

SEYM Peace & Social Concerns Committee Minutes Fall Interim Business Meeting 2015

The SEYM Peace and Social Concerns committee held its Fall meeting 10/03/2015 at St. Petersburg Friends Meeting.

We have three discernments to share:

- 1) SEYM Peace and Social Concerns approves disbursement of our committee's budgeted funds for this year to support Jacksonville Friends Meeting for development of the AVP program in Jacksonville, Florida.
- 2) SEYM Peace and Social Concerns committee requests that the SEYM Gathering committee discern and designate a space and time at 2016 yearly meeting gathering for an interest group on women's rights with a focus on abortion and other reproductive rights.
- 3) Our committee is in unity for our committee clerk to send to Clerks of all SEYM monthly meetings the following statement to ask them to make a focus on support for investigation and preventative measures and reparations.

Doctors Without Borders informed the United States today (10/03/2015) that US warplanes had repeatedly bombed their hospital in Kunduz, Afghanistan, with many, many lives lost, including lives of at least 9 doctors. The military had been fully informed of the location, well in advance, repeatedly.

If this had been an airplane crash, the US would make a profound investigation. The crash of bombing the Doctors Without Borders hospital merits no less.

Quakers are appalled and grieving, and seeking to prevent this happening again.

We ask that Friends organize to fully inform themselves on this tragedy; that this information be shared in all monthly meetings; that Friends be queried what can be done to make the US ascertain accountability, make reparations and win commitment that this shall not happen again.

--Warren Hoskins, clerk