

# SOUTHEASTERN YEARLY MEETING

## *Gathering & Annual Sessions*

APRIL 16 – 20, 2014

United Methodist Life Enrichment Center, Fruitland Park, Florida

## DOCUMENTS IN ADVANCE

*Dear Friends,*

Welcome to our 50<sup>th</sup> Annual Gathering of Southeastern Yearly Meeting. In April, 1963 SEYM became a yearly meeting. We are nearing completion our 50<sup>th</sup> year of existence! We are planning a group picture on Saturday after dinner and a birthday cake among other things to mark the event. It is time to celebrate and you are invited to come and join in the fun!!!

You are invited to join with me in the renewal of our ties of fellowship within this yearly meeting and let us lovingly extend our community to our visitors from afar and among the first time attenders to our gathering! The expectations for this gathering include lots of hugs, plenty of smiles, outright laughter and singing from our hearts, as well as opportunities for deep listening for the guidance of the Spirit.

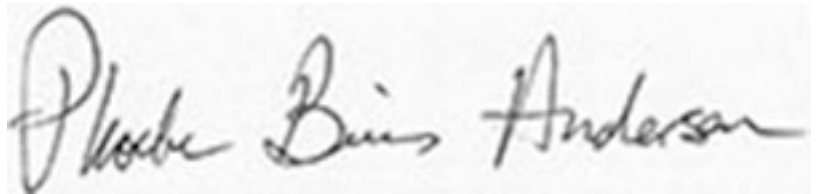
We are continuing our new format for yearly meeting business sessions. Please remember that:

- **ALL reports from SEYM Officers, Committee Clerks and Representatives are shared with SEYM Friends in written form.**
- It is my hope that all reports have already been prepared for the 2014 Documents in Advance (DIA).
- **If any reports are missing from the DIA, then please bring 50 copies of each missing report to share with Friends and the clerks table and email the original to the recording clerks to be attached to the minutes of Yearly meeting.**

I know that all reports are important to inform SEYM Friends and that our Archive Committee needs written reports for our archived records. The DIA is created for that concern and is then mailed to all members of SEYM. **As a result, no time will be allotted on the yearly business meeting agenda for oral committee and representative reports.** This will allow time for worship, as well as seasoning, and discernment of any action minutes brought forth to SEYM. Nominating, Treasurer, Finance, Worship and Ministry, and ProNica will report briefly. Please hold us in the Light as we continue this process.

We also expect that the Youth Committee will be the catalyst for some fun with the young Friends and in intergenerational activities for everyone. Again, welcome to our 50<sup>th</sup> Yearly Meeting Gathering. You are invited to have some fun, get some rest (or not), learn something new, and be renewed as we love each other in the Spirit.

In Loving Friendship,



Phoebe Biers Andersen, Clerk

**SOUTHEASTERN YEARLY MEETING**  
**Meeting for Worship with a Concern for Business**

**AGENDA**

**April 16- 20, 2014**

*“The life of a religious society consists in something more than the body of principles it professes and the outer garments of organization which it wears. These things have their own importance: they embody the society to the world, and protect it from the chance and change of circumstance; but the springs of life lie deeper, and often escape recognition. They are to be found in the vital union of the members of the society with God and with one another, a union which allows the free flowing through the society of the spiritual life which is its strength.”*

William Charles Braithwaite, 1905  
*Christian Faith and Practice in the Experience of the Society of Friends*  
London Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends, 1960

**First Plenary Session 2014    *Thursday, April 17, 4:00-5:15 pm.***

- Open, centering worship.
- A Reading from a Yearly Meeting epistle, Friends writing, or the Bible.
- Welcome.
- Roll call of Monthly Meetings and Worship Groups including their milestones.
- Introduction of Visitors
- General announcements – (Please bring written announcements to the clerk prior to session.)
- Agenda review with corrections as necessary.
- Appointment of *Ad hoc* Committee for SEYM Epistle 2014.
- Nominating Committee Report, First Reading, Susan Taylor, clerk..... pages 4-6
- Review of Minutes for approval.
- Open Worship.

**Second Plenary Session 2014    *Thursday, April 17, 6:30-7:30 p.m.***

- Open, centering worship.
- Orlando Minute regarding Orange City Worship Group ..... page 6
- First Reading of Action Minutes from SEYM committees and representatives.
- Review of Minutes for approval.
- Open worship.

**Third Plenary Session 2014    *Friday, April 18, 9:45-11:45 a.m.***

- Open, centering worship.
- A Reading from a Yearly Meeting epistle, Friends writing, or the Bible.
- Welcome of Friends and Visitors not previously introduced.
- General announcements – (Please bring written announcements to the clerk prior to session.)
- Review and approval of SEYM Executive Committee Minutes – Ann Jerome, Executive Committee clerk ..... page 7
- Review and approval of Interim Business Meeting Minutes – Ann Jerome, Interim Business Meeting clerk..... page 8
- Treasurer’s report – Neil Andersen ..... pages 9-13
- First Reading of 2014-2015 Budget – Finance Committee, Peter Schmidt ..... pages 14-17
- Review of Minutes for approval.
- Open worship.

## Fourth Plenary Session 2014 *Saturday, April 19, 9:45-11:45 a.m.*

- Open, centering worship.
- A Reading from a Yearly Meeting epistle, Friends writing, or the Bible.
- Welcome of Friends and Visitors not previously introduced.
- General announcements – (Please bring written announcements to the clerk prior to session.)
- ProNica Report, Melissa Ajabshir, stateside coordinator; Laura Hopps, Coordinator Nicaragua ..... page 18
- Worship and Ministry Report, Nancy Triscritti, clerk ..... page 20
- Second Reading & Approval of Budget, 2014-2015 – Finance Committee, Peter Schmidt ..... pages 14-17
- Second Reading for approval of Action Minutes from SEYM committees and representatives.
- Review of Minutes for approval.
- Laughter Yoga.

## Fifth Plenary Session 2014 *Saturday, April 19, 1:00-2:15 p.m.*

- Open, centering worship.
- Peace and Social Concerns Report and any action minutes.
- FLGBTQC Report.
- FCNL Report, Monthly Meeting Contacts for FCNL ..... page 19
- Review of Minutes for approval.
- Open worship.

## Sixth Plenary Session 2014 *Sunday, April 20, 9:00-10:45 a.m.*

- Open, centering worship.
- A Reading from a Yearly Meeting epistle, Friends writing, or the Bible.
- General announcements – (Please bring written announcements to the clerk prior to session.)
- Nominating Committee Report, Second Reading for approval, Susan Taylor, clerk
- Gathering Committee report – Peter Crockett and Davida Johns, co-clerks
- Epistles – Wee Friends, Young Friends, Teen Friends. (This will occur when these Friends arrive in the auditorium.)
- SEYM Epistle – reading and approval.
- Minutes of appreciation.
- Review of Minutes for approval.
- Open worship.
- Our Gathering will close with First Day Meeting for Worship at 11:00 a.m.

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# SEYM Nominating Committee Report for Yearly Business Meeting

April 16-20, 2014

*To find the purpose of God in  
a gathering such as this (Yearly Meeting) involves bringing together of  
every one of our differing points of view to that place  
where they may be united in the power of God*

--- London Yearly Meeting, 1936. SEYM **Faith and Practice** p. 233 online

## *Greetings Friends!*

The Nominating Committee continues to thank all of you who are serving our Yearly Meeting community in a variety of ways and who have brought forward names of people to serve. From the Spirit, the Committee seeks to find Friends whose gifts fit the openings available for service.

Congratulations to the **Faith and Practice Committee** and those Friends who greatly and lovingly helped the Committee, for getting the inspiring and beautiful book published and into our hands! The **Faith and Practice Committee** is taking a year's sabbatical after their monumental effort, so no names will be brought forward for approval for that committee.

A roster of all who are serving SEYM will be presented as part of the Committee's final report for Yearly Meeting. Below, are the names of Friends being brought forward for approval for various positions and the positions to be filled. that continue under discernment.

## OFFICERS

**Yearly Meeting Clerk:** Phoebe Andersen (Tallahassee)- **2017**

**Assistant Clerk:** Joel Cook (Palm Beach)- **2016**

**Interim Business Meeting/Executive Committee Clerk-** under discernment for a term ending **2015**.

*The terms of these officers are being staggered so that their terms do not end at the same time.*

**Treasurer:** Neil Andersen (Tallahassee)- **2015**. Necessary for continuity with new Yearly Meeting staff.

**Membership Recorder:** under discernment for a term ending in **2017**

**Trustees:** Mimi McAdoo (Sarasota)- **2017**

## COMMITTEES

### **Archives Committee:**

**Clerk-** Connie Ray (Gainesville)- **2017**

2 other positions are under discernment, one to complete Sybil Ann Brennan's term ending in **2016** and the other, a term ending in **2017**.

### **Committee for Earthcare:**

**Co-clerk:** Barbara Letsch (Palm Beach)- **2017**

**Co-clerk with computer skills-** under discernment- **2017**

Jack Bradin (Palm Beach)- **2017**

Mary Jo Klingel (Fr. Lauderdale)- **2017**

Two other positions under discernment for terms ending in **2017**

*Nominating Committee Report continued...*

**Committee for Ministry on Racism**

**Co-clerk:** Ellie Caldwell (Palm Beach)- 2017

**Co-clerk:** Wendy Clarissa Geiger (Gainesville)- 2017

Cheryl Demers-Holton (Gainesville)- 2017

Two or three other members under discernment with staggered terms

**Half-Yearly Meeting Committee:**

**Registrar:** Under discernment

The way the food is coordinated is being re-organized to include more people in that responsibility. Therefore, no name for Food **Coordinator** is being brought forward.

Half-Yearly Meeting is an integral part of Southeastern Yearly Meeting. Please see HYM clerk, Dustin Lemke (Tampa) to find out more.

**Peace and Social Concerns Committee:**

Tim Ray (Gainesville)-2017

3 other members are under discernment for staggered terms.

**Worship and Ministry Committee:**

**Co-clerk:** Nancy Triscritti (Tampa) 2015

Ann Kelley (Palm Beach)- 2015

Another member, under discernment for a term ending in 2017

**Yearly Meeting Gathering Committee**

Two members under discernment for terms ending in 2017

**Youth Committee:**

**Clerk or Co-clerks:** Under discernment with term or terms ending in 2017

Dustin Lemke (Tampa)- 2017

Josh Rumschlag (St Petersburg)- 2017

Two or more members under discernment for terms ending in 2017

**Trainer(s) for SEYM's Child Abuse Prevention Program:** Trains Yearly Meeting volunteer staff for the Youth Programs at Yearly Meeting events. (Please see SEYM Child Abuse Prevention Program Manual. [www.seym.org](http://www.seym.org).)

Under discernment for terms to be decided.

## REPRESENTATIVES TO QUAKER ORGANIZATIONS

**ProNica Board Appointee**

Kathy Hersh (Miami)- 2015

Herb Haigh (St. Petersburg)- term ends 2016. Research was done with the help of ProNica to verify this.

**Friends Committee on National Legislation (FCNL)**

Nancy Corindia (Sarasota)- 2017

One other position under discernment for 2017

**Friends General Conference (FGC) Central Committee**

Lyn Cope (Quaker Meeting of Melbourne)- to fill unexpired term of Frank Perch- 2016

*Nominating Committee Report continued...*

**Friends World Committee for Consultation (FWCC)**

NancyRose Logan (Sarasota)- 2017

**Historic Peace Churches (Church of the Brethren, Mennonite, Quaker)**

Under discernment for a term ending in 2015

**Palmetto Friends Gathering**

Phoebe Andersen (Tallahassee)- 2017

Neil Andersen (Tallahassee)-2017

Ellie Caldwell (Palm Beach)- 2017

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With gratitude, in the Light,

**Susan Taylor, Clerk, SEYM Nominating Committee for the Committee**

**Gary Arthur (Gainesville)**

**Martha Morris (Orlando)**

**Barbara Wolfe (Tampa)**

**Orlando Monthly Meeting Minute regarding Orange City Worship Group**

02.02.14 Friends received a letter from our members at Orange City Worship Group requesting that the Worship Group be laid down due to the health challenges facing some of its regular attenders. Meeting approved the laying down of this Worship Group per the request of its attenders with a commitment to support those Friends as way opens.

# SEYM EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES

## **Executive Committee ♦ Summer 2013 ♦ Numbered Minutes**

**13SEC01** – Executive Committee of Southeastern Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends expresses profound gratitude to Randall Perry of Systame, website and cloud host for SEYM, for his generosity and dedication to meet our needs over the years.

**13SEC02** – SEYM Executive Committee approves that Friends whose names for positions or committees were mistakenly omitted for approval during the second reading of the Nominating Committee report to YM Business session on Third Month, 31, continue their service. Their names will be brought forward for approval at the Fall Interim Business Meeting, Tenth Month, 2013.

**13SEC03** – Executive Committee of the Southeastern Yearly Meeting (SEYM) of the Religious Society of Friends approves SEYM acting as the required 501(c)(3) sponsor of St. Petersburg Friends Meeting for the annual peace education celebration, known as Circus McGurkis in Tenth Month 2013. This sponsorship is contingent on determining that no impediments exist regarding SEYM liability insurance and 501(c)(3) religious status. Phoebe Andersen will conduct research on Executive Committee's behalf regarding insurance and 501(c)(3) religious status.

St. Petersburg Friends Meeting and Circus McGurkis Committee will maintain all responsibility for the event, including (but not limited to) financial, insurance, administration, and logistics. Members of SEYM are invited and encouraged to attend Circus McGurkis and volunteer as led.

**13SEC04** - The Executive Committee expresses heartfelt appreciation for the hospitality and generosity of spirit of Tampa Monthly Meeting.

**13SEC05** - Executive Committee approves the following people to access the bank records and sign checks for all accounts for SEYM:

Clerk of IBM and EC, Ann Jerome  
Treasurer, Neil Andersen  
Administrative Secretary, Victoria Carlie  
Trustees Treasurer, Caroline Lanker  
Member, Lyn Cope

**13SEC06** - SEYM Executive Committee gives the bookkeeper, Dianne Langan, express permission to confer with the bank and to access information about all accounts and all transactions in the accounts and gives the bank permission to share all our banking information with our bookkeeper.

## **Executive Committee ♦ Fall 2013 ♦ Numbered Minutes**

**13FEC01** – Executive Committee recognizes the need for SEYM to have a new website and approves the appointment of an ad hoc committee to discern way forward. EC requests that the EC clerk appoint this committee and that the committee report to EC at its winter meeting in January 2014. The committee will work closely with the Administrative Secretary and will identify YM's needs and opportunities and the website's costs and sources of funding.

**13FEC02** – EC approves Nominating Committee's request to accept the responsibility for recommending a CAP trainer or trainers.

**13FEC03** – EC approves the appointment of a Naming Committee to recommend Friends to fill upcoming vacancies on the Nominating Committee. Ellie Caldwell, Nancy Triscritti, and Phoebe Andersen have agreed to serve. The committee will report to EC at its winter meeting in January 2014.

**13FEC04** – EC approves continuing the consultancy arrangement with Lyn Cope as support for the SEYM Administrative Secretary and Bookkeeper to May 31, 2014, and expanding the hours allowed from 100 to 150.

## **Executive Committee ♦ Winter 2014 ♦ Numbered Minutes**

**14WEC01** Executive Committee of SEYM names Peter Crockett (St. Petersburg MM) and Nancy Fennell (Ft. Meyers MM) as the review committee for the Child Abuse Prevention Program. A third person is being discerned for this work.

**14WEC02** Executive Committee of SEYM approves the Naming Committee's recommendations of Cheryl Demers-Holton (Gainesville MM), Kathy Hersh (Miami MM), and Andrea Hoskins (Miami MM) to serve on Nominating Committee, with Susan Taylor having agreed to continue serving for another year as Nominating Committee clerk. Naming Committee will determine how to stagger the new members' terms of service, after which the Naming Committee will be laid down.

**14WEC03** Executive Committee of SEYM receives with appreciation the SEYM Draft Communications plan written by Phoebe Andersen, and approves following the procedures specified in it, beginning fall 2014.

## FALL INTERIM BUSINESS MEETING 2013 ♦ Numbered Minutes

**13FIBM01** Southeastern Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends supports Jocelynn Benton's continuing ministry as the Youth Committee's liaison to EQUAT, founded by Friends in the Philadelphia area to use non-violent direct action to work for a just and sustainable future. Her outreach to Quaker teens both at and leading up to the 2014 FGC Gathering will strengthen connections among Quaker teen activists in different regions of the United States. We look forward to a report from Jocelynn upon her return.

**13FIBM02** – Southeastern Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends supports Katharine Hanson-Sundberg's continuing ministry as an ally of the Coalition of Immokalee Workers. Her outreach to Quaker youth in the New York City area will strengthen connections among Quaker teen activists in different regions of the United States. We look forward to a report from Katharine upon her return.

**13FIBM03** – Southeastern Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends wishes to thank FGC for its generous support which enabled our youth to share their ministry with the Coalition of Immokalee Workers on farmworker justice at the 2013 Gathering in Greeley, Colorado.

**13FIBM04** – Southeastern Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends, meeting as Fall Interim Business Meeting, approves the nominations of the following Friends to serve in the named positions for indicated terms:

**Assistant Recording Clerks:** Andrew Jason (Miami MM) – 2016 renewed  
Carol Bechtel (Sarasota MM) – 2016 new  
Kody Hersh (Miami MM) – 2016 new

**Archives Committee:** Clerk, Peter Day (Clearwater MM) – 2014 renewed  
Bill Rapp (Lake Wales WG) – 2015 renewed  
Connie Ray (Gainesville MM) – 2015 renewed  
Sybil Ann Brennan (Gainesville MM) – 2016 new

**Committee for Ministry on Racism:** Co-clerk - Wendy Clarissa Geiger (Jacksonville MM) – 2014 new position

**Committee for Earthcare:** Chuck Deneen (Orlando MM) – 2016 renewed  
Serrin Anderson (Palm Beach MM) – 2016 renewed  
Juan Reza (Tallahassee MM) – 2016 new

**13FIBM05** – Southeastern Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends, meeting as Fall Interim Business Meeting, approves the nomination of Tor Bejnar (Tallahassee MM) as a member of the Finance Committee to fill an unexpired term ending in 2015.

**13FIBM06** – Southeastern Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends wishes to express deep appreciation to Palm Beach Meeting for their hospitality of meals, accommodations, and love in hosting the FIBM of 2013. Your care of us has been bountiful.

**13FIBM07** – Southeastern Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends, meeting as Fall Interim Business Meeting, approves sending a representative to the FGC New Meetings Project Mentoring Teams Retreat, November 15-17, 2013, and making financial support available for the individual from the representative travel fund. EC Clerk is charged with naming the representative, who will report to the Yearly Meeting at WIBM.

**13FIBM08** – Southeastern Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends, meeting as Fall Interim Business Meeting, requests Monthly Meetings and Worship Groups to identify an FCNL contact from their Monthly Meeting to receive and respond to urgent action alerts, and to send their contact information to Karen Putney, SEYM representative to FCNL.

## WINTER INTERIM BUSINESS MEETING 2014 ♦ Numbered Minutes

**14WIBM01** Southeastern Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends supports Jocelynn Benton's (Tampa MM) leading to attend Mountain Strong's spring break immersion visit in West Virginia, Third Month 2014, and appoints her as SEYM's representative there, with Cece Yocum as her adult companion. Jocelynn's concern for mountaintop removal fills us with joy and we look forward to her report and to supporting her in this work.

**14WIBM02** Southeastern Yearly Meeting stands in appreciation of Orlando Monthly Meeting for your extreme hospitality in caring for us during WIBM 2014 and the Michener Lecture. Your generosity of spirit touches each of us deeply and we thank you.



## Treasurer Report for Fiscal Year 2013-14 — First Half

for Documents in Advance for Annual Business Meeting Sessions

### Fiscal Year 2013-14 – First Half (June 1, 2013 thru November 30, 2013)

**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 approximately \$8,176 (excluding \$96 of unrealized capital losses on investments), resulting from a total income of \$48,770 against total expenses of \$40,594. This cash flow result is not predictive, since many of the major programs and expenses occur in the last half of our Fiscal Year.

**SEYM General Fund Cash Flow and Budget Performance:** At the end of the first half of this Fiscal Year, the General Operations Fund (for which we approved a zero-net-income full-year budget of \$85,566) showed a net income of approximately \$9,188, based on \$41,540 income and \$32,352 expenses, vs. a proportional half-year budget of \$42,783. This cash flow result is also not predictive, because significant expenses and donations are expected in the last half of our Year.

**Budget Support Apportionments & Contributions Received:** In response to this year's annual Apportionments request, contributions so far from the Monthly Meetings and Worship Groups to support the General Fund budget have totaled \$40,456, which is 53% of the year's total request of \$76,295. Of the nineteen (19) affiliated Monthly Meetings and Worship Groups which were requested this year to contribute specific apportioned amounts to support the annual budget, five (5) have already contributed their full requested amount or more, six (6) have contributed approximately half or more of the requested amount, and one (1) has contributed approximately one-quarter of the requested amount. Seven apportionment requests have yet to receive a response.

Contributions received from individuals and from one meeting which is not part of the Apportionments process (including all contributions restricted for programs and for budgeted line-items) totaled \$745 during the first six months, approximately 37% of the full year's request of \$2000.

**Cash Flow Results for Programs:** At end of First Half, transactions for two events are being completed. Publications has a net expense of approximately \$2,600 (excluding unrealized capital losses), reflecting incurred costs for publishing material before sales can occur.

**Net Worth:** At November 30, 2013, the Total Assets of the combined Yearly Meeting and its Trustees were \$441,031, an increase of \$16,422 (including \$2,769 in unrealized capital gains) over the beginning of the fiscal year and \$37,412 since November 30, 2012.

**Neil H. Andersen Treasurer, SEYM**  
February 24, 2014

**Southeastern Yearly Meeting  
Income & Expense Budget vs. Actual**  
June through November 2013

Income	Jun - Nov 13	Annual Budget	\$ Over Budget	% of Budget	Gathering/ Walton Lectr	Hair/Yeasty Mtg (HYM)	Michener Lecture	Programs for Youth	Publications	Triennial Travel	SEYM Subtotal	Trustees' Funds	TOTAL
	Jun - Nov 13	Annual Budget	\$ Over Budget	% of Budget	Jun - Nov 13	Jun - Nov 13	Jun - Nov 13	Jun - Nov 13	Jun - Nov 13	Jun - Nov 13	Jun - Nov 13	Jun - Nov 13	Jun - Nov 13
2000 - Income													
2001 - Donations													
2002 - Indiv Donations - Classes	395.00	2,000.00	-1,605.00	19.75%	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	395.00
2003 - Meeting Donations	100.00	0.00	100.00	100.0%	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	100.00
2013 - Meeting Donations, Unaffiliated	40,456.00	76,295.00	-35,839.00	53.03%	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	40,456.00
2003 - Meeting Donations - Other	40,556.00	76,295.00	-35,739.00	53.16%	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	40,556.00
Total 2003 - Meeting Donations													
2060 - Donations Restricted Receipts	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%	0.00	0.00	0.00	15.50	0.00	0.00	15.50	0.00	15.50
2104 - Youth for Event Expenses	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%	0.00	0.00	0.00	135.00	0.00	0.00	135.00	0.00	135.00
2105 - Gathering Youth to Trustees	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	100.00
2110 - Michener, to Trustees	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	150.00	0.00	150.00
Total 2001 - Donations	40,951.00	78,295.00	-37,344.00	52.3%	0.00	0.00	0.00	150.50	0.00	0.00	41,101.50	250.00	41,351.50
2200 - Investment Earnings													
2203 - Savings Account Interest	4.96	16.00	-11.04	31.0%	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	4.96	0.00	4.96
2205 - Dividends FCC Gathering Youth	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,684.54	0.00	1,684.54
2210 - Dividends FCC Michener Fund	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	372.47	0.00	372.47
2215 - Dividends FCC Bertsche Out/Travel	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	835.09	0.00	835.09
2220 - Dividends FCC Sec. Salary Fund	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,942.16	0.00	1,942.16
2225 - Dividends FCC Unrestricted	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	886.59	0.00	886.59
2230 - Dividends FCC Walton Fund	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	739.92	0.00	739.92
2250 - Interest FCC Meetinghouse Fund	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	450.00	0.00	450.00
2255 - Dividends, Dormini Fund	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
2280 - Dividends FCC SEYM Publications	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%	0.00	0.00	0.00	248.31	0.00	0.00	248.31	0.00	248.31
2290 - Investment Capital Gains/Losses													
2206 - Capital Gain(Loss) Gath. Youth	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,369.56	2,369.56
2211 - Capital Gain(Loss) Michener	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	509.04	0.00	509.04
2216 - Capital Gain(Loss) Bertsche OTra	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,141.29	0.00	1,141.29
2221 - Capital Gain(Loss) Sec's Sal Fd	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	-3,417.93	0.00	-3,417.93
2226 - Capital Gain(Loss) Unrestricted	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,252.16	0.00	1,252.16
2231 - Capital Gain(Loss) Walton	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,011.23	0.00	1,011.23
2256 - Capital Gain(Loss) Dormini	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%	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	0.0%	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	-96.57	0.00	-96.57
Total 2290 - Investment Capital Gains/Losses	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	-96.57	0.00	-96.57	0.00	-96.57
Total 2200 - Investment Earnings	4.96	16.00	-11.04	31.0%	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	151.74	0.00	156.70	9,776.12	9,932.82
2316 - GuideOne Insurance Dividends	97.63	0.00	97.63	0.0%	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	97.63	0.00	97.63
2380 - Postage/shipping reimbursement	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	47.48	0.00	47.48	0.00	47.48
2400 - Program Registrations	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
2430 - Registration Fee	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%	0.00	1,089.25	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,089.25	0.00	1,089.25
2400 - Program Registrations - Other	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%	0.00	1,089.25	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,089.25	0.00	1,089.25
Total 2400 - Program Registrations	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%	0.00	1,089.25	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,089.25	0.00	1,089.25
2600 - Sales													
2630 - Book/consignment Sales	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
2640 - Other sales	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%	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	0.0%	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	870.43	0.00	870.43	0.00	870.43
2681 - DeCluster, LittleQuaker/Book of	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	108.00	0.00	108.00	0.00	108.00
Total 2600 - Sales	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	978.43	0.00	978.43	0.00	978.43
Total 2000 - Income	41,053.59	78,311.00	-37,257.41	52.42%	0.00	1,089.25	0.00	150.50	1,177.65	0.00	43,470.99	10,026.12	53,497.11
2700 - Transfer in FROM other classes													
2705 - for Youth Endowment Fund	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
2711 - Donations to GF from o/classes	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
2712 - Michener Lect. to GF/Insurance	134.00	0.00	-134.00	0.0%	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	134.00
2732 - Gath/Walton to GF/Insurance	935.00	0.00	-935.00	0.0%	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	935.00
2750 - Surplus Half Yearly Meeting	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
2752 - HYM to GF/Insurance	486.00	0.00	-486.00	100.0%	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	486.00	0.00	486.00
2784 - from GF for YouthPrograms/Class	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,500.00	0.00	0.00	2,500.00	0.00	2,500.00
2801 - transfer from General Fund	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,217.00	0.00	0.00	2,217.00

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	Admin/General Fund	% of Budget	Gathering/ Mission Lead	Holt Yearly Mtg (YM)	Michener Lecture	Programs for Youth	Publications	Triennial Travel	SEYM Subtotal	Trustee's Funds	TOTAL
	Jan - Nov 13	Annual Budget	Jan - Nov 13	Jan - Nov 13	Jan - Nov 13	Jan - Nov 13	Jan - Nov 13	Jan - Nov 13	Jan - Nov 13	Jan - Nov 13	Jan - Nov 13
2803 - from GF for Employee/Sec	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	1,700.00	0.0%	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
2815 - for Bertsche/Outreach Travel	0.00	4,000.00	0.0%	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
2820 - for Secretary's Salary	0.00	5,700.00	0.0%	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total 2804 - from Trustee's Funds	0.00	11,400.00	0.0%	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total 2700 - Transfer in FROM other classes	486.00	7,255.00	6.7%	0.00	0.00	2,500.00	0.00	2,217.00	5,203.00	0.00	5,203.00
Total Income	41,539.59	85,566.00	48.56%	0.00	0.00	2,650.50	1,177.65	2,217.00	48,673.99	10,026.12	59,700.11
Gross Income	41,539.59	85,566.00	48.56%	0.00	0.00	2,650.50	1,177.65	2,217.00	48,673.99	10,026.12	59,700.11
Expense											
2900 - Expenses											
3000 - Clearing Costs	0.00	20.00	0.0%	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
3001 - Bank Service Charges	34.35	10.00	343.5%	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	34.35	0.00	34.35
3002 - Payroll service fee	0.00	0.00	0.0%	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
3000 - Contract Labor	29.05	4,500.00	0.65%	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	29.05	0.00	29.05
3000 - Duplication	1,753.29	1,700.00	103.14%	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,753.29	0.00	1,753.29
3100 - Insurance	1,753.29	1,700.00	103.14%	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,753.29	0.00	1,753.29
Total 3100 - Insurance	1,753.29	1,700.00	103.14%	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,753.29	0.00	1,753.29
3107 - Youth Worker-CAP Certification	71.55	300.00	23.85%	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	71.55	0.00	71.55
3148 - Non-Profit Corporation Fee	0.00	61.00	0.0%	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
3200 - Office Supplies	238.85	580.00	41.15%	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	238.85	0.00	238.85
3270 - Payroll Expenses	16,422.85	40,994.00	40.06%	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	16,422.85	0.00	16,422.85
3271 - Employee insurance/medical	0.00	5,000.00	0.0%	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
3272 - Employer Payroll Taxes	1,162.84	3,136.00	37.08%	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,162.84	0.00	1,162.84
3350 - Postage/Shipping	197.51	800.00	24.69%	0.00	0.00	0.00	82.07	0.00	322.82	0.00	322.82
3381 - Post Office Box rental	136.00	80.00	170.0%	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	136.00	0.00	136.00
3400 - Office Equipment	307.94	250.00	123.18%	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	307.94	0.00	307.94
3500 - Professional Fees	3526 - Accounting	30.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	30.00	0.00	30.00
3536 - Consulting	2,233.75	0.00	2,233.75	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,950.00	0.00	4,183.75	0.00	4,183.75
3556 - Web consult/CGI script	0.00	0.00	0.0%	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
3566 - Transcribe	0.00	0.00	0.0%	0.00	0.00	0.00	240.00	0.00	240.00	0.00	240.00
5187 - OUP (Quakers Uniting in Public	0.00	75.00	0.0%	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
3500 - Professional Fees - Other	0.00	150.00	0.0%	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total 3500 - Professional Fees	2,263.75	225.00	1,028.75	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,190.00	0.00	4,453.75	0.00	4,453.75
3640 - Rent warehouse/office	50.00	0.00	50.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	50.00	0.00	50.00
3642 - office rent	297.35	0.00	297.35	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	297.35	0.00	297.35
3643 - warehouse	0.00	1,850.00	0.0%	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
3640 - Rent warehouse/office - Other	347.35	1,850.00	18.78%	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	347.35	0.00	347.35
Total 3640 - Rent warehouse/office	750.00	1,850.00	40.54%	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	750.00	0.00	750.00
3700 - Repairs	75.00	0.00	75.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	75.00	0.00	75.00
3740 - Computer Repairs	0.00	0.00	0.0%	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
3756 - labor, tech support	0.00	350.00	0.0%	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
3700 - Repairs - Other	75.00	350.00	21.43%	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	75.00	0.00	75.00
Total 3700 - Repairs	75.00	350.00	21.43%	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	75.00	0.00	75.00
3816 - Software	983.32	800.00	122.92%	0.00	0.00	0.00	262.80	0.00	1,246.12	0.00	1,246.12
3840 - Telephone & Internet access	881.21	2,000.00	44.06%	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	881.21	0.00	881.21
3850 - Travel Administrative	474.40	1,300.00	36.49%	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	474.40	0.00	474.40
3800 - Website	150.00	0.00	150.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	150.00	0.00	150.00
3641 - Rent/fee .com off-site storage	0.00	0.00	0.0%	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
3940 - Domain Name Registrations	0.00	300.00	0.0%	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
3900 - Website - Other	150.00	300.00	50.0%	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	150.00	0.00	150.00
Total 3800 - Website	150.00	300.00	50.0%	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	150.00	0.00	150.00
Total 3000 - Operating Costs	25,529.20	64,256.00	39.73%	66.24	0.00	0.00	2,554.87	0.00	28,150.31	0.00	28,150.31

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	Jun - Nov 13	Annual Budget										
4000 - Operating Costs Committees	180.62	550.00	-32.84%	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	180.62	0.00	180.62
4309 - Archives	0.00	0.00	0.00%	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
4319 - Cuban Quaker Project	0.00	100.00	-100.00%	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
4329 - EC and IBM	0.00	50.00	-50.00%	0.00	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%	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
4349 - Finance	0.00	50.00	-50.00%	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
4359 - Nominating	0.00	200.00	-200.00%	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
4389 - Peace and Social Concerns	0.00	150.00	-150.00%	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
4399 - Youth Committee	0.00	50.00	-50.00%	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
4399 - Worship and Ministry	0.00	50.00	-50.00%	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%	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
4449 - Publications	0.00	50.00	-50.00%	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
4489 - Racism, Ministry on	0.00	50.00	-50.00%	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%	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total 4000 - Operating Costs Committees	180.62	1,350.00	-13.38%	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	180.62	0.00	180.62
5000 - Donations to Organizations	0.00	100.00	-100.00%	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
5007 - AFSC	0.00	100.00	-100.00%	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
5008 - AFSC-SERO	0.00	100.00	-100.00%	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	300.00	-300.00%	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
5027 - FGNL	0.00	200.00	-200.00%	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
5028 - GEW (FCUN)	0.00	50.00	-50.00%	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
5030 - FLGBTQC	0.00	1,200.00	-1,200.00%	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
5037 - FGC	0.00	60.00	-60.00%	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	200.00	-200.00%	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	300.00	-300.00%	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
5048 - Florida Impact	0.00	100.00	-100.00%	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
5057 - Friends Journal	0.00	250.00	-250.00%	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
5061 - Friends Peace Teams	0.00	500.00	-500.00%	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
5067 - FUM	0.00	1,450.00	-1,450.00%	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
5068 - FWCC	0.00	100.00	-100.00%	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
5077 - Pendle Hill	0.00	4,000.00	-4,000.00%	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
5078 - ProNica	0.00	100.00	-100.00%	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%	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
5089 - QUINO	0.00	100.00	-100.00%	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%	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total 5000 - Donations to Organizations	0.00	9,310.00	-9,310.00%	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
6000 - Production	0.00	0.00	0.00%	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	782.81	0.00	782.81	0.00	782.81
6060 - ISSN Printing, Publications	0.00	0.00	0.00%	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
6180 - Printing, Screen	0.00	0.00	0.00%	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	537.30	0.00	537.30	0.00	537.30
6280 - Printing, Service Bureau	0.00	0.00	0.00%	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
6380 - ISBN production	0.00	0.00	0.00%	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
6390 - Art	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 6000 - Production	0.00	0.00	0.00%	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,320.11	0.00	1,320.11	0.00	1,320.11
7000 - Operating Costs Programs	0.00	0.00	0.00%	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
7030 - Book consignment costs	0.00	0.00	0.00%	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
7138 - Food purchases	0.00	0.00	0.00%	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
7200 - Food, snacks	0.00	0.00	0.00%	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
7500 - Site Fees (Food & Lodging)	0.00	3,000.00	-3,000.00%	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
7533 - Site Deposits	0.00	0.00	0.00%	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
7534 - Site Fees-food/lodging	0.00	0.00	0.00%	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
7605 - Food scholarship YOUTH	0.00	0.00	0.00%	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
7606 - Food/lodging YouthPg Leader	0.00	0.00	0.00%	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
7607 - Food/lodging YM Sec	0.00	0.00	0.00%	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
7616 - Scholarships-food/lodging	0.00	0.00	0.00%	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
7637 - Reimbursement for food/lodging	0.00	0.00	0.00%	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
7534 - Site Fees-food/lodging - Other	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 7534 - Site Fees-food/lodging	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 7500 - Site Fees (Food & Lodging)	0.00	3,000.00	-3,000.00%	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

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FY14eo 1H-QBP20140109	Admin/General Fund		% of Budget		Gathering/ Walton Lectr	Half Yearly Mtg (HYM)	Michener Lecture	Programs for Youth	Publications	Triennial Travel	SEYM Subtotal	Trustees' Funds	TOTAL
	Annual Budget	\$ Over Budget	Annual Budget	% of Budget									
7600 - Food/Lodging, Speaker	0.00				0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
7650 - Speaker Honorarium	0.00				0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
7660 - Speaker Travel	0.00				0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
7804 - Youth Prg Expenses/Fees/Other	0.00				0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total 7000 - Operating Costs Programs	0.00				3,000.00	400.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	3,400.00	0.00	3,400.00
8000 - Representative Travel	1,725.00	-1,575.00	52.27%		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,725.00	0.00	1,725.00
8160 - Annual Representative Travel	1,725.00	-1,575.00	52.27%		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,725.00	0.00	1,725.00
Total 8000 - Representative Travel	200.00	-1,800.00	10.0%		415.28	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	200.00	0.00	200.00
8500 - Contingency	0.00				0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
8560 - Refund	0.00				0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
2999 - Expenses - Other	0.00				0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total 2999 - Expenses	27,634.82	-52,581.18	34.45%		3,415.28	466.24	0.00	0.00	3,874.98	0.00	35,391.32	0.00	35,391.32
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
9001 - to General Fund	0.00				0.00	486.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	486.00	0.00	486.00
9002 - to GF for insurance	0.00				0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
9003 - for Employee/Sec expenses	0.00	0.00	0.0%		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
9004 - for Youth Programs	2,500.00	0.00	100.0%		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,500.00	0.00	2,500.00
9005 - for Gathering Youth	2,000.00	-2,000.00	0.0%		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
9060 - for Triennial Travel	0.00	850.00	0.0%		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
9061 - Excess Annual to Triennial/Trave	2,217.00	2,217.00	100.0%		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,217.00	0.00	2,217.00
9210 - for Michener Lecture	0.00	0.00	0.0%		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
9500 - to Trustees Funds	0.00	0.00	0.0%		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
9450 - to HYM	0.00	0.00	0.0%		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	4,717.00	-633.00	88.17%		0.00	486.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	5,203.00	0.00	5,203.00
Total Expense	32,351.82	-53,214.18	37.81%		3,415.28	952.24	0.00	0.00	3,874.98	0.00	40,594.32	0.00	40,594.32
Net Income	9,187.77	0.00	100.0%		-3,415.28	137.01	0.00	2,650.50	-2,697.33	2,217.00	8,079.67	10,026.12	18,105.79
Net Income Before Unrealized Capital Gains/Losses	9,187.77	0.00	100.0%		-3,415.28	137.01	0.00	2,650.50	-2,600.76	2,217.00	8,176.24	7,160.77	15,337.01

# Finance Committee Report & Proposed 2014-15 Budget

The Finance Committee met at Winter Interim Business Meeting on Saturday, January 18, and discerned the proposed 2014-15 budget (following). Please note that the Finance Committee would like Friends - especially stakeholders in the various line items - to review the proposed budget carefully and direct any questions to me, which I will either answer directly if it is a technical question, or forward to the committee if discernment is required.

It is instructive to read the 'Total' lines, and to note that the entire budget is about 24% less than 2013-2014. We work with what we have! Some salient points:

If you have never read an Excel sheet on your computer, this one's headline is fixed, so that as you scroll down the line items you can still see the column titles.

The word 'classes' really means 'funds'. There has been some confusion on this definition; please consider 'funds' as the 'bank account' of an SEYM program or function. This budget is an operating budget; that is - one laying out proposed income and expenses that allow SEYM to do its work. Sometimes amounts for this general operating budget are imported from or exported to SEYM's various specialized funds, as authorized by previous Annual Gathering minutes. These are referred to as 'from' or 'to' classes.

Friends will be asked to approve a budget at Annual Gathering Business Meeting on Saturday, April 19. There will be an opportunity for questions and discussion, but given the time constraints of the Annual Gathering's Business Meeting, Friends are asked to have as many questions on this proposed budget answered as possible before the Business Meeting. I and Treasurer Neil Andersen will be available at Annual Gathering also for this purpose.

With grateful thanks to be of service,

**Peter Schmidt**

**SEYM Finance Committee Clerk**

**SEYM General Fund Budget FY 2014-2015**

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	Actual Full Year 5-31-13 FY2012-13	Actual 1/2 yr 11-30-13 FY2013-14	Proposed Budget \$ FY2014-15	BUDGET Change (%) fm Last Yr
<b>Income</b>				
2000 Income				
2001 Donations				
2002 Individual Donations (inclgd In-Kind)	1,077.00	395.00	\$ 2,000	-
2003 Meetings & Worship Groups - Apportionments	70,797.00	40,456.00	\$ 56,018	-26.58%
2003 Meetings & WGs - Others (Not Apportioned)	100.00	100.00		
2001 Other Donations (& Restricted Receipts)	105.00			
<b>Total 2001 Donations</b>	<b>72,079.00</b>	<b>40,951.00</b>	<b>\$ 58,018</b>	<b>-25.90%</b>
2200 Investment Earnings				
2203 Savings account interest	18.85	4.96	\$ 8	-50.00%
<b>Total 2200 Investment Earnings</b>	<b>18.85</b>	<b>4.96</b>	<b>\$ 8</b>	<b>-50.00%</b>
2306 Miscellaneous Income	44.99	97.63		
<b>Total 2000 Income</b>	<b>72,142.84</b>	<b>41,053.59</b>	<b>\$ 58,026</b>	<b>-25.90%</b>
2700 Transfers in FROM other classes				
2711 Donations to GF through other classes	125.00	0.00		
2712 Michener Lecture to GF/insurance	134.00	0.00	\$ 150	11.94%
2732 Gath/Walton to GF/insurance	935.00	0.00	\$ 900	-3.74%
2750 Surplus from HYM	0.00	0.00		
2752 HYM to GF/insurance	486.00	486.00	\$ 450	-7.41%
2804 From Trustee's Funds				
2815 for Bertsche Outreach Travel	1,707.30	0.00	\$ 1,670	-1.76%
2820 for Secretary's Salary	3,967.98	0.00	\$ 3,900	-2.50%
<b>Total 2804 from Trustee's Funds</b>	<b>5,675.28</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>\$ 5,570</b>	<b>-2.28%</b>
<b>Total 2700 Transfers in FROM other classes</b>	<b>7,355.28</b>	<b>486.00</b>	<b>\$ 7,070</b>	<b>-2.55%</b>
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>79,498.12</b>	<b>41,539.59</b>	<b>\$ 65,096</b>	<b>-23.92%</b>
<b>Expenses</b>				
2999 Expenses				
3000 Administrative				
3001 Bank Service Charges	0.00	0.00	\$ 20	-
3002 Credit Card service fees	0.00	34.35	\$ 70	600.00%
3006 Contract Labor	48.00	0.00	\$ -	
3080 Duplication	6,004.82	29.08	\$ 4,500	-
3106 Liability Insurance	1,375.35	1,753.29	\$ 1,500	-11.76%
3107 Youth Worker CAP Certification Program	0.00	71.55	\$ 150	-50.00%
3146 State Fee for Non-Profit Corporation	61.25	0.00	\$ 61	-
3200 Office Supplies	762.16	238.65	\$ 600	3.45%
3270 Payroll Expenses - Employee Salary	42,840.58	16,422.96	\$ 23,920	-41.65%
3271 Payroll Expenses - Employee Benefits	4,693.60	0.00	\$ -	-100.00%
3272 Payroll Expenses - Employer Taxes for Staff	1,567.79	1,162.84	\$ 1,830	-41.65%
3380 Postage & Shipping	616.09	197.51	\$ 700	-12.50%
3381 Post Office Box Rental	77.00	136.00	\$ 150	87.50%
3400 Office Equipment	1,623.92	307.94	\$ 400	60.00%
3500 Professional Svcs	199.00	2,263.75	\$ 3,000	1900.00%
3640 Rent, Office & Off-site Storage Unit	1,913.31	347.35	\$ 1,320	-28.65%
3700 Repairs	240.00	75.00	\$ 350	-
3816 Software	319.94	983.32	\$ 600	-25.00%
3840 Telephone & Internet Service	1,608.35	881.21	\$ 2,000	-
3860 Travel Administrative	1,270.51	474.40	\$ 1,300	-
3900 Website & Shared Electronic Data Storage	435.98	150.00	\$ 800	166.67%
5187 Membership Quakers United in Publishing (QUIP)	75.00	0.00	\$ 75	-
<b>Total 3000 Administrative</b>	<b>65,732.65</b>	<b>25,529.20</b>	<b>\$ 43,346</b>	<b>-32.54%</b>

**SEYM General Fund Budget FY 2014-2015**

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	Actual Full Year 5-31-13 FY2012-13	Actual 1/2 yr 11-30-13 FY2013-14	Proposed Budget \$ FY2014-15	BUDGET Change (%) fm Last Yr
4000 Committees Operating Expenses				
4309 Archives	281.48	180.62	\$ 550	-
4329 Exec Cmte & Interim BM	104.53	0.00	\$ 100	-
4339 Faith & Practice	0.00	0.00	\$ 50	-
4349 Finance	0.00	0.00	\$ 50	-
4359 Nominating	0.00	0.00	\$ 50	-
4369 Peace & Social Concerns	100.00	0.00	\$ 200	-
4389 Youth Committee	0.00	0.00	\$ 50	-
4399 Worship & Ministry	0.00	0.00	\$ 150	-
4429 Earthcare	0.00	0.00	\$ 50	-
4469 Ministry on Racism	0.00	0.00	\$ 50	-
4489 Young Adult Quakers	0.00	0.00	\$ 50	-
Total 4000 Committee Operating Expenses	486.01	180.62	\$ 1,350	-
5000 Donations to Organizations				
5007 AFSC	100.00	0.00	\$ 100	-
5008 AFSC-SERO	100.00	0.00	\$ 100	-
5018 Earlham School of Religion	100.00	0.00	\$ 100	-
5027 FCNL	300.00	0.00	\$ 300	-
5028 QEW	200.00	0.00	\$ 200	-
5030 FLGBTQC	n/a	0.00	\$ 100	100.00%
5037 FGC	1,200.00	0.00	\$ 1,200	-
5038 Florida Coalition for Peace & Justice	60.00	0.00	\$ 100	66.67%
5047 Florida Council of Churches	200.00	0.00	\$ 200	-
5048 Florida Impact	300.00	0.00	\$ 300	-
5057 Friends Journal	100.00	0.00	\$ 100	-
5058 Friends Peace Teams	250.00	0.00	\$ 250	-
5067 FUM (restricted to specific Projects)	500.00	0.00	\$ 500	-
5068 FWCC	1,450.00	0.00	\$ 1,450	-
5077 Pendle Hill	100.00	0.00	\$ 100	-
5078 ProNica	4,000.00	0.00	\$ 4,000	-
5087 Quaker Life	100.00	0.00	\$ 100	-
5089 QUNO	100.00	0.00	\$ 100	-
5097 William Penn House	100.00	0.00	\$ 100	-
Total 5000 Donations to Organizations	9,260.00	0.00	\$ 9,400	0.97%
8000 Representative Travel				
8160 Annual Representative	1,083.00	1,725.00	\$ 3,500	6.06%
8360 Other Travel	350.00	0.00		
Total 8000 Representative Travel	1,433.00	1,725.00	\$ 3,500	6.06%
8500 Contingency				
8501 C.A.P. Program, Current FY				
8502 Temp SEYM Staff Assistant				
8500 Other Contingency		200.00		
Total 8500 Contingency	0.00	200.00	\$ 2,000	-
2999 Expenses Other		0.00		
Total 2999 Expenses	76,911.66	27,634.82	\$ 59,596	-25.71%
9000 Transfer out to other classes				
9004 for Youth Programs	2,500.00	2,500.00	\$ 2,500	-
9005 for Gathering Youth	2,000.00		\$ 2,000	-
9060 for Triennial Travel Reserves	850.00		\$ 1,000	17.65%



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9061 Excess FY Rep Annl Trvl to Triennial Trvl Rsrv	761.41	2,217.00		
9210 for Michener Lecture	742.60			
9450 for HYM	55.26			
Total 9000 Transfer out to other classes	6,909.27	4,717.00	\$ 5,500	2.80%
Total Expenses	83,820.93	32,351.82	\$ 65,096	-23.92%
<u>Summary General Fund Income-vs-Expense</u>				
Total Income	79,498.12	41,539.59	\$ 65,096	-23.92%
Total Expenses	83,820.93	32,351.82	\$ 65,096	-23.92%
Net Income	-4,322.81	9,187.77	\$ -	

# ProNica Report

ProNica has been growing our delegation program, and we received 4 groups in January, the largest number of groups at one time, from Rutgers in New Jersey, Eckerd from Florida, Washburn from Kansas, and Haverford from Pennsylvania. The groups focused on topics ranging from ecology and environmental justice, to women's health & reproductive justice, and service-learning. Delegates were inspired by ProNica partner organizations in Rio Blanco, Managua and Matagalpa, and several expressed interest in coming back as summer volunteers to learn more and engage more deeply with grassroots organizations working for change.

Rutgers University, in conjunction with WeCare Solar, installed a solar panel at the public hospital in Rio Blanco, making national and local news. The solar suitcases are simple kits designed for rural clinics' delivery rooms and come with special lights for delivery. The Rio Blanco hospital has intermittent electricity, and this donation has already been put to good use for the many women who come from surrounding rural communities to give birth. WeCare Solar provides follow up for their panels, including technical support and free replacements of any equipment for the life of the panel. ProNica's partners in the community of Martin Centeno were crucial in coordinating this effort, and also worked in conjunction with delegates in the construction of a new communal house for use of the entire community.

Delegates from ProNica's student groups in January were impressed by visits to Casa del Niño in San Ramon, where we met with Director Rosario González and members of the women's recycled paper cooperative to hear about their small business turning trash into art. We also heard about Casa del Niño's efforts in bringing healthcare to women in far-flung rural communities whose distance from the city is a major challenge to accessing care. Casa del Niño started as a small soup kitchen providing meals to children during the Contra War, and has since expanded into a variety of innovating programs responding to community needs. Programs include a children's after school arts program, a 4-year nationally-accredited creative arts college, a natural medicine pharmacy and community garden initiative, a mobile health clinic for cancer screenings for women, a revolving micro-loan fund for local teachers, and more.

The Women's Clinic of Acahualinca has opened its doors once again in January to support women in one of Managua's most impoverished neighborhoods for another year. Because of ProNica and our donors critical support this year, we were able to contribute over \$37,000 in 2013 to the clinic, helping them to keep their doors open. The clinic's financial struggles continue in 2014. At ProNica we continue to fundraise to support the staff's salaries and essential healthcare programs, as well as seek ways to apply for grants and seek other sources of large funding to support the clinic long term. Any help in terms of donations, or volunteer time grant writing, would be extremely appreciated.

In January we hosted our first volunteer from Rutgers University School of Public Health who came to investigate possibilities for collaboration with Las Yahoscas, the home for girl survivors of abuse, a program of Los Quinchos. Megan Couillard spent several weeks with Las Yahoscas, and is part of a team working on building a long-term partnership between Rutgers and Las Yahoscas with ProNica's support. Plans are in the works to send several Public Health interns from Rutgers to Las Yahoscas this summer, 2014.

I just finished a year-long research project supported by the Clarence and Lilly Pickett Endowment for young Quaker leaders. My investigation focused on environmental initiatives relating to climate change adaptation and food security. As part of the research, I visited many organic farms throughout the country, attended various seminars and workshops focused on climate change and urban and rural food security techniques, and hosted a day-long urban gardening skill-share at Quaker House attended by 30 local friends from surrounding communities and volunteers. Also as part of this program, new Program Assistant, Milton Garcia and I traveled to Rio Blanco to work with ProNica partners on planting a tree nursery as part of a reforestation effort. ProNica wishes to extend gratitude to the Pickett Endowment for their generous support, which has allowed the ProNica staff to learn more about environmental initiatives and incorporate environmental practices into daily operations at Quaker House, into our delegation programs, and support our grassroots partners in environmental efforts that help to ensure long-term food security.

**Laura Hopps**, Program Director

# SEYM FCNL Representative Report 2014

*"You are our elders, our governors. You are our spiritual tether. You set our policy priorities for each new Congress, and lovingly remind us when we stray from your faithful vision. You visit more congressional offices, write more letters, and make more phone calls than our staff could ever hope to do. You are FCNL."*

*Olivia Henry, FCNL Program Assistant*

Representatives Karen & Lou Putney attended the FCNL Annual Meeting, November 14-17, 2013. We regret that Representative Jack Bradin was not able to attend. We participate and serve as SEYM appointed representatives to the FCNL General Committee. Karen also serves on the FCNL nominating committee.

The November 2013 FCNL Annual Gathering marked the 70<sup>th</sup> year of Friends Witness in Washington. This gathering began with General Committee members participating in a day of lobbying for reductions to the Pentagon budget. We were able to meet with staff in the offices of Senator Nelson and Senator Rubio for a discussion of the need to cut the Pentagon budget and fund human needs. We testified to the needs that are not being met for the citizens of Florida and shared information on the waste, fraud and abuse inherent in the current military fiscal system. We were also able to meet with our House Representative. Visits were made by Friends from around the country to 140 Congressional offices.

The purpose of the FCNL Annual Meeting is to conduct the business of the FCNL General Committee and to foster stronger connections between our Yearly Meetings and FCNL. General Committee representatives participate in small worship sharing groups to enable us to seek to center for the work to be undertaken. Our business sessions are conducted in the manner of Friends - a meeting for worship with a concern for business. We seek to be spirit-led in our deliberations. We review and approve the FCNL budget, approve committee members, set legislative policies and priorities, receive updates and reports from staff and committees and attend skill building/educational workshops. This work takes us from Thursday evening through Sunday at noon with our days beginning at 8am and running until 9pm or later. We are blessed to be able to worship on Sunday in both the unprogrammed and programmed manner of Friends.

A primary focus of this annual meeting was revision/updating of the FCNL Policy Statement. The 16-page policy document approved at Annual Meeting provides core guidance for our lobbying work in Washington and around the country. It is a thoughtful, clear statement of Friends faith and testimony and how that leads us to witness with lawmakers. It is an excellent resource for discernment and discussion in a Meeting for Learning. SEYM Friends are encouraged to read the adopted statement at [fcnl.org](http://fcnl.org) and order it in pamphlet form for use in your meeting.

At SEYM Fall Interim Business Meeting, a request was minuted to all SEYM Monthly Meetings asking that an FCNL contact be appointed to receive and respond to urgent action alerts. We have heard from several Meetings and hope those who have not responded are continuing to discern who may be lead to this service. The Meeting Contact job description is as follows: Contacts serve as communication channels between FCNL and Quaker Meetings and churches. These Friends notify their Meetings of events and action alerts, as well as sharing his or her community's guidance with FCNL staff. We hope to be able to gather with all the Meeting Contacts at Yearly Meeting to begin strengthening our SEYM witness to Washington.

At SEYM Winter Interim Business Meeting, Friends in attendance were asked to take home two requests to their Meeting.

First, to see that the FCNL packet asking for Meeting input in the priority process be raised up as a matter for attention and discernment in a timely manner. This packet includes advice on how to conduct a discernment, seeking to select issues that most need close attention from Friends around the county and from FCNL's staff in working with the 114<sup>th</sup> Congress. Using our responses, the FCNL Policy Committee will create a draft set of priorities that will be the basis for discernment at the 2014 Annual Meeting. Our reports to FCNL are due by April 15, 2014, and it is hoped that the engaged voice of SEYM Friends will be of value to the Policy Committee.

Second, to please note the FCNL Spring Lobby Weekend March 22-25th. This is a lobby training, skill building weekend that culminates in young adult Friends walking the halls of Congress witnessing for peace. Friends are encouraged to ask their Meeting to consider if there is a politically engaged young person known to them who might benefit from this experience. If so, then to encourage this young person to attend, and to help sponsor their participation.

The FCNL workshop for Yearly Meeting is titled "The World We Seek", and participants will work to become informed and plan action to repeal the Authorization for the Use of Military Force, AUMF, which is the root of the endless wars our country pursues. Karen Putney and FCNL staff member Tim Barner will facilitate. It is hoped that every Monthly Meeting will have a member in attendance.

We would like to thank the Yearly Meeting for your continued support of our call to this work. We are grateful for the financial travel support we receive and we deeply appreciate knowing you join us in witnessing to our lawmakers.

Respectfully submitted,

**Karen Putney**

**Lou Putney**

## Worship & Ministry Committee: *an Invitation*

### Dear Friends of Southeastern Yearly Meeting,

Louis Fischer, MK Gandhi's biographer, visited Gandhi's room at his ashram. There was only one decoration on the walls of his room: a portrait of Jesus. Fischer exclaimed, "But, you're not a Christian." Gandhi replied, "I am Christian and Hindu and Jewish and Muslim." Fischer replied that Gandhi was a better Christian than most Christians. (Found in a John Dear column of The National Catholic Reporter On-line.)

Many Friends are proud of our spiritual (and biological, for some) ancestors active in the Underground Railroad and the Abolition Movement and Civil Rights Movement/Movement to Make Democracy Real. May Friends comfortably - or confrontingly - say to ourselves and others: "We are Christian and Hindu and Jewish and Muslim. We are African and European and South/Central/North American and Asian and South Asian. We are native and refugee and immigrant. We are rich and poor. We are Earthlings." In meeting for worship, we are in touch with all of these Earthlings within us, all of these Earthlings knocking on our hearts to open up and let us all in.

To live Quakerism means to live eternally. For isn't that what is meant by continuing revelation? It means to open our hearts to the past, present, and future - to live our lives carrying within us our histories and our possibilities. Living as Friends is to live beyond racism and sexism and war now, in meeting for worship, while living the realities of racism and sexism and war now, in our day-to-day lives. We carry Heaven in our hearts..."...on Earth as it is in Heaven," the Bible states. We are complicit in racism, and yet we work on lessening our racism. We are complicit in sexism, and yet we work on lessening our sexism. We engage in war with our bodies and with other Earthlings, yet we seek on lessening our warring.

"Christ Jesus has come to teach his people himself," as George Fox states. Therefore, so has the Buddha, so has the Desert Fathers and Mothers, so has Lucretia Mott and John Woolman and Martin Luther King Jr. and Dorothy Day and Levi Coffin and Frederick Douglass and Sojourner Truth and our great-great-great-grandparents and our great-great-great-grandchildren yet to be born. Our ancestors - spiritual and biological, of different races, from different places - are here to teach us as they accompany us through life; just as our spiritual and biological descendants are here to teach us as they accompany us through life.

May we mentally dip into meeting for worship during our weekdays. May we cultivate that of meeting for worship in our day-to-day lives. May we live eternally, as we dip into this lifetime for as long as we live. May we carry within us galaxies and our great-great-great-grandchildren's heart-beats.

And, if all that is too strange to deal with (and you find living eternally out of reach or out of touch), just, please, consider participating in the very down-to-Earth and heavenly annual sessions of Southeastern Yearly Meeting from Wednesday, April 16th, to Easter Sunday, April 20th, 2014, at the United Methodist Church's Life Enrichment Center, in Fruitland Park, Florida, between Orlando and Ocala. You are most welcome to attend the SEYM Worship & Ministry Committee meeting on Thursday, April 17th, at 1:15 pm. If staying for the whole Committee meeting seems too much, you are welcome to dip into and out of committee meetings to get a feel for how you may want to volunteer for SEYM in the future. No pressure to volunteer. Yearly Meeting Gathering is for cultivating joy.

For those Friends not traveling to Yearly Meeting Gathering, please, hold in Wholeness & Tenderness annual sessions wherever you dwell. Thank you for your consideration.

In the Love of Christ's Heart,

**Wendy Clarissa Geiger, co-clerk with Nancy Triscritti of SEYM W&M Com.**

# SEYM Archives Committee Report

On Thursday May 30th and Friday the 31st members of the Archives Committee, Sybil Brennan, Peter and Sue Day, Bill Rapp and Connie Ray met to work on the SEYM records stored in the Smathers Library at the University of Florida, Gainesville. On the 30<sup>th</sup> we were at the library from 10.30 am until 4.50 pm and on the 31<sup>st</sup> from 9.30 am until 4.50 pm. We are grateful to Gainesville MM for enabling Bill to spend two nights in the meeting house. Bill had earlier travelled from Lake Wales to Melbourne Beach May 13-16 to collect early records prior to their transfer from outgoing administrative secretary Lyn Cope, to Vicki Carlie, the incoming administrative secretary. Bill brought four boxes of records to the Smathers Library.

The committee undertook several tasks: continue sorting and filing of records from Melbourne Beach, incorporate new deposits of minutes from Clearwater MM and newsletters and minutes from Gainesville MM, review and organize a collection of photographs, and examine contents of boxes, with labels indicating possible duplication and overlap, to discard duplicate records. The committee thanks Florence Turcotte, the resident archivist, who provided guidance, materials, and access to the storage area. To help defray the cost of materials (acid-free folders, separator papers, archival storage boxes, and labels) SEYM makes a modest annual grant to the Library.

There are 33 archival boxes and on Thursday a selection of about 15 were available for us to work on, undisturbed, in a large u-shaped arrangement of tables and chairs. Friday some boxes were returned to storage, others brought out for further work.

Attached is a list of the boxes, or rather the labels on each of them. The labels are not entirely accurate. They were intended initially just to be a guide to the box contents as record sorting progressed. They are our first, and incomplete, step in preparing an index. Each box contains a number of labeled acid-free folders in which the records are stored in date order. Sometimes the most recent records are at the front, and in other cases at the back, of the folders. Folder labels are in pencil so that they can be edited.

The largest group of boxes (23) is made up of the records from the YM. These include minutes of annual gatherings, representative meetings, interim business meetings, and various committees, documents in advance, directories, financial records, newsletters, correspondence, and copies of published lectures. They date from 1951 onwards. Three of these boxes have still to be sorted.

Sorting has been an iterative process. Each document we examine raises questions: which folder and box should it go in, is it a duplicate, is it worth keeping, if there is no appropriate folder or box should one be created? We had to be cautious at first and made up too many folders, with labels that were too detailed. We later decided to combine SEYM minutes so that a folder for a year will hold all the various minutes for that year. We have also reduced the number of boxes by discarding duplicate records and combining the contents of some boxes. We can usually only visit the library once a year and so each time we go there we have to re-learn what to do.

The records from MMs and WGs are disappointingly incomplete. Only 7 MMs have deposited enough records to justify one or two separate boxes, 15 others (in one box of 21 folders) are represented by few records (in some cases a single document). Our efforts to contact Clerks and Recording Clerks to seek information on records in their care have mostly been unsuccessful and to date have only resulted in new deposits from Palm Beach, Clearwater and Gainesville – both of the last two MMs are represented on the archive committee.

The committee spent part of one lunch hour discussing the likely future for the SEYM records. Our present arrangement with the University of Florida is that all the documents deposited in the archive remain the property of the YM, MMs and WGs that created them. Because of this UF is unable to provide any service beyond custodial care. If SEYM were to donate the records to UF would this mean that the records would be indexed and accessioned by the archive staff of the Smathers Library when deposited? We have no answer to this question. In November 2012 we approached Friends Historical Collection at Guilford College, North Carolina who provide this sort of archival service for some YMs and MMs. FHC is interested in exploring taking on the SEYM records. However, in return they would require unspecified financial support in the form of a line item in the annual budget of each depositing organization. FHC has the advantage of being a major and substantial collection of Quaker books and records for scholars. However, it is 600 miles or more away from most of us. The State Archive in Gainesville is closer, has the advantage of being a collection of Florida records, and has, so far, cost the YM rather little.

We believe these issues need to be discussed by the SEYM executive committee and eventually by the YM. In the meantime the committee plans to continue the slow work of sorting and consolidating the records deposited to date to provide the basis for an accurate list, or catalogue. We also would ask that those meetings with records that are not in the Smathers archives consider carefully how they are now safeguarding and storing their records. The committee presently has no list of these, or where and how they are stored.

## SEYM ARCHIVES List of boxes in the Smathers Library Archive

### **SEYM Records:**

Record of discipline correspondence 1964-1992  
Reports and Letters 1969-76, Intentional Community 1972-76  
Documents in Advance 1987-9, 1971, 2003, 2006-8, Document of Deposit  
Documents in Advance 1963-91  
ProNica Newsletters 1991-2005, 2009  
Historical, Epistles, Minutes, Clerk Correspondence  
Lectures, Michener 1980-2010, Walton 1976-2012  
Minutes 1951-1986  
Minutes 1972-1994  
Minutes 1990-2009  
Minutes 1962-1987, Representative Board 1962-1989  
Minutes Representative Meeting 1955-2007, ProNica 1986-2008  
Friends Correspondence  
Friends Records – Finances  
Finance 1965-1998  
Papers Correspondence A-N  
SEYM Directories 1951-1978  
SEYM Directories 1979-2012  
SEYM Directories 1970-89 (tractor-feed paper) Michener Guest Book 1973-82  
SEYM Newsletters 1954-2011  
Unsorted -1\*Boxes of unsorted SEYM records transferred from the Administrative Secretary's storage in Melbourne Beach in May 2013  
Unsorted -2\*  
Unsorted -3\*

### **SEYM RECORDS - MMs and WGs :**

Clearwater MM 1958-2012  
Fort Myers MM  
Gainesville MM Newsletters 1969-2004, Directories 1959-97  
Gainesville MM Minutes 1951-2005 (Missing 1990-2000 & 2005-12)  
Jacksonville MM - 1  
Jacksonville MM – 2  
Orlando MM  
Palm Beach MM Minutes, Newsletters, Membership records (missing 2001-10)  
Sarasota MM  
Miscellaneous MMs and WGs (*each line represents a folder*)  
    Augusta History  
    Augusta MM 1991-92  
    Daytona Beach MM 1954-79  
    Deland Lakeland photo album 2009  
    Deland/Orange City 2005-2010  
    Ft. Lauderdale 2000  
    Lake Wales 1982  
    Miami  
    Ocala 1979, 1982  
    Ogeechee Friends Meeting 1983-1991  
    Savannah Friends WG 1979-82  
    Space Coast MM Declaration of Interdependence 1983, Newsletter 1997  
    St Petersburg MM News 2000-06  
    St. Petersburg Newsletters & History (1917-74 by C N Jacob)  
    Tallahassee 1960-63 (Laid down 5.28.63), 2004  
    Tallahassee – Prison Correspondence 1975-76  
    Tampa Newsletters 1979-82  
    Tampa Correspondence 1970-1981  
    Venice-Englewood WG 1982  
    Winter Park Correspondence (origin) 1971-2003  
    Winter Park Newsletters (2) 2004

**Peter Day, outgoing clerk Archives Committee**

**Connie Ray, new clerk Archives Committee**

## SEYM Committee for Ministry on Racism report

Dear Southeastern Yearly Meeting Friends,

Hari Kondabolu is an Indian American comedian based in New York City with many YouTube videos on the Internet. He specializes in commenting on racism in a hilarious way. His messages are very thought provoking and will have you rolling with laughter at the same time. For those of us White folk who just dread talking or even thinking about racism and the possibility of discovering a racist bone in our bodies in the process...well, laugh your way through short clips of Hari Kondabolu on [www \(dot\) youtube \(dot\) com](http://www.youtube.com). You'll feel much better or, at least, not alone.

One memorable YouTube clip focuses on White guilt. Get over it, Kondabolu says. For it is much harder to live as a Person of Color having to deal with assaults of racism 24/7 than for a White person to live with guilt about racism within us or around us and others.

There's a way of letting go of White guilt as you're standing on the edge of the racism abyss not wanting to jump into the unknown for fear it will completely change your relatively comfortable life, completely consume you, as you fear being swallowed up, drowned, disappeared. You fear you may not recognize yourself. Besides confronting the fear of being part of the problem of racism as we work to be part of the solution, taking that step into the racism abyss may reveal we're much more racist than we want to admit.

I'm here to tell you as a White person...When you take that step, you'll find not a bottomless abyss to fear, but you'll find sure-footing on a bridge...a bridge from fear and White guilt to the solid ground of humanity. You will feel the solidarity and communion and joy and love and forgiveness-as-you-make-mistakes in doing racism awareness work as you live your life. You will journey in life with the spirits of Lucretia Mott and John Woolman, Harriet Tubman and Frederick Douglass by your side. You will feel the inspiration of brothers and sisters creating a world of justice and fairness, community and reconciliation. You will recognize in a visceral way: we are ALL God's children. (Break for a joke: You know you've created God in your own image when God hates all the people you hate. Now, back to the report.) Racism awareness work is richly rewarding for me: the sense of the oneness of humanity and the sense that my living on Planet Earth makes life a little saner for People of Color and for White folk, too.

Please, consider attending the SEYM Committee for Ministry on Racism meeting at annual sessions on Thursday, April 17<sup>th</sup>, 2014, at 1:15 pm.

Also, if you are interested in being on this Committee, please, contact clerk of SEYM Nominating Committee, Susan Taylor, or co-clerks, Ellie Caldwell or Wendy Clarissa Geiger. Ellie and I would like to identify Friends in SEYM who would like to keep abreast of racism awareness work among Friends or among others which could be influential to Friends. And, if you'd like to talk about your hopes and fears regarding racism and racism awareness work, Ellie and I are available for that, too.

Carry On With Fortitude and Love,

**Wendy Clarissa Geiger**

**co-clerk with Ellie Caldwell of the SEYM Committee for Ministry on Racism**

## SEYM Faith and Practice Committee Report 2014

The Faith and Practice Committee is continuing on sabbatical until after the SEYM Annual Gathering in 2015. At that time we will start preparing a new chapter to the *Faith and Practice* entitled "Recognizing, Nurturing, and Recording Gifts of the Spirit". In the meantime, your Faith and Practice Committee is going to take a well earned rest.

The *Faith and Practice* is now available for you to purchase book for \$16.00 or the eReader version for the Kindle, Nook, iPad, etc. for \$7.99. We invite you to read it and let us know what you think. We would love to discuss it with you! Phoebe Andersen is available to come to your meeting and present a workshop or lead a discussion of the text. So far, Palm Beach and Gainesville have had Faith and Practice workshops at their meetings. Ask their clerks about the workshop/discussion experience.

The F & P Committee is looking for writers or editors starting in 2015. Most of the work will be done over email and at YM and IBMs. Search your hearts and see if you are called to this ministry.

**Phoebe Andersen, clerk**

## Half-Yearly Meeting Report

Half Yearly Meeting is all about peacefulness, nature, and community. Those words tied for second place on the HYM evaluations. But do you know what came in first place? One word: Friends. It's the people that make it dynamic and special. HYM is a relaxed time for our yearly meeting to connect with each other in an unhurried, deep way.

A few thoughts...

1. We have reserved the Youth Camp at Wekiwa Springs for this year; make plans to attend from November 27-30, 2014.
2. HYMers were clear that they would like to see more Friends involved. Let's work together on that - if anyone has any ideas, I'm happy to hear them! Many folks celebrate Thanksgiving with their families and cannot make it to HYM. You might consider two options: (1) bring your ENTIRE family to HYM or (2) come on Friday or Saturday after your family time.
3. As always, HYM is made great by Friends' involvement and volunteering. There were more side dishes and desserts brought than I've ever seen before. I'm always impressed by the willingness of folks to clean up and pitch in at every opportunity. By my reckoning, about \$750 was donated by folks for everything from food to attendance scholarships to cash donations for SEYM. Shauna Coolican (registrar) and Vicki Carlie (SEYM secretary) were behind-the-scenes workers who made everything special.
4. Final accounting for 2013 shows that we had registration income from 56 people of \$2686.25 and expenses of \$2499.30 (including camp rental, food, and insurance). This means that HYM continues to be financially sustainable SEYM event.
5. Consider how you might be involved next year: be a team leader for a meal, give massages, lead worship, organize canoeing, bring a craft, or something beautiful that you dream up.

Please join us!

Peace, **Dustin Lemke**

## REPORT from QUAKER EARTHCARE WITNESS

Lots of changes are happening in QEW – some might say we are maturing as an organization. The exciting changes include development, our new tri-fold, the web site and our evolving ideas about membership.

One task we are taking more seriously is planning for our future. We have had a Development Committee since January 2013, with formal approval at our fall Steering Committee Meeting. One of your SEYM representatives, Jack Bradin, is clerking that committee. We already see their welcome contribution to QEW's financial health.

Another QEW working group, Sustainability, Faith and Action, is working on the growing Quaker issues of divestment with the corollary issues of re-investment and building a sustainable economy.

One year ago we began resolve the tensions in our community between action oriented folks and the "philosophers". Our corporate discernment has led the Publications Committee to complete our most recent tri-fold. In the words of our new General Secretary, Shelley Tanenbaum, "The publication of our newest tri-fold, *Contemplative Action in the Time of Climate Change*, marks a recognition that our work needs to proceed on both programmatic and spiritual paths and that these are interlinked." (BeFriendingCreation – Jan–Feb– 2014.)

Our new website, [www.quakerearthcare.org](http://www.quakerearthcare.org), is wonderful. Please visit it. We are planning to have a link to our main publication, *Befriending Creation*, on SEYM's website. We are also considering what membership in QEW means. If you look at the "Get Involved" page on the web site, you will see many ways that you can support Q's work. Almost the last one listed is to give financially. We want everyone with a concern for the Earth to be able to be a part of this growing community without letting money preclude joining our work.

We fully recognize the worsening of many climate concerns, but we also seek the Light for our sustenance, guidance and comfort.

**Mary Jo Klingel and Jack Braden - SEYM Representatives to QEW.**



# SPIRITUAL STATE OF THE MEETING REPORTS

## **CLEARWATER MONTHLY MEETING** of the Religious Society of Friends

State of the Meeting Firstmonth, 2014

The Clearwater Friends Meeting is a gradually growing Meeting which continues to meet at the Scottish American Society Hall in Dunedin. We come together weekly in true friendship to worship, share, and be with one another. Wonderful unstructured care and fellowship takes place over refreshments; frequently after Meeting, our sharing continues at local restaurants. Our diverse spectrum of Friends includes several with theological training, others with art, music, psychology, and varied life experiences. Our newest attenders bring fresh and vibrant perspectives as well as new energy to our Meeting.

The highlight of our efforts in 2013 was the Friends General Conference Quaker Quest program. For each of six sessions, we generally had about a dozen from our Meeting and 1 to 3 guests. While our efforts did not immediately increase attendance, many found the effort built us into a closer community.

Other activities during 2013 included a two-day Alternatives to Violence workshop led by the Darrell and Susan Hefte of St. Petersburg Meeting, a Spring Retreat at our favorite shelter in beautiful lakeside Anderson Park, and a presentation on Immigration highlighting the difficulties facing those who were raised in the United States but are not legal US citizens. We serve as Primary Members of The Shepherd Center of Tarpon Springs and participate in food service to the homeless, and are members of Religious Community Services for Pinellas County.

During most months, Friends came together for Saturday Fellowship Gatherings at various homes with topics chosen by the hosts. Friends without suitable space presented in homes of others and in community rooms. The widely varied topics included FCNL priorities, being a gracious receiver, and worship sharing based on Quotes and Queries.

We are very happy to have had the opportunity to listen to and support our Quaker Youth. We specially appreciate Emily Wilson from St. Petersburg Meeting who presented updates on the efforts of our Quaker Youth regarding the plight of the Immokalee Workers and the "Fair Food Campaign—Penny a Pound for Tomatoes". While we have no youth in our own meeting, we enjoyed the opportunity to support youth from other meetings in their travels to FGC in Denver, Colorado

We've found that our weekly "Qnews" newsletter helps us stay connected. An emailed page or two consists of calendar items, those to "Hold in the Light", and news of Friends, plus a "Qued-in" section for Friends' submittals of favorite quotes, thoughts, links to Quaker topics of interest, and other news.

An ongoing challenge we've experienced is helping people understand when it is appropriate to speak in the Meeting, during After Thoughts, and in Meeting for Business. Perhaps because of the closeness of the Meeting, times of worship occasionally devolve into commentaries and conversation rather than remaining worshipful. A Minute was approved that affirmed our commitment to conduct all aspects of meetings in a spirit of worship. .

This year, we lost Elaine Bardsley's husband Jim. While not a Quaker, his Celebration of Life was led by Peter Day much in the manner of Friends.

In May, long time Member and Birthright Friend Anne Strathie followed through with the difficult decision to move to Virginia to be closer to caring family. The Meeting hosted a surprise Going Away Party for her following her final flute performance with the Clearwater Community Band. We miss her presence and wit, but are pleased the move has worked well, as she is now in Virginia and attending Midlothian Friends Meeting.

Submitted by Michael Flanery, Clerk, and Debra McMaster

# FORT LAUDERDALE FRIENDS MEETING

State of the Meeting Report  
January 2014

It has been a good year for Fort Lauderdale Friends Meeting.

Because of our small size, we know one another well and are supportive and caring as a community.

During Meetings for Worship, ample time is customarily allowed to listen to the Spirit and to reflect on spoken messages before another message is offered. We are considering a session to discuss our experiences during Meetings for Worship, and to explore ways to foster our individual and collective spiritual growth.

Meetings for Worship with a Concern for Business are typically productive. We try to remember that attending to business is another form of worship. We are gradually following more formal procedures as participation increases.

We attempt to be present in the wider community. In October, we served a meal at the Broward Partnership for the Homeless. We are planning to serve another meal soon.

Our relationship with the pastor and congregation of Second Presbyterian Church, where we rent a meeting room, has been cordial, and we support each other's efforts.

We organize an annual Tri County Quaker picnic, attended by folks from Palm Beach, Ft. Lauderdale, and Miami meetings. We have also drawn inspiration from involvement with Quaker Earthcare Witness.

We held an education session to explore Quaker mysticism within the context of Christian, Islamic, and Jewish mystic traditions. A second session focused on earth care. A third session focused on principles of nonviolent conflict resolution.

We realize that a gathered meeting is a gift, not an expectation. However, when it is time for the Meeting to rise, we are sometimes surprised that an hour has passed.

We recently said farewell to an attender who moved away. We are thankful her sojourn with us, and thankful for newcomers. We are mindful that those less experienced among us appreciate clarifications of Quaker process, Quaker faith, and Quaker practice.

We are nourished by the opportunity to know each other personally; and to extend that opportunity to those who join our group. We are thankful for opportunities in the past year to deepen our spirituality and contribute to our community.

## GOLDEN ISLES WORSHIP GROUP

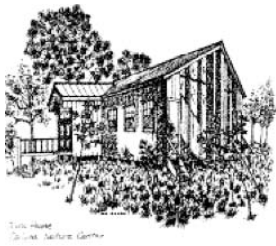
Spiritual State of the Meeting -2013

Golden Isles Worship Group is a seasonal meeting that gathers and functions from January through April. At present, there are no Friends who live in the area year round so the group is dormant during the remainder of the year.

As a result, the primary focus of the group is to provide spiritual fellowship to Friends who sojourn in the Golden Isles during the winter months. This fellowship is enhanced by once a month potluck meals, which allow us to develop a deeper relationship among our members. And we have informal business meetings when business needs to be transacted; this is done as a committee of the whole.

We feel sad that our numbers have diminished over the years and are now at very low ebb. With the relocation of Maud Tucker to the State of Utah and her subsequent death last year, we have no members who are year round residents of Brunswick and the Golden Isles of Georgia. All of us are sojourners from other meetings.

As an attempt to reach any Quakers visiting the area, we are listed on the FGC sponsored computer web site "Quaker finder" as a seasonal worship group and we are included in the local newspaper's weekly listing of religious services,



# FORT MYERS MONTHLY MEETING

of the Religious Society of Friends  
2013 Spiritual State of the Meeting Report

Members and attenders from Fort Myers Monthly Meeting gathered together in worship sharing to discern the spiritual state of our Meeting during the past year. F/friends spoke from the silence to address the following queries:

## *How is God's presence being experienced in our Meeting?*

Meeting in Iona House in the Calusa Nature Center, surrounded and engulfed in God's creation, we have a resplendent place to worship. Sitting in a circle gives us the sense that there is a center among us, both physical and metaphysical. Coming together and sharing sensitive, intimate parts of our lives gives us much love for each other. There is often a palpable sense of the presence of God as we worship together, leading us to want to come back again and again. Others are moved deeply, sometimes to tears, as they feel God's presence in our midst. The fellowship and support within the Meeting is also perceived as the presence of God.

## *Where do you find hope in the Meeting and in our spiritual life?*

Some of us have observed the evolution of the Meeting from a small, inexperienced group, to a group better informed in Quaker ways, to a third transformation where new energy and new ideas have come to Meeting. We have a group of elders whom, broadly speaking, we can trust to lead us. And we have new attenders joining us and giving us more diversity in experience, age, gender, and politics. They bring us new hope, new energy, new thoughts, new messages. When we worship together in the silence we are bound to experience God's love and care, helping all of us along our spiritual paths.

## *How does the spirit of worship extend into our committees' work and into the meeting for worship with attention to business?*

Interestingly, Friends responded to this query by focusing on our Peace and Social Concerns Committee, which has had new life and vitality breathed into it. The committee has grown in understanding of Quaker process and practice. Committee members are seeking to listen deeply to each other. They expressed a desire to have their work spiritually rooted and grounded in worship. Instead of focusing on "my concerns and passions," they now are asking, "What are we being called to do as a spiritual community?"

## *How does love manifest itself in our Meeting?*

We experience love in our Meeting both from individuals and the collective whole. We feel it in a general sense of love and appreciation, as well as through specific, concrete acts of care and concern. When someone has been away, we are always pleased to have them with us again. The meeting feels like an extended family to many. We try to make all visitors feel welcomed. We want to be recognized as a gentle, loving, helpful community. Medical and other types of personal crises among our family often resulted in both individual and corporate actions of care and love.

## *What has already nourished you in our Meeting?*

The following are personal responses to which others nodded silent agreement:

- ♦ I have always had great trouble finding my center in both personal meditation and in corporate worship; being in the gathered Meeting for Worship at Fort Myers helps to carry me into the flow.
- ♦ Being part of this meeting and knowing each of you has helped to make me more welcoming of my future and to come to know God.
- ♦ The arrival of new members and attenders gives me energy. At the same time, seeing how elders encourage and guide us as learners nourishes me also.
- ♦ Love, laughter and soup.

## *What do you need to say about our Meeting?*

Small, informal gatherings within our community, such as for hiking, nature walks, kayaking, lunches, have helped us to increase our sense of spiritual fellowship. We recognize that we worship through everything, including laughter.

We wished that we had a permanent sign on the perimeter of the nature center; we need not hide our light.

All in all this year has been dynamic!

# GAINESVILLE FRIENDS MEETING

## Spiritual State of the Meeting 2014

Gainesville Friends met 12/1/13 in Worship Sharing to consider and reflect on the queries sent by SEYM. For a few years we have come together in this manner and it is a time of strengthening the bonds we feel and allowing an honest look at ourselves.

### How do we support each other as members of this beloved community?

There is a subtle, but gradually increasing willingness among our members to accept and recognize that some members may enrich our faith community even though they do not regularly attend meeting. They are able to use their gifts to benefit the meeting and positively represent Quakers to previously unreached audiences. The result seems to be an expanding and increasing sense of community that benefits all of us.

### How well do our meetings for worship with a concern for business lead to a corporate search for and revelation of God's truth?

### How does the spirit of worship extend into our committee work and into meeting for worship with a concern for business?

There has been a gradual but welcome change in the Spirit of doing business partly because of a request that individual committees focus on bringing decisions/reports to monthly business only after careful discernment of the committee. The resulting ease and confidence in business meeting makes for less repetitive inquiring and enables reaching unity sooner. The length of business meeting seems shorter. We recognize that this is asking committees to be more diligent, which is especially challenging due to the lack of clerks for some committees.

### How does the spirit of worship extend into our committee work and into meeting for worship with a concern for business?

### Especially in this time of economic uncertainty, are we taking stock of the meeting's financial health and planning for ways to help those in need?

A series of forums run by the Finance Committee on "Counting our Beans" asked members to show where they wanted to put our resources (beans). This was not only a practical financial exercise, but also a spiritual activity. The extended process gave Friends the chance to give valued input about overall spending in our Meeting.

### What was our Meeting's witness in the wider community in the last year?

Our presence and outreach in the community have been in several areas:

- 1) Sponsored a table at the local Pride Festival/Parade educating the community about Quakers and our local Meeting.
- 2) Joined other churches in interfaith outreach to local colleges.
- 3) In conjunction with the local Mennonite Church, sponsored a live theater group for a public showing of "I Want to Buy an Enemy" at the Hippodrome Theater in Gainesville.
- 4) The Meeting supported, led by Friend Sandy Lyon, taking some SEYM youth to Friends General Conference to present the work they had done with the Immokalee Tomato Workers Project.
- 5) Hosted a public forum, to standing room only, called "Spring to Action" on the dire situation regarding our Florida Springs and the effect on our health and happiness. Actions for solutions were discussed.
- 6) An ad-hoc committee has been formed to look at exploring the feasibility of creating a "Quaker House" in our community. Including how our Meetinghouse and/or Quaker property could be used for community outreach and service.
- 7) Held Friday night street corner "Quakers for Gun Control" vigils during the time legislature was considering gun control issues.
- 8) The Clerk of Peace and Social Concern, Tim Ray, represents Gainesville Friends in the local "Action Network" which advocates for the poor and disadvantaged and is creating Legislation sponsored by P.I.C.O. (a faith-based community organizing and advocacy organization).
- 9) Another way we support our wider community is by regularly contributing food and money to Gainesville Community Ministries.
- 10) The Meeting supports Solidarity Sojourns, which takes youth and adults to Nicaragua to build houses in two different locations in Nicaragua. Support for Solidarity Sojourn's mission has taken the form of Meeting donations, providing the Meetinghouse as a venue for fundraising events such as concerts and auctions, as well as informational forums. Individual members have made donations and serve as volunteers and advisors for fundraising and programming.

### How do we support each other as members of this beloved community? What would we like Meeting to be to meet our needs and needs of those who would attend meeting?

The Pastoral Care Committee is active in a quiet intuitive way, reaching out to Friends and giving support in times of need; showing us how we embrace others' concerns. The request to "Hold in the Light" seems to summon the tender movement of the Spirit in our midst.

## *Gainesville Meeting State of the Meeting continued...*

### What makes it difficult to attend meeting?

We are challenged by how to best greet new persons who come to us seeking answers, worship and fellowship. As they arrive our designated greeters have pamphlets near the door and the guest book to start the conversations. We need more success engaging new attenders before they leave between worship and our social hour.

We seem more successful with Friends coming to Meeting who have some experience of Friends or who know more what to expect. In this discussion a person witnessed that during the process of going from attender to member, Gainesville Meeting had been helpful as she faced a difficult health crisis. She felt included and a part of a growing spiritual community, and she is living for the moment each day with this support. Another witnessed feeling incredible hope and excitement as she learns spiritually what works and does not work for her. She is encouraged to step out in Faith.

### Meeting Activities and News:

New Year's Eve afternoon we held a Meeting for Worship for Remembrance around a small campfire in our outdoor worship area. This worship sharing provided an opportunity to remember, reflect and share memories of people, pets, relationships and experiences that have impacted and shaped us. It is a very worshipful way to share messages that fit neither in a regular Meeting for Worship nor in a Memorial Service, but are still deeply spiritual. A simple soup supper rounded out the afternoon and provided a simple close to another year with Friends and friends. Several of those who had attended the last two years felt that this is part of why our meeting has such spiritual richness.

We welcomed new member David Crawford, who transferred from Radnor Monthly Meeting, Pennsylvania. We also welcomed new members Bonnie Zimmer and Ted Jones, who transferred from Barnegat Monthly Meeting, New Jersey. We are saddened by attender Bart Hulett's death and Javier Soler & Sophia Durand's move to Athens, Georgia.

## QUAKER MEETING OF MELBOURNE

Spiritual State of the Meeting Report

Members/attenders of Quaker Meeting of Melbourne met on February 9th as a committee-of-the-whole following Meeting for Worship to consider the spiritualstate of our meeting.

The commitment to support one another seems to have grown in strength this year. Our Meetings for Enrichment (potluck dinners and discussions) have created a greater sense of community. This feeling of community has been nurtured as Friends get together more out of Meeting.

We have enjoyed welcoming newcomers and are happy to see them becoming regular attenders.

This year there is an energy level that is greater than in the past few years.

Last year we decided to have a permanent location for Meeting for Worship. This permanent location enables all members and attenders of the Meeting to contribute more equally and not to be dependent on one or two for hosting Meeting.

We have Moments of Worship Sharing following Meeting where Friends and attenders can speak about a message that was not given during the meeting.

In the sharing of personal problems with other Friends following Meeting for Worship, we hope that Light may be shed and a way may be found to give possible solution(s) to the problem(s).

Although we listen, we also need to provide greater opportunity for growth for ourselves and for our Meeting. We need to increase our use of clearness committees. To grow we need to have greater outreach.

## MIAMI FRIENDS STATE OF THE MEETING 2014

Our Meetings for Worship continue to be the center of our Meeting activity. We have a rich and often comforting shared silence. Messages are widely varied and are given by both seekers and seasoned Friends. After shaking hands we have a period for introductions and further sharing. Once a week from September 10 to December 10, we held a weekday Meeting for Worship at East Ridge Retirement Village where three of our members reside.

Our ongoing Meetings for Learning have loyal followings and have contributed to the spiritual leadings and increased attendance in our Meetings for Worship. Meetings for Learning have included regularly scheduled Bible study and worship sharing on the monthly queries. Other Meetings for Learning have been led by members and attenders on topics such as "Big Bang Theory" (reflecting on the relations between science and faith and how they can inform one another). Visiting speakers at our Meetings for Learning included Cormac Levenson on "Pastoral Care", members of our local AFSC office on their work, Nadine Hoover on Friends Peace Teams in Indonesia, Ania Mora Concepcion on AVP in Cuba, and Mary Jo Klingel about the SEYM climate change minute.

Miami Friends Meeting co-hosted, with Florida International University, the AVP-USA National Gathering Conference, held over the Memorial Day Weekend in May. Miami Friends Meeting also hosted a Pre-Conference AVP Advanced Discernment Workshop and a Post-Conference Advanced AVP Community Based Trauma Resiliency Workshop. Travelers from as far away as Africa and South America attended.

The youth of Miami Friends Meeting have worked with other youth of Southeastern Yearly Meeting to improve the plight of farm workers, advocating for higher pay and better conditions for Immokalee tomato pickers. At the FGC conference in Colorado, these youth successfully led a demonstration at a local Wendy's.

Meeting outreach has also focused on ProNica. Two of our Friends serve on the board and travelled to Nicaragua this fall for meetings and work with affiliated projects. Our holiday "White Elephant Silent Auction" raised over \$1000 for ProNica.

An important part of our outreach lies in our ability to provide space for like-minded organizations to carry out their work. The Meeting House is used on a year round basis by six community self-help groups, including the 6 day a week AA group, 'Home Again', which has served the area for over 40 years with noon time meetings. From September through May the music of the Recorder Society graces the Meeting House on one Saturday afternoon each month, in addition to one or two all-day workshops. The Non-Violence Project, housed upstairs in Bartram House, uses the larger space of the Meeting House as a training site for their staff who work in schools across the county, and the Bilingual Preschool hold their annual graduation ceremony in our Meeting room at the end of May. Last May, the entire building had very full use for 3 and a half days, displacing some of the usual small gatherings, as many Meeting members and guests from across the country and from abroad shared in a stimulating AVP workshop.

Joyful news includes the birth of Tao Ngyen-Ly, born to Youme and Hai Ngyen-Ly and the marriage of Warren Hoskins and Andrea Walsh under the care of the meeting. Our beloved long-time attender Josh Paolino became a Member this year. The membership of Nancy Webster was transferred to Ft. Meyers Monthly Meeting, and the membership of Joan Sampieri was transferred to Ann Arbor Meeting.

Ten regular members/attenders including several children and their families moved away. At the same time we have been pleased to welcome many new attenders and visitors to the Meeting.

Even though their numbers have fluctuated, our First Day School program has been active with several faithful volunteers serving as leaders and mentors.

The new hearing-assistance system we installed in the Meeting room has been helpful to those who have had difficulty with hearing speakers.

We celebrate our new web site! We depend on it, and we also continue to rely on other means of communication. Please visit [miamifriends.org](http://miamifriends.org) for more information about our Meeting.

## ORANGE CITY WORSHIP GROUP

Orange City Worship Group continues to meet although for the most part there are only three attending. We occasionally have visitors. As one of our members is a resident in a nursing home, we meet there, so that at almost 93, he can still be a part of his life long religion.

# ORLANDO MONTHLY MEETING *Spiritual State of the Meeting 2013*

As members and attenders of Orlando Monthly Meeting, we are glad to share with Southeastern Yearly Meeting the many ways we support each other as companions in our beloved community of Friends and fellow worshippers. We believe there is a warm, lively and open spirit illuminating us.

We support each other by faithful attendance for meeting for worship both on First Day and on Fifth Day. We share fellowship that often bubbles over the scheduled thirty minutes. We rejoice when f/Friends, who have been gone for a while, return and we pay particular attention to the truths and observations they bring back to us. We listen to one another in our group learning experience of “Conversation to Explore,” which any one of us may facilitate on a topic of interest to newcomers as well as long time Friends. A small group of members has grown spiritually with each other during twice monthly Friendly Bible study. Another small group has a tradition of meeting every second Saturday for meeting for worship with a concern for healing. From time to time, we share meals and festivities together from our occasional First Day “Lunch Bunch” sessions to holiday celebrations in each other’s homes to intergenerational potlucks with a special focus such as Quaker storytelling.

It has been exciting to see the extent to which recently we have been increasingly supportive of one another and the work of the spirit in our meeting through our work on the necessary committees for Orlando Monthly Meeting. There has been a sincere effort this year to relieve a few long time members of an undue burden of responsibility for care of the meeting by more of us being involved with our small, but active committees. Fellowship and Hospitality Committee has sought ways to deepen our Friendly welcome to newcomers and seekers. Peace and Social Concerns Committee is active in our community and successfully organized our hosting of Abolition 2020 and the remembrance of Hiroshima. Care and Community Committee has been present for several Friends and meeting visitors at times of need. Our Communications Committee has almost revolutionized our phone and electronic communication. With enthusiasm and thanks, Meeting as a Whole has supported our Property Committee in renovations and changes needed to make our Meeting House more accessible and welcoming to all. The Meeting’s Trustees have successfully engaged new management for Cisney House and have upgraded the electrical service in the apartments for the safety of our tenants. Worship and Ministry Committee has sought to underpin all these efforts by development of guidelines for various aspects of the meeting such as our “Conversation to Explore.” Worship and Ministry Committee has also encouraged intergenerational community, responded to requests from individual members and attenders for support and clearness, acted as an ad hoc nominating committee when needed, and constantly kept in the forefront a concern for the spiritual life of the meeting.

Perhaps, the two most encouraging aspects of our play and work together in meeting committees are the number of newer and younger individuals participating and the degree to which we are learning to get things done with tenderness for one another and for truth. This tenderness has been evident in our meetings for worship with a concern for business as well as in committee meetings. It has enabled us to go forward in a spirit of readiness and unity with some matters that have seasoned for quite a long time such as making grants to community and Quaker organizations as well as addressing necessary changes to our corporate structure. Our community outreach has included a jazz concert, our third annual hosting of Abolition 2020 and the remembrance of Hiroshima, regular service for the men’s meals at Fresh Start, our first annual “rain or shine” Quaker yard sale, and development of our refreshed grant guidelines, grant committee and grant commitments. Long time members and attenders at Orlando Monthly Meeting have also paid heed to the wisdom of newcomers and all who bring a fresh spirit, listening and responding to the need for new types and styles of communication that may bring unity among friends of different generations, dispositions and heritages.

Throughout the year, several members have expressed concern for families with young children who attend Orlando Monthly Meeting and for our First Day School. We have been blessed with two skilled caregivers for our children this year, one of whom continues, and both of whom were able to teach and guide the children in a spirit in harmony with Quaker values. We have also seen more adult members and attenders willing to bravely step foot in Webster Cottage and share their experience and interests with the children, demonstrating the support and care of the meeting for our youngest attenders and their families. We recognize that there is still much room for growth for all concerned with our First Day School.

While we are still growing in unity and an ever clearer sense of God’s purpose for Orlando Monthly Meeting, this year many of us have found peace and a new depth of spirit in silent worship, in a message that spoke to us, in humbling ourselves as we listened to a different perspective and in caring for each other. We enjoy homemade quiche, egg salad sandwiches and vegan and non-vegan baked goods, but we nurture each other and we are nurtured with far more than cookies and coffee as we seek to live our life together as Quakers.

# PALM BEACH MONTHLY MEETING

## SPIRITUAL STATE OF THE MEETING 2013

Friends met for two sessions in Eleventh Month to discern the Spiritual State of Palm Beach Monthly Meeting. Six queries were considered.

### *How does love manifest itself in our Meeting?*

We make new people feel at home and pay attention to them. It's not easy to go into a new group, especially when you are old. We rally when one of us needs help. We help with individual needs. We also manifest love within our singing group and the Wednesday group. Our Meeting is a place where we can share our joys and concerns with one another.

We are tender with one another, gentle, even when someone may be speaking "out of turn" during Meeting for Worship. We feel that our Meeting community is a family. We need more people. We need to follow up when members or regular attenders are missing and when new people visit, in much the same way as a dear member did for the Meeting before she passed away this past year. We manifest love for one another through our commitment to the Meeting, by being involved in the life of the Meeting and by listening patiently to one another.

### *What nourishes you in our Meeting?*

Friends are nourished by being part of a community of people who are striving to live the Quaker testimonies daily. Our spirits are nourished during Meeting for Worship. We are nourished through our inter-personal connections. It is nourishing to have a whole community to "have one's back."

Occasions like this one nourish the spirit—the opportunity to come together to discern the spiritual state of our community of faith. The silence is nourishing, but we are also nourished by vocal ministry. Hearing others speak can affirm our experiences. One Friend shared, "I have practiced silence every day for more than 19 years but found worshipping together much more profound and meaningful. It strengthens my week."

### *What else do you need for nourishment?*

Friends feel the need for more study of scripture and "great ideas," more exposure to weighty Friends, such as Lloyd Lee Wilson. Friends expressed appreciation when Meetings for Learning are scheduled to increase the depth of our spirit . . . when they are worship oriented, Quaker oriented. It would help to have the opportunity to get closer with one another. We could have more activities outside of First Day.

We need to talk about the essence of ourselves, "We don't talk about the essence of ourselves despite lots of communication." One Friend spoke and quoted a line from the Puccini's Tosca, 'You would forgive me if you knew how much I suffer.' It would be helpful to understand that about each other. We need more opportunities to know that about each other."

### *Do we leave Meetings for Worship filled with a sense of love and peace and courage to meet the challenge of Spirit-filled living?*

Friends cherish the centeredness they find during worship. They value the opportunity to have this space to "plug into power of the Divine." Friends expressed feelings of calm, serenity, contentment, joy and satisfaction.

The courage "to meet the challenge of Spirit-filled living," is more elusive. One Friend said, "I always feel lighter, but the courage thing is a lifelong problem."

It is a challenge to live as part of a community, to maintain a sense of worship in decision making, living with day to day frustrations. Sometimes our heads are filled with too many unimportant issues and we may not be able to get beyond this condition or we come to the Spirit very late in our hour together. Losing our centeredness after the hour of Worship is an ongoing challenge. We often live our lives the rest of the week outside the divine. There has to be a daily connection, too

### *How does the spirit of worship extend into our committee work and into Meeting for Worship with a Concern for Business?*

It is really encouraging to see the progress in our Meeting. We have had wonderful retreats. We have taken to heart the advice to trust our committees to do committee work, rather than using the business meeting as a "committee of the whole" as had sometimes been the case in the past. The experience inside committees has moved from one of confrontation and hostility to one that is spirit led. We have learned that calling for silence works wonders. Our members are committed to Quaker Process, but we still have work to do in improving our practice of listening to one another.



## *Palm Beach Meeting* *State of the Meeting, continued...*

Sometimes the silence that starts and ends a meeting seems to be perfunctory, a sort of empty exercise. We strive to listen in worship. We need to work on carrying this same listening into our committees and business meetings. It is important to welcome new ideas, even if we don't use or follow up on every idea. We could do a better job of listening to one another and discerning Holy Spirit in committee work.

We have fewer people to call on, so each of us may have a lot of responsibility in doing the work of the Meeting. We are growing older. Our energy and interests are changing; small numbers and aging are among our biggest challenges. With fewer Friends participating in decision making, there is a strong temptation to do committee work over lunch. It is difficult to discern the divine when committees meet during potluck. It is important to recognize when newer members have gifts and are ready to serve on a committee.

### *What was our Meeting's witness in the wider community this year?*

Friends are involved in community activities like Food for the Poor, Wellington Cares, City Commission meetings, environmental activism and peace vigils. We have made the Meetinghouse available for community groups such as AIM, Yoga, Earth First Film Festival, Progressive Round Table, Poets of Palm Beaches, local community gardens etc.

Friends would like the Meeting to be more involved in the wider community. We are not as involved as we used to be in some movements, like the Truth Project, but our Meeting is very "gray" and, perhaps, lacks the energy and stamina to do so. We continue to look for discernment with Peace and Social Concerns.

## SAVANNAH MONTHLY MEETING

### *State of the Meeting Letter, January 2014*

Savannah Friends continue to meet on the third floor of Trinity United Methodist Church, Telfair Square, and we enjoy our relationship with the church and its members. We currently have nine members and seven regular attenders who all enrich our meeting in meaningful ways. We often have visits from Friends who are traveling, tourists, and local college students.

We find hope in the Meeting and in our spiritual life through fellowship with one another. We have enjoyed deepening relationships with Meeting members and attenders, meeting new visitors, and helping to support one another in life's challenges and joys. Our meeting is a source of community not just in meeting, but in the other ways we get together such as in our monthly book club, where we share food and ideas. Our going to lunch together after meeting also contributes to a sense of community. Because of our Meeting's location in Savannah's historic district, we have been enriched by the many out of town visitors we have received. In the last year we have seen dear Friends move away and yet our meeting has grown.

We are building community in our Meeting through our bimonthly meeting newsletter and our monthly religious education program. Everyone is invited to contribute news items, book reviews, announcements, recipes, and other items to the newsletter that reflect the diversity within the meeting. The first First Day of each month we have a religious education experience that is facilitated by a member or attender on a subject of their choice. Recent topics have included: selections from the journal of George Fox, Quaker history, the meaning of the Tibetan flag, a current Quaker legal case, and the situation of conflict among Indiana Friends.

Our witness in the wider community this year included a fundraiser and a Christmas breakfast for the homeless. Members of the Meeting, led by Jeff Sanders and Tracey Dolan, organized a fundraiser for the Nurturing Minds/Sega Girls School for girls in Tanzania last April. In addition a few of us jointly sponsor one of those students. We have also continued our tradition of helping with the annual Christmas breakfast at Trinity UMC for the homeless. Members have expressed how gratifying it is to be able to help others in this way on Christmas morning.

We have supported each other as members of this beloved community in many ways. We have organized help when there is a need from a member or attender. We also support one another through prayer requests and the ongoing work of our Worship and Ministry Committee.

Peace,

Sarah Werner  
Clerk of the Meeting  
With input from members and attenders

# TALLAHASSEE MONTHLY MEETING

## 2013 Spiritual State of the Meeting

A theme of our worshipping life this year has been appreciation for the openness of the Meeting in addressing challenging issues, both individual and collective. One attender spoke of attendance at meeting for worship as a reminder that the cocoons in which many of us live are artificial, and that Meeting for Worship becomes “a challenge to become grounded in reality.” There have been moving instances of our young people feeling accepted and heard in ways that their lives do not offer them in other places. We continue to enjoy rich vocal ministry by a wide range of those among us, including some of the young people still with us.

Our thoughts are often of those in need. We feel how people everywhere are challenged by a bleak economy and deserve care. There is fear of violence, and there has been violence close to us. At distance, we worry and sorrow for innocents caught up in war, fleeing war, seeking refuge. We labor to be at peace within ourselves and in the faces we show the world. We say the names of people in need of healing, those departing or returning, and celebrating joys. Together, we are at peace; we feel safe and purposeful together. The world is harsh and there is suffering, but we feel also the goodness in people and strive to return it with love.

The challenge of meeting for business is always good spiritual exercise, but we have been more conscious of that aspect of it this year. We appreciate open supportiveness of the Meeting as a body in addressing difficult issues. Several Friends have remarked that we have worked through disagreement with a sense of the importance of community that is stronger than our discord. Several initially skeptical of Quaker process report having come to glory in seeing it work.

It has also been a year of supporting and experiencing support in fresh ways. The request of two beloved long-time members for clearness and oversight of their marriage (which will take place in 2014 under the direct care of a meeting in Maine, where their same-sex marriage can be recorded legally), has given us the innovative experience of working with another meeting in shared oversight.

We have had a number of rich second hours: worship sharing in response to James Naylor’s sonnets, the opening of biblical language through Neil Douglas-Klotz’s translations of the Aramaic words of Jesus, the insights of an attender’s spiritual journey as a Jew, and worship-sharing related variously to insights into vocal ministry, the nature of clearness committees, and with the language in some of our developing queries for membership.

Committee membership is important in such a small meeting, perhaps as important for learning to be in loving community as for work done. This year the Worship, Ministry and Oversight Committee has created a pamphlet on membership for distribution within this meeting and as a tract. It has also worked deeply on queries for membership to supplement those of *Faith and Practice* and address the notable width of experience characteristic of those who seek membership in this Meeting.

Last year, the Meeting House and Gardens Committee asked the Meeting to envision the future use and appearance of the meeting house and grounds; this year, as last, that committee has continued to work change in both according to the visions that grew out of that exercise, including the rescue of a virtually abandoned outbuilding as an education building-to-be. The quarterly workdays are also bonding times, well supported by members and attenders.

Worship, Ministry and Oversight committee members expressed deepening satisfaction with the meeting’s new practice of nominating an attender to serve on the committee each year. Those attenders spoke of experiencing how much time and deep consideration goes into things like wording the revised queries for membership to make the language meaningful for everyone, and of how long-time members work to make Meeting inclusive and to cultivate the experience of others.

We are grateful for the adults who engage with the young children, middle schoolers and teens whom we are fortunate to have in our small meeting, and take joy that our young adults who grew up in meeting return to visit.

Peace and Social Concerns continues to support individuals by helping them discern their own leadings as well as wider Meeting concerns. We are continuing our rotating schedule of serving weekend meals to homeless folks with the Emergency Care and Help Organization Outreach Ministries (ECHO), and, with interest in sustainable small-scale gardening, we have cultivated a garden on the meetinghouse grounds and shared its fruits. The Meeting has been supportive of SEYM youth participation in the Fair Food Campaign of the Coalition of Immokolee Farm Workers; one of our teens has become very committed to the project.

Several of our young adult members are involved in work based in social justice outside Tallahassee. For example, one young adult member is teaching in an impoverished area, another has been working in Cuba for several years, and a third has just graduated with a degree in immigration law.

Several members continue a prison ministry that visits monthly at the Federal Correctional Institution in Marianna, Florida. The visitors attend a 45 minute Meeting for Worship, then have a period of worship sharing. This small group of prisoners say they are drawn to being with people willing to be authentic. One bemused prisoner remarked after a meeting for worship, “I don’t know why I like it here. Nobody said anything.”

# TAMPA MONTHLY MEETING Spiritual State Of The Meeting Report 2013

Our Spiritual State of the Meeting report arose from a discernment in which we gathered to consider how Spirit has moved among us this past year, both as a Meeting and as individuals. This report faithfully records our current understanding of our continuing journey as a community of seekers.

**The following queries were considered in our discernment:**

- **Has there been a deepening and strengthening of the sense of the Divine Presence in our midst during the past year? Do we feel a sense of our individual spirits fusing into an undivided group as we worship? Do our meetings for worship with a concern for business lead to a corporate search for and revelation of God's truth? Do we leave our Meeting filled with a sense of love and peace and courage to meet the challenge of Spirit filled living?**
- **Do we find our vocal ministry Spirit led?**
- **How do we support each other as members of this beloved community?**
- **Are all of our members and regular attenders engaged in the work of the Meeting according to their gifts and capabilities?**
- **What was our Meeting's witness in the wider community in the last year?**
- **Where do you find hope in the Meeting and in our Spiritual life?**

The overarching gift emerging from our discernment was that of hope. Friends expressed their great hope in looking forward to building a new worship space. This will give the children a better space for First Day school as well as a larger, welcoming space more conducive to Quaker worship. Participation in this process has been good for everyone.

There is hope in Meeting based on the fact that we can call on each other in times of need – the undeniable knowing that there will be someone there to give support and help whatever the circumstances. This is a testimony to being more deeply connected than we realize – having established a deep spiritual bond that keeps us tied to each another. Even if life circumstances keep people from attending, they still feel connected through our concern for them and by Meeting enabling them to have time and space to deal with what they need to; this often brings them back when circumstances allow.

There is an appreciation of this being there for one another as an organic process – seeing the need and stepping in rather than being directed to by a committee. This loving and caring approach is historically how Friends would minister to one another, whether this be through prayer or through helping in practical ways. Bound together through our corporate worship and listening to Spirit, acts of love ensue.

Hope in young Friends was also voiced with appreciation of our Meeting's nurture of the SEYM youth attending the FGC Gathering and their faithful work with the Coalition of Immokalee Workers Fair Food Campaign.

Friends expressed that the first set of queries were goals – where we want to be spiritually – and that we are working toward them. They are a foundation for our life together and all we can do is our best to strive toward unity in our worship and practice. In our Meetings for Worship with a Concern for Business there is a clear listening for the sense of the Meeting, being open to being Spirit-led rather than focusing on personal agendas. The act of worship brings an experience of love and peace that is needed to meet the challenges of everyday life. There is a satisfaction gained by touching base with those who share our beliefs which gives strength to get through the week. It is very necessary to have this witness of Friends to be able to face the daily messages in society that are contrary to Friends' testimonies. A return to weekly Worship Sharing has served as a mid-week focus that helps keep consistency during the rest of the week.

As to vocal ministry, we strive to listen for the Spirit in all that is said or unsaid, staying open to love where messages come from. This trust allows us to go deeper and many feel satisfied with the level of worship.

Meeting members and attenders are doing the best they can amidst their individual life-circumstances, being careful not to lay too much upon each other. Meeting has been very careful to allow individuals space and time without pressure to "produce" beyond their capabilities.

For a small Meeting, we are well-connected to Yearly Meeting through various members' involvement in YM events and ministries. Through individual Meeting members' involvement, we have connections to wider Quaker organizations such as FGC, FCNL, Right Sharing of World Resources, and Friends Peace Teams. There is a broader network that extends Quaker beliefs to the wider community which in turn reaps the immense reception of gifts from those with whom we network. There has been more consistent attendance by some who had not been attending. There is hope that the many visitors will result in some more permanent members and attenders. The new building will attract more people as well.

## *Tampa Meeting* *State of the Meeting continued...*

For the most part, our energies this year have been spent on care for each other rather than on big projects. That being said, we were able to:

- Continue the book drive and program to provide books and activities for children in underprivileged situations. We collected over 150 books for 15 students. The drive has expanded to include more than members of Meeting donating to the project.
- Adopt two families for Christmas
- Support our Yearly Meeting by supporting individual members who serve SEYM in many capacities including financially supporting the sending of first-time attenders to Yearly Meeting.
- Support members who are representatives to or involved in organizations in the wider Quaker world on regional, national, and global levels.
- Write a letter to a local judge supporting a change in the court system regarding the system of charging youthful offenders.
- Support members of our Meeting who, in November, joined FCNL's efforts to lobby government officials regarding peace issues and defense spending.
- We have had many visitors including a class of college students in October.

## WINTER PARK MONTHLY MEETING

State of the Meeting report for SEYM

Winter Park Monthly Meeting has continued to have a deep spiritual base. There is a commitment among attenders to be a meeting. We are growing in numbers and in our understanding of Quakerism and spirituality. We support each other in this growth. We continue to meet at the Phillip P. Cosby Wellness center. Our meeting for worship is at 10:00 every first day. On the second first day of the month we have a meeting for learning book discussion and potluck.