

SOUTHEASTERN YEARLY MEETING *of the Religious Society of Friends*

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DOCUMENTS IN ADVANCE

Winter Executive Committee Meeting: *Friday, January 16th, 2015*

WINTER INTERIM BUSINESS MEETING

Saturday, January 17th, 2015

45TH ANNUAL MICHENER LECTURE

Sunday, January 18th, 2015

Dear Friends,

At the time of this writing, people are celebrating the Winter Solstice – and this year it's also a new moon. Hanukkah is under way and Christmas is just around the corner, with Kwanzaa and New Year's hard on its heels. Everywhere around us there is conversation about new beginnings, about shedding the old, embracing the new, discovering what lies ahead, committing to a bigger vision, honoring broader and higher truths, creating something fresh and true and inspiring. It is a time for turning attention to who we really are and will be and what we are here to create.

Friends may feel inspired by this seasonal swell of awareness of what matters most in life – I know I do. And yet the reason I feel inspired is not because all this is new to me, but because it is my everyday, year-round reality as a Friend. This season brings nothing new or different to my spiritual experience. What it does bring that inspires me is a heightened conscious awareness of the reality in which I live every day, and for that I am deeply grateful.

The holiday season will be over by the time we are together in Orlando for our winter interim business meeting and the Michener Lecture. The lights and ornaments and tinsel will be back in attics and the world will be turning its attention elsewhere. As Friends, however, we carry within us the experience that every day is the birth of Christ, that the Light of the World shines permanently within us and others. Our nativity is now, every moment. Let us gather in that spirit, in that expectation and wonder.

In the Light, Ann Jerome, IBM Clerk

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Directions to Meetinghouse:

From I-4: Exit onto SR50, go east two blocks to Magnolia; turn left, go north four blocks to light; turn right on Marks St., go east to Meetinghouse at 316 E. Marks St; turn right into driveway or onto Broadway.

From East-West Expressway: Exit at Magnolia; go north to Marks St.; turn right, go east to Meetinghouse at 316 E. Marks St.; turn right into driveway or onto Broadway.

Parking is available in the lot behind the Meetinghouse & Webster Cottage, and on Broadway Avenue.

Hospitality: contact Martha Morris at (407)843-2257 or morris842810@bellsouth.net for overnight hospitality in a Friend's home, or for any questions.

Hotels: ***Courtyard by Marriott:*** 730 N. Magnolia, Orlando 32803; 407-996-1000. Say you are part of SEYM and get the group rate: Double rooms are \$119 + tax per night, parking free. The Marriott no longer has its breakfast buffet, but you can order (and pay for) a full breakfast.

Wi-Fi: Orlando Meetinghouse & Cottage have wi-fi

SCHEDULE

Friday, January 16th: Executive Committee Meeting

7:00 pm Executive Committee Meeting

Saturday, January 17th: Interim Business Meeting

8:00 am Coffee and snacks

9:00 am Opening Worship
Nominating Committee preliminary report
Announcements

9:30 am Committee meetings: All are welcome to attend.

12 noon Lunch

1:00 pm Meeting for Business

AGENDA

Roll call of Meetings and Worship Groups

Welcome of Visitors

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4:30 Closing Worship

5:00 Fellowship, dinner at a local restaurant

Sunday, January 18th: Michener Lecture & Seminars

9:00 am coffee, morning snacks & fellowship at Orlando Meetinghouse

9:30 am Worship with Orlando Friends

OR

10:00 am Worship with Winter Park Meeting

Crosby YMCA Wellness Center, 2005 Mizell Ave., Winter Park, FL 32792

12:00 noon Michener Luncheon hosted by Orlando Meeting

1:00 pm Michener Lecture: Benigno Sanchez-Eppler will present:

"What canst thou say?...and how dost thou want that interpreted?"

2:30 pm Seminar I

3:30 pm Tea

4:15 pm Seminar II

5:30 pm Close

SEYM NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT • First Month 17, 2015

“...I was struck by the feminine language used by Fox and other early Quakers; their writings are full of images of nurturance. They likened the love of God to that of a nursing mother or a mother hen tending her chicks, and spoke of having a “tendering” experience in meeting for worship, which left them with feelings of love and compassion for all.”

---Maggie O’Neill. “Sleeping with Margaret Fell, A Pilgrimage to 1652 Quaker Country,”

Friends **Journal**, December 2014, p. 15

Greetings Friends,

All of us serving Southeastern Yearly Meeting in various capacities have been spiritually nurtured in the process and grown closer to one another. The Nominating Committee invites more Friends to enjoy carrying out the work of our Yearly Meeting, with divine guidance. We thank Friends who have served in the past, are presently serving and have come forward to serve.

This report will share names of Friends being brought forward for approval at our Yearly Meeting sessions and highlight open positions for which Friends must be nominated by the time of our Annual Gathering. Most names brought forward at Fall Interim Business Meeting will not be repeated here. We ask that Friends review the full roster of Friends who are currently serving. It is attached to the Yearly Meeting minutes. A full report will be included in the **Documents in Advance (DIA)** for Yearly Meeting.

Sandy and Harold Branam (Sarasota) will complete their terms (2016) as representatives to the **American Friends Service Committee (AFSC) Corporation** in Philadelphia.

Friends whose names will be presented for approval at Yearly Meeting are:

- **Half Yearly Meeting Clerk-** Carl Hersh (Miami)- 2018
- **Committee for Earthcare-** Al Geiger (Jacksonville)- 2018
- **Peace and Social Concerns Committee-** Peter Harrell (Gainesville)-2018; Eileen Zingaro (Clearwater)-2018
- **Finance Committee-** Shawna Doran (Gainesville)- 2018
- **Committee for Ministry on Racism-** Minerva Glidden (Orlando)- 2018
- **Worship and Ministry-** Nancy Corindia (Sarasota)- 2018; Nancy Fennell (Ft. Myers)- 2018; Tom Fennell (Ft. Myers)- 2018; Nancy Triscritti (Tampa)- 2018
- **Yearly Meeting Gathering Committee-** Martha Morris (Orlando)- 2018
- **Youth Committee-** Sandy Lyon (Gainesville)- 2018
- **FCNL Representative-** Karen Putney (Tampa)- 2018
- **FWCC Representative-** Eduardo Diaz (Miami)- 2018; Sarah Hernandez (2017)
- **Friends Peace Teams Representatives-** Shawna Doran (Gainesville)-2018; Cecilia Yocum (Tampa)- 2018
- **Historic Peace Churches: Quaker, Mennonite and Church of the Brethren-** Southern Florida-Warren Hoskins (Miami)- 2016; Northern Florida- Minerva Glidden (Orlando)- 2016. This is the first time there is a representative for both parts of Florida.

We continue to search for officers: **Interim Business Meeting and Executive Committee Clerk, Treasurer, and Recording or Co-Recording Clerks.** Susan Taylor, Nominating Committee Clerk, is in the process of calling clerks of all monthly meetings to help discover Friends with gifts for these positions.

Other positions to be filled: 3 **Trustees**; at least 2 members of **Archives Committee**; 1 member of **Finance Committee**; Clerk or Co-clerks of **Worship and Ministry Committee**; 2 **ProNica Board Appointees**; 2 **FGC Central Committee** representatives; 1 representative to the FGC committee: **Friends for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Queer Concerns**; 1 **Friends United Meeting (FUM) General Board Observer**.

Please contact any member of the Nominating Committee if you know of Friends with gifts for any of these positions, or if you feel you have gifts that fit any of them.

Thank you, Friends.

Trusting in the Light,

Susan Taylor (Tallahassee), Nominating Committee Clerk

Other Nominating Committee members: Cheryl Demers-Holton (Gainesville); Eduardo Diaz (Miami); Andrea Hoskins (Miami).

WORSHIP & MINISTRY COMMITTEE

"Our meetings can be where we practice making life heaven on earth.... If we engage wholeheartedly, we'll find areas of disagreement, differences of approaches, even differences in values. How we handle those differences is critical. To make our meetings Blessed Communities, we have to be willing to face issues, we have to be willing to tell our truth, and we have to be willing to hang in there in the difficult times. There are few things as destructive to a meeting community as keeping your truth hidden, or leaving when things don't go your way. And the extent to which people in the meeting make it safe for each other to tell their truth and safe to disagree will determine the all-over health of the meeting, and its possibility of being, for the people who are part of it, a living example of heaven on earth. Heaven on earth doesn't mean 'no problems.' It means the full reality, the loving creative spirit at work in all our lives together, and in the spaces between our lives."

---Marty Walton, SEYM **Faith and Practice**

Dear Friends in SEYM Meetings and Worship Groups,

The SEYM Worship and Ministry Committee encourages Friends to make the effort to attend Winter Interim Business Meeting the afternoon of Saturday, January 17th, 2015, and the myriad SEYM committee meetings happening that morning - all at the Orlando Friends Meeting House. Friends are welcome to visit the different committee meetings, seeing which one or more "fits" with your interests.

For Friends attending WIBM who are on Worship and Ministry Com. of your meetings, please consider attending the SEYM Worship and Ministry Com. meeting the morning of January 17th. And, for Friends not traveling to Orlando Martin Luther King Jr. Weekend, please, hold in Wholeness and Tenderness the proceedings of that day in Orlando Friends Meeting House, as well as, the Michener Lecturer and listeners the following day.

Thank you for your consideration.

In the Love of Christ's Heart,

Wendy Clarissa Geiger, co-clerk & Nancy Triscritti, co-clerk
SEYM Worship and Ministry Committee

GATHERING COMMITTEE REPORT • Winter Interim Business Meeting, January 2015

Our **SEYM Annual Gathering & Sessions** will be held **April 1-5, 2015, Life Enrichment Center, Leesburg, Florida**

We look forward to this year's Annual Gathering to connect with so many Friends, relax, and join insome great learning opportunities.

Our Walton Lecturer for 2015 is Nancy Irving. At WIBM we will have the theme and titles of herpresentations. I had a great talk with her in December. The theme is evolving and sounds quite exciting.

April 1, 7:00 p.m. First Retreat Session

April 3, 1:15 p.m. Second Retreat Session

April 5, 7:30 p.m. Walton Lecture

We have a wealth of wonderful workshops to choose from thanks to SEYM Friends who offer them and Friends from around the country.

Peter Crockett, Gathering Co-Clerk

REQUEST FOR DISCERNMENT: Might SEYM create a Committee on Aging?

We gray-haired Friends have work ahead of us as we deal with many questions of aging.

How we'll live: Separately
 Communally
 Institutionally
 Some combination of the above

Health Issues and Fixes: that generations before us never had.

End-of Life Questions: only some of which are covered by Advanced Directives, DNRs, Health Care Surrogates, etc.

OLD MODEL: We stay at home assuming our capacities will remain as they are. When we are no longer able to kick or scream loudly enough, we are taken to a nursing home where others makes decisions about our quality of life.

NEWER MODELS: All over the country now, alternatives appear from Continuing Care Retirement Communities to the Green House Project to the nationwide Villages concept (not the settlement in Florida).

DUTIES OF PROPOSED COMMITTEE:

- To research possibilities
- To share this research in ways Friends can use it
- To develop queries to help us think and plan
- Others as discerned

With hope that we may each find ways to age and die as we wish,

Peter Crockett, St. Petersburg MM

TREASURER'S REPORT • 2015 Winter Interim Business Meeting

PRELIMINARY Report: *end of First Half Fiscal Year 2014-15 (June 1 thru November 30, 2014)*
All values are rounded to the nearest dollar.

SEYM Total Cash Flow (excluding Trustees)

The overall cash flow of the Yearly Meeting (excluding the Trustees' accounts) for the first six months of this fiscal year showed a net income of \$10,861 (excluding \$11 of unrealized capital gains on Publications Program investments), resulting from a total income of \$42,555 (excluding capital gains) against total expenses of \$31,694.

SEYM General Fund - Cash Flow and Budget Performance

At the end of the second quarter of this fiscal year, the General Fund (the operations fund for which we approved a balanced budget of \$68,026 in our 2014 Yearly Meeting sessions) showed a net income of \$10,356, resulting from General Fund total income of \$35,899 (53% of budget) vs. General Fund total expenses of \$25,543 (38% of budget).

Budget Support Apportionments & Contributions Received

During the first half of this fiscal year, in response to the annual request for support of the approved General Fund budget (the Apportionments), contributions received from the Monthly Meetings and Worship Groups totaled \$31,273, (53% of the budgeted request of \$58,748). As of the end of November 2014, of the sixteen Monthly Meetings and three Worship Groups which were included in the Apportionment request to support the budget, five had already contributed their full requested amount or more, five had contributed at least half of their requested amount, and two had contributed approximately one-third of their requested amount. Seven meetings, including some of the largest, had yet to contribute to support the budget. In addition, unrestricted contributions totaling \$450 were received from one of the Worship Groups which were not included in the Apportionment request.

The individual unrestricted contributions toward the Budget received during the first six months were \$345, which is 16% of the \$2,200 annual budget for these donations.

Cash Flow Results for Programs

As of the end of November 2014, the Half Yearly Meeting program had not yet completed its income or expense transactions. The other annual programs during the present fiscal year are currently just barely in process.

The Publications Program during these six months had a net income of \$653, excluding \$11 of unrealized capital gains on investments.

The Programs for Youth during these six months had a net income of \$617, resulting in a balance of \$2,870 available for programs.

Net Worth

The Net Worth of the combined Yearly Meeting and its Trustees at the end of November 2014 was \$489,416, an increase of \$11,292 (including \$554 of unrealized capital gains) since the beginning of the fiscal year.

Neil H. Andersen, SEYM Treasurer
December 20, 2014

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Cash Basis

Southeastern Yearly Meeting
Balance Sheet Prev Year Comparison
As of November 30, 2014

QBP-20141206	<u>Nov 30, 14</u>	<u>May 31, 14</u>	<u>\$ Change</u>
ASSETS			
Current Assets			
Checking/Savings			
0501 · Checking Account BOA			
511 · Checking - Gen'l Fund - General	33,975.02	25,010.25	8,964.77
560 · Checking-GF-Triennial Travel	3,598.18	3,598.18	0.00
566 · Checking-GF-Sufferings	170.00	170.00	0.00
610 · Checking-SA-Michener	393.17	0.00	393.17
630 · Checking-SA-YBM Gathering	-866.98	-576.21	-290.77
640 · Checking-SA-Programs for Youth	2,870.06	2,252.77	617.29
650 · Checking-SA-HYM	-862.00	0.00	-862.00
680 · Checking-SA-Publications	1,773.04	1,120.02	653.02
700 · Checking-Trustees			
705 · Checking - Gathering Youth Fund	5,784.59	5,734.59	50.00
710 · Checking - Michener Fund	1,528.44	1,528.44	0.00
750 · Checking -FGC Meetinghouse Fund	887.50	550.00	337.50
759 · Checking - Other Trustee Funds	-1,529.00	0.00	-1,529.00
700 · Checking-Trustees - Other	-227.85	-227.85	0.00
Total 700 · Checking-Trustees	<u>6,443.68</u>	<u>7,585.18</u>	<u>-1,141.50</u>
0501 · Checking Account BOA - Other	-21.55	-21.55	0.00
Total 0501 · Checking Account BOA	<u>47,472.62</u>	<u>39,138.64</u>	<u>8,333.98</u>
903 · Savings BOA	20,825.20	20,822.08	3.12
999 · Pay Pal	52.00	127.00	-75.00
Total Checking/Savings	<u>68,349.82</u>	<u>60,087.72</u>	<u>8,262.10</u>
Other Current Assets			
1180 · FFC SOYM1 Publications Investme	13,091.66	13,080.63	11.03
1183 · Pre-paid Meeting Donations next	-1,984.00	-1,984.00	0.00
1199 · Undeposited Funds	0.00	0.00	0.00
1200 · Trustee Investments			
1205 · FFC SOYMT6 GatheringYouth Fund	97,378.09	95,952.98	1,425.11
1210 · FFC SOYMT3 Michener	19,283.81	19,621.05	-337.24
1215 · FFC SOYMT2 BertscheTravel Fd	44,027.96	43,990.84	37.12
1220 · FFC SOYMT5 Sec's Salary Fund	102,644.48	102,557.95	86.53
1225 · FFC SOYMT4 Unrestricted	51,353.95	50,328.49	1,025.46
1230 · FFC SOYMT1 Walton Fund	39,010.26	38,977.37	32.89
1250 · FGC Meetinghouse Fund	22,500.00	22,500.00	0.00
1255 · Domini Fund			
1257 · Domini International Equity	15,169.19	15,510.07	-340.88
1259 · Domini Social Equity Fund	18,327.60	17,082.19	1,245.41
Total 1255 · Domini Fund	<u>33,496.79</u>	<u>32,592.26</u>	<u>904.53</u>
Total 1200 · Trustee Investments	<u>409,695.34</u>	<u>406,520.94</u>	<u>3,174.40</u>
Total Other Current Assets	<u>420,803.00</u>	<u>417,617.57</u>	<u>3,185.43</u>
Total Current Assets	489,152.82	477,705.29	11,447.53

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As of November 30, 2014

QBP-20141206	<u>Nov 30, 14</u>	<u>May 31, 14</u>	<u>\$ Change</u>
Other Assets			
1270 · Loans			
1276 · Non-SEYM Bank Error	263.58	263.58	0.00
1270 · Loans - Other	0.00	155.50	-155.50
Total 1270 · Loans	<u>263.58</u>	<u>419.08</u>	<u>-155.50</u>
Total Other Assets	<u>263.58</u>	<u>419.08</u>	<u>-155.50</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>489,416.40</u>	<u>478,124.37</u>	<u>11,292.03</u>
LIABILITIES & EQUITY			
Liabilities			
Current Liabilities			
Other Current Liabilities			
1300 · Expected/prepaid expenses			
1336 · Last FY Expenses not paid	0.00	2,036.25	-2,036.25
1383 · Prepaid Mtg. Donations	-1,984.00	-1,984.00	0.00
Total 1300 · Expected/prepaid expenses	<u>-1,984.00</u>	<u>52.25</u>	<u>-2,036.25</u>
1370 · Payroll Liabilities			
1372 · SEYM Payroll Liability	588.63	413.60	175.03
1370 · Payroll Liabilities - Other	1,215.14	967.11	248.03
Total 1370 · Payroll Liabilities	<u>1,803.77</u>	<u>1,380.71</u>	<u>423.06</u>
Total Other Current Liabilities	<u>-180.23</u>	<u>1,432.96</u>	<u>-1,613.19</u>
Total Current Liabilities	<u>-180.23</u>	<u>1,432.96</u>	<u>-1,613.19</u>
Total Liabilities	-180.23	1,432.96	-1,613.19
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	130,981.47	74,925.87	56,055.60
Net Income	12,905.22	56,055.60	-43,150.38
Total Equity	<u>489,596.63</u>	<u>476,691.41</u>	<u>12,905.22</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	<u>489,416.40</u>	<u>478,124.37</u>	<u>11,292.03</u>

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Southeastern Yearly Meeting
Income & Expense Budget vs. Actual
June through November 2014

Income	GBP-20141206	General Fund				Gathering & Walton Lecture	Half Yearly Meeting (HYM)	Michener Lecture	Programs for Youth	Publications	Subtotal-SEYM	Trustees' Funds	TOTAL
		Jun - Nov 14	Budget	\$ Over Budget	% of Budget								
2000 - Income													
2001 - Donations													
2002 - Individ Donations-Classes		345.00	2,200.00	-1,855.00	16%	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	345.00
2003 - Meeting Donations													
2003 - Meeting Donations, W/G w/o support		450.00	58,748.00	-27,366.00	53%	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	450.00
2003 - Meeting Donations - Other		31,382.00	58,748.00	-26,916.00	54%	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	31,382.00
Total 2003 - Meeting Donations		31,832.00	58,748.00	-26,916.00	54%	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	31,832.00
Total 2001 - Donations		32,177.00	60,948.00	-28,771.00	53%	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	32,177.00
2200 - Investment Earnings													
2203 - Savings Account Interest		3.12	8.00	-4.88	39%	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	3.12
2205 - Dividends FFC Gathering Youth		0.00				0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
2210 - Dividends FFC Michener Fund		0.00				0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
2215 - Dividends FFC Bertsche OutTravel		0.00				0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
2220 - Dividends FFC Sec. Salary Fund		0.00				0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
2225 - Dividends FFC Unrestricted		0.00				0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
2230 - Dividends FFC Walton Fund		0.00				0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
2250 - Interest FGC Meetinghouse Fund		0.00				0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
2255 - Dividends Domini Fund		0.00				0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
2280 - Dividends FFC SEYM Publications		0.00				0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	262.11	262.11	0.00	262.11
2290 - Investment Capital Gains/Losses													
2206 - Capital Gain(Loss) Gath. Youth		0.00				0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
2211 - Capital Gain(Loss) Michener		0.00				0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
2216 - Capital Gain(Loss) BertscheOTra		0.00				0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
2221 - Capital Gain(Loss) Sec. SSal Fd		0.00				0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
2226 - Capital Gain(Loss) Unrestricted		0.00				0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
2231 - Capital Gain(Loss) Walton		0.00				0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
2256 - Capital Gain(Loss) Domini		0.00				0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
2281 - Capital Gain(Loss) SEYM Publish		0.00				0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	11.03	11.03	0.00	11.03
Total 2290 - Investment Capital Gains/Losses		0.00				0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	11.03	11.03	0.00	11.03
2200 - Investment Earnings - Other		0.00	0.00	0.00	0%	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total 2200 - Investment Earnings		3.12	8.00	-4.88	39%	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	273.14	276.26	8,016.34	8,292.60
2316 - GuideOne Insurance Dividends		332.76				0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	332.76
2380 - Postage/shipping reimbursement		0.00				0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	26.35	26.35	0.00	26.35

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	General Fund		% of Budget	Gathering & Walton Lecture		Half Yearly Meeting (HYM)	Michener Lecture		Programs for Youth		Publications		Subtotal-SEYM		Trustees' Funds		TOTAL
	Jun - Nov 14	Budget		\$ Over Budget	Jun - Nov 14		Jun - Nov 14	Jun - Nov 14	Jun - Nov 14	Jun - Nov 14	Jun - Nov 14	Jun - Nov 14	Jun - Nov 14	Jun - Nov 14	Jun - Nov 14	Jun - Nov 14	
2600 - Sales	32,512.88	60,966.00	-28,443.12	53%	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	739.97	739.97	50.00	789.97		
2680 - Publication Sales	0.00				0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	30.00	30.00	0.00	30.00		
2681 - DeClutter, LittleQuakerBook of	0.00				0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	769.97	769.97	50.00	819.97		
Total 2600 - Sales	0.00				0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	769.97	769.97	50.00	819.97		
Total 2000 - Income	32,512.88	60,966.00	-28,443.12	53%	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,069.46	1,069.46	33,582.34	8,066.34	41,648.68		
2700 - Transfer in FROM other classes	0.00				0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00		
2712 - Michener Lect to GF/Insurance	0.00	150.00	-150.00	0%	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00		
2732 - Gatr/Walton to GF/Insurance	0.00	900.00	-900.00	0%	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00		
2752 - HYM to GF/Insurance	450.00	450.00	0.00	100%	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,500.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	450.00	0.00	450.00		
2784 - from GF for YouthProgramsClass	0.00				0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00		
2804 - from Trustee's Funds	0.00				1,922.70	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,922.70	0.00	1,922.70		
2805 - for Gathering Youth	0.00				0.00	0.00	0.00	393.17	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	393.17	0.00	393.17		
2810 - for Michener Lecture	0.00				0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00		
2815 - for Bertsche/Outreach Travel	881.49	1,670.00	-788.51	53%	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	881.49	0.00	881.49		
2820 - for Secretary's Salary	2,055.05	3,900.00	-1,844.95	53%	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,055.05	0.00	2,055.05		
2830 - for Walton Lecture/Gathering	0.00				781.03	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	781.03	0.00	781.03		
Total 2804 - from Trustee's Funds	2,936.54	5,570.00	-2,633.46	53%	2,703.73	0.00	0.00	393.17	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	6,033.44	0.00	6,033.44		
Total 2700 - Transfer in FROM other classes	3,386.54	7,070.00	-3,683.46	48%	2,703.73	0.00	0.00	393.17	2,500.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	8,983.44	0.00	8,983.44		
Total Income	35,899.42	68,026.00	-32,126.58	53%	2,703.73	0.00	0.00	393.17	2,500.00	1,069.46	1,069.46	42,565.78	50,632.12	8,066.34	58,698.54		
Gross Income	35,899.42	68,026.00	-32,126.58	53%	2,703.73	0.00	0.00	393.17	2,500.00	1,069.46	1,069.46	42,565.78	50,632.12	8,066.34	58,698.54		
Expense																	
2999 - Expenses																	
3000 - Operating Costs																	
3001 - Bank Service Charges	0.00	20.00	-20.00	0%	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00		
3002 - PayPal service fee	0.00	70.00	-70.00	0%	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00		
3080 - Duplication	49.77	4,500.00	-4,450.23	1%	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	49.77	49.77	0.00	49.77		
3100 - Insurance																	
3106 - Liability Insurance	0.00	1,500.00	-1,500.00	0%	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00		
3100 - Insurance - Other	1,393.55	1,500.00	-106.45	93%	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,393.55	1,393.55	0.00	1,393.55		
Total 3100 - Insurance	1,393.55	1,500.00	-106.45	93%	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,393.55	1,393.55	0.00	1,393.55		
3107 - Youth Worker CAP Certification	151.05	150.00	1.05	101%	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	151.05	0.00	151.05		
3146 - Non-Profit Corporation Fee	0.00	61.00	-61.00	0%	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00		

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	General Fund				Gathering & Watson Lecture	Half Yearly Meeting (HYM)	Michener Lecture	Programs for Youth	Publications	Subtotal-SEYM	Trustees' Funds	TOTAL
	Jun - Nov 14	Budget	\$ Over Budget	% of Budget								
3200 - Office Supplies	452.47	600.00	-147.53	75%	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	99.00	551.47	0.00	551.47
3270 - Payroll Expenses	13,075.68	24,877.00	-11,801.32	53%	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	13,075.68	0.00	13,075.68
3272 - Employer Payroll Taxes	1,407.32	1,903.00	-495.68	74%	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,407.32	0.00	1,407.32
3380 - Postage/Shipping	560.15	700.00	-139.85	80%	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	53.41	613.56	0.00	613.56
3381 - Post Office Box rental	78.00	150.00	-72.00	52%	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	78.00	0.00	78.00
3400 - Office Equipment	0.00	400.00	-400.00	0%	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
3500 - Professional Fees	0.00	0.00	0.00	0%	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
3536 - Consulting	0.00	0.00	0.00	0%	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
3556 - Web consult/CGI script	475.00	0.00	475.00	0%	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	475.00	0.00	475.00
3586 - E-pub Dist fees	0.00	0.00	0.00	0%	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	133.00	133.00	0.00	133.00
5187 - QJLP (Quakers Writing in Public	0.00	75.00	-75.00	0%	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
3500 - Professional Fees - Other	0.00	3,000.00	-3,000.00	0%	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total 3500 - Professional Fees	475.00	3,075.00	-2,600.00	15%	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	133.00	608.00	0.00	608.00
3640 - Rent warehouse/office	300.00	0.00	300.00	0%	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	300.00	0.00	300.00
3642 - office rent	381.51	0.00	381.51	0%	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	381.51	0.00	381.51
3643 - warehouse	0.00	1,320.00	-1,320.00	0%	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
3640 - Rent warehouse/office - Other	0.00	1,320.00	-1,320.00	0%	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total 3640 - Rent warehouse/office	681.51	1,320.00	-638.49	52%	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	681.51	0.00	681.51
3700 - Repairs	75.00	0.00	75.00	0%	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	75.00	0.00	75.00
3740 - Computer Repairs	0.00	360.00	-360.00	0%	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
3700 - Repairs - Other	75.00	360.00	-285.00	21%	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	75.00	0.00	75.00
Total 3700 - Repairs	75.00	360.00	-285.00	21%	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	75.00	0.00	75.00
3816 - Software	469.93	600.00	-130.07	78%	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	469.93	0.00	469.93
3840 - Telephone & Internet access	1,065.67	2,000.00	-934.33	53%	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,065.67	0.00	1,065.67
3860 - Travel Administrative	498.45	2,500.00	-2,001.55	20%	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	498.45	0.00	498.45
3900 - Website	75.00	800.00	-725.00	9%	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	75.00	0.00	75.00
3641 - Rent/fee com off-site storage	0.00	800.00	-800.00	0%	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
3900 - Website - Other	75.00	800.00	-725.00	9%	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	75.00	0.00	75.00
Total 3900 - Website	75.00	800.00	-725.00	9%	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	75.00	0.00	75.00
Total 3000 - Operating Costs	20,508.55	45,576.00	-25,067.45	45%	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	285.41	20,793.96	0.00	20,793.96
4000 - Committees Operating Expenses	189.79	550.00	-360.21	35%	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	189.79	0.00	189.79
4329 - EC and BM	0.00	100.00	-100.00	0%	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
4339 - Faith and Practice	0.00	50.00	-50.00	0%	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

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	General Fund		% of Budget	Gathering & Walton Lecture		Half Yearly Meeting (HYM)		Michener Lecture		Programs for Youth		Publications		Subtotal-SEYM		Trustees' Funds		TOTAL
	Jun - Nov 14	Budget		\$ Over Budget	Jun - Nov 14	Jun - Nov 14	Jun - Nov 14	Jun - Nov 14	Jun - Nov 14	Jun - Nov 14	Jun - Nov 14	Jun - Nov 14	Jun - Nov 14	Jun - Nov 14	Jun - Nov 14	Jun - Nov 14	Jun - Nov 14	
GBP-20141206																		
4349 · Finance	0.00	50.00	-50.00	0%	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
4359 · Nominating	0.00	50.00	-50.00	0%	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
4369 · Peace and Social Concerns	0.00	200.00	-200.00	0%	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
4389 · Youth Committee	0.00	50.00	-50.00	0%	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
4399 · Worship and Ministry	0.00	150.00	-150.00	0%	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
4429 · Earthcare	0.00	50.00	-50.00	0%	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
4469 · Racism, Ministry on	0.00	50.00	-50.00	0%	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
4489 · Young Adult Quakers	0.00	50.00	-50.00	0%	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total 4000 · Committees Operating Expenses	189.79	1,350.00	-1,160.21	14%	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	189.79	0.00	0.00	0.00	189.79
5000 · Donations to Organizations																		
5007 · AFSC	0.00	200.00	-200.00	0%	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
5008 · AFSC-SERO	0.00	0.00	0.00	0%	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
5018 · Earlham School of Religion	0.00	100.00	-100.00	0%	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
5027 · FCNL	0.00	300.00	-300.00	0%	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
5028 · QEW (FCUN)	0.00	200.00	-200.00	0%	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
5030 · FLGBTQC	0.00	100.00	-100.00	0%	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
5037 · FGC	0.00	1,200.00	-1,200.00	0%	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
5038 · FLCoalition for Peace & Justice	0.00	100.00	-100.00	0%	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
5047 · Florida Council of Churches	0.00	200.00	-200.00	0%	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
5048 · Florida Impact	0.00	300.00	-300.00	0%	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
5057 · Friends Journal	0.00	100.00	-100.00	0%	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
5061 · Friends Peace Teams	0.00	250.00	-250.00	0%	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
5067 · FUM	0.00	500.00	-500.00	0%	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
5068 · FWCC	0.00	1,450.00	-1,450.00	0%	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
5077 · Pendle Hill	0.00	100.00	-100.00	0%	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
5078 · ProNica	0.00	4,000.00	-4,000.00	0%	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
5085 · Quaker House of Fayetteville NC	0.00	200.00	-200.00	0%	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
5087 · Quaker Life	0.00	100.00	-100.00	0%	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
5089 · QUNO	0.00	100.00	-100.00	0%	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
5097 · Wm Penn House	0.00	100.00	-100.00	0%	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
5000 · Donations to Organizations - Other	0.00	9,600.00	-9,600.00	0%	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	200.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	200.00
Total 5000 · Donations to Organizations	0.00	9,600.00	-9,600.00	0%	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	200.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	200.00
6000 · Production																		
6080 · ISSN Printing, Publications	0.00				0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	120.00	120.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	120.00
6280 · Printing, Service Bureau	1,280.00				0.00	0.00	12.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,292.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,292.00
Total 6000 · Production	1,280.00				0.00	0.00	12.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	120.00	1,412.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,412.00

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	General Fund			Gathering & Walton Lectures	Half Yearly Meeting (HYM)	Michener Lectures	Programs for Youth	Publications	Subtotal- SEYM	Trustees' Funds	TOTAL
	Jun - Nov 14	Budget	% of Budget								
7000 - Operating Costs Programs											
7500 - Site Fees	0.00			3,000.00	400.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	3,400.00	0.00	3,400.00
7533 - Site Deposits	0.00			3,000.00	400.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	3,400.00	0.00	3,400.00
Total 7500 - Site Fees	0.00			3,000.00	400.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	3,400.00	0.00	3,400.00
7800 - Youth Program											
7804 - Youth Prg. Expenses/Fees/Other	0.00			0.00	0.00	0.00	1,682.71	0.00	1,682.71	0.00	1,682.71
Total 7800 - Youth Program	0.00			0.00	0.00	0.00	1,682.71	0.00	1,682.71	0.00	1,682.71
Total 7000 - Operating Costs Programs	0.00			3,000.00	400.00	0.00	1,682.71	0.00	5,082.71	0.00	5,082.71
8000 - Representative Travel											
8160 - Annual Representative	1,065.00	4,000.00	27%	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,065.00	0.00	1,065.00
Total 8000 - Representative Travel	1,065.00	4,000.00	27%	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,065.00	0.00	1,065.00
8500 - Contingency											
Total 2999 - Expenses	23,043.34	62,526.00	37%	3,000.00	412.00	0.00	1,882.71	405.41	28,743.46	0.00	28,743.46
9000 - Transfer OUT TO other classes											
9002 - to GF for insurance	0.00			0.00	450.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	450.00	0.00	450.00
9004 - for Youth Programs	2,500.00	2,500.00	100%	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,500.00	0.00	2,500.00
9005 - for Gathering Youth	0.00	2,000.00	0%	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,922.70	0.00	1,922.70
9060 - for Triennial Travel	0.00	1,000.00	0%	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	393.17	0.00	393.17
9215 - for Bertische Outreach Travel	0.00			0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	881.49	0.00	881.49
9220 - for Sec.'s Salary	0.00			0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,055.05	0.00	2,055.05
9230 - for Walton Lecture/Gathering	0.00			0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	781.03	0.00	781.03
Total 9000 - Transfer OUT TO other classes	2,500.00	5,500.00	45%	0.00	450.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,950.00	6,033.44	8,983.44
Total Expense	25,543.34	68,026.00	38%	3,000.00	862.00	0.00	1,882.71	405.41	31,693.46	6,033.44	37,726.90
Net Income	10,356.08	0.00		-296.27	-862.00	393.17	617.29	664.05	10,872.32	2,032.90	12,905.22
Net Income before Unrealized Capital Gains/Losses	10,356.08			-296.27	-862.00	393.17	617.29	653.02	10,861.29	1,489.67	12,350.96

EARTHCARE COMMITTEE Report to WIBM 2015

The SEYM Earthcare Committee offers the following Proposed Minute for Field Secretary for Earthcare. We will provide separate proposals for the description of duties for the Field Secretary for Earthcare, oversight for the position, and for funding before Winter Interim Business Meeting. They will be distributed throughout SEYM.

PROPOSED MINUTE FOR FIELD SECRETARY FOR EARTHCARE • December 18, 2014

The region encompassed by the Southeastern Yearly Meeting is one of the most vulnerable and environmentally sensitive areas susceptible to the effects of Climate Change in the United States. As such, we cannot be inactive as Climate Change destroys the viability of our biosphere for us and subsequent generations. Friends know that when our energies are directed by the Spirit, and are an expression of our Testimonies, we can be a part of the life-affirming response to the dangers of Climate Change.

The April 2014 Minute of Southeastern Yearly Meeting affirmed our commitment to take action to reduce the human-made causes of Climate Change. To implement this minute the SEYM Earthcare Committee proposes positive action by the establishment of the position of Field Secretary for Earthcare.

FIELD SECRETARY FOR EARTHCARE

We recommend that the Earthcare Committee, with the help of SEYM's committees so led, seek an energized individual with the leading to serve as Field Secretary for Earthcare, seasoned in Friends' faith and practice. This person will be able to communicate well across multimedia, be able to bring forth the attributes and abilities of others, and have the ability to encourage Friendly, spirit-led coordination for the caring of Earth. A number of Quaker-based organizations have prepared technical and informational materials on Climate Change. With this support, the Field Secretary can concentrate on coordination, inspiration, and communications.

We recognize that the Field Secretary will be working under the guidance of the Spirit, energized by their individual leadings. Duties, responsibilities, and oversight will be provided by the Earthcare Committee, and grounded in the loving interest and care of the Yearly Meeting.

QUAKER EARTHCARE WITNESS • Documents in Advance for WIBM 2015

For those of us who sometimes feel despair over the environmental damage being done, and the lack of effective efforts to stop climate change - and, really, who among us has not felt that? — it will be reassuring to keep the September-October issue of BeFriending Creation close at hand. The issue begins with our QEW Clerk, Roy Taylor's writing about the People's Climate March in New York in September. The article glows with his joy and amazement, including appreciation for all the Quaker organizations who worked together and contributed to a large Quaker presence at the March. He describes the opportunities for worship before the March, where he reports that "grace surrounded us". Our General Secretary, Shelley Tanenbaum, represented QEW at a Religions of the World Forum at Union Theological Seminary. She brought back many pertinent and inspiring quotes from the speakers, also in BeFriending Creation. The one that touches me the most was from our own FCNL Rep, Jose Aguto, who said, "We must rekindle the moral voice in the Halls of Congress." The Forum ended with a poem by Terry Tempest Williams, who offered these words, "May we stand in the center of this crisis with love".

So on grey days when you could use some hope, just pull out that issue of BeFriending Creation and read it and be re-energized for our work.

QEW met at Pendle Hill the first week-end in October, joyfully welcoming QEW Friends from days past and greeting new folks. We worked hard, re-invigorating our Sustainability Faith and Action Working Group and recommitting to support our Yearly Meeting Representatives in their crucial work. Perhaps the joy and love in the rooms were enhanced because Maia and Eric Ostrom brought their infant son, Kavi, to our Gathering. He is a lively and smiling nine month old who was for us a tangible reminder of why we work to create a new world for babies of all life forms everywhere.

We also appreciate the support we receive from SEYM Friends.

From your SEYM Reps, Jack Bradin and Mary Jo Klingel

REPRESENTATIVES TO FGC CENTRAL COMMITTEE REPORT

SEYM's representatives Ed Lesnick and Kay Lesnick are attending the Central Committee annual meeting, October 16-19, in Reisterstown, Maryland. The main topic will be discernment of the Priority Group's report on "Spiritual Deeping as a central focus and priority for FGC's work."

Minute of Purpose:

Friends General Conference, with Divine guidance, nurtures the spiritual vitality of the Religious Society of Friends (Quakers) by providing programs and services for Friends, meetings, and seekers.

Major Goals:

1. Nurture meetings and worship groups.
2. Provide resources and opportunities for meetings, Friends, and seekers to experience the Light, the living presence of God.
3. Help meetings guide Friends to discern the leadings of the Inward Teacher and to grow into ministry.
4. Transform our awareness so that our corporate and individual attitudes and actions fully value and encompass the blessed diversity of our human family.
5. Work to grow and sustain a vital, diverse, and loving community of Friends based on a shared search for unity in the Spirit.
6. Articulate, communicate, and exemplify Friends' practices, core experiences, and the call to live and witness to our faith.
7. Promote dialogue with others, sharing with them our corporate experience of Divine Truth and listening to and learning from their experience of the same.

Vision Statement:

We envision a vital and growing Religious Society of Friends—a faith that deepens spiritually, welcomes newcomers, builds supportive and inclusive community, and provides loving service and witness in the world.

Through Friends General Conference, we see Quakers led by the Spirit joining together in ministry to offer services that help Friends, meetings, and seekers explore, deepen, connect, serve and witness within the context of our living faith.

SEYM REPRESENTATIVES TO FRIENDS GENERAL CONFERENCE

Dustin Lemke, Ed Lesnick and Kay Lesnick attended the FGC Central Committee annual sessions held at Pearlstone Center, Reisterstown, Maryland, October 16-19, 2015. Here is the Epistle:

Epistle from the 2014 Annual Meeting of Central Committee

To Friends Everywhere,

We send you greetings from the Friends General Conference Central Committee, meeting Tenth Month 16-19, 2014 at Pearlstone Retreat Center in Reisterstown, Maryland. We have felt blessed in our work and worship together, as we sought to be faithful to where the Spirit is leading us. During this weekend we wrestled with our call to challenge structural racism, we affirmed the value of long-standing FGC ministries, and we opened our minds and hearts to new possibilities. Our plenary sessions and committee meetings were seasoned with periods of deeply settled worship, where we could experience what it means to be a people knitted together in God.

During this past year, amazing amounts of good work have been done by the volunteers and staff serving FGC. The ministries of FGC have touched thousands of people, from those who attended the 2014 Gathering in California, Pennsylvania, to the dozens of monthly Meetings actively using the Quaker Cloud, to those who have participated in Quaker Quest workshops, or in gatherings for Friends of Color, or in the consultation on Spiritual Deepening held last March, to those we meet through the World Council of Churches and other ecumenical outreach.

In our time together this weekend, we focused on three areas in particular: spiritual deepening, preparing for a possible fundraising campaign, and discerning and piloting ways forward for QuakerBooks of FGC. We came to clearness to take the next steps with developing modules for a Spiritual Deepening program to “make the full depth, joy, and fire of Quaker faith and practice highly available, teachable, and experiential for all those who are or will become part of our faith communities.” We hope this will bear fruit in years to come by helping Meetings deepen and strengthen their own worship communities, and answer the question: “What do we have to offer?” to seekers, to our communities, and to the wider world. We also came to clearness to move forward with a feasibility study to lay the groundwork for a major fundraising campaign. The feasibility study would involve interviews with many potential donors, and would help to answer the questions: Are these the right programs? Is this the right time?

We are delighted to announce that our new QuakerBooks.org website is working beautifully. We encourage Friends to make use of this new website to download e-books, order printed books, and read interviews with Quaker authors. Our Quaker e-books collection has been greatly expanded, to include most of the in-print titles. We have heard that the ministry of QuakerBooks, especially the book tables, is greatly valued by Friends, especially in far-flung meetings that may not have ready access to the other Quaker resources. During the coming year, we will be looking closely at how we can have a sustainable QuakerBooks operation.

Friends General Conference is in a time of major transition, a time of great challenges and great opportunities. We know that God is with us, and we cherish each other. We look forward with joy to the journey ahead.

My Ninth Journey to Nicaragua

By Herb Haigh, Board President, 12/08/2014

Pam and I are still in transit on our way back to Saint Petersburg from Managua, but I couldn't wait to share news of our trip. First and foremost let me say how pleased I am with ProNica's team in Managua. It is obvious that our new co-program directors, Ramon and Ada, have blended very well with the rest of staff there: Panchita, Jose-Antonio and Milton. In addition we have a growing list of contracted help, such as our cook, Julissa, drivers Mario and Manuel, and some new interpreters, namely Cindy and Eva, who are lively and engaging young guides who will be instrumental in helping us conduct and perhaps expand our delegation program.

We had a few "after-dinner" conversations with Ramon and Ada as he translated and she smiled with her whole face. Together they will bring a very fresh image to ProNica. With Ada being Nicaraguan and Ramon a seven-year resident, they took us beyond the partners and projects and talked to us about what it was like to grow up and be a member of a family in Managua, to go to church and school, etc. For example, the weekend in December we go to Nicaragua each year includes the Catholic holiday that celebrates the Immaculate Conception. For the first time we were able to participate and be invited into the neighborhood houses to sing and receive gifts, a tradition that is uniquely Nicaraguan. We would only be comfortable doing so with guides who were very familiar with the local protocol. I must add that we seemed to be extremely welcomed by very curious neighbors. More than once we heard the word, "Yankees" followed by a flood of camera flashes.

Of course the 10th Annual Beauty School graduation at Acahualinca brought the usual tears of joy—and then some. After having completed 10 months of training, the excitement among the graduates was palpable, and it's always a glittery event. It's hard to believe that it's been over a decade since Pam first met women living on the Managua municipal dump being trafficked for scavenged recyclables, and as if in a whirlwind, resuscitated the dilapidated and years closed beauty school of Acahualinca in hopes of providing a viable escape for sex workers. I've long since lost track of how many hundreds of Worship Shearing donations made at SEYM and other Friends' gatherings have sustained one graduating class after the next. Who would have thought that Pam and I would be in Acahualinca ten years later feeling the same anticipation as with the very first graduation?

Our visits to the projects were not always so joyful though; most notably our cherished Women's Clinic in Acahualinca is in serious trouble. Marie Elena Bonilla, founder and director since the early 1990s, has moved on, and the remaining founders, Raquel, Jeanette, and Norma look defeated. The clinic provides dignified and holistic care to the most marginalized populations—unlike the public health system. Ramon tells, however, that with improvements to public health, funding for nonprofit healthcare centers has dropped off, and there is less money available to operate Acahualinca. Even so, the founders continue the work without compensation. Acahualinca has the opportunity to change with the times, and Ramon has some great ideas about how to work with them. For example, he is hoping to support Acahualinca alongside the other twenty two existing non-profit clinics around the country to organize an association that would provide them with a stronger, more unified voice. He is also working with the Acahualinca team on a new model—perhaps to build on the success of the beauty school and use it as a catalyst for other schools. I.e. massage therapy, a bakery, welding shop etc. There is space for more community resources, and there will always be a need for their confidential psychological and legal services.

During our visit to Casa Materna, where women from remote rural villages are invited to stay during the latter parts of high-risk pregnancies, we stayed overnight for the first time, which gave us time to experience the residents' daily routines in addition to the usual inspiring updates about the program. For those of you who know Kitty Madden, she looks great and sounds upbeat. ProNica is so blessed to have her as a partner. And who knew the facility is right next door to a beautiful garden—a wonderful place for a morning stroll in the final weeks of pregnancy. By staying overnight we also had the time to visit the natural medicine shop

and the youth art program, wonderful places and faces we had never seen before. The best part was that we were able to have dinner rather than lunch at Matagalpa's totally awesome Pizza restaurant, our usual stop—but usually for lunch.

And then there are the wonderful children at Los Quinchos! Everything there has shown visible improvement. There are fewer kids, and the place is much more organized, active, and alive. The farm has become a real program for providing food as well as vocational skills. At least one cow had the good sense to follow my wife Pam around, mooing at her beauty; it was a riot. There were a few sad faces, even tears in the eyes of some of the kids who had just arrived, and your heart just breaks for them. As always, there were kids who wanted us to take them home, and this year there was one giant pig who was really begging Pam to take him too, but I guess it was not her year to "bring home the bacon."

Alas, there wasn't enough time to visit ProNica projects in Estelí, San Ramon, Achuapa or Rio Blanco. Ramon and Ada report that they are doing well, and we hope to visit them all eventually.

More than ever before, we were able to experience of the beauty of the Nicaraguan countryside. We spent a luxurious day resting by a crater-lake near Masaya. It was a great break from miles in the Microbus and getting updates from the partners, a chance to reflect and talk amongst ourselves—a great addition.

As for the delegation program, if our trip this year is any example, wow! Each of our program directors has done a very good job of fulfilling just what needed at the time. Lillian started the program and provided the unique vantage point of a North American having lived in Nicaragua during the Revolution. Laura made it safer, added a unique generational perspective to delegation themes. And now to use just one word, Ada and Ramon will make it more "competitive." This is important because as conditions improve, more and more groups are looking for a Nicaraguan experience. Pam and I noticed far more Americans present than we have ever witnessed before. I think the future of ProNica's educational immersion program is very bright, and it just keeps getting better.

At Quaker House, I am happy to report many positive upgrades. As Ramon has pointed out, however, our guest house has sparser accommodations than some others in the price range. There is at least one other hospitality facility that is more comfortable and only \$1.00 a day more expensive. I don't think we want to compare ourselves to anyone, but we do want to be sure we are doing our best. I am hoping that someday we can fix the ceiling and get the place painted; it would be a significant improvement. It is also time for some replacement furniture as some of it is quite old, and almost none of it is coordinated. I also asked Ramon to evaluate whether the multiple posters extolling the legitimate but military heroes of Sandino and Che Guevara represent a Quaker perspective. I don't have a big problem with them, but I do think they are contrary to our message of peace.

It should be pointed out that even though they were not yet fully oriented in their roles with ProNica, Ada and Ramon were able to manage both our group and the people making a documentary about the beauty school simultaneously—a reflection of their great ability to organize. Because the extraordinary young filmmakers were so well accommodated, we were able to make the most of the time with them when our witness trip overlapped their work. They said they got all the footage they needed, and we can't wait to see what they produce.

Each time I get back on the plane to return to the States, I marvel at how much my spirit has been revived—for ProNica, for Quakers, and for the world at large. We couldn't have been more pleased to be joined by Orlando Friends, Ed and Kay Lesnick, and Hilary Beynon, a Friend from Wales. I hold out the hope that many more of us in SEYM and beyond might have this experience—and by doing so make stronger our ability to offer ourselves in the spirit as instruments of peace.

For more information about ProNica Friends Witness Tours, visit: <http://pronica.org/tours/>. And while you're there, check out the rest of our brand new website, with special thanks to ProNica Board members, Kathy Hersh and William Rogan for their remarkable efforts to bring it about.