

# Southeastern Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends

## YBM Executive Committee Meeting

Tampa Friends Meetinghouse

June 9, 2018

### MINUTES

The meeting began at 9:00 AM. After a period of silent worship, Bill Carlie, Acting Assistant EC Clerk, read the following:

"The presuppositions of the corporate meeting for worship have, from the very beginning, profoundly affected the method of decision-making in the meeting for business. In both, there is faith in the Guide. There is faith in a continuous revelation that is always open to produce fresh disclosures. And there is respect and affection for each other that cuts through all diversity and that helps to kindle a faith that, with patience and openness, the group can expect to come to clearness and to resolve the problems that come before it."

—Philadelphia Yearly Meeting, 1997  
quoted in *SEYM Faith & Practice*, p.112

**Administrative Secretary's Report:** Friends accepted Vicki Carlie's report (**Attachment 1**). Lyn Cope has retired from production of SEYM publications, and Vicki is investigating outside contractors to carry on her work. Vicki notes an increase on news submitted to the e-newsletter by monthly meetings. The *FY 2018-19 SEYM Directory* has been published.

Vicki proposes that SEYM subscribe to the Zoom online meeting platform. Various Friends gave examples of other Quaker use of Zoom: e.g., FGC's quarterly gathering of yearly meeting clerks, and *Western Friends Connect* [westernfriend.org/connect](http://westernfriend.org/connect), which has separate "meeting rooms" for weekly online worship, live/recorded workshops, and committee meetings for the three yearly meetings it serves. After discussion, EC approved the following:

**18SEC01.** SEYM Executive Committee approves subscribing to an online conferencing service to enable committee meetings and other live remote events. The cost will be offset for FY 2018-19 by reducing other Administrative line items in the budget.

In preparation for Vicki's planned retirement at the end of FY 2018-19, EC approved the following:

**18SEC02.** SEYM Executive Committee appoints Bill Carlie, Phoebe Andersen, and Joel Cook to serve as an ad hoc search committee to fill the Administrative Secretary position starting after Vicki Carlie's retirement.

**Nominating Committee:** Elaine Martin reported for the committee. There is still urgent need for a new Gathering Co-Clerk and Registrar. The preparation for 2019 Gathering begins in June 2018. Elaine will follow up on the FY 2018-19 vacancies on Nominating Committee with Peter Schmidt and Stephanie Preston, appointed by minute **17SEC01** as naming committee for candidates.

**Treasurer's Report:** Friends accepted Joel Cook's report for third quarter FY 2017-18 (through February 28, 2018) (**Attachment 2**). Field Secretary for Earthcare program has about \$32,000 in the bank; Friends need to renew their fund raising effort. Line 5078 in the FY 2017-18 budget provides for a \$4,000 donation to ProNica. The check has been drawn but not sent, because no response has come yet from ProNica regarding which person and bank account to send it to.

**Youth Committee – Youth and Young Adult Coordinator (YYAC) position:** Mira Tanna reported on progress with the YYAC position approved in Gathering minute **18YM11**, financial details for which were to be discerned by the Finance Committee, Trustees, and Youth Committee at this June EC meeting.

To help with discernment, Friends were reminded that the proposal did not originate as a committee staff and program recommendation. Instead, an individual Friend has in effect requested to be recorded as a "released Friend" and to be supported with a stipend below the federal taxable income level.

The proposal includes mention of health coverage. Since SEYM does not provide health coverage for present staff, do we need to revisit its benefits package? Mira explained that Kody Hersh's intention is to use stipend funds to buy his own coverage. Any broader benefits review remains, though important, would be an issue separate from YYAC funding.

Members of Finance Committee, Trustees, and Youth Committee met during midday break and then advised EC of their decision. The proposed stipend amount of \$15,000 is not final, so the committees chose to make percentage commitments in order to cover the final amount. EC approved the following minute:

- 18SEC03.** SEYM Executive Committee approves the proposal of the Youth, Trustees, and Finance Committees to fund the Youth and Young Adult Coordinator position for three years, pursuant to minute **18YM11**, as follows:
- 20% from Youth Committee
  - 40% from Trustees
  - 20% from the budget for salaries
  - 20% from donations and reserves.

Finance Committee will need to be involved in the ongoing process, in part because funding the YYAC calls for raising donations and making budgetary decisions.

Orlando Monthly Meeting is in discernment over how to provide lodging as part of the YYAC proposal, with the aim of deciding by July 2018. EC approved the following minute:

- 18SEC04.** SEYM Executive Committee requests that Orlando Monthly Meeting discern whether they can provide lodging for the Youth and Young Adult Coordinator for approximately two to three years starting January 1, 2019.

**Evaluation of Field Secretary for Earthcare Program:** The clerk called attention to the 2015 YBM Minutes establishing the FSE Program (**Attachment 3**), particularly **15YBM07**, which states that the FSE "will have goals and objectives that are established in conjunction with the Earthcare

Committee and the Executive Committee of SEYM. These goals and objectives will serve as the basis for continuing evaluation of program progress."

The primary question before EC is whether to recommend that the FSE Program be included in the FY 2019-20 budget. After discussion, EC determined that Earthcare Committee is the appropriate body to do the program evaluation. Friends approved the following minute:

**18SEC05.** SEYM Executive Committee requests that Earthcare Committee bring forward an evaluation of the Field Secretary for Earthcare Program for discernment by the Executive Committee at the Fall Interim Business Meeting.

**EC as Personnel Committee – Evaluation of staff for FY 2017-18:** After discussion, EC accepted the following arrangements for which Friends will evaluate each of the three SEYM staff people:

- Field Secretary for Earthcare – Since clerk of FSE Anchor Committee is supervisor for this position the Anchor Committee will evaluate Beverly Ward.
- Administrative Secretary – Vicki Carlie will be evaluated by Phoebe Andersen, Joel Cook, and, if she accepts the invitation, Stephanie Preston.
- Bookkeeper – Dianna Langan will be evaluated by Joel Cook, Neil Andersen, Bill Carlie, and, if she accepts the invitation, Nancy Corindia.

**Archives Committee:** Friends accepted the written report of Bill Rapp (**Attachment 4**).

**Earthcare Committee:** Friends accepted co-clerk Bill Carlie's report that the committee continues to work on drafting a SEYM faith statement on earthcare, and that they plan three workshops for 2019 Annual Gathering.

**Ministry on Racism Committee:** Friends accepted Beverly Ward's report. The written report was not yet available but is included below as **Attachment 5**. Jane Westberg and Beverly Ward participated in the Pendle Hill conference, "Truth and Healing: Quakers Seeking Right Relationship with Indigenous Peoples" on May 3-6, 2018 (see [pendlehill.org/events/truth-healing-quakers-seeking-right-relationship-indigenous-peoples](http://pendlehill.org/events/truth-healing-quakers-seeking-right-relationship-indigenous-peoples)).

The committee reminds meetings, worship groups, and individuals to contact members of Congress in support of removing the exception clause of the 13th Amendment to the US Constitution (see "End Slavery for All" minute **17YM08 (Attachment 6)**).

The committee recommends that meetings and worship groups read and study together Patience Schenck's Pendle Hill Pamphlet No. 415, *Living Our Testimony on Equality: A White Friends Experience* (2011).

**Peace and Social Concerns Committee:** Friends accepted Cece Yocum's report. The committee had offered a \$450 mini-grant program but received no requests. However, Peter Ackerman ask support for his work with the Poor People's Campaign (see <https://www.poorpeoplescampaign.org/>), and the committee approved giving him that money. An abbreviated version of his report is included below as **Attachment 7**. Willie Hager spoke further above the Campaign's actions in Tallahassee and reported on a follow-up march in St. Augustine led by the TakeEmDownJAX movement to remove Confederate monuments from city property.

Joel Cook described a CNN *United Shades of America* (<https://www.cnn.com/shows/united-shades-of-america>) episode titled "Sikhs in America." An interviewee said that in this country it is "in the air" to see a Black person and think "criminal," a Brown person, and think "illegal," or a Middle Eastern person, and think "terrorist." Willie Hager said that our national institutions are set up with these biases. Mike Shell said the message is also present subliminally in every aspect of news, entertainment, and social media. Mike Flannery spoke of the escalating fear in this country and the readiness of many to believe that someone voicing such views is just "telling it like it is."

**Publications Committee:** Friends accepted Phoebe Andersen's report. The committee has an editor to make necessary corrections to Wendy Geiger's book, so that it can be republished this summer. Unfortunately, Amazon bought a case of the faulty edition *before* Lightning Source was told not to print any more. SEYM has no authority to prevent the sale of those copies. Wendy will receive 50 copies of the corrected edition.

Several other publishing items are in the works: Kathy Gaskell's memoir; three pamphlets by Lisa Erasmus and Jan Dahm, including one on the biblical basis for the testimonies; and several translations into Spanish by Mercedes Soca, beginning with queries.

**Youth Committee:** Friends accepted Cece's report. The committee begins in June to plan for Gathering 2019, including possible presentation by Elizabeth Croce of FGC's *Faith and Play* storytelling resource (see <https://www.fgcquaker.org/faith-and-play>).

Meeting ended with silent worship.

Submitted by  
Mike Shell, EC/IBM Recording Clerk  
6/12/2018

**The following Friends were present for all or part of the meeting:**

**EC members present were:**

Elaine Martin, IBM/EC Clerk, Nominating, Jacksonville MM  
Bill Carlie, Acting IBM/EC Co-clerk, YM Clerk, Earthcare Co-clerk, Orlando MM  
Mike Shell, IBM/EC Recording Clerk, Jacksonville MM  
Joel Cook, Treasurer, Palm Beach MM  
Cece Yocum, Peace & Social Concerns Co-Clerk, Youth, Tampa MM  
Willie Hager, Peace & Social Concerns Co-Clerk, Jacksonville MM  
Mira Tanna, Youth Committee Clerk, Orlando MM  
Phoebe Andersen, Publications Clerk, Archives, Faith & Practice, Tallahassee MM  
Nancy Triscritti, Worship & Ministry Co-Clerk, Tampa MM  
Vicki Carlie, SEYM Admin. Secretary, Orlando MM (ex officio)

**Others present were:**

Neil Andersen, Trustees, Archives, Tallahassee MM  
Eileen Zingaro, Trustees, Clearwater MM  
Mike Flanery, Trustees, Clearwater MM  
Beverly Ward, Field Secretary for Earthcare, Earthcare, Ministry on Racism, Tampa MM  
Dianna Langan, Bookkeeper, St. Petersburg MM  
Deborah Breeden, Gathering Committee, Tampa MM  
Linda Morganstein, St. Petersburg Asst. Clerk, St. Petersburg MM  
Lisa Erasmus, Tampa MM  
Jan Dahm, Tampa MM  
Jean Larson, Gainesville MM

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This summer is going to be pretty busy for me. I will be working with the Archives Committee to find and archive documents and correspondence. I will be working with the Publications Clerk to find a new publisher to do the work that Lyn Cope has done for us---not only the layout and printing of the pamphlets, but the eBook formatting. I will also be working with Publications and Archives in discerning how to reduce the amount of stuff in the storage unit.

**Proposal to get a Zoom account:** Some Friends have used a new online meeting platform, Zoom, and suggest it would be a great way for SEYM committees to meet online. Friends Peace Teams uses it, as do FGC and a YM Clerks group. The video quality is much better than Skype; but perhaps more importantly, videos of all participants are on the screen, which then zooms in on the person who is speaking. This allows you not only to see who is speaking, but cuts down on cross-talk. I believe this would be a great way to support our committees and allow them more quality committee time.

There is a free Basic Plan, but meetings are limited to 40 minutes. The next step up is the Pro Plan, which runs \$14.99/month. I suggest that this expense ---\$179.88/year---could be offset by reducing other Administrative line items in the budget.

*The Pro Plan includes:*

- Up to 100 participants
- Unlimited meeting duration for all meeting sizes
- User management
- Admin feature controls: allows the Admin to manage users, assign roles
- Reporting: usage reports
- Custom Personal Meeting ID
- Assign scheduler
- 1GB of MP4 or M4A cloud recording



The interfaces seem pretty user-friendly. To join a meeting, Participants need to download the Zoom application to their device, and at the scheduled time, click on a link e-mailed to them by their host. For more details, visit their website: [www.zoom.us](http://www.zoom.us).

**Website:** Submissions and news for the website has increased somewhat over the last year; I hope to be gathering more news on a regular basis as time goes on. I still need to update the Michener and Gathering pages, among other things. I created an online payment form to assist Registrars and the Secretary in collecting amounts due for events and publications. I will also be working, towards the end of the summer, on revising the Half Yearly Meeting registration form.

—Vicki Carlie, SEYM Secretary

# Treasurer's Report

## Southeastern Yearly Meeting of The Religious Society of Friends

### Treasurer Report for June 2018 Executive Committee

Report for end of Third Quarter of Fiscal Year 2017-18 (June 1 thru February 28, 2018)

All values are rounded to the nearest dollar.

#### SEYM Total Cash Flow not including Trustees

The overall cash flow of the Yearly Meeting (excluding the Trustees' accounts) for this period yielded a net income (excluding unrealized capital gains of \$902 on investments for the Publications program) of \$6,277, including \$1,500 restricted donation for the Publications program and \$19,046 restricted donations for the Field Secretary for Earthcare program, and a un-budgeted donation to Friends Peace Teams of \$5,000 with off-setting donations to SEYM of \$700. This resulted from an SEYM total real income of \$85,631 against total expenses of \$78,452.

#### SEYM General Fund for Administration - Cash Flow and Budget Performance

At the end of this period, the General Fund (the operations fund for which we approved a balanced budget of \$71,680 in our 2017 Yearly Meeting sessions) showed a net income of \$1,866. This resulted from General Fund total income of \$48,542 (68% of budget) against expenses of \$46,676 (65% of budget).

#### Budget Support Apportionments & Contributions Received

During this period, in response to the annual request for support of the approved General Fund Budget (the Apportionments), contributions received from the Monthly Meetings and Worship Groups totaled \$40,755, or 66% of the year's budgeted request of \$61,870.

Sixteen Monthly Meetings and three Worship Groups were included in the Apportionment request this fiscal year. So far, three have contributed their entire requested amount, nine have contributed one-half or more, one has contributed less than half, and six have not contributed anything.

The unrestricted individual donations received toward the Budget during this period totaled \$743, approximately 37% of the \$2,000 budgeted amount.

A Worship Group with no requested apportionment has donated \$389.

#### Cash Flow Results for Programs

The annual programs for this fiscal year are in progress; cash flow is incomplete.

The Publications program during this period had a net real income of \$624, excluding unrealized capital gains of \$902 on investments for the program, and a restricted donation of \$1,500.

The SEYM Field Secretary for Earthcare program during this period received \$19,046 in donations and had expenses of \$14,885, yielding a net income of \$4,161.

#### Net Worth

The Net Worth of the combined Yearly Meeting and its Trustees at the end of this period was \$583,453, an increase of \$30,891 including \$27,244 in unrealized capital gains since the beginning of the fiscal year.

Joel D. Cook, Treasurer - SEYM June 9, 2018

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Budget vs Actual Income and Expense  
June 2017 through February 2018

	Jun '17 - Feb 18		Over/Under(-)	
	Actual	Budget	Budget	% of Budget
<b>Income</b>				
2000 · Income				
2001 · Donations				
2002 · Indivd.Donations-Classes	743.00	2,000.00	-1,257.00	37.15%
2023 · Meeting Donations, WG wo apport	389.00	0.00	389.00	100.0%
2003 · Meeting Donations - Other	40,755.25	61,870.00	-21,114.75	65.87%
Total 2003 · Meeting Donations	41,144.25	61,870.00	-20,725.75	66.5%
2050 · Restricted - Friends Peace Teams	700.00	0.00	700.00	100.0%
Total 2001 · Donations	41,887.25	63,870.00	-21,982.75	65.58%
2200 · Investment Earnings	17.97	10.00	7.97	179.7%
2316 · GuideOne Insurance Dividends	94.52	0.00	94.52	100.0%
Total 2000 · Income	42,699.74	63,880.00	-21,180.26	66.84%
2700 · Transfer in FROM other classes				
2711 · Donations to GF from o/classes	0.00	150.00	-150.00	0.0%
2712 · Michener Lect. to GF/insurance	0.00	900.00	-900.00	0.0%
2732 · Gath/Walton to GF/insurance	0.00	450.00	-450.00	0.0%
2804 · from Trustee's Funds				
2805 · for Gathering Youth	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%
2810 · for Michener Lecture	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%
2815 · for BertscheOutreach Travel	1,753.70	1,800.00	-46.30	97.43%
2820 · for Staff Salary	4,088.47	4,500.00	-411.53	90.86%
Total 2804 · from Trustee's Funds	5,842.17	6,300.00	-457.83	92.73%
2700 · Transfer in FROM other classes	5,842.17	7,800.00	-1,957.83	74.9%
Total Income	48,541.91	71,680.00	-23,138.09	67.72%
Gross Profit	48,541.91	71,680.00	-23,138.09	67.72%
<b>Expense</b>				
3000 · Operating Costs				
3001 · Bank Service Charges	0.00	30.00	-30.00	0.0%
3002 · PayPal service fee	0.00	10.00	-10.00	0.0%
3080 · Duplication	1,034.50	1,000.00	34.50	103.45%
3100 · Insurance	1,361.35	1,540.00	-178.65	88.4%
3107 · Youth Worker CAP Certification	47.70	150.00	-102.30	31.8%
3146 · Non-Profit Corporation Fee	0.00	60.00	-60.00	0.0%
3200 · Office Supplies	597.21	800.00	-202.79	74.65%
3270 · Payroll Expenses	28,503.54	30,400.00	-1,896.46	93.76%
3272 · Employer Payroll Taxes	2,180.53	2,390.00	-209.47	91.24%
3380 · Postage/Shipping	293.40	500.00	-206.60	58.68%
3381 · Post Office Box rental	86.00	150.00	-64.00	57.33%
3400 · Office Equipment	235.33	400.00	-164.67	58.83%
3500 · Professional Fees	0.00	1,400.00	-1,400.00	0.0%
3640 · Rent warehouse/office	1,368.00	1,400.00	-32.00	97.71%
3700 · Repairs	70.00	200.00	-130.00	35.0%
3816 · Software	844.13	800.00	44.13	105.52%
3840 · Telephone & Inet access	1,293.47	2,000.00	-706.53	64.67%
3860 · Travel Administrative	723.67	2,000.00	-1,276.33	36.18%
3900 · Website	696.86	1,000.00	-303.14	69.69%
Total 3000 · Operating Costs	39,335.69	46,230.00	-6,894.31	85.09%
4000 · Committees Operating Expenses				
4309 · Archives	0.00	550.00	-550.00	0.0%
4329 · EC and IBM	0.00	100.00	-100.00	0.0%
4339 · Faith and Practice	0.00	50.00	-50.00	0.0%
4349 · Finance	0.00	50.00	-50.00	0.0%
4359 · Nominating	0.00	50.00	-50.00	0.0%
4369 · Peace and Social Concerns	0.00	450.00	-450.00	0.0%
4379 · Religious Education	0.00	50.00	-50.00	0.0%
4389 · Youth Committee	0.00	50.00	-50.00	0.0%
4399 · Worship and Ministry	0.00	150.00	-150.00	0.0%
4429 · Earthcare	0.00	500.00	-500.00	0.0%
4469 · Racism, Ministry on	0.00	50.00	-50.00	0.0%
4489 · Young Adult Quakers	0.00	50.00	-50.00	0.0%



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Cash Basis

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Budge vs Actual Income and Expense  
June 2017 through February 2018

	Jun '17 - Feb 18		Over/Under(-)	% of Budget
	Actual	Budget	Budget	
Total 4000 · Committees Operating Expenses	0.00	2,100.00	-2,100.00	0.0%
5000 · Donations to Organizations				
5007 · AFSC	0.00	200.00	-200.00	0.0%
5018 · Earham School of Religion	0.00	100.00	-100.00	0.0%
5027 · FCNL	0.00	300.00	-300.00	0.0%
5028 · QEW (FCUN)	0.00	200.00	-200.00	0.0%
5030 · FLGBTQC	0.00	100.00	-100.00	0.0%
5037 · FGC	0.00	1,200.00	-1,200.00	0.0%
5038 · FLCoalition for Peace & Justice	0.00	100.00	-100.00	0.0%
5047 · Florida Council of Churches	0.00	200.00	-200.00	0.0%
5048 · Florida Impact	0.00	300.00	-300.00	0.0%
5057 · Friends Journal	0.00	100.00	-100.00	0.0%
5061 · Friends Peace Teams	5,000.00	500.00	4,500.00	1,000.0%
5067 · FUM	0.00	500.00	-500.00	0.0%
5068 · FWCC	0.00	1,450.00	-1,450.00	0.0%
5077 · Pendle Hill	0.00	100.00	-100.00	0.0%
5078 · ProNica	0.00	4,000.00	-4,000.00	0.0%
5085 · Quaker House of Fayetteville NC	0.00	200.00	-200.00	0.0%
5087 · Quaker Life	0.00	100.00	-100.00	0.0%
5089 · QUNO	0.00	100.00	-100.00	0.0%
5097 · Wm Penn House	0.00	100.00	-100.00	0.0%
Total 5000 · Donations to Organizations	5,000.00	9,850.00	-4,850.00	50.76%
8000 · Representative Travel				
8160 · Annual Representative	2,211.07	4,000.00	-1,788.93	55.28%
8360 · Other Travel	129.22	0.00	129.22	100.0%
8460 · Travel Support to SEYM Business	0.00	1,000.00	-1,000.00	0.0%
Total 8000 · Representative Travel	2,340.29	5,000.00	-2,659.71	46.81%
8500 · Contingency	0.00	2,000.00	-2,000.00	0.0%
8560 · Refund	0.00	1,000.00	-1,000.00	0.0%
Total 2999 · Expenses	46,675.98	66,180.00	-19,504.02	70.53%
9004 · for Youth Programs	0.00	2,500.00	-2,500.00	0.0%
9005 · for Gathering Youth	0.00	2,000.00	-2,000.00	0.0%
9000 · Transfer OUT TO other classes	0.00	5,500.00	-5,500.00	0.0%
Total Expense	46,675.98	71,680.00	-25,004.02	65.12%
Net Income	1,865.93	0.00	1,865.93	100.0%

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Income and Expense  
June 2017 through February 2018

	Admin/General Fund	Friends Peace Team	Gathering/Walton Lecture	Half Yearly Meeting (HYM)	Michener Lectures	Programs for Youth	Publications	Secretary - Emittsare	Trustee's Funds	TOTAL
Income										
2000 - Income										
2001 - Donations	743.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	743.00
2002 - Individ Donations/Classes										
2003 - Meeting Donations	389.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	389.00
2003 - Meeting Donations, WG we support	40,755.25	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	40,755.25
2003 - Meeting Donations - Other	41,144.25	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	41,144.25
Total 2003 - Meeting Donations	41,544.25	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	41,544.25
2004 - Individual to Annual Gath/Youth	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	55.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	55.00
Total 2001 - Donations	41,887.25	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	55.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	41,942.25
2040 - Restricted Donations										
2050 - Restricted - Other	700.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,500.00	0.00	500.00	2,700.00
2060 - Donations - Restricted-FSE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	14,046.80	0.00	0.00	14,046.80
Total 2040 - Restricted Donations	700.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	15,500.00	0.00	500.00	16,746.80
2200 - Investment Earnings										
2203 - Savings Account Interest	17.97	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	17.97
2205 - Dividends FFC Gathering Youth	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	4,012.31	0.00	4,012.31
2210 - Dividends FFC Michener Fund	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	840.63	0.00	840.63
2215 - Dividends FFC Berische Out/Travel	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,753.70	0.00	1,753.70
2220 - Dividends-FFC Sec. Salary Fund	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	4,088.47	0.00	4,088.47
2225 - Dividends FFC Unrestricted	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1125.04	0.00	1,125.04
2230 - Interest FFC Meetinghouse Fund	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1533.84	0.00	1,533.84
2235 - Dividends FFC Walton Fund	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	287.00	0.00	287.00
2240 - Dividends FFC SEYM Publications	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	689.44	0.00	689.44
2245 - Dividends FFC SEYM C. C.	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
2206 - Capital Gain(Loss) Gath. Youth	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	6,941.94	0.00	6,941.94
2211 - Capital Gain(Loss) Michener	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,454.44	0.00	1,454.44
2216 - Capital Gain(Loss) BerischeOTra	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	3,034.17	0.00	3,034.17
2221 - Capital Gain(Loss) Sec. Ssal Fd	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	7,073.71	0.00	7,073.71
2226 - Capital Gain(Loss) Unrestricted	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	5,148.89	0.00	5,148.89
2231 - Capital Gain(Loss) Walton	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,688.38	0.00	2,688.38
2281 - Capital Gain(Loss) SEYM Publish	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	902.20	0.00	902.20
Total 2200 - Investment Capital Gains/Losses	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	26,341.53	0.00	27,243.73
Total 2200 - Investment Earnings	17.97	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,591.64	0.00	40,002.52	41,612.13
2316 - GuideOne Insurance Dividends	84.52	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	84.52
2400 - Program Registrations	97.50	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	97.50
2430 - Registration Fee	0.00	0.00	528.00	2,737.59	1,090.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	4,355.59
2435 - Lodging	0.00	0.00	2,034.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,034.00
2437 - Food, Dining Room	0.00	0.00	1,527.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,527.00
Total 2400 - Program Registrations	0.00	0.00	4,089.00	2,737.59	1,090.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	7,916.59
2600 - Sales										
2630 - Book/commission Sales	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
2680 - Publication Sales	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	572.70	0.00	0.00	572.70
Total 2600 - Sales	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	572.70	0.00	0.00	572.70
Total 2000 - Income	42,899.74	0.00	4,089.00	2,737.59	1,090.00	55.00	3,664.34	14,046.80	40,555.52	108,937.99
2700 - Transfer in FROM other classes										
2804 - from Trustee's Funds	0.00	0.00	4,012.31	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	4,012.31
2805 - for Gathering Youth	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
2815 - for Berische Lectures	1,753.70	0.00	0.00	0.00	840.63	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,594.33
2820 - for Berische Outreach Travel	4,088.47	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	4,088.47
2830 - for Staff Salary	0.00	0.00	1,553.84	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,553.84
2804 - from Trustee's Funds - Other	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total 2804 - from Trustee's Funds	5,842.17	0.00	5,566.15	0.00	840.63	0.00	0.00	5,000.00	0.00	17,248.95
Total 2700 - Transfer in FROM other classes	5,842.17	0.00	5,566.15	0.00	840.63	0.00	0.00	5,000.00	0.00	17,248.95
Total Income	48,541.91	0.00	9,655.15	2,737.59	1,930.63	55.00	3,664.34	19,046.80	40,555.52	126,186.94
Gross Profit	48,541.91	0.00	9,655.15	2,737.59	1,930.63	55.00	3,664.34	19,046.80	40,555.52	126,186.94
Expense										
2999 - Expenses										
3000 - Operating Costs	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
3001 - Bank Service Charges	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	46.07	0.00	46.07
3002 - PayPal service fee	0.00	0.00	157.33	24.78	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	182.11
3006 - Contract Labor	1,034.50	0.00	0.00	6.00	18.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,058.50
3100 - Insurance	1,381.35	0.00	249.51	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,630.86
3106 - Liability Insurance	1,381.35	0.00	249.51	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,630.86
3107 - Youth Worker CAP Certification	47.70	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	47.70

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Income and Expense  
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	Admin/General Fund	Friends Peace Team	Gathering/Visitor Lectures	Half Yearly Meeting (HYM)	Michener Lecture	Programs for Youth	Publications	Secretary - Earthcare	Trustee's Funds	TOTAL
3200 - Office Supplies	657.21	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	5.07	0.00	0.00	657.26
3270 - Payroll Expenses	28,503.53	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	28,503.53
3272 - Payroll Expenses	2,189.53	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,189.53
3380 - Postage/Shipping	293.40	0.00	56.08	35.16	17.71	0.00	31.88	685.05	0.00	3,076.56
3381 - Post Office Box rental	86.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	86.00
3400 - Office Equipment	235.33	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	235.33
3640 - Rent warehouse/office	450.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	450.00
3642 - Office Rent	918.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	918.00
Total 3640 - Rent warehouse/office	1,368.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,368.00
3700 - Repairs	70.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	70.00
Total 3700 - Repairs	70.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	70.00
3816 - Software	844.13	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	844.13
3840 - Telephone & Internet access	1,293.47	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,293.47
3860 - Travel Administrative	723.67	0.00	0.00	0.00	-193.72	0.00	0.00	1,931.80	0.00	2,461.75
3900 - Website	540.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	540.00
3641 - Rent E-Data off-site storage	156.86	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	156.86
3900 - Website - Other	686.86	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	686.86
Total 3900 - Website	38,335.89	0.00	597.92	65.94	-83.01	0.00	36.95	14,656.90	0.00	54,610.39
5000 - Donations to Organizations	5,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	5,000.00
Total 5000 - Donations to Organizations	5,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	5,000.00
6000 - Printing	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	133.00	0.00	0.00	133.00
6380 - ISBN production	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	468.22	0.00	0.00	468.22
Total 6000 - Production	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	601.22	0.00	0.00	601.22
7000 - Operating Costs Programs	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
7086 - Equipment Rental	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	245.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	245.00
7138 - Food purchases	0.00	0.00	0.00	724.07	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	724.07
7200 - Food, snacks	0.00	0.00	0.00	114.15	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	114.15
7500 - Site Fees	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
7575 - Site Fees - Lodging	0.00	0.00	11,069.63	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	11,069.63
Total 7575 - Site Fees - Lodging	0.00	0.00	11,069.63	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	11,069.63
7500 - Site Fees - Other	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,200.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,200.00
Total 7500 - Site Fees	0.00	0.00	11,069.63	1,200.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	12,269.63
7600 - Food/Lodging, Speaker	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	311.61	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	311.61
7650 - Speaker Honorarium	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	500.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	500.00
7660 - Speaker travel	0.00	0.00	414.98	0.00	852.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,266.98
Total 7600 - Youth Program	0.00	0.00	240.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	240.00
7804 - Youth Pig Expenses/Fees/Other	0.00	0.00	240.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	240.00
Total 7800 - Youth Program	0.00	0.00	240.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	240.00
Total 7000 - Operating Costs Programs	0.00	0.00	11,724.61	2,038.22	1,906.61	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	15,671.44
8000 - Representative Travel	2,211.07	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,211.07
8160 - Annual Representative	129.22	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	129.22
8360 - Other Travel	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
8460 - Travel Support to SEYM Business	2,360.29	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,360.29
Total 8000 - Representative Travel	46,675.98	0.00	12,322.53	2,104.16	1,825.00	0.00	633.17	14,885.36	0.00	70,451.80
Total 2099 - Expense	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
9000 - Transfer OUT TO other classes	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
9000 - Transfer OUT TO Youth	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
9210 - for Michener Lecture	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
9215 - for Berche/Outreach Travel	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
9220 - for Staff Salary	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
9230 - for Walton Lecture/Gathering	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
9000 - Transfer OUT TO other classes - Other	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total 9000 - Transfer OUT TO other classes	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Expense	46,675.98	0.00	12,322.53	2,104.16	1,825.00	0.00	633.17	14,885.36	0.00	70,451.80
Total Income	1,865.93	0.00	-2,667.38	633.43	105.03	55.00	3,026.17	4,161.44	26,341.53	30,486.17
Total 2290 - Unrealized Capital Gains/Losses	1,865.93	0.00	-2,667.38	633.43	105.03	55.00	2,123.97	4,161.44	-3,034.96	3,242.46
Net Income Before Unrealized Capital Gains/Losses	1,865.93	0.00	-2,667.38	633.43	105.03	55.00	2,123.97	4,161.44	3,242.46	6,277.42
Net Income	1,865.93	0.00	-2,667.38	633.43	105.03	55.00	2,123.97	4,161.44	3,242.46	6,277.42

Southeastern Yearly Meeting  
Balance Sheet  
As of February 28, 2018

	Feb 28, 18	May 31, 17	\$ Change
<b>ASSETS</b>			
Current Assets			
Checking/Savings			
0501 · Checking Account BOA			
511 · Checking - Gen'l Fund - General	-4,184.00	-9,822.26	5,638.26
560 · Checking-GF-Triennial Travel	5,848.18	5,848.18	0.00
561 · Peace Team Travel Fund	0.00	0.00	0.00
566 · Checking-GF-Sufferings	170.00	170.00	0.00
610 · Checking-SA-Michener	1,917.99	1,812.96	105.03
630 · Checking-SA-YBM Gathering	2,333.47	5,000.85	-2,667.38
640 · Checking-SA-Programs for Youth	7,838.68	7,783.68	55.00
650 · Checking-SA-HYM	1,268.67	228.59	1,040.08
670 · Checking - SA - Earthcare	32,155.84	27,994.40	4,161.44
680 · Checking-SA-Publications	-5,007.92	-7,131.89	2,123.97
700 · Checking-Trustees			
705 · Checking - Gathering Youth Fund	3,826.74	3,773.74	53.00
720 · Checking - Secretary's Fund	500.00	0.00	500.00
725 · Checking - Unrestricted Fund	24,377.60	29,377.60	-5,000.00
750 · Checking -FGC Meetinghouse Fund	25,362.00	2,575.00	22,787.00
Total 700 · Checking-Trustees	<u>54,066.34</u>	<u>35,726.34</u>	<u>18,340.00</u>
Total 0501 · Checking Account BOA	96,407.25	67,610.85	28,796.40
903 · Savings BOA	55,872.53	60,854.56	-4,982.03
999 · Pay Pal	169.71	134.72	34.99
Total Checking/Savings	<u>152,449.49</u>	<u>128,600.13</u>	<u>23,849.36</u>
Accounts Receivable			
1100 · Accounts Receivable	1,198.78	20.52	1,178.26
Total Accounts Receivable	<u>1,198.78</u>	<u>20.52</u>	<u>1,178.26</u>
Other Current Assets			
1180 · FFC SOYM1 Publications Investme	14,824.34	13,922.14	902.20
1200 · Trustee Investments			
1205 · FFC SOYMT6 GatheringYouth Fund	114,064.39	107,122.45	6,941.94
1210 · FFC SOYMT3 Michener	23,898.13	22,443.69	1,454.44
1215 · FFC SOYMT2 BertscheTravel Fd	49,855.05	46,820.88	3,034.17
1220 · FFC SOYMT5 Sec's Salary Fund	116,229.46	109,155.75	7,073.71
1225 · FFC SOYMT4 Unrestricted	66,765.56	60,491.63	6,273.93
1230 · FFC SOYMT1 Walton Fund	44,173.26	41,484.88	2,688.38
1250 · FGC Meetinghouse Fund	0.00	22,500.00	-22,500.00
Total 1200 · Trustee Investments	<u>414,985.85</u>	<u>410,019.28</u>	<u>4,966.57</u>
Total Other Current Assets	<u>429,810.19</u>	<u>423,941.42</u>	<u>5,868.77</u>
Total Current Assets	<u>583,458.46</u>	<u>552,562.07</u>	<u>30,896.39</u>
Other Assets			
1270 · Loans			
1276 · SEYM Bank Error	-5.00	0.00	-5.00
Total 1270 · Loans	<u>-5.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>-5.00</u>

06/08/18 - JDC  
Cash Basis

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Balance Sheet  
As of February 28, 2018

	Feb 28, 18	May 31, 17	\$ Change
Total Other Assets	-5.00	0.00	-5.00
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b><u>583,453.46</u></b>	<b><u>552,562.07</u></b>	<b><u>30,891.39</u></b>
<b>LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>			
Liabilities			
Current Liabilities			
Other Current Liabilities			
1300 · Expected/prepaid expenses	0.00	-406.65	406.65
1370 · Payroll Liabilities			
1372 · SEYM Payroll Liability	419.44	419.44	0.00
1370 · Payroll Liabilities - Other	615.04	616.49	-1.45
Total 1370 · Payroll Liabilities	<u>1,034.48</u>	<u>1,035.93</u>	<u>-1.45</u>
Total Other Current Liabilities	<u>1,034.48</u>	<u>629.28</u>	<u>405.20</u>
Total Current Liabilities	<u>1,034.48</u>	<u>629.28</u>	<u>405.20</u>
Total Liabilities	1,034.48	629.28	405.20
Equity			
1400 · Trustees Funds Equity	296,693.93	296,693.93	0.00
1500 · Operational Equity/ Net Assets			
1511 · General Fund Net Assets	29,324.36	29,324.36	0.00
1560 · Triennial Travel Net Assets	5,349.80	5,349.80	0.00
1580 · Publications Net Assets	14,341.85	14,341.85	0.00
Total 1500 · Operational Equity/ Net Assets	<u>49,016.01</u>	<u>49,016.01</u>	<u>0.00</u>
1700 · Retained Earnings	206,222.85	172,028.44	34,194.41
Net Income	30,486.19	34,194.41	-3,708.22
Total Equity	<u>582,418.98</u>	<u>551,932.79</u>	<u>30,486.19</u>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	<b><u>583,453.46</u></b>	<b><u>552,562.07</u></b>	<b><u>30,891.39</u></b>

## 2015 YBM Minutes establishing the FSE Program – April 3-4, 2015

**15YBM03.** Southeastern Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends establishes the new position of Field Secretary for Earthcare. The purpose of the Field Secretary for Earthcare will be coordination, inspiration, and communication within SEYM and facilitation of interaction with others to encourage Friendly, Spirit-led action for the caring of the Earth. The Field Secretary will be working under the guidance of the Spirit, energized by the person's individual leadings. Description of the duties, responsibilities, and supervision will be provided by the Earthcare Committee of SEYM in concert with the Executive Committee as Personnel Committee through its clerk, and grounded in the loving interest and care of the Yearly Meeting.

**15YBM04.** Duties for the position of Field Secretary for Earthcare in SEYM:

- Provide focus and coordinate efforts on environmental work in the SEYM region.
- Perform visits to Monthly Meetings and Worship Groups within SEYM to help them discern their leadings in care of the Earth, and to provide information and coordination among Meetings.
- To be a Quaker Presence at specific events, including those arranged by others.
- To assist the Youth of SEYM in their Earthcare projects, to be an inspiration and model for them; to be a presence and resource for Young Adult Friends.
- To communicate and collaborate our regional concerns with national organizations including Quaker Earthcare Witness (QEW), Earth Quaker Action Team (EQAT), Friends Committee on National Legislation (FCNL), and Friends General Conference (FGC).
- To serve as SEYM's public presence for Earthcare and to serve as a liaison with other like-minded organizations at the direction of the Earthcare Committee of SEYM in concert with the Executive Committee as Personnel Committee through its clerk, and grounded in the loving interest and care of the Yearly Meeting.

**15YBM05.** Funding Plan for the position of Field Secretary for Earthcare in SEYM:

Southeastern Yearly Meeting establishes a restricted fund within the SEYM accounts for the Field Secretary for Earthcare position. All donations received will be sent to the Yearly Meeting so that they may be recorded and placed in that restricted fund for the committee's use and to ensure right ordering for 501(c)3 tax accounting.

A total of \$500 will be included in the SEYM 2015-2016 budget for the Earthcare Committee operations to provide for administration of the work of the Field Secretary for Earthcare, and to continue the Committee's business between sessions of the Yearly Meeting.

The implementation plan, including financing, will be a working document subject to improvement once funds have been received.

**15YBM06.** Donation of Support from SEYM Trustees: Southeastern Yearly Meeting requests that the Yearly Meeting Trustees donate \$10,000 for initialization of the position of Field Secretary for Earthcare in SEYM. This would be a one-time donation in the 2015-2016 fiscal year into the restricted fund.

**15YBM07.** Minute for Field Secretary for Earthcare Program Evaluation – The Field Secretary for Earthcare will have goals and objectives that are established in conjunction with the Earthcare Committee and the Executive Committee of SEYM. These goals and objectives will serve as the basis for continuing evaluation of program progress. The Field Secretary for Earthcare will submit a report of attainment of goals and objectives and other unanticipated activities and accomplishments for SEYM's discernment at the annual gathering.

## Archives Committee Report – June EC 2018

Neil and Phoebe Andersen and I continued our work on the records collection at the University of Florida Library in Gainesville for a few days in late April. We weeded duplicate pages and pulled staples from the Secretary's files we received several years ago. We ask Monthly Meetings to clearly label each CD of their papers as to content, including Meeting name and year(s). Please mail them to:

Florence Turcotte  
207 Smathers Library  
P.O. Box 117005  
Gainesville, FL 32611-7005

–Bill Rapp, Archives Clerk

## Committee for Ministry on Racism Report Executive Committee – June 9, 2018

The Committee for Ministry on Racism met Wednesday, June 6, by Zoom teleconference set up by Beverly Ward. We found this to be an effective way to meet and are in the process of deciding how many such meetings we would like to have in addition to our meetings held during interim business meetings and at yearly meeting.

Jane Westberg and Beverly Ward movingly reported on a bit of their time at the Pendle Hill conference, *Truth and Healing: Quakers Seeking Right Relationship with Indigenous Peoples* (May 3-6). This sparked sharing and discernment for much of our meeting about how we could bring some of their experience to our local meetings and yearly meeting in order to educate ourselves and discern what appropriate action Friends might take. Part of the conference brought forward the trauma, sorrow and angst of the separation of Indigenous Peoples' children from their parents and community when they experienced the violence of being sent to boarding schools. The trauma of separation has been passed on to children living now. This feels similar to the separation of immigrant children from their families that we are experiencing today. Beverly asked if there might be some way for Quakers to recognize that Indigenous Peoples are hosting us on their land. Jane sent videos from the conference to the Committee for Ministry on Racism committee members, along with movies and other resources.

We are rewriting the committee's intention and purpose so that it is inclusive, addresses action as well as awareness, addresses both conscious and unconscious racism, and how deep and broad structural racism is. We seek ways of having conversations with Friends about racism. We've found Facebook sharing as something new and helpful in this regard with Friends who have Facebook accounts. The intersectionality of racism, poverty, environmental destruction, and the war economy, are being addressed in part through the Poor Peoples Campaign. The latter was on our agenda, but we did not get to it. We are grateful to Friends who have been active with this Campaign.

We remind Friends to contact their Senators and Representatives regarding amending the U.S. Constitution to remove the exception clause to slavery in the 13th amendment.

As a way to begin or continue conversations about racism, we also remind meetings and worship groups who have not done so, to read and share on Patience Schenck's Pendle Hill Pamphlet No. 415, *Living Our Testimony on Equality: A White Friends Experience* (2011). This pamphlet was recommended by our yearly meeting. This might also be part of preparation for the 2018 Walton Lecture to be given by Lucy Duncan and Noah White, *Achieving Equality*.

There are many other resources available as we seek to live in ways that bring equity in living to everyone. We would like Friends to share resources they have found helpful, both with each other and within our meetings. The Committee will also compile and share resources and would like suggestions from Friends. There are a variety of movies we can watch together.

Susan Taylor, co-clerk, for the Committee (Tallahassee), Wendy Clarissa Geiger, co-clerk (Jacksonville), Minerva Glidden (Orlando), Beverly Ward (Tampa), Kathy Hersh (Miami), Jane Westberg (Miami), Cheryl Demers-Holton (Gainesville)-unable to attend

## **"End Slavery for All" Minute 17YM08 – SEYM Annual Gathering, April 15, 2017**

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

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

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

## **Abbreviated "Poor People's Campaign" Report to SEYM Peace & Social Concerns Committee**

Friends,

Recently, I received a grant of \$450 from our Peace and Social Justice Committee for which I am very grateful. Here is my report:

In late March of this year, I was asked to join Florida's Coordinating Committee for the Poor People's Campaign - A National Call for Moral Revival. We were tasked to develop and organize up to six direct actions to be conducted at our State Capitol in Tallahassee, in coordination with similar actions at 31 other State Capitols as well as Washington D.C. Prior to these actions, people needed to be trained in the basics of non-violence as well as sign a pledge certifying they would maintain non-violent discipline throughout each PPC event they participated in.

To date, we have held three actions at the State Capitol, cancelled the fourth, are ready for the Fifth this Monday the 11th, and are underway in planning for action #6 on June 18th, where we will be inside the Senate Chambers of the Historic Capitol Building putting our State Government on trial for policies relating to waging unjust war against the poor and the environment.

Again, thank thee for the support you have provided in more ways than this generous grant.

Pete