProNica submitted the following announcement. "Thanks to your support ProNica has raised just over \$500 as of Thursday evening from crafts sales. ProNica wishes to acknowledge and thank Gainesville MM for their interest, generous on-going work, and strong support."

To conclude the Faith & Practice Committee report, Pheobe offered the Forms appearing on pages 8-15 in the DIA. The forms were approved with the change noted in the minute.

**04YM 07** YM approves the Faith and Practice forms on "Dying, Death and Bereavement" as published in the Documents in Advance with modifications. On page 10 of the DIA, entitled Requests Regarding Disposal of My Body," under Item # 1, insert the following sentence. *If you have decided to donate your body to Medical Research, Organ Donations, or Eye Bank, please designate a second choice of Burial or Cremation, in the event that your wishes are unable to be carried out.* There were also typos notes to be corrected on Page 15 of the document.

Annie McPherson offered the Nominating Committee Report. Annie expressed her love for the committee's work, coming to know people throughout the region, and learning the gifts of different members.

A preliminary report was approved with the understanding that a final Nominating Committee report would be presented at the fourth plenary.

Carolyn Lanker presented the Finance Committee report and spoke to a number of explanations made in her report in the DIA, page 16. Copies of the SEYM 2004-2005 Apportionments and Apportionment calculations were distributed for consideration, included as Attachment 9

**04YM08** SEYM approves the Finance Committee's Proposed Budget for June 1,2004 – May 31, 2005.

Herb Haigh gave the Trustees Report. Herb noted the growth of the Secretary's Salary Fund and the goal to increase the Youth Gathering Fund and the Outreach/Travel Fund. Copies of the Trustee Investments (Mutual Funds and Interest-Paying Accounts and

Loans) and Trustees' Funds, Income/ Expense (6/1/2003 – 4/5/2004) were distributed, included here as Attachment 10.

At this point in the proceedings Gary Arthur, Representative Meeting clerk, temporarily acted as presiding clerk.

Gary stated the Deland WG is seeking Monthly Meeting status. The following report (letter) was read.

Report from the Visiting Committee to the Deland Worship Group

Dear Friends,

The Visiting Committee for Deland Worship Group, which is under the care of Orlando Meeting, is happy to report that Deland Friends are growing towards becoming a Monthly Meeting. We have had two very positive visits with them since January Representative Meeting. We will be having more visits throughout the coming year. In May, Orlando, Winter Park, and Deland Friends will be having worship and a "Spring Fling" at John Knox Village.

Vicki Carlie  
Bill Carlie  
Ed Lesnick

[OMM Visiting Committee]

As Faith & Practice clerk, Phoebe explained the process for a worship group to become a monthly meeting. YM must approve the recommendation of the visiting committee that a worship group should become a monthly meeting. If YM approves, there is a one-year period of discernment and preparation for monthly meeting status. If this process results in clearness, the WG would become a Monthly Meeting.

As clerk of the Ad-Hoc Committee on Articles of Incorporation and By Laws, Dan gave the background of how the current documents were developed. He then explained why they have become antiquated given current circumstances.

Initially, SEYM was not incorporated because it did not hold property. As it acquired property (funds) there was a need to incorporate. The corporation was established in the name of SEYM's Trustees. The Trustees held and managed the property. As a 501(3)(c) Tax-exempt Corporation there was a name change in 1994.

Today, we now do much more as a body. The current language of the Articles is not consistent with SEYM practices.

The purpose of the revision process is to accurately reflect on how we actually do business. The Secretary of State may question our organizational structure if we do not operate as the old articles state. Also, as a matter of Quaker truth telling we must be straight forward about our practices to government(s).

Dan explained the format of the documents so a reading could proceed.

The result presented to the YM included the drafts of the Ad Hoc Committee,

subsequent threshings and amendments, reports to RMs and consideration by the Trustees. The last set came from review by the Faith & Practice Committee in February 2004. There were ongoing opportunities for members to express their views.

Gary read the proposed Articles of Incorporation as they appeared in the DIA. The following editorial changes were submitted for approval.

- p. 1 in the title add “of the” Religious Society of Friends
- p. 1 Article I, line 2, change “,” to “of the” Religious Society of Friends
- p. 3 Article II, section c. line 3, change “an” to “a” corporation
- p. 4 Article III, line 2, “Southeastern Yearly Meeting” of the Religious
- p. 7 Article X, line 2, change “at” to “of” which
- p. 7 Article XI, line 2, change “in” to “at” 312 Banyan Way

Neil Andersen stated the provision in Article II; section d. “distributed to the federal government” was not in keeping with the purpose of this organization. Lou Putney replied the need to meet the government’s minimum requirements necessitates the wording. Herb High responded the provision considers both assets and debts, the latter of which, by example, the government could become involved. Lou added the issue of government involvement after the unlikely dissolution of the YM is speculative.

**04YM09** YM approves the amendments to Articles of Incorporation as they appeared in the supplement to the Documents in Advance that was mailed by first class to every SEYM member and with editorial changes made at the third plenary.

In discussion of the Proposed By-Laws, the following changes were made.

- p. 1 Title, add “of the” Religious Society of Friends
- p. 1 Article I, line 2, add “of the” Religious Society of Friends
- p. 3 Article V, beginning of the concluding sentence, is changed to “The Yearly Meeting Clerk, the Representative Meeting clerk,” Recording clerk . . .
- p. 4 Article VIII, line 3 change “at” to “of”

A discussion was held concerning the term “written notice,” p. 4, Article VI, line 2.” No change was made.

**04YM10** The YM approves the proposed By-Laws as they appeared in the supplement to the Documents in Advance that was mailed by first class to every SEYM member and amended at the third plenary

The membership thanked all those who worked to create the revised Articles and Bylaws, including Ad Hoc Committee members (02RM06): Dan Vaughen, clerk, Phoebe Andersen, Cathy Gaskill, Herb Haigh, Gay Howard and Antonia Melamed; with input and support from Dave Bechtold, Lyn Cope-Robinson, Dean Engstrom, Caroline Lanker, Lou Putney, Becky Steele, and Maud Tucker.

Dan returned as presiding clerk, and Susan Taylor presented the Worship and Ministry Committee Report.

Susan thanked those in attendance and the committee for their contributions to the spiritual nature of the Friends' community. She was thankful for Mary Lord's guidance and the efforts of worship sharing facilitators at Gathering. The Worship and Ministry Committee continues to hold in prayer all committees and sessions.

The Committee is delighted in Deland's progress towards meeting status and is grateful to Orlando MM for its role in the process.

Regarding the Michener Lecture, the feedback on George Leakey, lecturer this past January, was positive. A choice of lecturer for 2005 has not been made. There is an interest to choose a lecturer who includes the interests of Young Friends.

The FGC Traveling Ministries program requests Yearly Meeting representatives to attend a consultation in November 2004. Friends approved the following minute.

**04YM11** Southeastern Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends approves the appointment of Jan Dahm and Phoebe Andersen as our representatives to the Friends General Conference Traveling Ministries Program Consultation Addressing Faithful Ministry In Our Monthly and Yearly Meetings. The Consultation will be held November 12-14, 2004, at the Gilmory Diocesan Center near Pittsburgh PA.

Nancy Fennell is led to go to the School of the Spirit, an outreach of the Philadelphia Yearly Meeting. Worship and Ministry is composing a letter in Nancy's support.

Susan Taylor reminded the gathered of the Pendle Hill sojourn scholarships. The 2003-2004 scholarship has yet to be granted. The process includes a Monthly Meeting clerk sending a letter of recommendation on the applicant's behalf to the SEYM Worship & Ministry clerk.

Doris Emerson gave the Amigos Construction report. Originally, the program grew out of a response to the devastation caused by Hurricane Andrew. Today's challenge is the conversion and renovation of Miami MM's Bartram House into the Quaker Center for Peace, Education and Social Justice. The Center is at 1205 Sunset Drive in Miami-Dade County, adjacent to the Friends Meeting House.

The session ended in silence.

#### **Plenary 4, First Day, 9 AM**

The final session began with silent worship.

Dan greeted the assembled with "Good morning and a happy Easter!"

Susan Taylor presented the Nominating Committee's report, Attachment 11

**04YM12** SEYM approves the Nominating Committee report as amended during the third and fourth plenary sessions.

Karen Putney presented the Report of the Care and Accountability Committee of Friend Dahm, who has been called to the Traveling Ministry. The report appears as Attachment 12.

Dana Putney gave the Peace and Social Concerns Committee Report

The following minutes were approved.

**04YM13** In a reaffirmation and expansion of the Peace and Social Concerns Committee, the following are recognized as members: those approved by Yearly Meeting, clerks/designees of the Peace and Social Concerns committees of constituent monthly meetings and worship groups, and all Yearly Meeting participants who choose to attend.

**04YM14** Southeastern Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends recognizes the urgency of joining the statewide initiative to raise the minimum wage. While the raise from \$5.15 to \$6.15 is far from a living wage, we urge Friends in attendance to sign the petitions and present them to their monthly meetings and worship groups for additional signatures.

**04YM15** Southeastern Yearly Meeting encourages Friends to continue supporting the Coalition of Immokalee Workers in their boycott of Taco Bell. Immokalee workers provide 80% of Taco Bell's tomatoes and their demand for a wage increase of one cent more per pound should be met immediately.

**04YM16** At its annual session held April 7-11, 2004, the Southeastern Yearly Meeting reaffirms its enduring commitment to the historic peace testimony. SEYM is profoundly appreciative of the efforts of wider Quaker organizations to address the core issues, which underlie conflicts between peoples and nations, and earnestly prays for progress towards peace in the world we share.

Doris Emerson encouraged SEYM to support delegates to the summer 2005 World Gathering of Young Friends. Friends raised questions regarding the process of undertaking this project.

**04YM17** SEYM undertakes the sponsorship of two representatives to the World Gathering of Young Friends in July 2005 at Lancaster, England. It asks the Nominating Committee together with Young Friends to name two representatives and two alternatives. It is further requested the 2006 Budget include possible funding and will ask further assistance from Monthly Meetings and members.

Several Friends gave vocal messages. Canby Jones offered, "Christ is risen, he is truly risen." Steve Angell brought greetings from Earlham School of Religion. Steve spoke of Earlham's online degree courses and how pleased he was with SEYM's involvement with the traveling ministries program.

Rod Zwirner reported for Quaker Earthcare Witness (formerly Friends Committee on Unity with Nature) is coordinating its activities with FCNL. There is an important relationship between peace and justice issues and the ecology of an “Earth restored.” Members are urged to subscribe to the committee’s newsletter. Rod was again pleased in his third visit to SEYM gathering.

Debra Fisch, FGC Traveling Ministries Program, stated how welcomed she felt in the SEYM family and the necessary relationship between the program and monthly meetings. Nancy Craft, Friends World Committee on Consultation, stated how the FWCC connects Quakers throughout the world.

Jan Dahm requested tender care and support for FCGLBTQC. She stated the epistle read at the first plenary session captured the essence of the group. We should not hide part of ourselves as we worship. She cautioned how fear feeds and nurtures the ability to harbor hate.

Mary Lord, AFSC national and international offices, spoke of Quakers working together on mutual goals to overcome decentralized structures. Human migration, youth, peace, social and economic justice are ongoing concerns of the AFSC. Migration and peace issues will be priorities in the coming months. She said her work is wonderful but hard and thanked SEYM for its hospitality.

Darrell Hefte, St. Petersburg MM, reported on area Alternatives to Violence Program projects, particularly the challenges and opportunity at Coleman Prison.

Ed read the Recognition Minutes.

**04YM18** SEYM is very grateful for having Nancy Fennell’s continual support of our annual Gathering by graciously continuing as Clerk of the YM Gathering Committee for a year beyond her required term. Her commitment and dedication is an inspiration to us all.

**04YM19** SEYM, Gathered in Yearly Meeting, 2004, expresses its deep joy and gratitude to Mary Lord, our workshop leader and Walton lecturer. Her insights, wisdom, experience, and Spirit have nourished us and recommitted us to our historic call to Peace building. We rejoice in our time together and look forward to frequent opportunities to work and share together in the future.

The YM Gathering clerk, Nancy Fennell, presented the YM Gathering Report, which is included as Attachment 13.

Nancy asked Friends to complete the Gathering evaluation forms before leaving.

The Wee Friends spoke about their “tool box” filled with happiness and other assorted “Friendly” tools. Young Friends talked about their peace camp, and presented their activities. Sometimes we had difficulties, “but we are still Young Friends in the process of learning peace.”

The middle and high school Friends considered the topic of diversity. There were exercises, role-playing, and discussions concerning gender, sexuality, race, and disability. The group thanked to those who gave them support and the clerks.

Petra Doan composed and presented the SEYM Yearly Gathering Epistle.

**04YM20** SEYM approves the epistle for Gathering 2004.

The epistles, formatted by Lyn for emailing to Quaker Yearly Meetings worldwide, appear as Attachment 14.

ProNica has received \$1,367 from Friends at this Yearly Meeting. Thank you, Friends!

Dan Vaughen made his closing remarks. He first spoke of how peace building can be a lonely activity. The response to this pain and loneliness can broaden our perspective in that all things work together. Our cups fill and we are refreshed, renewed, and invigorated.

The pain and loneliness is felt by the laying down of Augusta MM. Yet, a worship group is forming in nearby Aiken and Deland WG is growing as it moves towards monthly meeting status.

Dan concluded with passages from *Conversations with God, book 2*.

In a moment of great tragedy, the challenge always is to quiet the mind and move deep within the soul. You automatically do this when you have no control over it.

. . . Fear not for I am with you. That is what poetry has to say to the person facing tragedy. In your darkest hour, I will be your light. In your blackest moment, I will be your consolation. In your most difficult and trying time, I will be your strength. Therefore, have faith. [23rd Psalm] For I am your shepherd . . .

The meeting ended with silence.

Last Name	First	MM / Affiliation
ABU-RISH	ZIAD	AFSC/SERO
ACKERMAN	PETER	FT. L
ALLENSON	BOB	TAL
ANDERSEN	NEIL	TAL
ANDERSEN	PHOEBE	TAL
ANDERSON	SERRIN	MIA
ANGELL	STEPHEN	OXFORD/OVYM
ARTHUR	GARY	PBCH
BAILEY	EVE	PBCH
BEANE	ANDREA	ST P
BEANE-MCGOVERN	VIOLET	ST P
BEANE-MCGOVERN	JACKSON	ST P
BEARDSLY	GENE	GAIN
BEARDSLY	DICK	GAIN
BECHTEL	DAVE	SPA C
BECHTEL	CAROL	SPA C
BEGIN	KARYN	MIA
BEGIN	JOSHUA	MIA
BEGIN	JESSICA	MIA
BEJNAR	ALICE	TAL
BEJNAR	TOR	TAL
BENTON	JOCELYNN	TAM
BIRD	BEVERLY	HALI
BRADIN	JACK	PBCH
CALDWELL	ELLIE	PBCH
CALDWELL	KATHLEEN	PBCH
CARLIE	BILL	ORL
CARLIE	VICKI	ORL
CARLIE	AMY	ORL
CARRIGAN	ANN	JAX
CENTERO-HALL	TREVOR	MANAGUA
COPE-ROBINSON	LYN	SP C
COWDEN	MAC	MIA
COWDEN	THERESA	MIA
CRAFT	NANCY	FWCC
CROCE	PAUL	DEL
CROCE	PETER	DEL
CROCE	ELIZABETH	DEL
DAHM	JAN	ST. P
DAMERON	CAROL	ST P
DAMERON	TEOPOLO	ST P
DARLINGTON	KRISTINA	SPA C
DEL SOL	JAVIER	PBCH
DIAZ	EDUARDO	MIA
DIAZ	CLARA	MIA
DICKINSON	RUTH	PBCH
DOAN	PETRA	TAL
DOAN	JESSAMYN	TAL
DOAN	DANIEL	TAL
EATON	DOROTHY	ST. P
EELMAN	CASEY	HALI
EELMAN	RUTH	HALI
EMERSON	DORIS	MIA
FENNELL	TOM	FT. M
FENNELL	NANCY	FT. M
FISCH	DEBORAH	IOWA YM/FGC
FLETCHER	HANS	JAX
GAEBEL	REBECCA	DEL
GAEBEL	ERICA	DEL
GAEBEL	ANNICA	DEL
GAEBEL	DREW	DEL
GASKILL	CATHY	W PRK
GEIGER	AL	JAX
GIEGER	WENDY CLARISSA	JAX
GIPSON	TOMMIE	CRESTVIEW WG
GROUPE'	GERRY	ST. P

GUENTHER	KURT	JAX
GUENTHER	CONNIE	JAX
GUENTHER	KACEY	JAX
GUENTHER	ERIKA	JAX
GUENTHER	ADDIE	JAX
GUY	ROGER "JOE"	SAV/JAX
HAIGH	HERB	ST. P
HAIGH	PAM	ST. P
HALL	LILLIAN	MANAGUA
HAMILTON	JAN	PBCH
HEFTE	DARRELL	ST P
HEFTE	SUSAN	ST P
HERSH	CARL	MIA
HERSH	KATIE	MIA
HERSH	DAVID	MIA
HOOLEY	HELEN	GAIN
HOOLEY	CHRIS	GAIN
HOSKINS	WARREN	MIA
HOWARD	GAY	TAL
HUMPHREY	BRIAN	FT L
HUNTER	SARAH	MIA
JASON	ANDREW	MIA
JONES	CANBY	WILMINGTON
JORDAN	STEVE	W. PARK
KAMPHAUSEN	LIZ	TORONTO MM
KAVANAUGH	MICHELLE	MIA
KAVANAUGH	MICHAEL	MIA
KAVANAUGH	PATRICK	MIA
KAVANAUGH	RENE	MIA
KEHM	MELADY	FT M
KLINGEL	MARY JO	FT L
KOMETTS	SOPHIA	FT. L
KOMETTS	JASON	FT. L
LACY	JOYCE	UNAFIL.
LANDRUM	BRENDA	TAL
LANING	RUTH	ORL
LANING	CHRIS	ORL
LANKER	CAROLINE	LAKE WALES
LAVOIE	BETH	AFSC
LESNICK	ED	ORL
LESNICK	KAY	ORL
LETSCH	BARBARA	PBCH
LIEBERMAN	JENNI	TAM
LORD	MARY	WALTON LECT.
MARINER	VICKI	TAL
MAYO	FERN	SAR
MCADOO	MIMI	SAR
MCCLEERY	RICHARD	HALI
MCCLEERY	CAROLE	HALI
MCCOWN	DOUGLAS	ST P
MCHENRY	MARY	FT M
MEADE	JIM	TAL
MELAMED	ANTONIA	TAL
MENDOZA	JENNIFER	FT. L
MEPHERSON	ANNIE	GAIN
MILES	REBECCA	TAL
MOSLEY	CAROL	UNAFIL.
MULLER	MARSHA	GAIN
MULLER	MARYLYNN	GAIN
MURPHREE	MIKE	TAL
MURPHY	PAT	SAR
NEWKIRK	GEORGE	OCALA
ODUM	BETTY	GAIN
OLSON	BRIAN	MIA
ORTEGA-RAND	JAY	ST P
ORTEGA-RAND	ALEX	ST P
ORTEGA-RAND	DEMETRIOUS	ST P

PAINE	RUTH	ST. P
PALMER	NOEL	JAX
PALMERI	FRAN	SAR
PATTON	CHRISTOPHER	DEL
PATTON	KAREN	DEL
PINNEY	STACIE	DEL
PINNEY	WES	DEL
PINNEY	GRACE	DEL
PUTNEY	LOU	TAM
PUTNEY	KAREN	TAM
PUTNEY	DEVIN	TAM
PUTNEY	JEFF	TAM
PUTNEY	DANA	TAM
RAY	CONNIE	GAIN
RIGG	PEG	ST P
ROBINSON	DAVE	SP C
SCHENDEL	JEAN	ST. P
SCHMALSTIG	JUDY	W PRK
SCHMALSTIG	ANNIE	W PRK
SCHMALSTIG	ALAN	W PRK
SEBASTIAN	JUAN	PBCH
SIMS	SHEREE	GAIN
SISSON	JACK	TAL
SLITOR	JIM	PBCH
SNYDER-EHRICH	JESSE	OLNEY FR. SCH.
STAAB	ANNA	FCNL
STUPEL	JUDITH	MIA
SUSAN-KATHERINE		ST P
TANCIG	BOB	FLA. COALITION
TAYLOR	SUSAN	TAL
VANDA	GWEN	FT M
VAUGHEN	DAN	DEL
WAJDA	MICHAEL	FGC
WEBBER	AL	FT M
WEBBER	MARILYN	FT M
WEEKS	KENNETH	UNAFIL.
WILSON	MICHAEL	ST P
WILSON	EMILY RUTH	ST P
WINDRIVER	FREDDIE	SAR
WINEFORDNER	LAURA	GAIN
WINGARD	KATHY	ST P
WOLFE	BARBARA	TAM
YOCUM	CECILIA	TAM
ZOKOVITCH	TERESA	FLA. COALITION
ZERWEKH	JOYCE	PBCH
ZWIRNER	ROD	Q EARTHCARE

**The Spiritual State of our Meeting – March 2004**  
**Winter Park Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends**

The spiritual state of our meeting is one of reaching outward and inward and of looking forward and backward.

We look back on the passing of our dear Friend Ruth Lincoln and forward to the continuing fellowship of her husband Ralph. We look back, and now miss, the regular presence of our Friends Mitzi and Don Ruswick and forward to the year round participation of Betty and Jim Schaad. We look back on the time Vivian Bird was geographically closer now that she has moved to her new residence. Our balance extended from memorializing Ruth to marrying Melody Gaston and her husband Tom Schaefer under the care of our Meeting. New members and attenders stepped forward to take up the places of those who've moved on. We were all delighted when our new attender Carmela DeToma brought her newborn son Dominic into our Meeting. We look forward to the evolution our new friends will bring to our collective spiritual character. Our country's sad and unfortunate march to war has influenced our reaching outward and inward. The weekly silent prayer vigil in which our members joined dissolved after the outbreak of war. Our meeting was then led to support a committee to receive training in draft and military service counseling. We also reached out by offering this training to Friends outside our meeting. We look forward to reaching out to troubled young people who may benefit by our counsel.

We reached out by cooperating with Orlando Meeting on this concern and by monthly discussions between the clerks in Winter Park and Orlando. These discussions have enhanced the open and mutually supportive relationship between our meetings.

We reached out by accepting an invitation to visit and worship with the Islamic Society at their nearby mosque.

We continue our concern for those in prison.

Members and attenders of our Meeting received a proportionate share of health challenges and we were diligent in holding them in the light. Ruth Lincoln, in her decline, was a particularly shining example of continuing to love and to seek the light with each moment available to us.

We are also blessed with active support for each other in areas outside the boundaries of Meeting activity. We have enjoyed supporting members involved in community efforts ranging from poetry readings to workshops of new plays and to singing with the Bach Festival. We were pleased to be represented at Amnesty International's local banquet honoring four nuns in our community who've invested decades serving migrant farm workers in their struggles.

Our leading to reach out concerning participation in the military has also sparked a looking inward. We found a need to continue to examine our own relationship (and commitment) to Friends Peace Testimony. We are grateful for the still and quiet presence among us of John Wetherill who performed alternative service during World War II. His experience is a valuable touchstone for us as we move forward with this concern.

Finally we are led to look inward at our upcoming retreat. We seek a deeper knowledge of, and connection to, each other in the faith that has brought us together.

FWCC Letter from Heather Moir

----- Forwarded Message

**From:** "Heather Moir" <[jhmoir@earthlink.net](mailto:jhmoir@earthlink.net)>

**Date:** Mon, 05 Apr 2004 11:25:23 -0400

**To:** Lynn Cope Robinson SEYM <[admin@seym.org](mailto:admin@seym.org)>

**Subject:** SEYM

Dear Lynn, these are some notes I prepared for our North Sandwich news letter, but may be relevant for yours. I didn't identify any reps from SEYM at the FWCC Section of the Americas Annual Meeting so there are some details there important for SEYM sessions. I send my loving greetings for your time together and will be thinking of you all as you gather in Leesburg at Easter. Please convey my wishes to the clerks and all present for are stimulating, constructive and productive time together with God's blessing and strength undergirding you all. Lovingly Heather

**FRIENDS WORLD COMMITTEE FOR CONSULTATION**

The Triennial gathering held in Auckland, Aotearoa, (NZ!) in January seems to have been the usual life-changing and spiritually stimulating event for those who were able to attend. They were greeted in good Maori style with dancing and song, and were pictured rubbing noses, and enjoying indigenous food. Unfortunately, the now more stringent security provisions prevented some of the delegates from arriving for several days and some from coming at all even though their credentials had been approved well in advance. (That kind of hysteria and inhospitality surely makes the world a less comfortable and welcoming place!). Also much time was spent over FWCC's troubling finances, the tenuous approval of a deficit budget, and the implications of the current level of giving by individuals, Monthly Meetings and Yearly Meetings. The new staff for the World Office were approved, Nancy Irving as general secretary and Joseph Andugu as associate secretary. The new Clerk of FWCC is Duduzile Mtchazo, from South Africa, who has been David Purnell's able assistant for the last 6 years. Please hold these Friends in the Light, and encourage Friends to increase contributions by 10%.

The Annual Meeting of FWCC, Section of the Americas, was held in Ottawa, from March 17-21, and for Heather Moir who attended it was the usual joyous reunion of lots of old Friends and a delightful encounter with new ones. In 2005, August, there will be a gathering of Young Friends at Lancaster in England, (the heart of George Fox country!) European Friends are ahead of us in making plans and arrangements, and the time is short for us to acquaint Friends with the needs and opportunities, and raise the necessary funds. Remembering what a stirring experience this was for young Friends in 1985, the last such gathering, and how so many of those young Friends have gone on to take leadership roles in the Religious Society of Friends, this is surely worth a concerted effort. The YF's who are going must be appointed by the next Yearly Meeting, ie by this Easter! The ages are approximately 18-35!. Once again some latin-American Friends experienced difficulty in transit visas across the USA, and only one of two Jamaican

Friends was able to make it, (but what a blessing she was!). Financial concerns were also troubling our agenda, for the beneficence of wealthy Friends and generous Quaker trusts seems to be a thing of the past, and we can no longer live on the financial and spiritual capital of the past but have to come up with the where-with-all ourselves to support those things in which we deeply believe. Again, 10% increases in giving are needed.

Dig deep!

----- End of Forwarded Message

**Friends for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer Concerns  
Midwinter Gathering 2004**

**Epistle**

We write to you for the first time as Friends for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Queer Concerns. We have struggled for the past several years over what to name our community. We are happy to report that we are moving to a place where we are relaxing into the joy of our diverse fellowship.

One hundred and twenty-five Friends, across our generations, gathered at the Burlington Meeting House and Conference Center in Burlington, New Jersey, 13 – 16 Second Month, 2004, under the theme “Inward Work/ Outward Mission.”

The joy of our community manifested itself in many ways. We experienced the delivery of valentines, the giving and making of gifts, the presence of women sharing the work of their hands and hearts and the sharing of our laughter. Our children danced and played with us, requiring our attention and bringing a renewed vision of our lives. We felt and rejoiced at the increased presence and leadership of young adults in our midst. We practiced how to be with, and care for one another.

Many Friends experienced a renewal and diverse depth to our spiritual sharing, in worship, in workshops, in conversation and in fun. Our worship was strong and varied from nearly silent to rich vocal ministry.

As we experienced the warmth and spiritual depth and affirmation of our community, feeling our gifts named and used and appreciated, we were reminded that God loves us as we are. God calls us to use our talents and experience to do Love’s work in the world. Our keynote speaker Tracye Peterson called on us to receive the good news that God loves us deeply and asked if we were prepared to accept God’s invitation to dance with Her/Him.

We learned that understanding our pain and being in touch with our tender places is part of our inward work to prepare us for our further ministry and witness to the world.

One of the recurring images that Friends noted in our experience of the weekend was that of the wounded healer. We are challenged to do the inward work of exploring and expressing our own woundedness as the opening through which we learn to experience the pain of the world. We awaken our deep compassion for all wounded people – even those who wound us.

With grace and humor Lamar Matthews spoke to us of his experience with the withdrawal of his invitation to serve in leadership in the 2002 Friends United Meeting Triennial. We were heartened by the continuing work of Baltimore Yearly Meeting’s response but remain aware of the continuing wounding that gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender and queer Friends suffer at the hands of our own Religious Society of Friends.

We celebrated the events of our lives: weddings – new and to come–, births and other transitions. Several Friends shared the pain of being unable to share their lives with family who do not accept them as God made us.

Peterson Toscano shared his truth with us in a humorous and poignant performance piece dramatizing his struggle for self-knowledge in a residential program to transform homosexuals into “ex-Gay Christians.” He portrayed the journey of denial and conformist death to the inevitable triumph of the Spirit that affirms the truth of who we are and calls us to dance with God as we are.

In her keynote, Tracye Peterson reminded us that the liberation we all yearn for always takes struggle. She urged us to prepare ourselves for ministry by using our awareness of our own oppression to notice and pay attention to the oppression of others. She asked us to look for openings as they occur and to use our creative imagination to accept God’s invitation to partner with us to bring about a just and merciful world.

Reminded in our morning Bible study (in I Corinthians 12) with Tracye Peterson that “we are all baptized into one body” and that “when one member suffers all members suffer with it,” Friends gathered in worship with attention to Racial Healing on First Day evening to acknowledge how our Blessed Community is diminished when we are divided along racial lines, or unconscious to each others’ pain. In worship, we prayed for faithfulness and patience to persevere in ending racism’s power over us. Many of us also prayed for guidance to know when and how to use the power of our white privilege in the service of racial justice.

An opening that has come to us as a community is an invitation to join the Pendle Hill Peace Network. We agreed to join the Network recognizing that we have gifts to give in the service of peace through the Network, including our diversity and our own experience with violence and our struggle in response to it.

Our time together in this place—both historic and recently renewed and rededicated—allowed us to do our inward work as a community. As we go forward in the love of God, we call to your attention our outward mission : “It is our hope to offer an oasis to those who have been spurned by the world at large. We are learning that radical inclusion and radical love bring further light to Quaker testimony and life.”

In the light,

Petra Doan and Charlie Layman

Co-clerks, Friends for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer Concerns

## Attachment 5

### SPMM minute regarding Jan Dahm's traveling ministry

Dear Friends,

Please welcome our beloved Friend Jan Dahm as travels among you. Jan is currently the clerk of our meeting and serves on our committees for Oversight, Worship and Ministry and Finance. She serves on the Faith and Practice Committee and Worship and Ministry Committee of Southeastern Yearly Meeting. She is the SEYM representative to Friends for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Queer Concerns.

Jan is a recorded minister of our meeting and she holds a concern for the spiritual depth of our religious society. The Traveling Ministries Program of Friends General Conference has asked Jan to travel in the ministry. She has a Clearness and Care Committee to support her in her work and our meeting minuted its approval and support of this leading on 13 Seventh Month 2003.

Meeting has been uplifted in many circumstances by Jan's gifts of strength, humor and tenderness. We are grateful for Jan's service to Meeting and we hope that your Meeting also benefits from her presence among you.

This Traveling Minute was brought forward by our Committee for Oversight and approved by the St. Petersburg Meeting at our Meeting for Worship for Business 14 Ninth Month 2003.

Holding all in the Light,

Christine O'Brien  
Clerk of Oversight

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**Budget vs. Actual Income and Expense**

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	Jun 1, '03 - Mar 31, '04	Budget (10 Months)	Variance (\$)
<b><u>Budgeted Income and Sources</u></b>			
2000 · Income			
2001 · Donations			
2002 · Individual Donations	\$ 2,848.50	\$ 7,132.50	\$ (4,284.00)
2003 · Meeting Donations	30,175.92	35,127.50	(4,951.58)
Total 2001 · Donations	33,024.42	42,260.00	(9,235.58)
2200 · Investment Earnings			
2203 · Savings Account Interest	88.31	125.00	(36.69)
Total 2200 · Investment Earnings	88.31	125.00	(36.69)
Total 2000 · Income	33,112.73	42,385.00	(9,272.27)
2700 · Transfer in FROM other classes			
2804 · from Trustee's Funds			
2820 · for Secretary's Salary	3,589.83	3,000.00	589.83
2871 · Interest from Daytona MH Mrtge	359.64	425.83	(66.19)
Total 2804 · from Trustee's Funds	3,949.47	3,425.83	523.64
Total 2700 · Transfer in FROM other classes	3,949.47	3,425.83	523.64
<b><u>Total Budgeted Income</u></b>	<b>\$ 37,062.20</b>	<b>\$ 45,810.83</b>	<b>\$ (8,748.63)</b>
<b><u>Budgeted Expenses and Purposes</u></b>			
2999 · Expenses			
3000 · Administrative			
3001 · Bank Service Charges	\$ 5.00	\$ 20.83	\$ (15.83)
3080 · Duplication	4,031.45	2,833.33	1,198.12
3146 · Non-Profit Corporation Fee	-	-	-
3200 · Office Supplies	379.01	333.33	45.68
3270 · Payroll Expenses	22,427.10	22,166.67	260.43
3380 · Postage/Shipping	1,259.62	1,166.67	92.95
3381 · Post Office Box rental	48.00	48.00	-
3500 · Professional Fees			
3526 · Accounting	121.00		
3536 · Consulting	550.00		
Total 3500 · Professional Fees	671.00	833.33	(162.33)
3640 · Rent, Office	1,000.00	1,000.00	-
3840 · Telephone & Internet access	812.92	916.67	(103.75)
3860 · Travel Administrative	700.45	833.33	(132.88)
3900 · Website	100.00	100.00	-
Total 3000 · Administrative	31,434.55	30,281.67	1,152.88
4000 · Committee Operating Expenses			
4309 · Archives	34.00	41.67	(7.67)
4319 · Cuban Quaker Project	-	1,666.67	(1,666.67)
4329 · Executive	-	166.67	(166.67)
4339 · Faith and Practice	-	250.00	(250.00)

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	Jun 1, '03 - Mar 31, '04	Budget (10 Months)	Variance (\$)
4349 · Finance	-	166.67	(166.67)
4359 · Nominating	-	41.67	(41.67)
4369 · Peace and Social Concerns	100.00	250.00	(150.00)
4379 · Religious Education	-	166.67	(166.67)
4389 · Youth Committee	-	625.00	(625.00)
4399 · Worship and Ministry	-	125.00	(125.00)
Total 4000 · Committee Operating Exp.	134.00	3,500.00	(3,366.00)
5000 · Donations to Organizations			
5007 · AFSC	100.00	100.00	
5008 · AFSC-SERO	100.00	100.00	
5018 · Earlham School of Religion	100.00	100.00	
5027 · FCNL	300.00	300.00	
5028 · QEW (FCUN)	125.00	125.00	
5037 · FGC	1,200.00	1,200.00	
5038 · FLCoalition for Peace & Justice	60.00	60.00	
5047 · Florida Council of Churches	100.00	200.00	(100.00)
5048 · Florida Impact	300.00	300.00	
5057 · Friends Journal	100.00	100.00	
5058 · Friends Peace Teams	-	250.00	(250.00)
5067 · FUM	1,200.00	1,200.00	
5068 · FWCC	1,200.00	1,200.00	
5077 · Pendle Hill	100.00	100.00	
5078 · ProNica	3,000.00	4,000.00	(1,000.00)
5087 · Quaker Life	100.00	100.00	
5088 · SIPAZ	100.00	100.00	
5097 · Wm Penn House	100.00	100.00	
Total 5000 · Donations to Organizations	8,285.00	9,635.00	(1,350.00)
8000 · Representative Travel			
8160 · Annual Representative	1,026.40	1,666.67	(640.27)
8260 · Triennial Travel	2,000.00	833.33	1,166.67
Total 8000 · Representative Travel	3,026.40	2,500.00	526.40
8500 · Contingency	-	666.67	(666.67)
Total 2999 · Expenses	42,879.95	46,583.33	(3,703.38)
9000 · Transfer OUT TO other classes			
9005 · for Gathering Youth	1,000.00	1,000.00	-
Total 9000 · Transfer OUT TO other classes	1,000.00	833.33	166.67
<b><u>Total Budgeted Expenses</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 43,879.95</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 45,810.83</u></b>	<b><u>\$ (1,930.88)</u></b>
<b><u>Net Income from Budgeted Items</u></b>	<b><u>\$ (6,817.75)</u></b>	<b><u>-</u></b>	<b><u>\$ (6,817.75)</u></b>

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	Annual Budget
<b><u>Budgeted Income and Sources</u></b>	
2000 · Income	
2001 · Donations	
2002 · Individual Donations	\$ 8,559.00
2003 · Meeting Donations	42,153.00
Total 2001 · Donations	50,712.00
2200 · Investment Earnings	
2203 · Savings Account Interest	150.00
Total 2200 · Investment Earnings	150.00
Total 2000 · Income	50,862.00
2700 · Transfer in FROM other classes	
2804 · from Trustee's Funds	
2820 · for Secretary's Salary	3,600.00
2871 · Interest from Daytona MH Mrtge	511.00
Total 2804 · from Trustee's Funds	4,111.00
Total 2700 · Transfer in FROM other classes	4,111.00
<b><u>Total Budgeted Income</u></b>	<b>\$ 54,973.00</b>
 <b><u>Budgeted Expenses and Purposes</u></b>	
2999 · Expenses	
3000 · Administrative	
3001 · Bank Service Charges	\$ 25.00
3080 · Duplication	3,400.00
3146 · Non-Profit Corporation Fee	65.00
3200 · Office Supplies	400.00
3270 · Payroll Expenses	26,600.00
3380 · Postage/Shipping	1,400.00
3381 · Post Office Box rental	48.00
3500 · Professional Fees	
3526 · Accounting	
3536 · Consulting	
Total 3500 · Professional Fees	1,000.00
3640 · Rent, Office	1,200.00
3840 · Telephone & Internet access	1,100.00
3860 · Travel Administrative	1,000.00
3900 · Website	100.00
Total 3000 · Administrative	36,338.00
4000 · Committee Operating Expenses	
4309 · Archives	50.00
4319 · Cuban Quaker Project	2,000.00
4329 · Executive	200.00
4339 · Faith and Practice	300.00

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	Annual Budget
4349 · Finance	200.00
4359 · Nominating	50.00
4369 · Peace and Social Concerns	300.00
4379 · Religious Education	200.00
4389 · Youth Committee	750.00
4399 · Worship and Ministry	150.00
Total 4000 · Committee Operating Exp.	<u>4,200.00</u>
5000 · Donations to Organizations	
5007 · AFSC	100.00
5008 · AFSC-SERO	100.00
5018 · Earlham School of Religion	100.00
5027 · FCNL	300.00
5028 · QEW (FCUN)	125.00
5037 · FGC	1,200.00
5038 · FLCoalition for Peace & Justice	60.00
5047 · Florida Council of Churches	200.00
5048 · Florida Impact	300.00
5057 · Friends Journal	100.00
5058 · Friends Peace Teams	250.00
5067 · FUM	1,200.00
5068 · FWCC	1,200.00
5077 · Pendle Hill	100.00
5078 · ProNica	4,000.00
5087 · Quaker Life	100.00
5088 · SIPAZ	100.00
5097 · Wm Penn House	100.00
Total 5000 · Donations to Organizations	<u>9,635.00</u>
8000 · Representative Travel	
8160 · Annual Representative	2,000.00
8260 · Triennial Travel	1,000.00
Total 8000 · Representative Travel	<u>3,000.00</u>
8500 · Contingency	800.00
Total 2999 · Expenses	<u>53,973.00</u>
9000 · Transfer OUT TO other classes	
9005 · for Gathering Youth	1,000.00
Total 9000 · Transfer OUT TO other classes	<u>1,000.00</u>
<b><u>Total Budgeted Expenses</u></b>	<u><u>\$ 54,973.00</u></u>
<b><u>Net Income from Budgeted Items</u></b>	<u><u>-</u></u>

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Income & Expenses for Selected  
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	<u>Half Yearly Meeting (Final)</u>	<u>Michener Lecture (Final)</u>	<u>Publications (Year to Date)</u>
<b>Income</b>			
2000 · Income			
2001 · Donations			
2002 · Individual Donations	-	1,421.00	-
Total 2001 · Donations	-	1,421.00	-
2400 · Program Registrations			
2430 · Registration Fee	2,248.25	-	-
Total 2400 · Program Registrations	2,248.25	-	-
2600 · Sales			
2680 · Publication Sales	-	-	1,881.30
Total 2600 · Sales	-	-	1,881.30
Total 2000 · Income	2,248.25	1,421.00	1,881.30
2700 · Transfer IN FROM other classes			
2804 · from Trustee's Funds			
2810 · for Michener Lecture	-	701.34	-
Total 2804 · from Trustee's Funds	-	701.34	-
Total 2700 · Transfer IN FROM other classes	-	701.34	-
<b>Total Income</b>	<u>2,248.25</u>	<u>2,122.34</u>	<u>1,881.30</u>
<b>Expense</b>			
2999 · Expenses			
3000 · Administrative			
3380 · Postage/Shipping	-	-	-
Total 3000 · Administrative	-	-	-
6000 · Production			
6080 · Printing, Publications	-	-	956.27
6180 · Printing, Screen	-	-	502.00
Total 6000 · Production	-	-	1,458.27
7000 · Program Expense			
7080 · Duplication, registration flier	147.55	250.18	-
7081 · Program postage	117.32	119.13	-
7138 · Food purchases	1,013.22	288.75	-
7451 · Refunds of Fees	-	-	-
7533 · Site Deposits	240.00	-	-
7534 · Site Fees	720.00	-	-
7600 · Speaker food and lodging	-	150.61	-
7650 · Speaker Honorarium	-	500.00	-
7660 · Speaker travel	-	254.50	-
7905 · Youth Program Leader/childcare	-	50.00	-
Total 7000 · Program Expense	2,238.09	1,613.17	-
Total 2999 · Expenses	2,238.09	1,613.17	1,458.27
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<u>2,238.09</u>	<u>1,613.17</u>	<u>1,458.27</u>
<b>Net Income</b>	<u>10.16</u>	<u>509.17</u>	<u>423.03</u>
9000 · Transfer OUT TO other classes			
9001 · to General Fund	10.16	-	-
9300 · to Trustee's Funds	-	509.17	-
Total 9000 · Transfer OUT TO other classes	10.16	509.17	-

SEYM  
2004-2005 Apportionments

Total Meeting Donation Budget = \$43,840

Meeting/Worship Group	MM/WG % of Total	MM % of Total	MM/WG Amount	MM Total Amount
Augusta MM	1.4%	1.4%	\$613.54	\$613.54
Charleston MM	1.2%	1.2%	\$529.87	\$529.87
Clearwater MM	3.3%	3.3%	\$1,450.18	\$1,450.18
Fort Lauderdale MM	1.3%	1.3%	\$557.76	\$557.76
Fort Myers MM	5.7%		\$2,482.04	
Naples WG	0.0%		\$0.00	
Fort Myers Total		5.7%		\$2,482.04
Gainesville MM	12.3%	12.3%	\$5,382.39	\$5,382.39
Jacksonville MM	2.7%		\$1,199.19	
Golden Isle WG	0.8%		\$334.66	
Jacksonville Total		3.5%		\$1,533.84
Key West WG	1.0%	1.0%	\$446.21	\$446.21
Miami MM	15.7%	15.7%	\$6,888.35	\$6,888.35
Orlando MM	5.7%		\$2,509.92	
Deland WG	2.0%		\$892.42	
Orlando Total		7.8%		\$3,402.34
Palm Beach MM	8.1%		\$3,541.78	
Stuart WG	1.1%		\$474.10	
Palm Beach Total		9.2%		\$4,015.88
Sarasota MM	7.0%	7.0%	\$3,067.68	\$3,067.68
Space Coast MM	3.4%	3.4%	\$1,478.07	\$1,478.07
St. Petersburg MM	11.5%		\$5,047.74	
Brandon WG	0.2%		\$83.66	
Lake Wales WG	0.1%		\$55.78	
Managua WG	0.3%		\$111.55	
St. Petersburg Total		12.1%		\$5,298.73
Tallahassee MM	9.9%	9.9%	\$4,350.53	\$4,350.53
Tampa MM	3.1%	3.1%	\$1,366.51	\$1,366.51
Winter Park MM	2.2%	2.2%	\$976.08	\$976.08
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>\$43,840.00</b>	<b>\$43,840.00</b>

**Finance Committee, A Letter from Clerk of Finance regarding:****Proposed Budget June 1/2004–May 31/2005**

Dear Friends,

Please review the proposed budget for the SEYM general fund for fiscal year 2004-2005 (June 1, 2004 through May 31, 2005) in your meeting. This budget will be brought up for approval at SEYM Gathering 2004. You may also send questions and comments to me (e-mail address below).

**It is important that the meetings understand and approve the contents of the budget, because this budget is the biggest single factor determining the meeting apportionments.**

The Yearly Meeting budget should reflect the concerns and priorities of its members. It should provide the financial resources necessary to maintain the Yearly Meeting programs and activities which its constituent Meetings and Worship Groups find worthwhile. I would like to hear from you about what the Yearly Meeting does which is important to you.

This proposed budget is a modified version of the proposed budget which was published in the DIA for the January Representative Meeting, along with a full explanation of the changes from the current year's budget.

Briefly, the changes from this year's budget are as follows:

1. Adjustments in expected Trustees investment income that is designated to be contributed to the General Fund. These adjustments reflect the changes in value of the investments.
2. Adjustments in the amount of expected income from individual and meeting donations. In the past few years, the budget for individual income has been unrealistically high. In order to bring this budget line down to realistic levels, the meeting donation line needs to be increased. Expected increases in the income from the Trustees' Secretary's Salary Fund will help, but will not make up the difference. In this proposed budget, the budget line for meeting donations is increased 4%. This does not yet bring the budget for individual donations down to a realistic number, but it is a step in that direction, without an unreasonable jump in meeting donations.

**If approved, this will mean an average increase of 4% in all meeting apportionments for 2004-2005.** The actual increase in the apportionment for each meeting will vary somewhat depending on changes in the list of members and attenders. However, changes in the meeting lists only modify the relative amounts apportioned to the meetings. The total of all apportionments must add up to the budgeted amount for meeting donations.

I am aware that some meetings are undergoing financial distress and may not be able to increase their contribution. Therefore, I hope that individuals with a special concern for the YM and some meetings which can afford to, will feel moved to contribute something extra to the YM General Fund in the coming year.

3. Addition of budget categories for computer hardware and software and equipment repairs.
4. Changes in committee operating budgets. These changes have been made with input from the committees.
5. A three percent raise in the secretary's salary.
6. A five percent increase in the line items for representative travel and triennial travel.
7. Increases in administrative expenses for expected inflation.
8. Discontinuance of the \$100 donation to SIPAZ.
9. Formatting changes.

The changes in this version vs. the version in the DIA for RM are as follows:

10. An increase in the budget for duplication (line 1910/3080), in response to a revised estimate by Lyn
11. A small increase in line for Secretary Salary/Payroll expenses (line 1931/3270) to correct payroll tax estimate.
12. Increases in the budgets for Faith and Practice and Peace and Social Concerns Committees. The P&SC budget covers the new SEYM Peace web page.
13. An increase in the individual contributions line to cover the above increases in expenditures. This was done to hold the increase in the meeting contribution line to 4%, as described above.

Love and Peace,

Caroline Lanker, lanker2@attglobal.net

**Proposed Budget June 1/2004–May 31/2005**

<b>Categories (Old/New numbers and names)</b>	<b>Budget 02-03</b>	<b>Actual 02-03</b>	<b>Budget 03-04</b>	<b>Budget 04-05 (proposed)</b>
<b>Income</b>				
Real Income to General Fund				
1601/2002 Individual Donations	7060	3074	8559	7895
1605/2203 Interest-Investments/Savings act. intrst	2640	0	150	150
1615/2003 Meeting & Worship groups	42246	40447	42153	43840
16272300 Miscellaneous		5		
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>51946</b>	<b>43526</b>	<b>50862</b>	<b>51885</b>
Transfers from other accounts				
1262/2820 Secretary's Fund (from Trustees Funds)		3519	3600	4132
1610/2871 Interest-Mortgage (from Trustees Funds)650		699	511	128
2710 Surplus Michener Lecture		561		0
2730 Surplus Gathering/Walton		878		0
2750 Surplus Half Yearly Meeting		168		0
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>650</b>	<b>5826</b>	<b>4111</b>	<b>4260</b>
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>52596</b>	<b>49351</b>	<b>54973</b>	<b>56145</b>

<b>Categories Expenditures (proposed)</b>	<b>Budget 02-03</b>	<b>Actual 02-03</b>	<b>Budget 03-04</b>	<b>Budget 04-05</b>
<b>Administration</b>				
1903/3001 Bank Charges	25	26	25	25
1905/8500 Contingency Fund	1000	497	800	500
1910/3080 Duplication	3000	3447	3400	4500
3400 Office Equipement				300
1921/3146 Fee for Non-Profit Corp	65	61	65	65
1923/3200 Office Supplies	500	462	400	500
1926/3381 Post Office Box Rental	38	48	48	50
1927/3380 Postage	1400	1105	1400	1600
1928/3500 Professional Svcs	1400	139	1000	500
1931/3270 Secretary Salary/Payroll expenses	23948	21287	25000	27720
1932/3270 Secretary Benefits/Payroll expenses	inactive		inactive	
1933/3270 Secretary Employer Taxes/payroll exp.	1835	4493	1600	included above
1937/3640 Office Rent/ Rental Unit	900	900	1200	1200
3816 Software				150
3700 Repairs				100
1935/3900 Website			100	100
1938/3840 Telephone/Internet	800	596	1100	1100
1939/3860 Secretary Travel/Travel Administrative	1000	757	1000	1050
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>35911</b>	<b>33818</b>	<b>37138</b>	<b>39460</b>

<b>Committees (proposed)</b>	<b>Budget 02-03</b>	<b>Actual 02-03</b>	<b>Budget 03-04</b>	<b>Budget 04-05</b>
1940/4309 Archivist	50		50	50
1941/4339 Faith & Practice	300		300	300
1942/4349 Finance	200	211	200	50
1943/4329 Executive Committee	200		200	100
1945/4359 Nominating	50		50	50
1949/4369 Peace & Social Concerns	300	140	300	150
1951/none ProNica/none(moved to donations)	4000	4000	see donations	
1952/4065 Publications	inactive		inactive	
1953/4379 Religious Education	200		200	50
1955/4399 Worship & Ministry	150		150	150
1957/4389 Youth Committee	750		750	50
1960/4319 Cuban Quaker Project	1200	1200	2000	50
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>7400</b>	<b>5550</b>	<b>4200</b>	<b>1000</b>

<b>Donations to Organizations</b>				
1961/5008 AFSC-SERO	100	100	100	100
1962/5007 AFSC	100	100	100	100

5017	Cuba YM-Havana Peace Coord.				2000
1963/5018	Earlham School of Religion	100	100	100	100
1965/5027	FCNL	300	300	300	300
1966/5028	FCUN	125	125	125	125
1967/5037	FGC	1200	1200	1200	1200
1969/5047	FL Council of Churches	100	100	200	200
1970/5048	Florida Impact	300	300	300	300
1971/5057	Friends Journal	100	100	100	100
1973/5067	FUM	1200	1200	1200	1200
1974/5068	FWCC	1200	1200	1200	1200
1964/5078	ProNica			4000	4000
1975/5077	Pendle Hill	100	100	100	100
1977/5087	Quaker Life	100	100	100	100
1978/5097	William Penn House	100	100	100	100
1979/5098	SIPAZ	100	100	100	0
1980/5038	FL Coal for P & J	60	60	60	60
1981/5058	Friends Peace Teams			250	250
<b>Subtotal</b>		<b>5285</b>	<b>5285</b>	<b>9635</b>	<b>11535</b>

<b>Categories</b>		<b>Budget 02-03</b>	<b>Actual 02-03</b>	<b>Budget 03-04</b>	<b>Budget 04-05</b>
<b>Representative Travel</b>					
<b>(proposed)</b>					
1982/8160	Annual	2000	1768	2000	2100
1983/8260	Triennial	1000	0	1000	1050
<b>Subtotal</b>		<b>3000</b>	<b>1768</b>	<b>3000</b>	<b>3150</b>

<b>Transfer out to other classes</b>					
1959/9005	Youth at YM Gathering	1000	1000	1000	1000
<b>Subtotal</b>		<b>1000</b>	<b>1000</b>	<b>1000</b>	<b>1000</b>

<b>Total Income</b>		<b>52596</b>	<b>49351</b>	<b>54973</b>	<b>56145</b>
<b>Total Expenses</b>		<b>52596</b>	<b>47421</b>	<b>54973</b>	<b>56145</b>
<b>Net Income</b>			<b>1930</b>		<b>0</b>

<b>SPECIAL FUNDS</b>		<b>Budget 02-03</b>	<b>Actual 02-03</b>	<b>Budget 03-04</b>	<b>Budget 04-05</b>
Half Yearly Meeting					
Income		2500	2338	2500	
Expenses		2500	2169	2500	
Net income transferred to General Fund		0	168	0	
YM Gathering/Walton Lecture					
Income		26000	29260	28000	
Expenses		26000	28383	28000	
Net income transferred to General Fund		0	878		
Michener Lecture					
Income		1800	1628	1800	
Expenses		1800	1067	1800	
Net income transferred to General Fund		0	561		
Balance of Acct. 6/01/02					
Meeting for Sufferings	170				
Publications	1095				
Income			4936		
Expenses			3938		
Net income			998		

**NOTES:**

1. General Fund budget increased about 3.7% from 02-03 to 03-04
2. Proposed for 04-05: Secretary's salary = 3% increase from 25,000 to \$25,750. Payroll taxes = \$1931
3. 4% proposed increase in budget for meeting donations
4. 2.13% proposed change in total budget from 03-04 to 04-05

# Nominating Committee Report

## Approved Yearly Meeting 2004

**OFFICERS**

Yearly Meeting Clerk	Dan Vaughen	(DeLand)	2005
Assistant Clerk	Susan Taylor	(Tallahassee)	2007
Representative Meeting Clerk	Gary Arthur	(Palm Beach)	2005
Recording Clerk	Ed Lesnick	(Orlando)	2006
Treasurer	Neil Andersen	(Tallahassee)	2005
Membership Recorder	Phoebe Andersen	(Tallahassee)	2007
Trustees	Herb Haigh, clerk	(St. Pete)	2007
	Steve Jordan	(Winter Park)	2005
	Mimi McAdoo	(Sarasota)	2007
	Gay Howard	(Tallahassee)	2006
	Carl Hersh	(Miami)	2005
	Al Webber	(Ft. Myers)	2006
	Treasurer (ex-officio)		
Young Friends Clerks:	Katie Hersh (Miami), Dana Putney (Tampa), Daniel Doan (Talla), Annie Schmalstig (Orlando)		
Young Friends Recording Clerk:	Alan Schmalstig (Orlando)		

**COMMITTEES****Archives**

Cathy Gaskill (Winter Park)	2007
Bill Rapp (Lake Wales)	2007

**Cuban Quaker Project**

Carl Hersh, Clerk (Miami)	2005
Eduardo Diaz (Miami)	2007
Ron Lindhart (Miami)	2006
Cecilia Yocum (Tampa)	2007
Fern Mayo (Sarasota)	2007
Shawna Doran (St. Pete)	2006
Mac Cowden (Miami)	2006

**Faith & Practice**

Phoebe Andersen, Clerk (Talla)	2007
Gay Howard (Tallahassee)	2005
Gerry O'Sullivan (Miami)	2005
Cathy Gaskill (Winter Park)	2006
Jan Dahm (St Pete)	2006
Vickie Carlie (Orlando)	2007
Beverly Bird (Halifax)	2007

**Finance**

Caroline Lanker, Clerk (Tampa)	2006
YM Treasurer (ex officio)	
YM Secretary (ex officio)	
Clerk of Trustees (ex officio)	
Asst. Clerk (ex-officio)	

**Half Yearly Meeting**

Mike Wilson, Clerk (St. Pete)	2007
Karyn Begins, registrar (Miami)	2007
Kurt Guenthe (JAX)	
Elaine Martin (JAX)	
Richard McCleery (Halifax)	
Dave & Katheryn Price (Lake Wales)	
Kathy Hersh (Miami)	

**Nominating**

Annie McPherson, Clerk (G'ville)	2006
Laura Winefordner (Gainesville)	2005
Mary Jo Klingel (Ft. Lauderdale)	2007
Susan Taylor (Tallahassee)	2007
	2006

**Peace and Social Concerns**

Brian Olson, Clerk (Miami)	2006
Dana Putney, Asst. Clerk (Tampa)	2006
Al Geiger (Jacksonville)	2007
Shawna Doran (St Pete)	2007
Cecilia Yocum (Tampa)	2006
Beverly Bird (Halifax)	2006

**ProNica Committee Board**

Al Webber (Ft. Myers)	2007
Barbara Wolfe (Tampa)	2005

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Herb Haigh (St. Pete)

2006

#### COMMITTEES (con't)

##### Religious Education

Jason Child (Tallahassee) 2007

##### Website & Information Technology

Michael Flannery, Clerk (Clearwater) 2006

Caroline Lanker (Tampa) 2007

Warren Hoskins (Miami) 2007

Steve Kinney (Orlando) IT 2005

David Robinson (Space Coast) IT 2005

YM Secretary (ex-officio)

##### Worship & Ministry

Jan Dahm, Clerk (St. Pete) 2007

Ruth Dickinson (Palm Beach) 2005

Fern Mayo (Sarasota) 2007

George Newkirk (Gainesville/Ocala) 2007

Alice Bejnar (Tallahassee) 2005

Fran Palmeri (Sarasota) 2007

Wendy Geiger (JAX) 2006

Petra Doan (Tallahassee) 2007

##### Yearly Meeting Gathering

Jack Bradin, Clerk (Palm Beach) 2007

Asst. clerk 2007

Becky Steele (St. Pete) Registrar 2006

Judy Schmalstig (Orlando) 2007

Warren Hoskins (Miami) 2007

Marilyn Webber (Ft. Myers) 2007

Laura Winefordner (Gainesville) 2005

Brian Olson (Miami) Volunteer 2005

Barbara Wolfe (Tampa) 2006

Kathy Hersh, Youth Coord (Miami) 2007

##### Youth Committee

Kathy Hersh, Clerk (Miami) 2007

Shauna Sallen (Palm Beach) 2005

Alice Bejnar (Tallahassee) 2005

Javier del Sol (Palm Beach) 2005

Meeting for Sufferings Inactive

Publications & Newsletter Inactive

\*Friends of Lesbian, Gay,  
Bisexual, Transgendered and Queer Concerns

#### REPRESENTATIVES TO ORGANIZATIONS

##### Amer. Friends Service Com. Corp/ Philly

Petra Doan, Board (Tallahassee) 2006

David Robinson (Space Coast) 2005

##### Amer. Friends Service Com./SE Region

Brian Olson (Miami) 2007

##### Friends Com Nat'l Legislation

###### /Wm. Penn House

Lou Putney (St.Pete) 2005

Dana Putney (St.Pete) 2006

Betty Odum (Gainesville) 2007

Jack Bradin (Palm Beach) 2007

Dave Bechtel (Sarasota) 2007

##### Quaker Earth Witness

Jack Bradin (Palm Beach) 2007

##### Friends General Conference Central Com

Shawna Doran (St.Pete) 2006

Ellie Caldwell (Palm Beach) 2005

Herb Haigh (St. Pete) 2007

##### Friends United Mtg General Board/

###### Commissions

Tor & Alice Bejnar (Tallahassee) 2007

Ken Kinzel, Triennial (St. Pete) 2006

##### Friends World Com. For Consultation

Fern Mayo (Sarasota) 2007

##### Florida Council of Churches

Kathy Hersh (Miami) 2007

Richard McCleery (Halifax) 2007

##### Florida Impact

Ken Hochstetler (Tallahassee) 2005

##### \*FLGBTQC

Jan Dahm (St. Pete) 2007

##### Quaker UN Office

Laura & Jim Winefordner (G'ville) 2007

##### Friends Peace Team

Cecelia Yocum (Tampa) 2007

Dave Bechtel (Sarasota) 2007

5/8/2004

Report of the Care and Accountability Committee of Friend Jan Dahm, who has been called to the Traveling Ministry

" Traveling ministry was an intrinsic part of the Religious Society of Friends from early times until recent history. It was Friends traveling under the leading of the Spirit who brought the revelation of the Inner Light of Christ to the colonies. Later it was Friends traveling with concerns that took the message of equality for all people to the meetings and settlements across North America. Seasoned Friends carried concerns of their meetings, as well as news of family and F/friends across this continent and to meetings all over the world. Local meetings nurtured the spiritual gifts of their members, helped discern clearness, and provided oversight for Friends when they felt called to travel in this way. Friends grew in the Spirit and stayed connected with each other across the miles. The goal of the Traveling Ministries Program is to reweave that web of spiritual connection."

Friends General Conference Traveling Ministries Program

The Friends who serve on this committee are Rita Bott, Carol Dameron, Petra Doan, Herb Haigh, Pam Haigh, Elizabeth Kamphausen, Diann Kurtz, Christine O'Brien, Karen Putney and Susan Taylor. As composed, some members are able to meet with Jan monthly and others participate from a distance.

This committee is charged with providing oversight and discernment for the work that Jan has been called to, as understood and guided by the Traveling Ministries Program of FGC. In fact, Deborah Fisch, Clerk of the Traveling Ministries Program, was the Friend who first spoke to Jan concerning her gift for ministry and the possibility of her traveling in the ministry. Jan accepted the call to test her leading in the ministry and part of that discernment process has been the formation of this committee.

It must be said that Friends who were asked to serve on this committee agreed to do so in what was truly a leap of faith and is a commitment made out of love and friendship. It was a leap of faith because while we had some idea of what the charge of care might be, for many, the concern for accountability was not clear and in truth, some of us weren't quite sure what this traveling ministry business really meant. Friends being called to the ministry is not a topic or experience that most of us have dealt either in our monthly meetings or within SEYM. While we may have felt we understood the spirit-led ministry of early Friends, we did not know what form or shape that work might take in the Quaker world of St. Petersburg or SEYM or FGC or the Religious Society of Friends. What was clear was that Jan had been called to the ministry.

We are learning, we are growing, we are seeking to be led.

Learning: Part of our work in the time we have been together, has entailed some of us studying Quaker writings on Ministry. We have learned from contemporary Friend, Lloyd Lee Wilson, through his Essays on the Quaker Vision of Gospel Order and we have heard also from another Friend in the Ministry, Samuel Bownas, through his work of 1767 titled A Description of the Qualifications Necessary to A Gospel Minister. The works are challenging, puzzling and at times quite wonderful. We recommend them to

you for discussion and consideration for those seeking a deeper understanding of ministry among Friends.

Growing: This process has challenged us to be open. Open to language we are unfamiliar with and sometimes language we are uncomfortable with. Open to each other with our different paths and ways of being Quaker. Open to the possibility, or probability, of misunderstanding and making mistakes. Open to the counsel and nurture of Friends Deborah Fisch and Deborah Shaw who brought their ministry to us.

Seeking to be led: We try to be faithful, we try to be intentional. We seek to be Spirit-led.

What we are now beginning to understand is that this journey with Jan and the Traveling Ministries Program is an opportunity. It is a journey and opportunity that has been opened to all Friends of SEYM through our minute supporting Jan Dahm traveling in the ministry. We hope that Friends, Monthly Meetings and Yearly Meeting will join us in seeking to deepen our spiritual life through ministry.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Putney

SEYM GATHERING COMMITTEE

PLENARY REPORT

FOURTH MONTH 11, 2004

Of the 180 people registered for this year's Yearly Meeting Gathering, 17% were "first time" attendees. Thirty percent of us registered on-line and 92% registered before we arrived.

Thirty-one children were registered to participate in our young people's programs. The Gathering Committee offers a very special thanks to Becky Gaebel, Connie Guenther and Michelle Kavanaugh for their care of the Wee Friends, and to Bob Tanzig and Teresa Zokovitch, of the Florida Coalition for Peace and Justice, who ran a "mini" peace camp for our Young Friends. We also thank Bill Flanary, and Chris and Helen Hooley who were available to help Bill as needed, for working with the Teens. In addition, numerous volunteers, even visitors, served as caretakers and presenters for our young people.

Our Gathering takes some of us to put it together, and all of us to make it work. It is truly a community project. We thank Marilyn Webber, who served as overseer of on-site registration throughout the week. No Gathering would work without the wonderful help we receive from Lyn Cope-Robinson. Thanks to Cathy Gaskill and David Robinson for handling transportation for guests. Tom Fennell, Bob Allenson, and Al Webber, the chief chefs of Simple Meals, prepared and served 428 meals. Our bookstore was graced once again, and I do mean graced, by the wonderful work of Mary Jo Klingel.

We thank all who played music, offered workshops, led activities, set up and cleaned up, handled audio-visual materials, prepared message boards, and those who pitched in wherever and whenever needed with such willingness.

A special salute to Mary Lord, our Walton Lecturer, to visitors, and to representatives—all who enrich our experience immensely.

Next year our theme is: "Living in the World as Quakers." We will focus on keeping our center, carrying our witness, and holding to our faith and our practice in these difficult and sorrowful times. Linda Chidsey, currently Clerk of New York Yearly Meeting, had agreed to be our Walton Lecturer.

On a personal note, as I am in the last hours of serving my YM in the capacity of Clerk of the Gathering Committee, I also wish to thank you. I thank you for the opportunity to serve, for all the laughs and good wishes, for all the kind and tender support offered to me when times got rough. I am grateful that I got to know so many people over the past years, both from our YM and from Quaker organizations. I cherish the meaningful conversations that have come my way, whether shouting at each other across the dinner table in a crowded place, or tucked into a quiet alcove late at night. Thank you for blessing me in all these ways.



SOUTHEASTERN YEARLY MEETING OF THE RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS  
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4/11/2004

To all Friends everywhere,

The 42<sup>nd</sup> Annual Sessions of the Southeastern Meeting gathered at the United Methodist Life Enrichment Center in Leesburg, Florida, from Fourth Month 7 to 11, 2004. The tranquil setting on the shore of Lake Griffin shaded by stately live oak trees was perfect for our theme of Peace Building. Friends were blessed by the ministry and witness of Mary Lord, Assistant General Secretary for Peace and Conflict Resolution of the American Friends Service Committee, who served as our J. Barnard Walton lecturer. We also treasured visitors from Friends General Conference, Friends World Committee for Consultation, Friends Committee on National Legislation, the American Friends Service Committee, and Quaker Earthcare Witness, who enriched us by their presence and their insightful messages.

In keeping with the peace building theme, Mary Lord offered an opening talk called, *“When Peace Work Brings Division: the Prophet and the Mediator,”* a workshop on *“Discerning Leadings as People of Peace,”* and the Walton lecture titled, *“A Vision of Peace.”* She reminded us of Raymond Wilson’s words, “If your toolbox contains only a hammer, then everything looks like a nail.” She challenged us to claim the lessons in peacemaking in our everyday lives, and use these insights to add to our peace tool kit. She urged us to come to our peacemaking not in our pride, but in our brokenness. Letting go of our pride as Quaker peacemakers allows the transforming power to work through us in our witnessing for peace.

Our focus on peace building was deepened each morning by opportunities for worship by the lake and for communion with the glory of nature. Worship sharing each day provided us with powerful quotations and queries to guide us to new insights about our role in creating a more peaceful world. A rich variety of workshops and interest groups enabled us to explore the interconnections between spirituality, our witness in the world, and the work of our hands. Opportunities for music making added to the rhythm of our time together.

As we return home in these times of turbulence and testing, may we draw strength from the inspiring Epistle of the French Yearly Meeting in the year 1943 as quoted by Mary Lord:

*We do not ask that you pray that we be safe; we ask that you pray that we be faithful.*

We send you our hopes and visions of peace and our prayers for all of our faithfulness.

In the Light,

*Petra Doan*

Petra Doan,  
 on behalf of  
 Southeastern Yearly Meeting  
 of the Religious Society of Friends

To Friends everywhere,

This year at SEYM, the middle and high school Friends participated in a variety of workshops about this year's theme, *Diversity Among Friends*. These workshops dealt with racism, gender and sexuality, programmed and unprogrammed meetings, disabilities, and Friends around the world.

In our racism workshop, we used a multitude of captivating scenarios to explore our true feelings about race.

In the evening we discussed gender and sexuality, asking ourselves such questions as: how does gender affect our lives? How many genders are there? And why is gender an important part of diversity? Sometimes we used metaphors inspired by *Finding Nemo* to help answer these questions, and we also developed a "gender quotient."

On Saturday morning we contemplated programmed and unprogrammed meetings, trying to set aside our stereotypes and look at each type with open minds.

We came to the conclusion that both offer different ways for people to worship. Also, we realized that diversity within religion is just as important as diversity in race and gender and sexuality.

During our disabilities workshop, we talked about how people with disabilities are treated in Quakerism, and what constitutes a disability. We shared some experiences in which we felt different because of our different abilities. In order to feel what it is like to have physical disabilities, we participated in a relay race that involved wheelchairs, crutches, and writing our names with socks on our hands to simulate gross and fine motor skills.

Our last workshop focused on the travels of Friends around the world. We talked about differences in culture between American Quakers and Quakers in other countries. Some of the countries we talked about were Tibet, Indonesia, Japan, Egypt, Nicaragua, and Columbia. We discovered that although we have many differences, we also have many similarities.

This year's Walton lecture by Mary Lord from AFSC entitled, "*A Vision of Peace*," made us think and see the subject from a different point of view.

Our planning committee has decided on the theme "Organizing For Change" for next year, and has approved Daniel Doan, Katie Hersh, Dana Putney, and Annie Schmalstig as clerks and Alan Schmalstig as recording clerk.

The middle and high school Friends would like to thank (457 1/2 times) all the wonderful volunteers who led workshops including the Hooleys (who were also friendly adult presences throughout Yearly Mtg.), Petra Doan, Alice Bejnar, Doris Emerson, Roxi Hunter, Gerry Groupe, Eduardo Diaz, Lillian Hall and Hans Fletcher. And we give special thanks to our clerks (Katie Hersh, Jessamyn Doan, and Dana Putney, also recording clerk Daniel Doan) and our facilitator, Bill Flannery.

In the Light,

SEYM middle and high school Friends

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# The Poet's Epistle

By Daniel Doan on behalf of SEYM Junior Yearly Meeting,  
Teen Friends' Epistle Committee

This session of Yearly Meeting  
Set all the teens madly bleating

As if we were sheep  
With not enough sleep

We spoke of Diversity  
In our own city

And in the world  
With all races swirled

After our workshop on gender and sexuality  
We all felt compelled to re-analyze anatomy

Then we enthralled by Alice's Greetings  
About the programmed and unprogrammed meetings

Later our phenomenal workshop with Doris  
Changed our perception of disabilities for us

During the workshop we already raced  
With faked disabilities that showed what some faced

Luckily, we stayed intact  
After that exciting act

In our period on the last Saturday morn  
We focused on worldwide places where meetings were born

In the evening we listened to neat Mary Lord  
Who in the Walton Lecture told us how not to hoard  
The building of peace, and we were not bored

Without the overflowing vigor of young Juan  
The afternoon business meeting would not have been much fun

Now that it's Sunday we're real sad to go  
But, next year, this is the place we will flow

## **SEYM Young Friends Epistle**

Bob and Theresa came from the Florida Coalition for Peace and Justice. After some discussion we decided to call ourselves the Peaceful Manatees at Peace Camp in the Green Room.

We were happy here because we played some things we wanted to play. The most difficult thing was when we had to make a Peace Sign out of a rope. Another difficult thing was learning to make paper cranes.

Erin brought her pet bunny named Alice that we played with. We also played Frisbee and Big Wind Blows.

Even though this sounds nice, we also went through some rough times. Sometimes people would not listen to each other and were yelling and being destructive, but we're still young Friends in the process of learning peace.

[Jocelyn, Violet, and Jessica presented this epistle.]

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04YM01 (04EC02) The Yearly Meeting Assistant clerk has the responsibility for dispensing travel funds and for providing support and nurture for our representatives to organizations.

If the Assistant clerk has difficulty in managing the funds, we request the Finance Committee clerk be ready to support the Assistant clerk in doing so.

The Ad Hoc Travel Funds Committee is charged with providing guidelines on ways to inform the Assistant clerk in dispersing travel funds and providing nurture for those Yearly Meeting representatives who travel.

04YM02 SEYM approves the endorsements made by the YM clerk regarding the travel minutes for visitors Michael Wadga (FGC) and Liz Kamphausen (AFSC).

04YM03 With regard to 03RM06, SEYM Representative Meeting approves the recommendation of our Worship and Ministry Committee that we acknowledge and approve Jan Dahm's calling to travel in the ministry with Friends General Conference Traveling Ministries, and as she might otherwise be led. To that end, we endorse the traveling minute for her as prepared by St. Petersburg Monthly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends. The text of the traveling minute is attached. The text of the SPMM minute appears as Attachment 3 in the 2004 YM minutes.

04YM04 The YM approves the revised procedures for "How to Change or Make Additions to the Faith and Practice" as they appeared in the Documents In Advance, pages 5 to 7, and as amended at the second plenary.

04YM05 SEYM approves the FY2003 Financial Report as presented by treasurer Neil Andersen.

04YM06 YM approves the FY2004 Interim Financial Report as presented by treasurer Neil Andersen.

04YM07 YM approves the Faith and Practice forms on "Dying, Death and Bereavement" as published in the Documents in Advance with modifications. On page 10 of the DIA, entitled Requests Regarding Disposal of My Body," under Item # 1, insert the following sentence. If you have decided to donate your body to Medical Research, Organ Donations, or Eye Bank, please designate a second choice of Burial or Cremation, in the event that your wishes are unable to be carried out. There were also typos notes to be corrected on Page 15 of the document.

04YM08 SEYM approves the Finance Committee's Proposed Budget for June 1,2004 – May 31, 2005.

04YM09 YM approves the amendments to Articles of Incorporation as they appeared as they appeared in the supplement to the Documents in Advance that

was mailed by first class to every SEYM member and with editorial changes made at the third plenary.

04YM10 The YM approves the proposed By-Laws as they appeared in the supplement to the Documents in Advance that was mailed by first class to every SEYM member and amended at the third plenary

04YM11 Southeastern Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends approves the appointment of Jan Dahm and Phoebe Andersen as our representatives to the Friends General Conference Traveling Ministries Program Consultation Addressing Faithful Ministry In Our Monthly and Yearly Meetings. The Consultation will be held November 12-14, 2004, at the Gilmer Diocesan Center near Pittsburgh PA.

04YM12 SEYM approves the Nominating Committee report as amended during the third and fourth plenary sessions.

04YM13 In a reaffirmation and expansion of the Peace and Social Concerns Committee, the following are recognized as members: those approved by Yearly Meeting, clerks/designees of the Peace and Social Concerns committees of constituent monthly meetings and worship groups, and all Yearly Meeting participants who choose to attend.

04YM14 Southeastern Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends recognizes the urgency of joining the statewide initiative to raise the minimum wage. While the raise from \$5.15 to \$6.15 is far from a living wage, we urge Friends in attendance to sign the petitions and present them to their monthly meetings and worship groups for additional signatures.

04YM15 Southeastern Yearly Meeting encourages Friends to continue supporting the Coalition of Immokalee Workers in their boycott of Taco Bell. Immokalee workers provide 80% of Taco Bell's tomatoes and their demand for a wage increase of one cent more per pound should be met immediately.

04YM16 At its annual session held April 7-11, 2004, the Southeastern Yearly Meeting reaffirms its enduring commitment to the historic peace testimony. SEYM is profoundly appreciative of the efforts of wider Quaker organizations to address the core issues, which underlie conflicts between peoples and nations, and earnestly prays for progress towards peace in the world we share.

04YM17 SEYM undertakes the sponsorship of two representatives to the World Gathering of Young Friends in July 2005 at Lancaster, England. It asks the Nominating Committee together with Young Friends to name two representatives and two alternates. It is further requested the 2006 Budget include possible funding and will ask further assistance from Monthly Meetings and members.

04YM18 SEYM is very grateful for having Nancy Fennell's continual support of our annual Gathering by graciously continuing as Clerk of the YM Gathering Committee for a year beyond her required term. Her commitment and dedication is an inspiration to us all.

04YM19 SEYM, Gathered in Yearly Meeting, 2004, expresses its deep joy and gratitude to Mary Lord, our workshop leader and Walton lecturer. Her insights, wisdom, experience, and Spirit have nourished us and recommitted us to our historic call to Peace building. We rejoice in our time together and look forward to frequent opportunities to work and share together in the future.

04YM20 SEYM approves the epistle for Gathering 2004.