

**Southeastern Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends
Minutes of the Yearly Meeting
Fourth Month 12-16, 2006**

The 44th Annual Sessions of the Southeastern Yearly Meeting, Religious Society Of Friends, met at the United Methodist Life Enrichment Center, Leesburg, Florida, Fourth Month 12 to 16, 2006. Friends gathered for worship and fellowship and to conduct the business of the yearly meeting. These are the narrative minutes of the plenary sessions. Numbered Minutes are included here and as a summary attachment. [Attachment 1: Numbered Minutes, Yearly Meeting, 2006]

Plenary 1: Thursday, April 13, 2006, 4 – 5:30 pm

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 Susan Taylor (Tallahassee), Yearly Meeting and presiding Clerk; Sybil Ann Brennan (Gainesville), Assistant IBM and Yearly Meeting Clerk; and Ed Lesnick (Orlando), YM Recording Clerk.

Susan Taylor, YM Clerk, greeted Friends. She asked we hold in prayer those still traveling, those here, and those who are unable to attend due to illness or other reasons. The Clerk gave thanks for presence of Ernie and Vince Buscemi, Walton lecturers and workshop facilitators.

The Clerk read from SEYM Faith and Practice, Meetings for Worship with a Concern for Business. Offered for Friends' consideration is George Fox's Epistle 162 (1588).

Friends, keep your meetings in the power of God, and in his wisdom (by which all things were made) and in the love of God, that by that ye may order all to his glory. And when Friends have finished their business, sit down and continue awhile quietly and wait upon Lord to feel him. And go not beyond the Power, but keep in the Power by which God Almighty may be felt among you.

Clerk's Opening Minute.

The Clerk shared an experience while attending a Friends General Conference (FGC) consultation for YM Clerks. Susan explained how an "opening minute" at the sessions moved her as a way for Friends to begin a meeting for worship with an attention to business.

01YM06 The 44th Gathering of the Southeastern Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends held its first meeting for worship with a concern for business on the afternoon of April 12, 2006, at the United Methodist Life Enrichment Center, Leesburg FL. The theme, *Here I am, Lord*, is a reminder to keep our hearts open, individually and as a community to God's direction in our lives and the conduct of our business.

Introductions, milestones, and greetings from monthly meetings were shared.
[Attachment 2: 2006 Yearly Meeting Gathering Attendees]

Friends' comments included:

- ❖ Beverly Bird (Halifax) sojourn with Jacksonville MM has ended and she is back home. Beverly spoke of her bout with cancer. Friends were warmed by her presence and continued recovery.
- ❖ Wendy Clarissa Geiger (Jacksonville) brought greetings from Noel and Daisy Palmer.
- ❖ Lillian Hall (Managua) is rejoicing over the birth of another child.
- ❖ Cathy Gaskill (Deland) noted her membership transfer and the transfer of Eleanor and John Wetherill from Winter Park to Orlando MM.
- ❖ Sarasota is mourning the loss of two beloved members, Elizabeth Clough and David Bechtel.
- ❖ Herb Haigh (St. Petersburg) shared Pamela Haigh's project and witness, the hairdressing school established to train impoverished women and girls in Managua. The first graduation "made people happy." Pam is raising funds for her witness by giving haircuts, called "worship shearing," at the gathering.
- ❖ Steve Olshewski (Swarthmore PYM) is pleased to be attending SEYM. He carries with him a concern for the peace tax resistance movement.
- ❖ The Buscemis (Walton lecturers) brought greetings from NYYM and Morningside MM.
- ❖ Hunt Smith of Hunt & Gretchen introduced himself as a musical contributor to the Friday night dance. Gary Arthur made the arrangements.
- ❖ Gary Arthur (Palm Beach) noted the passing of Dick Irwin, a founding member of Palm Beach meeting.

- ❖ Rod Zwirmer (Quaker Earthcare Witness) was pleased to be returning to the SEYM gathering.
- ❖ Phoebe Andersen (Tallahassee) said Tom Fox is “with us in spirit.” His ministry challenges our ministry for avoiding war and peacemaking as we are called to serve.

The Clerk read from **other Yearly Meeting epistles**. Included were the epistles from Illinois, Indiana, and Iowa (Conservative) yearly meetings.

Sybil Brennan, Assistant Clerk, recounted her visit to Clear Creek meetinghouse. It is an historic meeting, a place of peace, and a place for all to visit

Friends approved the **Agenda**.

Dan Vaughn gave the **Preliminary Nominating Committee report**. The Nominating Committee report, which will be changed at YM proceedings, appears in the *Documents in Advance* (DIA, pp. 12.-13.) The Committee seeks suggestions from those present at the gathering and monthly meetings in discerning possible gifts among members, who could serve in several YM roles. Committee Clerks and representatives to organizations are needed.

Dan stated Andrea Walsh (Tampa) will be YM and Half-Year gathering registrar. Barbara French (Ft. Myers) will transfer from Faith and Practice to Ministry & Worship. Kody Hersh (Miami) will complete Tom Fennell’s term on FGC Central Committee. Ed Lesnick (Orlando) will be a representative to Florida Council of Churches.

The Committee Clerk noted SEYM has five representative positions to the FUM triennial (2008) to be held in North Carolina.

The YM nominating Committee report will be given at the final plenary.

The YM Clerk announced the opportunity for two members to attend the Traveling Ministries Program of FGC consultation for representatives from constituent yearly meetings. The consultation will be held on November 10-12 at the Gilmary Diocesan Center near Pittsburgh PA.

The Clerk requested two members to compose the **YM Gathering epistle**.

Phoebe Andersen (Tallahassee) made **Faith and Practice** Committee announcements. Three sections are to be brought before the meeting this year. Friends were encouraged to read the documents and respond to the Committee members. The sections are Meeting for Worship, the Monthly Meeting, and Establishing New Friends Meetings.

Barbara Wolfe (Tampa) offered the **Walton Lecture and Gathering Committee** update. Suggestions for the 2007 YM gathering lecturer(s) were requested. Friends were

encouraged to explore the “wider Friends community” and were reminded of the Committee’s limited budget.

Announcements were made regarding evening interest sessions. There was a request for Friends to review for consideration Palm Beach’s “Minute of Grave Concern” about government surveillance. The Clerk thanked Wendy Clarrisa Geiger for her development of worship sharing topics and Noel Palmer’s assistance with the biblical passages.

Worship with an attention to business concluded in silence.

Plenary 2: Friday, April 14, 2006, 10 am to 12 noon

In preparation for the work and witness of the Yearly Meeting, the 2nd plenary session began with silent worship.

Susan Taylor, YM Clerk, made the daily announcements and reminders.

New arrivals and visitors introduced themselves. [Attachment 2: 2006 YM Gathering Attendees]

Epistles from other yearly meetings: The Clerk read portions from the Lake Erie YM, Baltimore YM, and Britain YM (February 2005) annual epistles.

Nancy Fennell, IBM and EC Clerk, gave the **Executive Committee (EC) report**.

Nancy explained the structure, roles, purpose, and functions of the Executive Committee. When a concern is presented to the Committee, it is addressed, explored, and considered for recommendation by the EC to the Interim Business meeting (IBM). The fall IBM is held in October and the Winter IBM in January. The EC can make no final decision, except in a true emergency. If IBM approves an EC minute or an amended version, it then goes before the Yearly Meeting for SEYM approval. In cooperation with the administrative secretary, the EC undertakes a variety of tasks on SEYM's behalf.

[Reference: 05RM05 Structure and Make-Up of the Executive Committee]

Friends approved the following minute:

06YM02 SEYM approves the YM Gathering Committee Clerk as a permanent member of the Executive Committee.

The IBM Clerk offered a second IBM minute for consideration:

SEYM approves the Administrative Secretary's hours be increased to forty (40) hours per week. This is in consideration of the need to manage the web site and other demands.

Friends agreed the proposed minute recommending an increase in the administrative secretary's hours (to 40 per week), approved by the Winter IBM (06IBM01), be laid aside until the proposed 2006-2007 FY budget and finance Committee reports were brought before YM at the final plenary.

The following minute was presented by Eduardo Diaz and approved by IBM for YM's consideration.

06IYM03 Given current restrictions on providing funds to help Cuba Yearly Meeting, SEYM approves the laying down of the Cuban Quaker Project.

The Cuban Quaker Project has succeeded in facilitating church reconstruction and in building relationships among Friends. The seeds for the Havana Peace Mission have been planted and there is a viable Quaker presence there. This has been a Spirit led effort and individual monthly meetings and worship groups are encouraged to discern how the Spirit leads them to further visit Quakers in Cuba.

SEYM thanks all who have been part of the Cuban Quaker Project Committee and all those who have participated in these efforts.

People and times may change. Hopefully, SEYM will consider resurrecting project when the time is appropriate.

With hope for future Quaker Cuban involvement, Friends approved the minute.

Ruth Dickinson (Palm Beach) spoke on behalf of Worship and Ministry Committee and also gave the Michener Lecture report.

- ❖ The Committee on Worship and Ministry met Thursday, April 13, at the site of the YM Gathering. Susan Taylor graciously acted as Clerk. After worship, the Committee proceeded with the two main items of business: the Michener Lecture and the need for a Committee Clerk.
- ❖ Susan reported that proceeds from this year's lecture covered expenses and yielded a small surplus.
- ❖ Wendy Clarissa Geiger has agreed to co-Clerk, but the Committee desperately needs a Clerk. If Friends have suggestions, please contact Dan Vaughen, Clerk of nominating. The Committee thanks Wendy for composing the worship sharing queries.
- ❖ Elizabeth Watson, who died in February, had a powerful and inspiring presence and wonderful writings. Friends will keep memories of her in their hearts.
- ❖ Susan stated that the Committee is still looking for a Michener speaker. Friends are requested to submit the names of possible speakers to Wendy Clarissa Geiger.
- ❖ A report also appears in the DIA, pp. 17-18

The Committee's Clerk, Phoebe Andersen, gave the Preliminary Faith and Practice Committee report.

- ❖ The Committee is still open to suggestions on the three sections to be presented for approval at the 3rd plenary. Copies are available. Susan remarked on the importance of these documents to our faith as Quakers. Let us give the sections under consideration the “attention they deserve.”

Herb Haigh (St. Pete) and Clerk of Trustees’ gave the annual **Trustees’ report**.

- ❖ The net income from June 1, 2005 through February 5, 2006, the end of the third quarter, was \$18,039.21. The Trustees’ income and expense report from 6/1/2005 through 2/5/2006 appears in the DIA on page 25.
- ❖ While the Michener fund is doing well, the Gathering Youth fund had but \$35 contributed as of this report. The Youth fund is critical to the YM Gathering. By supporting the youth, more youth may attend and registration fees may be reduced for all.
- ❖ In response to a member’s question, the Trustees contribute \$5,000 to the administrative secretary’s salary.

Ruth Payne presented the **ProNica report**. Ruth Paine (St. Pete) has been a long time promoter and worker for the ProNica cause. As she prepares for retirement in California, Ruth states ProNica is in its healthiest condition. The work of Davida Johns as stateside coordinator and a new bookkeeper have made the office work smoothly. Pro Nica is under the care and the majority of the Board is SEYM. It is an exciting time.

- ❖ Davida gave thanks to Ruth. Davida spoke of the office reorganization, automated, the current website. The office also provides outreach and education. It has produced a 25 minute DVD video of the sites and sounds of Nicaragua
- ❖ Lillian Hall (Managua) brought greetings from Nicaragua. The existing poverty and linked history between Guatemala and the United States has existed for many years.
- ❖ Quaker House hosts travelers and is an information resource. ProNica hosted students from Eckerd College. They met children from the barrios and worked with them. Service projects included a sponsor’s Christmas outing at a lake for children who do not bathe. Each child was given a \$12 allotment to spend. They bought gifts for their families rather than themselves.

Additional ProNica information is located in the DIA, page 17.

Visitors from Wider Quaker Organizations spoke to the gathering.

- ❖ Samir Moukaddam was present on behalf of the American Friends Service Committee - Southeastern Region Office (AFSC-SERO), Atlanta. He is director of the Middle East peace implementation program. Samir also presented a special interest session. He encouraged Friends to purchase “fair trade” olive oil produced in Palestine which is on sale at the Gathering.
- ❖ Constance Brookes (Haddonfield PYM) is visiting as a representative of Friends Fiduciary Corporation. FCC provides financial services to meetings and other Friends groups so “Friends can do their true mission.” There is a planned giving program of charitable gift annuities.
- ❖ Liz Perch, soon to join Savannah meeting, is currently the FGC conference Committee Clerk. She explained as the buttons proclaim “FGC is more than a Gathering.” There are new programs, a year- round bookstore (Quaker Books), and a publications unit. New works have been published.
- ❖ Terri Johns is present representing FUM. She requested FUM give her the privilege to attend the SEYM Gathering. Terri invited Friends to talk with her about FUM.

Terri said FUM has twelve employees in their Richmond, Indiana office; they produce *Quaker Life* six times a year. Friends United Press is bringing many books back in print. Terri assists those in global ministry giving help to Rwanda, Kenya, and perhaps Russia.

- ❖ Bob Fetter represents Friends World Committee for Consultation (FWCC). He spoke of his work in Guatemala. He also mentioned newly formed bilingual, combined worship groups, and the FWCC triennial to be held in Dublin (2007). He called for Friends’ cooperation as “we all need one another.”
- ❖ Following announcements, Susan requested Friends hold Beeg Camarota (Deland) in the Light. Beeg underwent critical surgery to relieve persistent pain at noon, today.

Continuing worship with an attention to business ended with silence.

Plenary 3: Saturday, April 15, 2006, 10 am to 12 noon

The meeting opened in worshipful silence.

YM Clerk, Susan Taylor read selections from other **Friends' epistles**: Germany YM and World Gathering of Young Friends. Later, the world gathering continued in Kenya as Kenyan young Friends were denied visas to England.

Jessamyn Doan and Devender Braly-Sellars, SEYM's representatives to the World Gathering of Young Friends, recounted their experiences and presented the Gathering's Epistle, *I am the vine, you are the branches . . . now what fruit shall we bear?* [Attachment 3: World Gathering of Young Friends Epistle]

06YM04 SEYM expresses gratitude and love that Jessamyn Doan and Devender Braly-Sellars represented our YM at the WGYF, August 16-24, 2006, at Lancaster University, United Kingdom.

Lou Putney (Tampa) gave the **Friends Committee on National Legislation (FCNL) report**. He named the current representatives and the vacancy of two additional positions. The FCNL is a spirit led Quaker organization that uses a very moving process to gain clearness. It is a Spirit led Quaker organization.

The newly renovated and extended FCNL building uses the green technology thereby setting a Quaker example of "the living message of earth restored."

Lou encouraged Friends, here and back at meeting, to contact their legislators in support of the STEP Resolution. (See 06YM05)

Dana Putney (Tampa) reported on the FCNL lobbying for Young Friends. Participants visit congressional offices. Participants are trained, briefed, and undertake lobbying efforts on Capital Hill. The FCNL Field Committee is setting its legislative priorities leading to the 2006 elections. SEYM input is requested as FCNL explores the "sense of the nation."

Contributors were thanked for donations for the new building and FCNL's program. FCNL has an auto-give service that automatically deducts donations.

The FCNL 2005 program report is available. Lou Putney's FCNL report appears on pages 33-34 in the DIA.

Cece Yocum (Tampa) reported on the **Friends Peace Team**. Cece noted with sadness the passing of Friend David Bechtel, who made great contributions to the peace effort. He will be missed.

Cece summarized the projects undertaken in central Africa: Rwanda, Uganda, and the Congo. The emphasis continues to be on War trauma and restorative justice. She noted a recent \$40,000 grant from the U.S. Institute for Peace, AVP work in Colombia, and five summer work camp opportunities through the African Great Lakes Initiative. Specific information is included in the DIA, page 35.

Phoebe Andersen reported as an SEYM **representative to Friends United Meeting (FUM)**. Phoebe movingly explained how her participation in the FUM Triennial and General Board sessions were interesting and “a growth experience that stretched my faith.”

Phoebe noted FUM’s programs in Africa and Belize. She also told of the increasing independence of FUM’s African Quaker office.

Expressive and informative written reports have previously been added to the SEYM records:

Documents in Advance (DIA) for Fall Interim Business Meeting (FIBM) 2005, Page 5: “Report on the General Board Meeting of FUM before the Triennial - July 13, 2005.”

Report on the “Triennial Meeting of Friends United Meeting, July 13-17, 2005.”

Documents in Advance (DIA) for Winter Interim Business Meeting (WIBM) 2006, Page 7: “FUM General Board/Commissions: Report of FUM General Board Meeting” held Oct. 7-9, 2005.

Petra Doan (Tallahassee) and Annie McPherson (Gainesville) gave the **AFSC Corporation and AFC- SERO** reports, respectively. Petra noted the changing nature of AFSC fieldwork. Knowledge and skills have become increasingly important. Annie explained how the SERO Board operates. The Quaker method of discernment and decision-making is central to the process.

AFSC Corporation report, pp.30-31

The **AFSC SERO report**: This report was presented at Winter IBM., page 32.

SEYM Officer and SEYM Representatives to Organization Reports, which appear in the DIA and were not presented during plenary sessions.

- ❖ Administrative Secretary's Report, pp. 26-29
- ❖ There was no Information IT/website committee report. The administrative secretary reports on the website, p. 11.
- ❖ Membership Recorder/Database manager, p. 2
- ❖ Quaker Earthcare Witness, p. 36
- ❖ Quaker United Nations Office, p. 36
- ❖ Archives p. 34: No advance report nor report at the plenary sessions

Introduction of attendees and greeting of visitors were given for the current session.

Cece Yocum, committee Clerk, gave the **Peace and Social Concerns report**.

Cece noted the benefits of having recorded minutes at the committee's meetings.

However, the real accomplishment is the committee's discernment of the issues brought before it.

A pressing concern is the "bullying prevention bill," FL House bill 5435. The bill needs an amendment which speaks to the needs and protection of gay, lesbian, bisexual, and other sexual minority youth.

The committee also requested Friends consider endorsing an FCNL Iraq peace resolution

06YM05 Southeastern Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends unites with the Sensible Transition to an Enduring Peace (STEP) resolution as put forward by the FCNL.

The resolution's wording "congregation/organization/meeting" would be amended to read "Southeastern Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends."

Many Friends stated that the resolution was not strong enough regarding the need for immediate withdrawal of American forces from Iraq.

The Clerk noted the sense of the meeting. It was agreed the Peace and Social Concerns committee would consider an additional, second minute for Sunday's final plenary.

In witness of the peace testimony, SEYM Friends conscientious objection to war, and the concern government monies for peaceful purposes, the following minute was approved.

06YM06 Southeastern Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends (Quakers) recognizes our 350 years Peace Testimony and conscientious objection to war. We agree with the Declaration by our religious society to English King Charles II "that the sprit of Christ, which leads us to all Truth, will never move us to fight and war against any man with outward weapons."

As such, we support the peaceful use of our tax dollars and oppose military spending.

The Religious Freedom Peace Tax Fund (currently HR 2631) would allow conscientious objectors, as defined by the Military Service Act, to register with the U.S. Treasury Department. Conscientious objectors could thereby pay all of their federal tax liability for nonmilitary spending. Congress would spend those monies on anything nonmilitary.

We therefore urge our Congressional representatives to co-sponsor HR 2631. We ask individuals, monthly meetings, the preparative meeting, and worship groups to consider how they can work for this longstanding Quaker concern. Individuals are encouraged to broadly publish this minute.

YM responded to the Miami MM concern for “Jobs with Justice,” The organization’s mission is to improve working people's standard of living, fight for job security, and protect workers' right to organize. The core belief is that in order to be successful, workers' rights struggles have to be part of a larger campaign for economic and social justice. To that end, Jobs with Justice” has created a network of local coalitions that connect labor, faith-based communities and student organizations to work together on workplace and community social justice campaigns. Miami Friends are supporting local area workers in achieving these goals.

06YM07 Miami Friends Meeting is engaged with local workers in aid of their struggle for “Jobs with Justice.” This struggle is for Jobs that provide a living wage, true health benefits, safe conditions of labor, and the right to determine if they wish union representation and how they may express that preference.

SEYM asks Friends to inform themselves and take action in concert with Miami Friends to enlarge community support of the workers, to make that support evident, and to hold all those involved in prayer.

A proposed minute, Palm Beach MM *Minute of Grave Concern*, was referred back to Peace and Social Concerns because of the use of the word “worldwide.” The word implies a presumption of world responsibility for what is the responsibility of the U.S. government. As Quakers do not believe in American hegemony, neither do we accept others’ interference in our constitutional prerogatives.

Continuing worship ended with a period of silence.

Plenary 4, Saturday, April 15, 2006, 1 pm - 4 pm

The afternoon session began with a period of expectant worship.

Following announcements and the Clerk's opening words, Friends considered unfinished business from the morning session.

Phoebe Andersen presented the **Faith and Practice committee** report.

The committee presents for YM's approval the following sections: The Monthly Meeting, and Establishing New Friends Meetings, and Meeting for Worship. The documents were previously made available for member and meeting discernment. Also, copies were available during the YM sessions.

The Clerk expressed SEYM's gratitude to Phoebe and the committee.

The Clerk requested Friends to look at the proposed sections in the Spirit and not to the letter. She welcomed Young Friends who wished to take part in the FUM discernment following the Faith & Practice report.

The new sections were considered and final changes were explained.

The Monthly Meeting

06YM08 SEYM approves The Monthly Meeting section of Faith and Practice, as amended.

Establishing New Friends Meetings

06YM09 SEYM approves the Establishing New Friends Meetings section of Faith and Practice, as amended.

Meeting for Worship

06YM10 SEYM approves the Meeting for Worship section of Faith and Practice, as amended.

The YM Clerk offered the following minute for approval:

06YM11 SEYM approves with joy and gratitude the sections of Faith and Practice: the Monthly Meeting, Establishing New Friends Meetings, and Meeting for Worship.

Friends approved the four minutes on the new sections of Faith and Practice. The sections will be posted on the SEYM website.

Discernment on the Relationship of Southeastern Yearly Meeting and Friends United Meeting (FUM) was undertaken in a search for unity and in our Quaker resolve to be faithful to our testimonies, to be steadfast in the Light, and loving in the expression of our intentions.

Susan Taylor, YM clerk, undertook an explanation of how – in good Quaker order - this special session would approach the vexing issue of SEYM’s continued affiliation with the Friends United Meeting. Since the 2005 YM, information has been distributed to meetings, including the history of the FUM policy. [See Attachment 4] Each meeting was requested to discern whether on not SEYM should remain affiliated with FUM. Meeting positions were included in the Documents in Advance or made available at the YM gathering

With regard to SEYM’s affiliation with FUM, Friends spoke and listened as the Spirit led each to do. Action by the YM was held over for consideration at the final plenary.

Ed Lesnick, Recording Clerk read the minutes agreed upon during the plenary. Friends gave final approval

The session ended in silence with a continuation of worship.

Plenary 5: First Day, April 16, 2006, 9 am to 12 noon

The final plenary session, 2006 Yearly Meeting, began with worshipful silence.

The Clerk read a **Correction to the YM Gathering *Documents in Advance* (DIA)**.

Appearing on pages 1-2 of the Addendum to the 2006 *Documents in Advance* (DIA) is an item titled “Ft. Lauderdale Friends send this letter regarding our relationship with FUM.” This was submitted for publication in error. Ft. Lauderdale requests the item be removed from the Yearly Meeting record.

The correct meeting statement regarding FUM appears in the original DIA on page 56.

The **Unfinished Business** from previous sessions was considered.

Concerning the timeliness of U.S. withdrawal from Iraq, Peace and Social Concerns presented the following minute for Friends’ consideration.

06YM12 Southeastern Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends recognizes the endorsement of the Friends Committee on National Legislation’s Sensible Transition to an Enduring Peace (STEP) is but one action SEYM Friends can take as we continue to carry our witness against the U.S. war in Iraq.

We are in unity on calling for the immediate withdrawal of U.S. troops from Iraq. We encourage all SEYM Peace and Social Concerns committees to seek leadings and opportunities for carrying this testimony forward.

Peace and Social Concerns brought forward Palm Beach’s concern with an amended minute to which Friends approved.

06YM13 In response to the recent occurrences of National Security Agency and Department of Defense spying on Quaker meetings, groups, and individuals, Southeastern Yearly Meeting urges all Friends to oppose this illegal government activity.

Southeastern Yearly Meeting unites with Palm Beach Monthly Meeting in their concern:

That, we are being spied upon because of our religious convictions which include advocating nonviolent solutions to conflict. The Religious Society of Friends has believed in and practiced nonviolence since our beginnings in the

17th century. Friends' Peace Testimony is based upon the sacredness of each individual and the unity of all; there is that of God in all people.

Our country's strength is founded upon the right to freedom of speech, religion, and peaceable assembly. Government spying upon peace activists and invasion of a church are illegal, including during times of war. Friends participated in the founding of this nation. When we gather peacefully to act upon our beliefs according to our consciences, and in doing so disagree with our government's actions, we are protected under the Constitution of the United States of America.

Freedom of religion is the primary reason that Friends and other groups emigrated to this country. In this spirit, we cannot and will not in right conscience surrender our religious beliefs. Practicing nonviolence requires great courage as we continue to speak our truth.

We hold our nation in the Light during these difficult times.

- ❖ A Friend did not want a change to the minute, but stated Friends were being spied on because of others' beliefs; not those of Quakers.

The 2006 Yearly Meeting of SEYM is unable to find unity in our affiliation with Friends United Meeting (FUM). An Ad hoc committee was appointed to compose a minute of grave concern that could reflect the sense of the meeting. After discussion and amendment, the following two minutes were approved:

06YM14 Southeastern Yearly Meeting (SEYM) offers this minute of grave concern, reflective of our struggle with the issue our affiliation with Friends United Meeting.

We are united in our strong opposition to the policy contained in FUM minute 88GB-52; on the grounds it violates the Quaker testimony of Equality. [Attachment 4: FUM minute 88GB-52 with background]

This FUM policy causes profound pain in our members and to our community.

As an affirmation of who we are, the Marriage and commitment section of our Faith and Practice defines marriage as a union between a couple before God, and deliberately does not define what constitutes a couple in terms of gender.

Our experience in SEYM has been that spiritual gifts are distributed by how Friends are called and their faithfulness to that call, not by marital status, sexual orientation, or gender identity.

At this time, we find we are not in unity to disaffiliate with FUM. We are also not in unity to remain affiliated with FUM. We encourage Friends in SEYM and FUM to maintain and expand Friendly communications as they are led. We urge the FUM Board to reopen the discernment regarding personnel policy minute 88GB-52.

Our process of discernment with regard to SEYM's relationship to Friends United Meeting is ongoing. We will revisit this at our next Yearly Meeting.

Seeking the best means to broadcast SEYM's position the subsequent minute was approved.

06YM15 SEYM will send minute 06YM14 to the Clerk of FUM, the general secretary of the FUM, all yearly meetings, worldwide, and monthly meetings in North and Central America.

Friends considered the wording of minute 06YM14 tender, appropriate, grateful, and letting "our Light show." Prior to unity, the minute was amended in discussion, to emphasize how "Our experience in SEYM has been that spiritual gifts are distributed by how Friends are called and their faithfulness to that call, not by marital status, sexual orientation, or gender identity." Other Friends spoke of other considerations that should be considered concerning any lasting SEYM affiliation with FUM; i.e., FUM's religious declarations and use of hired ministers.

Lyn Cope gave a follow-up on SEYM's **Child Abuse Prevention Policy**.

If this were the academy award we would all be winners. Two years ago I brought a concern for Event liability insurance to the yearly meeting. You approved it.

I had to sign a statement saying we had a child abuse prevention policy. Last year you approved it.

This year, fall Interim Business meeting approved an ad hoc committee to create a child abuse prevention manual and to provide training.

Thanks to Annie McPherson, Nancy Fennell and Caroline Lanker we had a training program in place for this year.

We are now a Florida Department of Law Enforcement approved entity enabling us to secure background checks.

Our Kids are winners. Thank You.

Neil Andersen gave the **Treasurer's report**. Neil reported FY 2005 ended "in the black." \$1,000 in individual contributions would be helpful before the end of the fiscal year, June 30.

As of this date, of the sixteen meetings, preparative meeting, and worship groups, eight have partially paid their apportionment. Three have paid half or more, two of five worship groups have submitted at least one-half, and two affiliates have yet to contribute. [Attachment 5: Treasurer's Report and DIA, pp. 22-25]

Caroline Lanker presented the **Finance Committee report**. The committee clerk noted the Trustees' contributions to the General Fund, the no-expenditure of the Havana Coordinator funds, and the increase in membership.

The proposed FY-2006-2007 budget an increase of 14% above the current fiscal year. The final apportionments will be available in May (2006). Given the increase in membership, there is a predicted increase of 6.9% per unit. [Finance Committee report, DIA, pages 6-7 and Proposed FY 2006-2007 Budget, DIA, pages 8-9.]

In part, Friends questioned the SEYM's budgeted contribution to FUM. If SEYM does not contribute, YM will not have a voice on the FUM General Board. It is possible to select a worthwhile FUM project to which the contribution would be specified instead of giving a sum directly to the FUM general fund. Friends will discern this possibility and craft a minute for the YM's approval by the conclusion of the current session. [See 06YM25.]

06YM16 SEYM approves the Treasurer's report

06YM17 SEYM approves the FY 2006-2007 budget.

As a reflection of the YM's budget approval, the following minute was approved.

06YM18 SEYM approves the Administrative Secretary's hours be increased to forty (40) hours per week. This is in consideration of the need to manage the web site and other demands.

With loving approval, reports of the Junior Yearly Meeting programs and Epistles were received by the Gathering:

Presentations were made by Wee Friends, Young Friends, and Teen Friends. [Attachment 6: SEYM Young Friends' Epistles].

Young Friends' business meeting minutes [Attachment 7: Young Friends Business Meeting.]

Dan Vaughn presented the final **Nominating Committee Report** [Attachment 8: Nominating Committee Report]

06YM19 SEYM approves the Nominating Committee report.

Barbara Wolfe (Tampa), Gathering Committee Clerk, offered the **YM Gathering Committee report**.

Reading of SEYM epistle by Nancy Howell (Ft. Myers)

06YM20 SEYM approves the 2006 Yearly Meeting Epistle, as amended. [Attachment 9: Southeastern Yearly Meeting 2006 Epistle]

Minutes of Appreciation were read and warmly approved.

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Earlier in the proceedings, Friends' requested a second minute concerning SEYM's affiliation with FUM be formulated in an expression of the Yearly Meeting's unity

concerning FUM's use of monetary contributions made by SEYM. Neil Andersen read the following, which Friends approved.

06YM25 SEYM approves the following letter to be mailed with our restricted donation check to the Indiana Office of FUM:

To Friends United Meeting General Board and General Secretary:

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Friends approved.

Ed Lesnick, Recording Clerk read the minutes approved during the 5th Plenary Session. Friends gave their final approval.

The 44th annual YM plenary sessions ended with an extended period of silent worship and ministry.

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06YM01 The 44th Gathering of the Southeastern Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends (SEYM) held its first meeting for worship with a concern for business on the afternoon of April 12, 2006, at the United Methodist Life Enrichment Center, Leesburg FL. The theme *Here I am, Lord* is a reminder to keep our hearts open, individually and as a community to God's direction in our lives and the conduct of our business.

06YM02 SEYM approves the YM Gathering Committee clerk as a permanent member of the Executive Committee.

06YM03 Given current restrictions on providing funds to help Cuba Yearly Meeting, SEYM approves the laying down of the Cuban Quaker Project.

The Cuban Quaker Project has succeeded in facilitating church reconstruction and in building relationships among Friends. The seeds for the Havana Peace Mission have been planted and there is a viable Quaker presence there. This has been a Spirit led effort and individual monthly meetings and worship groups are encouraged to discern how the Spirit leads them to further visit Quakers in Cuba.

SEYM thanks all who have been part of the Cuban Quaker Project committee and all those who have participated in these efforts.

06YM04 SEYM expresses gratitude and love that Jessamyn Doan and Devender Braly-Sellars represented our YM at the WGYF, August 16-24, 2006, at Lancaster University, United Kingdom.

06YM05 Southeastern Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends unites with the Sensible Transition to an Enduring Peace (STEP) resolution as put forward by the FCNL.

06YM06 Southeastern Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends (Quakers) recognizes our 350 years Peace Testimony and conscientious objection to war. We agree with the Declaration by our religious society to English King Charles II "that the spirit of Christ, which leads us to all Truth, will never move us to fight and war against any man with outward weapons." As such, we support the peaceful use of our tax dollars and oppose military spending.

The Religious Freedom Peace Tax Fund currently HR 2631) would allow conscientious objectors, as defined by the Military Service Act, to register with the U.S. Treasury Department. Conscientious objectors could thereby pay all of

their federal tax liability for nonmilitary spending. Congress would spend those monies on anything nonmilitary.

We therefore urge our Congressional representatives to co-sponsor HR 2631. We ask individuals, monthly meetings, the preparative meeting, and worship groups to consider how they can work for this longstanding Quaker concern. Individuals are encouraged to broadly publish this minute.

06YM07 Miami Friends Meeting is engaged with local workers in aid of their struggle for “Jobs With Justice.” This struggle is for Jobs that provide a living wage, true health benefits, safe conditions of labor, the right to determine if they wish union representation and how they may express that preference.

SEYM asks Friends to inform themselves and take action in concert with Miami Friends to enlarge community support of the workers, to make that support evident, and to hold all those involved in prayer.

06YM08 SEYM approves The Monthly Meeting section of Faith and Practice, as amended.

06YM09 SEYM approves the Establishing New Friends Meetings section of Faith and Practice, as amended.

06YM10 SEYM approves the Meeting for Worship section of Faith and Practice.

06YM11 SEYM approves with joy and gratitude the sections of Faith and Practice: the Monthly Meeting, Establishing New Friends Meetings, and Meeting for Worship.

06YM12 Southeastern Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends recognizes the endorsement of the Friends Committee on National Legislation’s Sensible Transition to an Enduring Peace (STEP) is but one action SEYM Friends can take as we continue to carry our witness against the U.S. war in Iraq.

We are in unity on calling for the immediate withdrawal of U.S. troops from Iraq. We encourage all SEYM Peace and Social Concerns committees to seek leadings and opportunities for carrying this testimony forward.

06YM13 In response to the recent occurrences of National Security Agency and Department of Defense spying on Quaker meetings, groups, and individuals, Southeastern Yearly Meeting urges all Friends to oppose this illegal government activity.

Southeastern Yearly Meeting unites with Palm Beach Monthly Meeting in their concern:

That we are being spied upon because upon because our religious convictions include advocating nonviolent solutions to conflict. The Religious Society of Friends has believed in and practiced nonviolence since our beginnings in the 17th century. Friends' Peace Testimony is based upon the sacredness of each individual and the unity of all; there is that of God in all people.

Our country's strength is founded upon the right to freedom of speech, religion, and peaceable assembly. Government spying upon peace activists and invasion of a church are illegal, including during times of war. Friends participated in the founding of this nation. When we gather peacefully to act upon our beliefs according to our consciences, and in doing so disagree with our government's actions, we are protected under the Constitution of the United States of America.

Freedom of religion is the primary reason that Friends and other groups emigrated to this country. In this spirit, we cannot and will not in right conscience surrender our religious beliefs. Practicing nonviolence requires great courage as we continue to speak our truth.

We hold our nation in the Light during these difficult times.

06YM14 Southeastern Yearly Meeting (SEYM) offers this minute of grave concern, reflective of our struggle with the issue our affiliation with Friends United Meeting.

We are united in our strong opposition to the policy contained in FUM minute 88GB-52; on the grounds it violates the Quaker testimony of Equality. [See Attachment to YM Minutes *UM General Board Minute 88 GB 52*]

This FUM policy causes profound pain in our members and to our community.

As an affirmation of who we are, the Marriage and commitment section of our Faith and Practice defines marriage as a union between a couple before God, and deliberately does not define what constitutes a couple in terms of gender.

Our experience in SEYM has been that spiritual gifts are distributed by how Friends are called and their faithfulness to that call, not by marital status, sexual orientation, or gender identity.

At this time, we find we are not in unity to disaffiliate with FUM. We are also not in unity to remain affiliated with FUM. We encourage Friends in SEYM and FUM to maintain and expand Friendly communications as they are led. We urge the

FUM Board to reopen the discernment regarding personnel policy minute 88GB-52.

Our process of discernment with regard to SEYM's relationship to Friends United Meeting is ongoing. We will revisit this at our next Yearly Meeting.

06YM15 SEYM will send minute 06YM14 to the clerk of FUM, the general secretary of the FUM, all yearly meetings, worldwide, and monthly meetings in North and Central America.

06YM16 SEYM approves the Treasurer's report

06YM17 SEYM approves the FY 2006-2007 budget.

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Charleston

Eddy Beth
Eddy Mike

Clearwater

Zingaro Eileen
Lord George

Deland PM

Croce Ann
Croce Elizabeth
Croce Paul
Croce Peter
Gaskill Cathy
Middleton Chris
Vaughen Dan
Vaughen Susan

Ft. Lauderdale

Ackerman Pete
Howard Dawn
Klingel Mary Jo
Kohlbach Al
Retief Glen

Ft. Myers

Cummings Bonnie
Cummings George
Fennell Nancy
Fennell Tom
French Barbara
Frey Barbara
Howell Nancy
Lynne Erica
Velasquez Takeisha
Webber Al
Webber Marilyn

Gainesville

Arrington Karen

Gainesville (Cont'd)

Westie Helen
Winefordner Laura

Ocala WG

Newkirk George

Orlando

Carlie Amy
Carlie Bill
Carlie Vicki
Lesnick Ed
Lesnick Kay
Schmalstig Alan
Schmalstig Annie
Schmalstig Judy

Palm Beach

Arthur Gary
Bisby Clarke
Bisby Harriss
Bisby Steve
Bradin Jack
Caldwell Ellie
Devine Anne
Dickinson Ruth
Hamilton Jan
Letsch Barbara

Sarasota

McAdoo Mimi
Palmeri Fran
Weston Jim
Weston Pat
Collins Rio

Savannah

Guy Joe

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Scutella Erin Doran

Halifax

Bird Beverly
Eelman Casey

St. Petersburg (Cont'd)

Steele Miranda
Steele Sarah
Tait ** Nancy

Jacksonville

Geiger Al
Geiger Wendy Clarissa
Guenther Addie
Guenther Connie
Guenther Erika
Guenther Kacey
Guenther Kurt

Tallahassee

Andersen Neil
Andersen Phoebe
Cary ** Susan
Doan Daniel
Doan Jessamyn
Doan Petra
Gunn Nancy

Lake Wales WG

Lanker Caroline

Kamphausen Liz
Kant-Rauch Noah
Mariner Vicki

Managua

Hall Lillian
Hall Trevor Centeno

Miles Rebecca
Najm-Cary Hadiya
Najm-Cary Nadira
Najm-Cary Omari
Ritchie ** Louise

Miami

Begin Karyn
Begin Jessica
Hersh Carl
Hersh David
Hersh Kathy
Hersh Kody
Hoskins Warren
Jason Andrew
Smith Jeanette
Whelan Sabrina

Sisson Jack
Taylor Susan

Tampa

Benton Jocelynn
Blackburn Tom
Cram Diane
Johns Davida
Kinney Steve
Lemke Dustin
Putney Dana
Putney Karen

St. Petersburg

Beane Andrea
Beane-McGovern Jackson
Beane-McGovern Violet
Eaton Dorothy

Putney Lou
Triscritti Nancy
Walsh Andrea
Wolfe Barbara
Yocum Aurora

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Schendel	Jean
Flanery	Bill
Rigg	Pegg
Steele	Becky

Other Friends & Visitors

Brookes	Constance	Haddonfield NJ/Friends Fiduciar
Buscemi	Vince	Mngside, NY / Walton Lecturer
Buscemi	Ernie	Mngside, NY /Walton Lecturer
Dahm	Jan	
Fetter	Bob	Roanoke, VA
Jackson	Randall	
Johns	Terri	Richmond, IN
Mandolang	Sarah	Alfred MM, NY
Moukaddam	Samir	AFSC/SERO
Olshewski	Steve	Swarthmore PA
Perch	Frank	
Perch	Liz	FGC
Smith	Hunt	
Wurth	Gretchen	
Zwirner	Rod	Quaker Earthcare Witness

Attachment 3: Epistle from World Gathering of Young Friends 2005
As Presented at SEYM Yearly Gathering Business Sessions, Second Plenary,
By Jessamyn Doan and Devender Braly-Sellars

"I am the vine, you are the branches"
...Now what fruit shall we bear?
(From John 15)

To all Friends everywhere,

Greetings from the World Gathering of Young Friends 2005. 226 Friends gathered together in Lancaster University, United Kingdom, from 16th – 24th August 2005. Our theme was 'I am the vine, you are the branches. Now, what fruit shall we bear?' taken from John 15; and William Penn's challenge 'Let us then try what love will do'. Among us, 58 Yearly Meetings and 9 monthly meetings and regional groups were represented, with speakers of more than twenty different languages. We were called to be gathered together at the place where our Quaker movement first bore fruit, the heart of 1652 country. We returned to our shared roots, to the birthplace of our collective spiritual identities. Through climbing Pendle Hill as a community, to live out George Fox's vision of a great people gathered together, we found a unity with the place and one another, among the bright green hills, surrounded by grazing sheep.

We felt great joy in being together and many Friends gave thanks for being here. However, our hearts were filled with sadness too. In the hall where we met there were many empty chairs, and we were always aware of those Friends who could not join us here in Lancaster. Many were absent because they were denied visas, others because they found when the time came that they could not join us after all. Their loss is our loss as well, for without their presence we could not feel their truth reflected in their words, their experiences, their faces and their smiles. However we could feel their presence in our hearts. We have selected 2 representatives from each region to go to a post-WGYF gathering in Kenya to share with these brothers and sisters the Love and Spirit that we felt in this gathering.

Twenty years have passed since the last World Gathering of Young Friends, held in Greensboro, North Carolina, USA. To what purpose were we summoned once more?

Here we tried each other's forms of worship, silent and programmed, songs in many different languages, scriptural readings, hand holding. We were open, amazed, stretched and blessed. We learned that the great presence in our lives can be called by many names, Jesus, Christ, God, Inner light, Spirit, Love or many others. Ultimately, through listening to the Spirit that moved us, not the words in which we expressed our movement, we strived to become one organism, one body made up of many different parts (1 Corinthians 12:13). We were united not so much in the expression of our faith as in our common desire to be unified and by the power of the Spirit amongst us during these 9 days. We were challenged to put aside the labels we hide behind, programmed, unprogrammed, liberal, evangelical, and come together as Friends of the Truth, seeking together for the common truth behind our language. We have not finished this process. We are only at the beginning of a long path, but the love and joy we have felt in being in this place together have allowed us to come this far, and we pray that they will lead us further yet.

The time here has been a chance to reflect on our lives. We have been challenged to recognize ourselves as God's children, and respond in willing devotion. The love we have found here is not for us to own but to share. We desire to show our love by doing good and avoiding harm to all

people and to all the Earth. We must let others see this love and know its source so that they may come to share it.

The Spirit present in our gathering summoned us to be a gathered people, and spoke through the many different people and cultures here to remind us of its glory, power and purpose. The Spirit is at work in all of us, and it is calling us not to judge one another's forms of worship but to examine our own hearts, find our own calling. We are called to take what we have experienced here and give it back to our communities.

Far away meetings now have faces, stories and friendships that make them real to us. Bridges have been built at our Gathering, which we call on Friends everywhere to nurture and support. We will keep this contact alive through exchanges, more frequent gatherings and opportunities to work together. Through this contact we will give strength to each other and share our gifts. We must face the future challenges of the Religious Society of Friends together.

Where we explored the theme of the vine and the branches we found that its fruits are born from love. We have experienced what Love can do in this Gathering; now let us try what it can do in the world.

WGYF Epistle

Attachment 4: FUM General Board Minute 88 GB 52:

(a) We affirm the civil rights of all people to secular employment, housing, education and health care without regard to their sexual orientation. In particular, we condemn violence, whether verbal or physical, against homosexuals, and call for their full protection under the civil rights laws.

(b) We reaffirm our traditional testimonies of peace, simplicity, truth speaking, gender and racial equality, personal integrity, fidelity, chastity and community. We recognize that there is diversity among us on issues of sexuality. For the purpose of our corporate life together, we affirm our traditional testimony that sexual intercourse should be confined to the bonds of marriage, which we understand to be between one man and one woman.

(c) The lifestyle of volunteers under appointment to Quaker Volunteer Witness, regardless of their sexual orientation, should be in accordance with these testimonies.

According to the same minute, the General Board also approved adding the following statement:

These policies are based on Friends beliefs as interpreted by Friends United Meeting since its beginning.

In March 1991, the General Board Executive Committee approved (91 GBEX 18) circulation of an "Organizational and Personnel Policy Manual." It took the QVW policy and extended it as follows:

Friends United Meeting holds to the traditional Friends testimonies of peace (nonviolence), simplicity, truth speaking, community, gender and racial equality, chastity, and fidelity in marriage. It is expected that the lifestyle of all staff and volunteer appointees of Friends United Meeting will be in accordance with these testimonies. Friends United Meeting affirms the civil rights of all people. Staff and volunteer appointments are made without regard to sexual orientation. It is expected that sexual intercourse should be confined to marriage, understood to be between one man and one woman.

The 1988 minute placed the personnel policy within the framework of traditional Friends testimonies and said that the policy applied to the corporate activities of FUM. The wording of the 1991 Personnel Manual explicitly applied the policy to all staff and volunteer appointees of FUM.

Attachment 5: Treasurer's Report

Budget vs. Actual Summary		Actual FY2005-06 thru March 2006	Prorated Budget	\$ Over Budget
Income	June 2005 through March 2006			
2000 - Real Income				
2001 - Donations				
2002 - Individual Donations		\$ 1,275.00	\$ 2,083	\$ (808.00)
2003 - Meeting Donations		\$ 39,752.08	\$ 41,897	\$ (2,144.92)
Total 2001 - Donations		\$ 41,027.08	\$ 43,980	\$ (2,952.92)
2200 - Investment Earnings				
2203 - Savings Account Interest		\$ 126.36	\$ 67	\$ 59.36
Total 2200 - Investment Earnings		\$ 126.36	\$ 67	\$ 59.36
Total 2000 - Real Income		\$ 41,153.44	\$ 44,047	\$ (2,893.56)
2700 - Transfer in FROM other classes				
2712 - Michener Lect. to GF/insurance		\$ 100.00	\$ 83	
2732 - Gath/Walton to GF/insurance			\$ 583	\$ (583.00)
2752 - HYM to GF/insurance		\$ 365.00	\$ 304	
2804 - from Trustee's Funds				
2815 - for Outreach Travel		\$ 1,880.98	\$ 1,558	\$ 322.98
2820 - for Secretary's Salary		\$ 4,955.33	\$ 3,575	\$ 1,380.33
2871 - from Mortgage Sullivan interest			\$ 63	\$ (63.00)
Total 2804 - from Trustee's Funds		\$ 6,836.31	\$ 5,196	\$ 1,640.31
Total 2700 - Transfer in FROM other classes		\$ 7,301.31	\$ 6,166	\$ 1,135.31
Total Budgeted Income		\$ 48,454.75	\$ 50,223	\$ (1,768.25)
Expense				
2999 - Expenses				
3000 - Administrative				
3001 - Bank Service Charges		\$ 3.00	\$ 33	\$ (30.00)
3002 - PayPal service fee		\$ 1.03	\$ 20	\$ (18.97)
3080 - Duplication		\$ 3,218.77	\$ 3,833	\$ (614.23)
3100 - Insurance				
3106 - Liability Insurance		\$ 1,204.70	\$ 1,292	\$ (87.30)
Total 3100 - Insurance		\$ 1,204.70	\$ 1,292	\$ (87.30)
3146 - Non-Profit Corporation Fee			\$ 54	\$ (54.00)
3200 - Office Supplies		\$ 412.53	\$ 425	\$ (12.47)
3270 - Payroll Expenses		\$ 23,793.40	\$ 23,793	\$ 0.40
3380 - Postage/Shipping		\$ 640.57	\$ 1,333	\$ (692.43)
3381 - Post Office Box rental		\$ 48.00	\$ 42	\$ 6.00
3400 - Office Equipment		\$ 150.48	\$ 250	\$ (99.52)
3500 - Professional Fees		\$ 565.75	\$ 417	\$ 148.75
3640 - Rent, Office		\$ 800.00	\$ 1,000	\$ (200.00)
3700 - Repairs		\$ 69.00	\$ 208	\$ (139.00)
3816 - Software			\$ 292	\$ (292.00)
3840 - Telephone & Inet access		\$ 613.89	\$ 917	\$ (303.11)
3860 - Travel Administrative		\$ 556.05	\$ 875	\$ (318.95)
3900 - Website		\$ 450.00	\$ 250	\$ 200.00
Total 3000 - Administrative		\$ 32,527.17	\$ 35,034	\$ (2,506.83)

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4000 - Committee Operating Expenses			
4309 - Archives	\$ 15.00	\$ 42	\$ (27.00)
4319 - Cuban Quaker Project		\$ 42	\$ (42.00)
4329 - Executive		\$ 83	\$ (83.00)
4339 - Faith and Practice	\$ 49.95	\$ 250	\$ (200.05)
4349 - Finance		\$ 83	\$ (83.00)
4359 - Nominating		\$ 42	\$ (42.00)
4369 - Peace and Social Concerns		\$ 125	\$ (125.00)
4389 - Youth Committee		\$ 42	\$ (42.00)
4399 - Worship and Ministry		\$ 417	\$ (417.00)
Total 4000 - Committee Operating Expenses	\$ 64.95	\$ 1,126	\$ (1,061.05)
5000 - Donations to Organizations			
5007 - AFSC	\$ 100.00	\$ 100	
5008 - AFSC-SERO	\$ 100.00	\$ 100	
5017 - Cuba YM-Havana Peace Coord.		\$ 2,000	\$ (2,000.00)
5018 - Earlham School of Religion	\$ 100.00	\$ 100	
5027 - FCNL	\$ 300.00	\$ 300	
5028 - QEW (FCUN)	\$ 125.00	\$ 125	
5037 - FGC	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,200	
5038 - FLCoalition for Peace & Justice	\$ 60.00	\$ 60	
5047 - Florida Council of Churches	\$ 200.00	\$ 200	
5048 - Florida Impact	\$ 300.00	\$ 300	
5057 - Friends Journal	\$ 100.00	\$ 100	
5058 - Friends Peace Teams	\$ 250.00	\$ 250	
5067 - FUM		\$ 1,200	\$ (1,200.00)
5068 - FWCC	\$ 1,380.00	\$ 1,380	
5077 - Pendle Hill	\$ 100.00	\$ 100	
5078 - ProNica	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,000	
5087 - Quaker Life	\$ 100.00	\$ 100	
5097 - Wm Penn House	\$ 100.00	\$ 100	
Total 5000 - Donations to Organizations	\$ 8,515.00	\$ 11,715	\$ (3,200.00)
8000 - Representative Travel			
8160 - Annual Representative	\$ 161.60	\$ 1,750	\$ (1,588.40)
Total 8000 - Representative Travel	\$ 161.60	\$ 1,750	\$ (1,588.40)
8500 - Contingency		\$ 833	\$ (833.00)
Total 2999 - Expenses	\$ 41,268.72	\$ 50,458	\$ (9,189.28)
9000 - Transfer OUT TO other classes			
9005 - for Gathering Youth	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000	
9060 - for Triennial Travel	\$ 1,050.00	\$ 1,050	
Total 9000 - Transfer OUT TO other classes	\$ 2,050.00	\$ 2,050	
Total Budgeted Expense	\$ 43,318.72	\$ 52,508	\$ (9,189.28)
Net Income	\$ 5,136.03	\$ (2,285.00)	\$ 7,421.03

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2001 · Donations		
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2003 · Meeting Donations		<u>\$ 50,276</u>
Total 2001 · Donations		<u>\$ 52,776</u>
2200 · Investment Earnings		
2203 · Savings Account Interest		<u>\$ 80</u>
Total 2200 · Investment Earnings		<u>\$ 80</u>
Total 2000 · Real Income		\$ 52,856
2700 · Transfer in FROM other classes		
2712 · Michener Lect. to GF/insurance		\$ 100
2732 · Gath/Walton to GF/insurance		\$ 700
2752 · HYM to GF/insurance		\$ 365
2804 · from Trustee's Funds		
2815 · for Outreach Travel		\$ 1,870
2820 · for Secretary's Salary		\$ 4,290
2871 · from Mortgage Sullivan interest		<u>\$ 75</u>
Total 2804 · from Trustee's Funds		<u>\$ 6,235</u>
Total 2700 · Transfer in FROM other classes		<u>\$ 7,400</u>
Total Budgeted Income		<u>\$ 60,256</u>
Expense		
2999 · Expenses		
3000 · Administrative		
3001 · Bank Service Charges		\$ 40
3002 · PayPal service fee		\$ 24
3080 · Duplication		\$ 4,600
3100 · Insurance		
3106 · Liability Insurance		<u>\$ 1,550</u>
Total 3100 · Insurance		\$ 1,550
3146 · Non-Profit Corporation Fee		\$ 65
3200 · Office Supplies		\$ 510
3270 · Payroll Expenses		\$ 28,552
3380 · Postage/Shipping		\$ 1,600
3381 · Post Office Box rental		\$ 50
3400 · Office Equipment		\$ 300
3500 · Professional Fees		\$ 500
3640 · Rent, Office		\$ 1,200
3700 · Repairs		\$ 250
3816 · Software		\$ 350
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5048 · Florida Impact	\$ 300
5057 · Friends Journal	\$ 100
5058 · Friends Peace Teams	\$ 250
5067 · FUM	\$ 1,200
5068 · FWCC	\$ 1,380
5077 · Pendle Hill	\$ 100
5078 · ProNica	\$ 4,000
5087 · Quaker Life	\$ 100
5097 · Wm Penn House	\$ 100
Total 5000 · Donations to Organizations	\$ 11,715
8000 · Representative Travel	
8160 · Annual Representative	\$ 2,100
Total 8000 · Representative Travel	\$ 2,100
8500 · Contingency	\$ 1,000
Total 2999 · Expenses	\$ 58,206
9000 · Transfer OUT TO other classes	
9005 · for Gathering Youth	\$ 1,000
9060 · for Triennial Travel	\$ 1,050
Total 9000 · Transfer OUT TO other classes	\$ 2,050
Total Budgeted Expense	\$ 60,256
Net Income	\$ -

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	<u>Gathering & Walton Lecture</u>	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Half Yearly Meeting (HYM)</u>	<u>Michener Lecture</u>	<u>Publications</u>	<u>Triennial Travel</u>	<u>Trustee's Funds</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Income								
2000 - Income								
2001 - Donations								
2002 - Individual Donations		1,275.00						1,275.00
2003 - Meeting Donations		39,752.08						39,752.08
2005 - Meeting to Annual Gath. Youth	700.00							700.00
2006 - In-kind Donation								
2105 - Gathering Youth, to Trustees							35.00	35.00
2110 - Michener, to Trustees							700.00	700.00
2115 - Outreach Travel, to Trustees							130.00	130.00
2120 - Sec.'s Salary Fund, to Trustees							200.00	200.00
2125 - Unrestricted, to Trustees							200.00	200.00
Total 2001 - Donations	<u>700.00</u>	<u>41,027.08</u>					<u>1,265.00</u>	<u>42,992.08</u>
2200 - Investment Earnings								
2203 - Savings Account Interest		126.36						126.36
2205 - Dividends FFC Gathering Youth							243.67	243.67
2206 - Capital Gain(Loss) Gath. Youth							171.08	171.08
2210 - Dividends FFC Michener Fund							741.55	741.55
2211 - Capital Gain(Loss) Michener							285.43	285.43
2215 - Dividends FFC Outreach Travel							1,854.60	1,854.60
2216 - Capital Gain(Loss) Outreach Tra							1,080.40	1,080.40
2220 - Dividends-FFC Sec. Salary Fund							4,955.33	4,955.33
2221 - Capital Gain(Loss) Sec.'sSal Fd							3,233.61	3,233.61
2225 - Dividends FFC Unrestricted							1,432.17	1,432.17
2226 - Capital Gain(Loss) Unrestricted							939.83	939.83
2230 - Dividends FFC Walton Fund							1,907.36	1,907.36
2231 - Capital Gain(Loss) Walton							1,242.00	1,242.00
2250 - Interest FGC Meetinghouse Fund							810.38	810.38
2255 - Dividends, Domini Fund							208.91	208.91
2256 - Capital Gain(Loss) Domini							4,287.25	4,287.25
2273 - Interest Bartrum/Miami loan							650.00	650.00
Total 2200 - Investment Earnings		<u>126.36</u>					<u>24,043.57</u>	<u>24,169.93</u>
2306 - Miscellaneous Income		17.65						17.65
2355 - FDLE Child Abuse Prev app. fee		108.00						108.00
2400 - Program Registrations								
2430 - Registration Fee				1,136.00				1,136.00
2400 - Program Registrations - Other	11,145.74		3,724.41					14,870.15
Total 2400 - Program Registrations	<u>11,145.74</u>		<u>3,724.41</u>	<u>1,136.00</u>				<u>16,006.15</u>
2600 - Sales								
2680 - Publication Sales					3,209.90			3,209.90
Total 2600 - Sales					<u>3,209.90</u>			<u>3,209.90</u>

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	Gathering & Walton Lecture	General Fund	Half Yearly Meeting (HYM)	Michener Lecture	Publications	Triennial Travel	Trustee's Funds	TOTAL
Total 2000 - Income	11,845.74	41,279.09	3,724.41	1,136.00	3,209.90		25,308.57	86,503.71
2700 - Transfer in FROM other classes								
2712 - Michener Lect. to GF/insurance		100.00						100.00
2752 - HYM to GF/insurance		365.00						365.00
2801 - transfer from General Fund						1,050.00		1,050.00
2802 - from GF for Gathering Youth	1,000.00							1,000.00
2804 - from Trustee's Funds								
2810 - for Michener Lecture				741.55				741.55
2815 - for Outreach Travel		1,880.98						1,880.98
2820 - for Secretary's Salary		4,955.33						4,955.33
2830 - for Walton Lecture/Gathering	1,907.36							1,907.36
Total 2804 - from Trustee's Funds	<u>1,907.36</u>	<u>6,836.31</u>		<u>741.55</u>				<u>9,485.22</u>
Total 2700 - Transfer in FROM other classes	<u>2,907.36</u>	<u>7,301.31</u>		<u>741.55</u>		<u>1,050.00</u>		<u>12,000.22</u>
Total Income	<u>14,753.10</u>	<u>48,580.40</u>	<u>3,724.41</u>	<u>1,877.55</u>	<u>3,209.90</u>	<u>1,050.00</u>	<u>25,308.57</u>	<u>98,503.93</u>
Gross Profit	14,753.10	48,580.40	3,724.41	1,877.55	3,209.90	1,050.00	25,308.57	98,503.93
Expense								
2999 - Expenses								
3000 - Administrative								
3001 - Bank Service Charges		3.00						3.00
3002 - PayPal service fee		1.03					3.20	4.23
3080 - Duplication	898.40	3,218.77	55.50	186.37				4,359.04
3100 - Insurance								
3106 - Liability Insurance		1,204.70						1,204.70
Total 3100 - Insurance		<u>1,204.70</u>						<u>1,204.70</u>
3200 - Office Supplies		412.53						412.53
3270 - Payroll Expenses		23,793.40						23,793.40
3380 - Postage/Shipping	174.95	640.57		142.63				958.15
3381 - Post Office Box rental		48.00						48.00
3400 - Office Equipment		150.48						150.48
3500 - Professional Fees								
3526 - Accounting		97.00						97.00
3556 - Web consult/CGI script	131.25	468.75	112.50					712.50
Total 3500 - Professional Fees	<u>131.25</u>	<u>565.75</u>	<u>112.50</u>					<u>809.50</u>
3640 - Rent, Office		800.00						800.00
3700 - Repairs								
3746 - Equipment Repairs		69.00						69.00

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Total 3700 - Repairs		69.00						69.00
3840 - Telephone & Inet access		613.89						613.89
3860 - Travel Administrative		556.05						556.05
3900 - Website		450.00						450.00
Total 3000 - Administrative	1,204.60	32,527.17	168.00	329.00			3.20	34,231.97
4000 - Committee Operating Expenses								
4309 - Archives		15.00						15.00
4339 - Faith and Practice		49.95						49.95
Total 4000 - Committee Operating Expenses		64.95						64.95
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		200.00						200.00
5048 - Florida Impact		300.00						300.00
5057 - Friends Journal		100.00						100.00
5058 - Friends Peace Teams		250.00						250.00
5068 - FWCC		1,380.00						1,380.00
5077 - Pendle Hill		100.00						100.00
5078 - ProNica		4,000.00						4,000.00
5087 - Quaker Life		100.00						100.00
5097 - Wm Penn House		100.00						100.00
Total 5000 - Donations to Organizations		8,515.00						8,515.00
6000 - Production								
6080 - Printing, Publications					592.07			592.07
Total 6000 - Production					592.07			592.07
7000 - Program Expense								
7086 - Equipment Rental				101.18				101.18
7138 - Food purchases			1,423.91	132.73				1,556.64
7500 - Site Fees (Food & Lodging)								
7533 - Site Deposits	3,091.00		400.00					3,491.00
7534 - Site Fees-food/lodging								
7600 - Food/lodging, Speaker				217.03				217.03
7616 - Scholarships-food/lodging				75.00				75.00
7534 - Site Fees-food/lodging - Other	5,000.00		1,100.00					6,100.00

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	Gathering & Walton Lecture	General Fund	Half Yearly Meeting (HYM)	Michener Lecture	Publications	Triennial Travel	Trustee's Funds	TOTAL
Total 7534 · Site Fees-food/lodging	5,000.00		1,100.00	292.03				6,392.03
Total 7500 · Site Fees (Food & Lodging)	8,091.00		1,500.00	292.03				9,883.03
7650 · Speaker Honorarium				500.00				500.00
7660 · Speaker travel				288.79				288.79
7805 · Youth Program Leader/childcare				10.00				10.00
7855 · Child Abuse Prevention certi	144.00	155.00						299.00
7000 · Program Expense - Other				75.00				75.00
Total 7000 · Program Expense	8,235.00	155.00	2,923.91	1,399.73				12,713.64
8000 · Representative Travel								
8160 · Annual Representative		161.60						161.60
8360 · Other Travel						1,339.00		1,339.00
Total 8000 · Representative Travel		161.60				1,339.00		1,500.60
2999 · Expenses - Other								
Total 2999 · Expenses	9,439.60	41,423.72	3,091.91	1,728.73	592.07	1,339.00	3.20	57,618.23
9000 · Transfer OUT TO other classes								
9002 · to GF for insurance			365.00	100.00				465.00
9005 · for Gathering Youth		1,000.00						1,000.00
9060 · for Triennial Travel		1,050.00						1,050.00
9210 · for Michener Lecture							741.55	741.55
9215 · for Outreach Travel							1,880.98	1,880.98
9220 · for Sec.'s Salary							4,955.33	4,955.33
9230 · for Walton Lecture/Gathering							1,907.36	1,907.36
Total 9000 · Transfer OUT TO other classes		2,050.00	365.00	100.00			9,485.22	12,000.22
Total Expense	9,439.60	43,473.72	3,456.91	1,828.73	592.07	1,339.00	9,488.42	69,618.45
Net Income	5,313.50	5,106.68	267.50	48.82	2,617.83	-289.00	15,820.15	28,885.48

Attachment 6:
Epistling Rhyme

The Poet's Epistle: An "Epistling" Rhyme
By Daniel Doan
On behalf of SEYM Junior Yearly Meeting,
Teen Friends' Epistle Committee, 2006.

This year throughout the course of SEYM,
We learned about past Quakers and strove to be like them.

We viewed a great film called *Friendly Persuasion*,
Which demonstrated how to deal with temptation.

We talked of famous Quakers with the help of Dan Vaughn,
Recent people who many others relied upon.

We talked with Nancy Howell about the Kalahari Bushmen,
Discovering these primitive people who for themselves fend.

We explored controversial topics at the Teen fish bowl,
From views on homosexuals to integrity of the soul.

Again, Dan Vaughn helped us run our business meeting,
Finding a consensus proved to be a goal quite fleeting.

During the evening we attended the Intergenerational Dance,
This fun event required coordination of feet and hands.

Each day we took our places in groups of worship sharing,
These small doses of quiet were relief from noises blurring.

We separated into groups to find out what to do next,
Did you here any clue Quakers invented Root Beer?

We put together kits to give to those who have no home,
With care and love, of course, and shaving gel and combs.

On the evening of Saturday we enjoyed the Walton Lecture,
With interesting ideas, we had to draw up new conjectures.

Another great Yearly meeting weekend had past,
We cannot wait for next year, when we'll return at last.

Attachment 7: Junior Yearly Meeting Business Meeting #2

JYM has approved the theme of “Peaceful Activism” for next year, with subtopics of nonviolence and assertiveness training, and a possible media interlude called “Quakers Behind the Scenes”.

The Clerks approved for next year are Daniel Doan, Jessica Begin, and Allan Schmalstig. The recording clerk will be Amy Carlie.

We approved the epistles.

JYM is in unity with the broader SEYM Community in the concern with FUM’s discriminatory hiring policy. We felt that regardless of affiliation, communication should be increased with FUM to share our measure of truth in witnessing equality. We believe that some action should be taken to meet in person with members at FUM to reach an understanding and put a human face on the issue.

Attachment 8:
Nominating Report

OFFICERS

Yearly Meeting Clerk	Susan Taylor	Tallahassee	2008
Assistant Clerk	Sybil Brennan	Gainesville	2008
Interim Business Meeting Clerk	Nancy Fennell	Ft. Myers	2008
Recording Clerk	Ed Lesnick	Orlando	2009
Treasurer	Neil Andersen	Tallahassee	2008
Membership Recorder	Phoebe Andersen	Tallahassee	2007
Trustees	Herb Haigh	St. Pete.	2007
	Cathy Gaskill	Deland	2008
	Mimi McAdoo	Sarasota	2007
	Jim Weston	Sarasota	2009
	Carl Hersh	Miami	2008
	Al Webber	Ft. Myers	2009

Young Friends Clerks	Daniel Doan	Tallahassee	Jessica Begin	Miami
			Alan Schmalstig	Orlando
Young Friends Recording Clerk	Amy Carlie	Orlando		

COMMITTEES

Archives

Bill Rapp, Clerk	Lake Wales	2007
Cathy Gaskill	Orlando-Deland	2007

Faith and Practice

Phoebe Andersen, Clerk	Tallahassee	2007
Cathy Gaskill	Deland	2007
Beverly Bird	Halifax	2007
Vickie Carlie	Orlando	2007
Connie Ray	Gainesville	2008
Jim Weston	Sarasota	2008

Finance

Caroline Lanker, Clerk	Tampa	2007
YM Treasurer	ex officio	
YM Secretary	ex officio	
Clerk of Trustees	ex officio	
Assistant Clerk	ex officio	

Half Yearly Meeting

Karyn Begin, Clerk	Miami	2009
Andrea Walsh, Registrar	Tampa	2009
Kurt Guenther	Jacksonville	
Elaine Martin	Jacksonville	
Richard McCleery	Halifax	
Kathy Hersh	Miami	

Nominating

Dan Vaughen, Clerk	Deland	2008
Mary Jo Klingel	Ft. Lauderdale	2007
Laura Widefordner	Gainesville	2008
Fern Mayo	Sarasota	2008
		2008

Pro Nica Board

Al Webber, Clerk	Ft. Myers	2007
Barbara Wolfe	Tampa	2008
Herb Haigh	St. Petersburg	2009

Peace and Social Concerns

Cecilia Yocum, Clerk	Tampa	2008
Al Geiger	Jacksonville	2007
Shawna Doran	St. Petersburg	2007
Steve Kinney	Tampa	2008
Becky Steele, Rep. CFA	St. Petersburg	2008

Worship & Ministry

Wendy Clarissa Geiger, Co-Clerk	Jacksonville	2009
Barbara French, Co-Clerk	Ft. Myers	2009
George Newkirk	Gainesville	2007
Fern Mayo	Sarasota	2007
Fran Palmeri	Sarasota	2007
Petra Doan	Tallahassee	2007
Ruth Dickinson	Palm Beach	2009
Kody Hersh	Miami	2009
Tom Fennell	Ft. Myers	2009

Yearly Meeting Gathering

Steve Kinney, Clerk	Tampa	2009
Andrea Walsh, Registrar	Tampa	2009
Warren Hoskins	Miami	2007
Kathy Hersh, Youth Cord.	Miami	2007
Judy Schmalstig, Volunteers	Orlando	2007
Jack Bradin	Palm Beach	2007
Ellie Caldwell	Palm Beach	2007
Eileen Zangaro	Clearwater	2008
Gary Arthur	Palm Beach	2008

Youth Committee

Kathy Hersh	Miami	2007
Javier del sol	Palm Beach	2008

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REPRESENTATIVES TO ORGANIZATIONS

American Friends Service Com Corp (NATIONAL)

Petra Doan, Board	Tallahassee	2009
David Robinson	Space Coast	2008

AFSC - SE Region

Annie McPherson	Gainesville	2008
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AFSC - SE Region - EMAP

Mary Jo Klingel	Ft. Lauderdale	2009
Laura Winefordner	Gainesville	2009

Friends Committee on National Legislation/ Wm Penn House

Don Smith	Gainesville	2007
Jack Bradin	Palm Beach	2007
Frank Perch	Savannah	2007
Lou Putney	Tampa	2008
Dana Putney	Tampa	2009

Quaker Earth Care Witness

Mary Jo Klingel	Ft. Lauderdale	2007
Jack Bradin	Palm Beach	2007

Friends General Conference Central Committee

Herb Haigh	St. Petersburg	2007
Kody Hersh	Miami	2008
Liz Kamphausen	Tallahassee	2009

Friends United Meeting General Board/Commissions

Phoebe Andersen	Tallahassee	2008
Lisa Stewart	Palm Beach	2007

Friends United Meeting Triennial

Devender Braly-Sellars	Gainesville	2009
Neil Anderson	Tallahassee	2009
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Friends World Committee for Consultation

Ellie Caldwell	Palm Beach	2007
Sybil Brennan	Gainesville	2009
Fern Mayo	Sarasota	2007

Florida Council of Churches

Richard McCleery	Halifax	2007
Ed Lesnick	Orlando	2009

FLGBTQC

Kody Hersh	Miami	2009
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Pendle Hill

Quaker UN Office

Laura & Jim Winefordner	Gainesville	2007
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Friends Peace Team

Cecilia Yocum	Tampa	2007
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Quaker Cuba Project

Inactive

Florida Impact

Inactive

Information & Technology

Consulting

Committee

Website

Sec. Lyn Cope

Peace Website

Michael Shell

Publications & News Letter

Inactive

Meeting for Sufferings

Inactive

Religious Education

Inactive

Attachment 9: Yearly Meeting Epistle, 2006

To Friends Worldwide,

We greet you, as 168 members of Southeastern Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends are ending the 44th annual Gathering, held at the Florida United Methodist Life Enrichment Center in Leesburg, Florida. The theme of our Gathering has been “Here I Am, Lord.”

The spiritual enrichment of our days started in early morning worship on benches at the lakefront, where egrets and herons flew along the water, and songbirds sang from the oak trees, draped with Spanish moss.

Worship sharing deepened our awareness, and prepared us for Meeting for Worship with a Concern for Business. The agenda was crowded with the necessary work of the Yearly Meeting.

Our shared joys included the opportunity to reconnect with old and new F/friends and acquaintances. Our twenty-eight children provided much joy, and we note our enjoyment of the intergenerational dance and music. We also enjoyed gathering around the piano after dinner, singing our theme song, “Here I Am, Lord.”

The pain of our Gathering must also be acknowledged. We had an excruciating session attempting to discern our path to deal with Friends United Meeting’s personnel policy, which excludes Friends from staff and volunteer positions on the grounds of marital status, sexual orientation, and activity. It was difficult to move forward in love to all parties, and many-experienced intense pain. Minutes expressing our yearly meeting’s unity will be widely distributed.

Our difficulties were mitigated by the hopeful messages carried by our Walton lecturers, Vince and Ernie Buscemi. Their intermingled voices told of two lives of constant prayer and service, led into effective action in anti-racism work in Quaker meetings, in U.N. work on women’s rights with and AIDS, and other projects. Other hopeful messages were brought to the Gathering by an AFSC project encouraging sale of fair-trade olive oil produced in Palestine, and the string of haircuts - called Worship Shearing - produced by the new Pro Nica project that is teaching haircutting to impoverished Nicaraguan girls and women.

We have been blessed to share our joy and pain in this beloved community.