

# Southeastern Yearly Meeting

of the Religious Society of Friends

## Fall Interim Business Meeting 2020

17 Tenth Month 2020  
Online

Fall Interim Business Meeting opened in silent worship.

Bill Carlie shared a quote from our Faith & Practice:

*Our meetings are living entities, not theories. . . . We can't nurture our spirits in isolation from all the other ways we relate to each other - our spiritual lives can't be separated out. Whether we want it to be this way or not, we inevitably find that our whole being is engaged in spiritual growth.*

Marty Walton, 1994

**20FIBM01 Friends approve Bill Carlie, YM Clerk, serving as Clerk for today's FIBM session.**

**Roll call of Meetings and Worship Groups:**

Clerk called the roll of Meetings and Worship Groups. Friends from Clearwater, Fort Lauderdale, Fort Myers, Gainesville, Miami, Orlando, Palm Beach, Saint Petersburg, Tallahassee, Tampa, and Treasure Coast are present today.

The Summer Executive Committee Meeting Numbered Minutes in the Documents In Advance, and the Fall Executive Committee Meeting Minutes were offered for Friends' consideration.

**20FIBM02 Friends accept the minutes from the Summer Executive Committee Meeting.**

We considered the minutes from the Fall Executive Committee meeting:

20FEC01: Friends approve Bill Carlie serving as Clerk Pro Tem for this evening.

20FEC02: Executive Committee request that the *ad hoc* Care Committee (consisting of Liz Dykes, Jean Larson, Heidi Lowey-Ball, Mike Shell, and Susan Taylor), created to work with Jacksonville Monthly Meeting's transition to Worship Group, continue in its role and to inform SEYM how it can be of further assistance to the committee.

20FEC03: Executive Committee recommends to Fall Interim Business Meeting that steps be taken to once again place the Faith and Practice document on the SEYM website as a .pdf file accessible to all and asks the Publications Committee to determine how this can best be done.

20FEC04: Recognizing that the report presented by the Susan and Dan Vaughn on the matter of a potential Quaker Retirement will be reviewed in a threshing

session following the FIBM we feel that any action on the part of the Executive Committee at this time is premature.

**20FIBM03 Friends accept the minutes of Fall Executive Committee.**

**Nominating Committee Report (attached):**

The Nominating Committee clerk, Ed Lesnick, noted several important positions that remain unfilled: Yearly Meeting Recording Clerk, additional members for the Worship & Ministry, Youth, and Publications, Committees, and representatives for FCNL, FGC, and FLGBTQ.

The Nominating Committee brought forward Lynn Newsom for Quaker House Representative, noting that Lynn had previously served as Director of that organization.

**20FIBM04 Friends approve the Nominating slate presented in the Documents In Advance.**

**20FIBM05 Friends approve the nomination of Lynn Newsom as the SEYM representative to Quaker House.**

**Treasurer's Report (attached):**

Treasurer Joel Cook presented the end of Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Report (June 1, 2019, through May 31, 2020). The total cash flow of the Yearly Meeting (excluding accounts under the care of the Trustees) yielded a net loss (excluding unrealized capital gains) of \$21,328, which includes the deposit paid to LEC in the amount of \$21,008 for the SEYM 2020 Gathering that was cancelled. LEC has agreed to apply the deposit to the SEYM 2021 sessions. SEYM received 82% of the budgeted apportionments from Meetings. Individual donations were at 55% of budgeted amount. After a brief Q&A, Friends approved.

Joel reported that he is working on the Procedure Review, and will have completed report by Winter Interim Business Meeting.

**20FIBM06 Friends accept the Treasurer's Report, with thanks.**

**Worship & Ministry Committee Report:**

Worship and Ministry announced that the 2021 Michener Lecture will be held online. Petra Doan, Tallahassee Meeting, will present the lecture and one workshop on Michener Lecture Sunday. The committee is currently accepting suggestions for our 2022 Michener Lecturer. Please email Nancy Triscritti ([nancy.triscritti@gmail.com](mailto:nancy.triscritti@gmail.com)) with suggestions.

Nancy Triscritti, co-clerk, reports that the committee has discussed fragility of our Meetings and have heard concerns and worries. They are planning to set up a Zoom with Monthly Meeting Clerks and Meeting Worship and Ministry Clerks to hear how Meetings are doing and to share information, needs, and concerns. They will work with the *ad hoc* Online Events Committee to make arrangements.

The committee brought forward a minute of appreciation for Clara Diaz.

**20FIBM07 Southeastern Yearly Meeting would like to express appreciation to Clara Diaz for her loving and informed leadership as clerk of SEYM Worship and Ministry over the past 6 years.**

### **Committee for Ministry on Racism:**

Friends were referred to this Committee's report in the [Documents In Advance](#).

**20FIBM08 Friends accept the Committee on Ministry on Racism's report as published in the [Documents In Advance](#).**

### **Field Secretary for Earthcare Report (attached):**

Beverly Ward, Field Secretary for Earthcare, provided updates to her report on her recent and upcoming activities. She has met online with Tallahassee Meeting on 'Green Sanctuary,' which she will also be sharing online and with other Meetings. She will be following up with Orlando Meeting on planning their eco-friendly landscape. She is working with Quakers of Melbourne to offer an extended workshop on 'Project Drawdown' on zoom; notice of this event will go out in SEYM eNews.

Beverly is also working with QEW and the producers of the film "Sweet Home Monteverde" to show the film online, to be followed by a Q&A session with producers.

Beverly notes particular environmental concerns around two road projects being planned in our region. She has been going to online meetings on the C-MORES and proposed toll roads in Hillsborough County.

She will be sharing more written material, which will be attached to these minutes.

**20FIBM09 Friends accept the Field Secretary for Earthcare Report.**

### **Florida Council of Churches Report**

Beverly Ward reported that the Florida Council of Churches (FCC) has been meeting virtually since March. She will be providing information on upcoming events as FCC gears up for the legislative session. Education is a particular concern at this time. FCC is the convenor for the FL-iCAN network. Beverly encourages Friends to sign up to receive FL-iCAN's legislative alerts which are facilitated by the Unitarian Universalists.

**20FIBM10 Friends accept the Florida Council of Churches Report**

### **Earthcare Committee Report**

Bill Carlie reports that the Earthcare Committee has met recently, sharing concerns about how things have been 'going backwards' for the environment. They discussed hoped-for changes and priorities, which hinge on the outcome of the election. They will meet again after the election in November.

**20FIBM11 Friends accept the Earthcare Committee Report**

### **Finance Committee Report**

Peter Schmidt, clerk, reminded Friends that most of the work that the committee does begins later in the year and at Winter Interim Business Meeting in preparing a proposed budget for Yearly Meeting.

### **Gathering Committee Report**

The Committee directs Friends to the Yearly Meeting Gathering [webpage](#), which carries the announcement about our Gathering 2021 theme, “What Now?”, and our Walton Lecture Speaker and Retreat Leader, Emily Provance.

The committee will move forward with planning for an in-person Gathering. The final decision of whether we move the 2021 Gathering online will be made by the Executive Committee and/or Winter Interim Business Meeting.

Concern was expressed about whether we would lose our deposit with the camp if we cancel the 2021 Gathering. Clerk Andrea Hoskins will negotiate with the camp about the deposit in the event the in-person Gathering is cancelled again.

**20FIBM12 Friends accept the Gathering Committee report, with thanks.**

### **Half Yearly Meeting Report**

Brian Olson, HYM Registrar, reports that they are planning to hold Half Yearly Meeting online. They hope to have a few zoom events, including the Talent Show.

**20FIBM13 Friends accept the Half Yearly Meeting Report**

### **Peace & Social Concerns Committee Report**

Phil Stone, clerk, reports that the committee hopes to have all Meetings and Worship Groups represented at their online committee meetings. They have made good progress toward that goal so far, especially in having representation from larger Meetings.

They have been able to keep their committee meetings to 2-hour time limit. Another meeting is scheduled for 24 Tenth Month 2020.

Hearing what other Meetings and Worship Groups are doing is very important. The Committee would like to improve sharing news and communications. Phil will meet with SEYM staff Susan Wade, Administrative Secretary, and Vicki Carlie, eNews Editor, to see what can be done to facilitate greater connection and communication between Meetings.

Friends discussed how to make P&SC meetings more open to all SEYM Friends.

**20FIBM14 Friends accept the Peace & Social Concerns Report with thanks.**

When we returned from a short break to stretch our legs, Clerk asked if there were requests for Holding in the Light. Several were brought forward.

Friends are asked to hold in the Light:

- Neil and Phoebe Andersen, as they face health challenges.
- Cece Yocum, as she has a pacemaker implanted on Tuesday.
- Ft. Lauderdale Meeting, as they cope with the sudden death of their treasurer.
- Friends also offered various requests to hold members of their family in the Light.

### **Youth Committee Report**

It was noted that Cece Yocum was going to give a Youth Committee Report but is not present because of her health challenge.

### **Request Regarding Availability of SEYM Faith & Practice**

Clerk noted that we have approved a minute, brought forward by the Executive Committee, asking the Publications Committee to make the SEYM Faith and Practice available online. No further discussion is necessary.

### **Fort Myers Meeting Statement on Police Violence and Accountability**

Helen Fox, Fort Myers Monthly Meeting, reported that their statement was sent to over 45 religious institutions, FCNL, US Senators, and others, and was also sent to other Meetings to encourage them in writing their own statements.

**20FIBM15 Friends express our gratitude to Fort Myers Monthly Meeting for their Statement on Police Violence and Accountability. We recommend the statement to Meetings and Worship Groups, and encourage them to write their own statements or to adopt this statement for their Meeting.**

**20FIBM16 Friends recommend that SEYM adopt Fort Myers Monthly Meeting's Statement on Police Violence and Accountability. We ask Clerk to send the statement to Monthly Meetings for discernment, not only for adoption by SEYM but to encourage them to adopt this or similar statements as their own.**

The statement will be posted on the SEYM website. Concern was expressed that SEYM, as well as Monthly Meetings, develop and keep lists of who they send statements to. It was noted that a compiling a media list will be on the agenda of the next Peace and Social Concerns Committee meeting.

### **St. Petersburg Monthly Meeting's Statement in Support of Black Lives Matter Movement**

St. Petersburg Monthly Meeting has brought this statement forward to SEYM for adoption, or incorporation into a similar SEYM statement urging all to listen to the voices of this movement.

**20FIBM17 Friends express our gratitude to St. Petersburg Monthly Meeting for their Statement in Support of the Black Lives Matter Movement. We recommend the statement to Meetings and Worship Groups and encourage them to write their own statements or to adopt this statement for their Meeting.**

**20FIBM18 Friends recommend that SEYM adopt St. Petersburg Monthly Meeting's Statement in Support of the Black Lives Matter Movement. We ask Clerk to send the statement to Monthly Meetings for discernment not only for adoption by SEYM but to encourage them to adopt this or similar statements as their own .**

Meetings with input or suggestions for editing these two statements are asked to send their input to the SEYM Office. The Secretary will forward Meetings' comments to the YM Clerk, IBM Clerk, and Peace & Social Concerns Clerk.

### **AFSC Representative's Report**

Friends were referred to this Committee's report in the [Documents In Advance](#).

**20FIBM19 Friends accept the AFSC Report with thanks.**

### **Reports from Representatives to Other Organizations**

#### **Florida Coalition for Peace & Justice:**

Pete Ackerman, Gainesville MM, provided updates on the Florida Coalition for Peace & Justice (FCPJ), introducing visitors and Bryan Roberts and Sara Tharp, the new managers of the FCPJ camp located in Hampton, Florida.

Bryan reported on improvements and plans for the camp and for the FCPJ organization:

They have a new website: [florida4peace.org](http://florida4peace.org) and a new monthly newsletter.

They have made improvements to the facilities at the 14-acre camp.

The kitchen will be upgraded to commercial status to support use by groups.

They are working on soil building and gardens.

Activities they plan to host at the camp include workshops, pod schools, Youth groups, and camping.

Pete reports that they are reaching out for funds for the transition to a Commercial Kitchen as they have a number of potential users for this kitchen.

Friends asked a number of questions. We learned that:

The kitchen will be evaluated soon and a budget will be developed for upgrades needed for commercial use.

Bryan is a licensed General Contractor and has built out kitchens before.

QEW mini-grants were suggested as a source of funds.

The facility is open now for use by groups.

Covid protocols? They have protocols for social distancing and masks inside building. Many activities are outdoors.

Overnight accommodations? They hope to add more overnight-stay capacity. They are working on improving and adding RV accommodations. Tent camping is available with indoor and outdoor showers provided. There are several hotels nearby in Starke and in Gainesville, which is 20 minutes away.

Friends expressed thanks to Bryan & Sarah.

Their email is [florida4peace@gmail.com](mailto:florida4peace@gmail.com)

**20FIBM20 Friends accept the FCPJ report.**

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

Karen encouraged Friends to use FCNL's resources for virtual lobbying and attend their online 'Thursdays with Friends.' The FCNL Annual Meeting will be after the election.

We need all hands on deck for lobbying for 'the World We Seek'.

**20FIBM21 Friends accept the FCNL report with thanks.**

### **Quaker Earthcare Witness (QEW)**

Brad Stocker reports that there is a subcommittee that liaises with Friends Committee on National Legislation, which is a powerful organization with which to work on issues. QEW is also looking at how to make their organization anti-racist.

Brad encourages Friends to consider writing a articles for the QEW newsletter 'Befriending Creation' and to send their earthcare testimony statements to them.

He urges Meetings to consider applying for a mini-grant from QEW for their earthcare projects: <https://www.quakerearthcare.org/article/quaker-earthcare-witness-mini-grants>  
Friends are welcome to contact Brad for more information.

### **20FIBM22 Friends accept the QEW report with thanks.**

The minutes were read back and approved.

Brian Olson announced upcoming online SEYM events including monthly workshops, movies, and worship sharing.

**Meeting closed in silent worship.**

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

#### **Clearwater**

Peter Day  
Phil Stone  
Elizabeth Woodward

#### **Ft. Lauderdale**

Brian Humphreys

#### **Ft. Myers**

Helen Fox

#### **Gainesville**

Pete Ackerman  
Shawna Doran  
Jean Larson

#### **Miami**

Brian Olson  
Andrea Hoskins  
Warren Hoskins  
Brad Stocker

#### **Orlando**

Chris Laning  
Ed Lesnick  
Dan Vaughen

#### **Palm Beach**

Jack Bradin  
Joel Cook (Treasure Coast WG)

#### **St. Petersburg**

Bill Carlie  
Vicki Carlie  
Diana Langan  
Susan Wade

#### **Tallahassee**

Neil Andersen

#### **Tampa**

Beverly Ward  
Nancy Triscritti  
Karen Putney  
Peter Schmidt

**VISITORS**

Cathy Day, New Haven Meeting, NEYM

Edward Abraham, Salem Creek Friends Meeting, NC; Miami Meeting

Bryan Roberts, FCPJ Facilities Manager

Sara Tharp, FCPJ Assistant Facilities Manager



# Nominating Committee Report

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17<sup>th</sup> Month 2020

THE SEYM Nominating Committee members are Ed Lesnick (Clerk), Beverly Ward, Shawna Doran, and Brian Olson.

*Directed by the Spirit, we encourage Friends who see their own gifts and gifts in others to share their discernment with the Nominating Committee.*

*We request all southeastern Friends to consider a commitment to SEYM and also encourage Friends at your monthly meeting or worship group to become active and spiritually enriched by serving others in Southeastern Yearly Meeting.*

There are committee memberships and representatives' terms CURRENTLY unfilled. We welcome new contributors and those who can continue in service to the Yearly Meeting. Current needs include:

1. Yearly Meeting Recording Clerk. Friends have traditionally kept careful records of all business, keeping with the Friends testimonies of Truth and Integrity. The recording clerk is charged with carrying on this practice for the SEYM at the annual business meeting sessions.
2. Worship and Ministry – The committee needs *additional members* to conduct a program whose purpose is to enrich our spiritual lives.
3. Friends Committee on National Legislation (FCNL). *Two representative positions* are open. Representatives actively participate in the work of FCNL through the annual meeting of the FCNL General Committee held in November. They update SEYM on FCNL plans, programs, and campaigns.
4. Representative to Friends General Conference (FGC) Central Committee. *One additional member* is needed. The member participates in the annual Central Committee weekend meeting held near Baltimore and relates news and information from Friends General Conference to SEYM.
5. *One* representative to FLBGTO shares information between SEYM and the national group, which formally meets every summer as an adjunct to FGC's Annual Gathering.
6. Publications Committee seeks *members who have knowledge and experience in this specialized field*. If interested, please talk to Friend Phoebe Andersen, Clerk of Publications, for the particulars, and a Nominating Committee member.

The following minutes were approved by the Summer Executive Committee, 8/8/2020:

- 20SEC01      Upon the recommendation of the Nominating Committee, the Executive Committee records the resignations of Friends Nancy Fennell (Fort Myers) from the Worship and Ministry Committee, Richard Frechette (Fort Myers) as YM

Recording Clerk; and Stephanie Preston-Hughes (Orlando) from the YM Gathering Committee. We thank them for giving their time and effort to SEYM.

20SEC02      Upon the recommendation of the Nominating Committee, the Executive Committee appoints Peter Ackerman, Gainesville, as a SEYM Representative to Friends Committee on National Legislation (FCNL) for a term beginning August 8, 2020, to Yearly Meeting, 2023.

The Nominating Committee requests the Fall Interim Business Meeting (FIBM) to concur.

SEYM Slate of Officers, Committees, Representatives, & Appointees  
AS OF SEPTEMBER 1, 2020

**OFFICERS**

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Yearly Meeting Clerk .....	Bill Carlie .....	St. Petersburg.....	2023
Interim Business Meeting (IBM) & Executive Committee (EC) Clerk .....	Phoebe Andersen.....	Tallahassee .....	2023
YM & IBM Assistant Clerk.....	Jack Bradin .....	Palm Beach .....	2023
YM Recording Clerk .....	OPEN .....	.....	2021
Recording Clerk, IBM/EC .....	Liz Dykes.....	Gainesville .....	2022
Assistant Recording Clerk(s).....	OPEN .....	.....	2021
Treasurer.....	Joel Cook.....	Palm Beach .....	2023
Membership Recorder.....	Ed Lesnick .....	Orlando.....	2023

**TRUSTEES**

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Neil Andersen, <i>Clerk</i> .....	Tallahassee .....	2021
Jack Bradin .....	Palm Beach .....	2023
Mike Flanery .....	Clearwater .....	2023
Chris Laning.....	Orlando .....	2022
Liz Dykes.....	Gainesville.....	2023

**COMMITTEES**

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<b>Archives</b>	Bill Rapp, <i>Clerk</i> .....	Lake Wales.....	2021
	Phoebe Andersen.....	Tallahassee .....	2023
	Neil Andersen.....	Tallahassee .....	2021
<b>Earthcare</b>	Brian Humphrey, <i>Co-Clerk</i> .....	Ft. Lauderdale .....	2023
	Bill Carlie, <i>Co-Clerk</i> .....	St. Petersburg .....	2021
	Jack Bradin .....	Palm Beach .....	2023
	Mike Flanery .....	Clearwater.....	2023
	Hollyn Green.....	Savannah .....	2023
	Brad Stocker .....	Miami .....	2023
	Gary Crosby .....	St. Petersburg .....	2023
	Jim Koopman .....	Ft. Myers.....	2022
	Catherine Price.....	Lake Wales.....	2022
	Beverly Ward.....	Tampa .....	2022
	Bonnie Zimmer .....	Gainesville.....	2022
<b>Faith &amp; Practice (Committee on sabbatical)</b>	Phoebe Andersen, <i>Clerk</i> .....	Tallahassee .....	2022
<b>Facebook Page</b>	Mike Flanery .....	Clearwater .....	2021
<b>Finance</b>	Peter Schmidt, <i>Clerk</i> .....	.....	2022
	Steve Donachie.....	Miami .....	2021

	Shawna Doran .....	Gainesville.....	2021
	Carl Hersh .....	Miami .....	2021
	Neil Andersen, <i>Clerk of Trustees (ex officio)</i> ..	Tallahassee .....	2021
	Jack Bradin, <i>Asst. YM Clerk (ex officio)</i> ...	Palm Beach .....	2023
	Joel Cook, <i>Treasurer (ex officio)</i> .....	Palm Beach .....	2023
	Susan Wade, <i>YM Secretary (ex officio)</i> .....	St. Petersburg	
<b>Half-Yearly Meeting</b>	Jerry Knutson, <i>Clerk</i> .....	Orlando .....	2021
	Brian Olson, <i>Registrar   Clerk for 2021</i> .....	Miami .....	2021
	Caroline Kaufman, <i>Food Coordinator</i> .....	Clearwater .....	2022
	Beeg Camarota, <i>Registrar for 2021</i> .....	Deland WG /OMM .	2021
<b>Ministry on Racism</b>	Susan Taylor, <i>Co-Clerk</i> .....	Tallahassee .....	2023
	Wendy Clarissa Geiger, <i>Co-Clerk</i> .....	Jacksonville WG .....	2023
	Cheryl Demers .....	Gainesville.....	2023
	Mainus Sultan .....	Savannah .....	2023
	Jean Larson.....	Gainesville.....	2022
	Minerva Glidden.....	Orlando .....	2021
	Kathy Hersh .....	Miami .....	2021
	Beverly Ward.....	Tampa .....	2021
	Jane Westberg .....	Miami .....	2021
<b>Peace &amp; Social Concerns</b>	Cece Yocum, <i>Clerk</i> .....	Tampa .....	2022
	Phil Stone .....	Clearwater .....	2023
	Helen Fox .....	Ft. Myers.....	2022
	Caroline Kaufman.....	Clearwater .....	2023
	Willie Hager.....	Jacksonville .....	2022
	Warren Hoskins.....	Miami .....	2022
	John Heimborg.....	Orlando .....	2022
	Mercedes Soca .....	Havana WG .....	2022
	Peter Harrell .....	Gainesville.....	2021
	Eileen Zingaro .....	Clearwater .....	2021
<b>Publications</b>	Phoebe Andersen, <i>Clerk</i> .....	Tallahassee .....	2021
<b>Worship &amp; Ministry</b>	Nancy Triscritti, <i>Co-Clerk</i> .....	Tampa .....	2021
	Ellie Caldwell.....	Palm Beach .....	2023
	Jan Dahm.....	Tampa .....	2023
	Eduardo Diaz .....	Miami .....	2023
	Lisa Erazmus.....	Tampa .....	2023
	Nancy Rose Logan.....	Sarasota .....	2022
	Richelle Ogle .....	SAWG/Orlando.....	2022
<b>YM Gathering</b>	Andrea Hoskins, <i>Clerk</i> .....	Miami .....	2022
	Susan Wade, <i>Registrar</i> .....	St. Petersburg .....	2023
	Caroline Kaufman, <i>Bookstore</i> .....	Clearwater .....	2021
	Brian Olson, <i>Asst. Program Coordinator</i> .....	Miami .....	2023
	Vicki Carlie, <i>Program Coordinator</i> .....	St. Petersburg .....	2021

<b>Youth Committee</b>	Jennifer Mendoza, <i>Co-Clerk</i> .....	Sarasota .....	2021
	Cecelia Yocum, <i>Co-Clerk</i> .....	Tampa .....	2021
	Jenn Ambrose.....	Gainesville.....	2021
	Aurelio Anderson.....	Tallahassee .....	2021
	Rachel Dellinger .....	Orlando .....	2023
	Mira Tanna.....	Orlando .....	2021

**REPRESENTATIVES TO ORGANIZATIONS**

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**American Friends Service Committee Corporation, AFSC/Philadelphia**

Kathy Hersh .....	Miami .....	2022
Beverly Ward.....	Tampa .....	2022

**Friends Committee on National Legislation, FCNL**

Karen Putney .....	Tampa .....	2021
Peter Ackerman.....	Gainesville.....	2023

**Friends General Conference, FGC Central Committee**

Susan Taylor .....	Tallahassee. ....	2022
Susan Wade .....	St. Petersburg .....	2022
OPEN .....		2023

**Friends World Committee for Consultation – FWCC**

Nancy Rose Logan.....	Sarasota.....	2023
Clara Diaz .....	Miami .....	2022
Eduardo Diaz .....	Miami .....	2021

**Friends Peace Teams**

Cecilia Yocum.....	Tampa .....	2021
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**Florida Council of Churches**

Beverly Ward.....	Tampa .....	2021
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**Friends for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender & Queer Concerns – FLGBTQ**

OPEN .....		2023
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**Palmetto Friends Gathering**

Phoebe Andersen.....	Tallahassee .....	2023
Neil Andersen.....	Tallahassee .....	2023

**Quaker Earthcare Witness**

Jack Bradin .....	Palm Beach .....	2022
Brad Stocker .....	Miami .....	2022

**Quaker House**

Lynn Newsom.....	Bluffton WG, SyC....	2023
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**Quaker UN Office (QUNO)**

Warren Hoskins.....	Miami .....	2022
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**APPOINTED OBSERVERS TO ORGANIZATIONS**

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<b>FUM General Board Observer</b>	Eduardo Diaz .....	Miami .....	2021
	Ellie Caldwell, <i>Alternate</i> .....	Palm Beach .....	2021

**NOMINATING COMMITTEE**

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Ed Lesnick, <i>Clerk</i> .....	Orlando .....	2021
Beverly Ward.....	Tampa .....	2022
Shawna Doran .....	Gainesville.....	2022
Brian Olson.....	Miami .....	2023

# Treasurer's Report for FY 2019-2020

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Annual Report for end of Fiscal Year 2019-2020 (June 1, 2019 thru May 31, 2020) All values are rounded to the nearest dollar.

## SEYM Total Cash Flow not including Trustees

The overall cash flow of the Yearly Meeting (excluding separately reported accounts under the care of the Trustees) yielded a net loss (excluding unrealized capital gains) of \$21,328. This resulted from an SEYM total real income of \$113,949 against total expenses of \$135,296. (The loss of \$21,328 includes the deposit paid to LEC in the amount of \$21,008 for the SEYM 2020 Gathering that did not happen. The deposit will be applied by the LEC to the SEYM 2021 sessions.)

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

At the end of the fiscal year, the General Fund (the operations fund for which we approved a balanced budget of \$83,720 in our 2019 Yearly Meeting sessions) showed a net loss of \$1,193. This resulted from General Fund total income of \$70,838 (85% of budget) against expenses of \$72,031 (86% of budget).

## Budget Support Apportionments & Contributions Received

During this fiscal year, in response to the annual request for support of the approved General Fund Budget (the Apportionments), contributions received from the Monthly Meetings and Worship Groups totaled \$60,273, or 82% of the year's budgeted request of \$73,900.

Sixteen Monthly Meetings and three Worship Groups were included in the Apportionment request this fiscal year. 10 contributed between 95% and 100% of their requested amount, 3 contributed between 45% and 85%, and 6 contributed nothing.

The unrestricted individual donations received toward the Budget during this period totaled \$1,090, approximately 55% of the \$2,000 budgeted amount.

A Worship Group with no requested apportionment has donated \$495.

## Cash Flow Results for Programs

The annual programs for this fiscal year are complete. There may, however, be some adjustments to these figures.

The Yearly Meeting Gathering and Walton Lecture had an income of \$9,953 and expenses of \$23,520, yielding a net deficit of \$13,567. This is, of course, a highly unusual year. The loss of \$13,567 includes the deposit paid to LEC in the amount of \$21,008. The deposit will be applied by the LEC to the SEYM 2021 sessions.

Half Yearly Meeting had an income of \$2,633 with expenses of \$1,824 giving a net income of \$809.

The Michener Lecture had an income of \$2,583 and expenses of \$2,957, yielding a net deficit of \$374.

Programs for Youth had income of \$11,180 with expenses of \$14,457, yielding a net deficit of \$3,277.

The Publications program during this period had a net real income of \$2,319, excluding unrealized capital loss of \$19 on investments for the program.

The SEYM Field Secretary for Earthcare program during this period received \$13,451 in donations and had expenses of \$17,635, yielding a net deficit of \$4,184. As of 5/31/2020 the

SEYM Field Secretary for Earthcare program has an available balance of \$17,246.

Net Worth

The Net Worth of the combined Yearly Meeting and its Trustees at the end of this period was \$545,325, a decrease of \$12,052 including \$1,818 in unrealized capital losses since the beginning of the fiscal year.

Joel D. Cook, Treasurer - SEYM 10/3/2020



Southeastern Yearly Meeting  
Budget vs. Actual  
June 2019 through May 2020

	Jun '19 - May 20	Budget	\$ Over Budget	% of Budget
<b>Income</b>				
2000 · Income				
2001 · Donations				
2002 · Indivd Donations-Classes	1,090.00	2,000.00	-910.00	55%
Total 2003 · Meeting Donations	60,778.63	73,900.00	-13,121.37	82%
Total 2001 · Donations	61,868.63	75,900.00	-14,031.37	82%
Total 2040 · Restricted Donations	986.98	0.00	986.98	100%
2203 · Savings Account Interest	16.00	20.00	-4.00	80%
2316 · GuideOne Insurance Dividends	203.40			
Total 2000 · Income	63,075.01	75,920.00	-12,844.99	83%
2700 · Transfer in FROM other classes				
2712 · Michener Lect. to GF/insurance	150.00	150.00	0.00	100%
2732 · Gath/Walton to GF/insurance	900.00	900.00	0.00	100%
2752 · HYM to GF/insurance	450.00	450.00	0.00	100%
2804 · from Trustee's Funds				
2815 · for BertscheOutreach Travel	1,874.32	1,800.00	74.32	104%
2820 · for Staff Salary	4,388.77	4,500.00	-111.23	98%
Total 2804 · from Trustee's Funds	6,263.09	6,300.00	-36.91	99%
Total 2700 · Transfer in FROM other classes	7,763.09	7,800.00	-36.91	100%
Total Income	70,838.10	83,720.00	-12,881.90	85%
<b>Expense</b>				
3000 · Operating Costs				
3001 · Bank Service Charges	252.95	20.00	232.95	1265%
3002 · PayPal service fee	50.23	10.00	40.23	502%
3080 · Duplication	103.65	1,500.00	-1,396.35	7%
Total 3100 · Insurance	1,367.07	1,400.00	-32.93	98%
3107 · Youth Worker CAP Certification	55.65	150.00	-94.35	37%
3146 · Non-Profit Corporation Fee	122.50	60.00	62.50	204%
3200 · Office Supplies	652.24	800.00	-147.76	82%
3270 · Payroll Expenses	44,060.18	46,000.00	-1,939.82	96%
3272 · Employer Payroll Taxes	3,312.07	3,300.00	12.07	100%
3380 · Postage/Shipping	198.60	400.00	-201.40	50%
3381 · Post Office Box rental	70.00	180.00	-110.00	39%
3400 · Office Equipment	44.99	400.00	-355.01	11%
3500 · Professional Fees	0.00	1,400.00	-1,400.00	0%
Total 3640 · Rent warehouse/office	2,455.59	1,650.00	805.59	149%
Total 3700 · Repairs	380.28	200.00	180.28	190%
3816 · Software	2,444.32	1,200.00	1,244.32	204%
3840 · Telephone & Inet access	1,125.16	1,700.00	-574.84	66%
3860 · Travel Administrative	917.59	2,000.00	-1,082.41	46%
Total 3900 · Website	1,025.85	900.00	125.85	114%
Total 3000 · Operating Costs	58,638.92	63,270.00	-4,631.08	93%
4000 · Committees Operating Expenses				
4309 · Archives	0.00	550.00	-550.00	0%
4329 · EC and IBM	0.00	100.00	-100.00	0%
4339 · Faith and Practice	0.00	50.00	-50.00	0%
4349 · Finance	0.00	50.00	-50.00	0%
4359 · Nominating	0.00	50.00	-50.00	0%
4369 · Peace and Social Concerns	1,386.98	450.00	936.98	308%
4379 · Religious Education	0.00	50.00	-50.00	0%
4389 · Youth Committee	0.00	50.00	-50.00	0%
4399 · Worship and Ministry	0.00	150.00	-150.00	0%
4429 · Earthcare	0.00	500.00	-500.00	0%
4469 · Racism, Ministry on	0.00	50.00	-50.00	0%
4489 · Young Adult Quakers	0.00	50.00	-50.00	0%
Total 4000 · Committees Operating Expenses	1,386.98	2,100.00	-713.02	66%

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	<u>Jun '19 - May 20</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>\$ Over Budget</u>	<u>% of Budget</u>
5000 · Donations to Organizations				
5007 · AFSC	200.00	200.00	0.00	100%
5018 · Earlham School of Religion	100.00	100.00	0.00	100%
5027 · FCNL	300.00	300.00	0.00	100%
5028 · QEW (FCUN)	200.00	200.00	0.00	100%
5030 · FLGBTQC	100.00	100.00	0.00	100%
5037 · FGC	1,200.00	1,200.00	0.00	100%
5038 · FLCoalition for Peace & Justice	100.00	100.00	0.00	100%
5047 · Florida Council of Churches	200.00	200.00	0.00	100%
5048 · Florida Impact	300.00	300.00	0.00	100%
5057 · Friends Journal	100.00	100.00	0.00	100%
5061 · Friends Peace Teams	500.00	500.00	0.00	100%
5067 · FUM	500.00	500.00	0.00	100%
5068 · FWCC	1,450.00	1,450.00	0.00	100%
5077 · Pendle Hill	100.00	100.00	0.00	100%
5085 · Quaker House of Fayetteville NC	200.00	200.00	0.00	100%
5087 · Quaker Life	100.00	100.00	0.00	100%
5089 · QUNO	100.00	100.00	0.00	100%
5097 · Wm Penn House	100.00	100.00	0.00	100%
Total 5000 · Donations to Organizations	<u>5,850.00</u>	<u>5,850.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>100%</u>
8000 · Travel & Financial Aid				
8160 · Annual Representative	0.00	4,000.00	-4,000.00	0%
8360 · Attend SEYM-approved Activities	655.00	1,000.00	-345.00	66%
8460 · Travel Support to SEYM Business	0.00	1,000.00	-1,000.00	0%
8560 · Other Travel	0.00	1,000.00	-1,000.00	0%
Total 8000 · Travel & Financial Aid	<u>655.00</u>	<u>7,000.00</u>	<u>-6,345.00</u>	<u>9%</u>
8500 · Contingency	0.00	2,000.00	-2,000.00	0%
Total 2999 · Expenses	<u>66,530.90</u>	<u>80,220.00</u>	<u>-13,689.10</u>	<u>83%</u>
9000 · Transfer OUT TO other classes				
9004 · for Youth Programs	2,500.00	2,500.00	0.00	100%
9005 · for Gathering Youth	2,000.00	2,000.00	0.00	100%
9060 · for Triennial Travel	1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00	100%
Total 9000 · Transfer OUT TO other classes	<u>5,500.00</u>	<u>5,500.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>100%</u>
Total Expense	<u>72,030.90</u>	<u>85,720.00</u>	<u>-13,689.10</u>	<u>84%</u>
Net Income	<u>-1,192.80</u>	<u>-2,000.00</u>	<u>807.20</u>	<u>60%</u>

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	Admin/General Fund	Gathering/Walton Lecture	Half Yearly Meeting (HYM)	Michener Lecture	Programs for Youth	Publications	Secretary - Earharc	Triennial Travel	Trustee's Funds	TOTAL	TOTAL w/o Trustees
Income											
2000 - Income											
2001 - Donations	1,090.00	240.00	76.00	70.00	0.00	10.00	0.00	10.00	0.00	1,496.00	
2002 - Indivd Donations-Classes	495.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	495.00	
2003 - Meeting Donations	60,283.63	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	60,283.63	
2003 - Meeting Donations - Other	60,778.63	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	60,778.63	
Total 2003 - Meeting Donations	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	5.00	5.00
2105 - Gathering Youth, to Trustees	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	5.00	5.00
2110 - Michener, to Trustees	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	5.00	5.00
2115 - Bertsche/Outrechtr, to Trustees	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	5.00	5.00
2120 - Sec.'s Salary Fund, to Trustees	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	105.00	105.00
2125 - Unrestricted, to Trustees	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	5.00	5.00
2130 - Walton, to Trustees	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	5.00	5.00
Total 2001 - Donations	61,868.63	240.00	76.00	70.00	0.00	10.00	0.00	10.00	130.00	62,404.63	
2040 - Restricted Donations	986.98	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,880.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	500.00	4,166.98	
2050 - Restricted - Other	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	13,451.00	0.00	0.00	13,451.00	
2060 - Donations - Restricted - FSE	986.98	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,880.00	0.00	13,451.00	0.00	0.00	17,617.98	
Total 2040 - Restricted Donations	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	500.00	500.00	
2200 - Investment Earnings	16.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	16.00	
2203 - Savings Account Interest	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
2205 - Dividends FFC Gathering Youth	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	4,288.30	4,288.30	
2210 - Dividends FFC Michener Fund	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	896.46	896.46	
2215 - Dividends FFC Bertsche/OutTravel	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,874.32	1,874.32	
2220 - Dividends FFC Staff Salary Fund	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	4,388.77	4,388.77	
2225 - Dividends FFC Unrestricted	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	3,551.92	3,551.92	
2230 - Dividends FFC Walton Fund	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,660.71	1,660.71	
2280 - Dividends FFC SEYM Publications	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	557.32	0.00	0.00	0.00	557.32	
2280 - Investment Capital Gains/Losses	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
2206 - Capital Gain(Loss) Gath. Youth	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,080.46	2,080.46	
2211 - Capital Gain(Loss) Michener	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	435.89	435.89	
2216 - Capital Gain(Loss) Bertsche/OTra	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	909.33	909.33	
2221 - Capital Gain(Loss) Staff Salary	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,228.61	2,228.61	
2226 - Capital Gain(Loss) Unrestricted	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	311.58	311.58	
2231 - Capital Gain(Loss) Walton	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	805.69	805.69	
2232 - Capital Gain(Loss) Meetinghouse	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	963.12	963.12	
2281 - Capital Gain(Loss) SEYM Publish	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	-19.32	0.00	0.00	0.00	-19.32	
Total 2200 - Investment Capital Gains/Losses	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	-19.32	0.00	0.00	7,734.68	7,715.36	
Total 2200 - Investment Earnings	16.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	538.00	0.00	0.00	24,957.16	24,957.16	
2316 - GuideOne Insurance Dividends	203.40	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	203.40	
2400 - Program Registrations	0.00	1,764.18	2,657.00	1,615.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	5,936.18	
2430 - Registration Fee	0.00	1,764.18	2,657.00	1,615.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	5,936.18	
Total 2400 - Program Registrations	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
2600 - Sales	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,752.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,752.00	
2680 - Publication Sales	63,075.01	2,004.18	2,633.00	1,885.00	2,680.00	2,300.00	13,451.00	10.00	25,027.16	112,865.35	
Total 2600 - Sales	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,752.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,752.00	
2700 - Transfer in FROM other classes	900.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	900.00	
2712 - Michener Lect. to GF/Insurance	450.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	450.00	
2732 - Gath/Walton to GF/Insurance	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
2752 - HYM to GF/Insurance	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,500.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,500.00	
2764 - from GF for Youth/Programs/Class	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
2801 - transfer from General Fund	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
2802 - from GF for Gathering Youth	0.00	2,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,000.00	

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2804 - from Trustee's Funds											
2805 - for Gathering Youth	0.00	4,288.30	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	4,288.30	
2810 - for Michener Lecture	0.00	0.00	0.00	898.46	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	898.46	
2815 - for Berische/Outreach Travel	1,874.32	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,874.32	
2820 - for Staff Salary	4,388.77	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	4,388.77	
2830 - for Wallon Lecture/Gathering	0.00	1,660.71	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,660.71	
2804 - from Trustee's Funds - Other	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	6,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	6,000.00	
Total 2804 - from Trustee's Funds	6,263.09	5,949.01	0.00	898.46	6,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	19,110.56	
Total 2700 - Transfer in FROM other classes	7,763.09	7,949.01	0.00	898.46	8,500.00	0.00	0.00	1,000.00	0.00	26,110.56	
Total Income	70,838.10	9,953.19	2,633.00	2,583.46	11,180.00	2,300.00	13,451.00	1,010.00	25,027.16	138,975.91	113,948.75
2999 - Expenses											
3000 - Operating Costs											
3001 - Bank Service Charges	252.95	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	252.95	
3002 - PayPal service fee	50.23	302.41	41.55	0.00	5.39	0.00	9.45	0.00	0.00	409.03	
3080 - Duplication	103.65	299.00	0.00	106.48	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	469.13	
3100 - Insurance											
3106 - Liability Insurance	1,367.07	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,367.07	
Total 3100 - Insurance	1,367.07	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,367.07	
3107 - Youth Worker CAP Certification	55.65	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	55.65	
3146 - Non-Profit Corporation Fee	122.50	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	122.50	
3200 - Office Supplies	652.24	18.57	0.00	0.00	0.00	10.74	0.00	0.00	0.00	681.55	
3270 - Payroll Expenses	44,060.18	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	16,424.39	0.00	0.00	60,484.57	
3272 - Employer Payroll Taxes	3,312.07	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,201.01	0.00	0.00	4,513.08	
3380 - Postage/Shipping	198.60	50.20	0.00	0.00	0.00	157.22	0.00	0.00	0.00	406.02	
3381 - Post Office Box rental	70.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	70.00	
3400 - Office Equipment	44.99	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	44.99	
3500 - Professional Fees											
3566 - Transcribe	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	79.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	79.00	
3566 - Epub Dist fees	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	104.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	104.00	
3596 - Publicans Editing & Publishing	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,805.40	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,805.40	
Total 3500 - Professional Fees	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,988.40	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,988.40	
3640 - Rent warehouse/office											
3642 - Office Rent	760.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	760.00	
3643 - Storage Unit	1,695.59	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,695.59	
Total 3640 - Rent warehouse/office	2,455.59	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,455.59	
3700 - Repairs											
3740 - Computer Repairs	380.28	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	380.28	
Total 3700 - Repairs	380.28	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	380.28	
3816 - Software	2,444.32	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,444.32	
3840 - Telephone & Inet access	1,125.16	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,125.16	
3860 - Travel Administrative	917.59	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	917.59	
3900 - Website											
3641 - Rent E-Data off-site storage	859.99	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	859.99	
3900 - Website - Other	165.86	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	165.86	
Total 3900 - Website	1,025.85	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,025.85	
Total 3000 - Operating Costs	58,638.92	6,301.18	41.55	106.48	5.39	2,156.36	17,634.85	0.00	0.00	79,213.73	
4000 - Committees Operating Expenses											
4369 - Peace and Social Concerns	1,386.98	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,386.98	
Total 4000 - Committees Operating Expenses	1,386.98	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,386.98	
5000 - Donations to Organizations											
5007 - AFSC	200.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	200.00	
5018 - Earham School of Religion	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	
5027 - FCNL	300.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	300.00	
5028 - QEW (FCUN)	200.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	200.00	

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5030 - FLGBTQC	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	
5037 - FGC	1,200.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,200.00	
5038 - FLCoalition for Peace & Justice	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	
5047 - Florida Council of Churches	200.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	200.00	
5048 - Florida Impact	300.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	300.00	
5057 - Friends Journal	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	
5061 - Friends Peace Teams	500.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	500.00	
5067 - FUM	500.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	500.00	
5068 - FWCC	1,450.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,450.00	
5077 - Pendle Hill	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	
5085 - Quaker House of Fayetteville NC	200.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	200.00	
5087 - Quaker Life	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	
5089 - QUINO	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	
5097 - Wm Penn House	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	
Total 5000 - Donations to Organizations	5,850.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	5,850.00	
6000 - Production	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	716.02	0.00	0.00	0.00	716.02	
6380 - ISBN production	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	716.02	0.00	0.00	0.00	716.02	
Total 6000 - Production	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	716.02	0.00	0.00	0.00	716.02	
7000 - Operating Costs Programs	0.00	0.00	0.00	903.44	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	903.44	
7138 - Food purchases	0.00	0.00	632.14	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	632.14	
7200 - Food, snacks	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
7500 - Site Fees	0.00	21,008.17	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	21,008.17	
7533 - Site Deposits	0.00	0.00	400.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	400.00	
7575 - Site Fees - Lodging	0.00	21,008.17	400.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	21,408.17	
Total 7500 - Site Fees	0.00	21,008.17	400.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	21,408.17	
7600 - Food/lodging, Speaker	0.00	0.00	0.00	463.74	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	463.74	
7650 - Speaker Honorarium	0.00	0.00	200.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	200.00	
7660 - Speaker travel	0.00	374.44	100.00	833.22	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,307.66	
7800 - Youth Program	0.00	606.78	0.00	0.00	1,385.12	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,991.90	
7804 - Youth Prg. Expenses/Fees/Other	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	12,600.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	12,600.00	
7805 - Youth Program Leader/childcare	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	466.96	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	466.96	
7900 - Youth Programs	0.00	606.78	0.00	0.00	14,452.08	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	15,058.86	
Total 7800 - Youth Program	0.00	606.78	0.00	0.00	14,452.08	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	15,058.86	
Total 7000 - Operating Costs Programs	0.00	21,989.39	1,332.14	2,700.40	14,452.08	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	40,474.01	
8000 - Travel & Financial Aid	655.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	655.00	
Total 8000 - Travel & Financial Aid	655.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	655.00	
8500 - Contingency	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,872.38	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,872.38	
Total 2999 - Expenses	66,530.90	22,619.57	1,373.69	2,806.88	14,457.47	2,872.38	17,634.85	0.00	0.00	128,295.74	
9000 - Transfer OUT TO other classes	0.00	900.00	450.00	150.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,500.00	
9002 - to GF for insurance	2,500.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,500.00	
9004 - for Youth Programs	2,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	4,288.30	0.00	6,288.30	
9005 - for Gathering Youth	1,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,000.00	
9060 - for Triennial Travel	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	896.46	0.00	896.46	
9210 - for Michener Lecture	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,874.32	0.00	1,874.32	
9215 - for Betsche Outreach Travel	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	4,388.77	0.00	4,388.77	
9220 - for Staff Salary	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,660.71	0.00	1,660.71	
9230 - for Walton Lecture/Gathering	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	6,000.00	0.00	6,000.00	
9000 - Transfer OUT TO other classes - Other	5,500.00	900.00	450.00	150.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	19,110.56	0.00	26,110.56	
Total 9000 - Transfer OUT TO other classes	72,030.90	23,519.57	1,823.69	2,856.88	14,457.47	2,872.38	17,634.85	18,110.56	0.00	154,406.30	135,295.74
Total Expense	-11,192.80	-13,566.38	809.31	-573.42	-3,277.47	-312.38	-4,183.85	0.00	0.00	-35,430.89	-21,346.99
Net Income	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	-19.32
Net Income - Net including Unrealized Capital Gains/Losses	-1,192.80	-13,566.38	809.31	-573.42	-3,277.47	-553.06	-4,183.85	0.00	-1,818.08	-23,145.75	-21,327.67

10/03/20  
Cash Basis

Southeastern Yearly Meeting  
Balance Sheet Prev Year Comparison  
As of May 31, 2020

	May 31, 20	May 31, 19	\$ Change
<b>ASSETS</b>			
Current Assets			
Checking/Savings			
0501 · Checking Account BOA			
511 · Checking - Gen'l Fund - General	4,665.51	-1,966.78	6,632.29
560 · Checking-GF-Triennial Travel	8,858.18	7,848.18	1,010.00
561 · Peace Team Travel Fund	0.00	-4,300.00	4,300.00
566 · Checking-GF-Sufferings	170.00	170.00	0.00
610 · Checking-SA-Michener	-436.55	635.95	-1,072.50
630 · Checking-SA-YBM Gathering	-14,333.88	-1,595.67	-12,738.21
640 · Checking-SA-Programs for Youth	2,993.53	7,504.04	-4,510.51
650 · Checking-SA-HYM	913.61	932.47	-18.86
670 · Checking - SA - Earthcare	29,673.07	21,430.29	8,242.78
680 · Checking-SA-Publications	-5,118.39	-4,565.33	-553.06
690 · Checking - YYAC	0.00	-1,000.00	1,000.00
700 · Checking-Trustees			
705 · Checking - Gathering Youth Fund	3,831.74	3,826.74	5.00
710 · Checking - Michener Fund	5.00	0.00	5.00
715 · Checking - Bertsche Travel Fund	5.00	0.00	5.00
720 · Checking - Staff Salary	605.00	500.00	105.00
725 · Checking - Unrestricted Fund	1,005.00	1,000.00	5.00
730 · Checking - Walton Fund	5.00	0.00	5.00
Total 700 · Checking-Trustees	<u>5,456.74</u>	<u>5,326.74</u>	<u>130.00</u>
Total 0501 · Checking Account BOA	<u>32,841.82</u>	<u>30,419.89</u>	<u>2,421.93</u>
830 · Checking - BofA Payroll	0.00	0.00	0.00
903 · Savings BOA	36,916.54	55,900.54	-18,984.00
999 · Pay Pal	0.00	89.72	-89.72
Total Checking/Savings	<u>69,758.36</u>	<u>86,410.15</u>	<u>-16,651.79</u>
Accounts Receivable			
1100 · Accounts Receivable	-1,124.68	42.89	-1,167.57
Total Accounts Receivable	<u>-1,124.68</u>	<u>42.89</u>	<u>-1,167.57</u>
Other Current Assets			
1180 · FFC SOYM1 Publications Investme	14,622.93	14,642.25	-19.32
1200 · Trustee Investments			
1205 · FFC SOYMT6 GatheringYouth Fund	112,514.66	110,434.20	2,080.46
1210 · FFC SOYMT3 Michener	23,573.44	23,137.55	435.89
1215 · FFC SOYMT2 BertscheTravel Fd	49,177.70	48,268.37	909.33
1220 · FFC SOYMT5 Staff Salary Fund	115,750.38	113,021.77	2,728.61
1225 · FFC SOYMT4 Unrestricted	90,240.01	92,376.51	-2,136.50
1230 · FFC SOYMT1 Walton Fund	43,573.10	42,767.41	805.69
1240 · FFC SOYMT7 Meetinghouse Support	27,238.84	26,275.72	963.12
Total 1200 · Trustee Investments	<u>462,068.13</u>	<u>456,281.53</u>	<u>5,786.60</u>
Total Other Current Assets	<u>476,691.06</u>	<u>470,923.78</u>	<u>5,767.28</u>
Total Current Assets	<u>545,324.74</u>	<u>557,376.82</u>	<u>-12,052.08</u>

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Cash Basis

Southeastern Yearly Meeting  
Balance Sheet Prev Year Comparison  
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	May 31, 20	May 31, 19	\$ Change
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>545,324.74</u>	<u>557,376.82</u>	<u>-12,052.08</u>
LIABILITIES & EQUITY			
Liabilities			
Current Liabilities			
Other Current Liabilities			
1300 · Expected/prepaid expenses			
1383 · Prepaid Mtg. Donations	5,400.00	0.00	5,400.00
1300 · Expected/prepaid expenses - Other	-961.07	0.00	-961.07
Total 1300 · Expected/prepaid expenses	<u>4,438.93</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>4,438.93</u>
1370 · Payroll Liabilities			
1372 · SEYM Payroll Liability	0.00	1,148.86	-1,148.86
1370 · Payroll Liabilities - Other	0.00	-88.24	88.24
Total 1370 · Payroll Liabilities	<u>0.00</u>	<u>1,060.62</u>	<u>-1,060.62</u>
Total Other Current Liabilities	<u>4,438.93</u>	<u>1,060.62</u>	<u>3,378.31</u>
Total Current Liabilities	<u>4,438.93</u>	<u>1,060.62</u>	<u>3,378.31</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>4,438.93</u>	<u>1,060.62</u>	<u>3,378.31</u>
Equity			
1400 · Trustees Funds Equity	296,694.99	296,694.99	0.00
1500 · Operational Equity/ Net Assets			
1511 · General Fund Net Assets	29,324.36	29,324.36	0.00
1560 · Triennial Travel Net Assets	5,349.80	5,349.80	0.00
1580 · Publications Net Assets	14,341.85	14,341.85	0.00
Total 1500 · Operational Equity/ Net Assets	<u>49,016.01</u>	<u>49,016.01</u>	<u>0.00</u>
1700 · Retained Earnings	210,605.20	218,739.54	-8,134.34
Net Income	-15,430.39	-8,134.34	-7,296.05
Total Equity	<u>540,885.81</u>	<u>556,316.20</u>	<u>-15,430.39</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	<u>545,324.74</u>	<u>557,376.82</u>	<u>-12,052.08</u>

# Field Secretary for Earthcare (FSE) Report

SEYM Fall Interim Business Meeting  
17 Tenth Month 2020

## Overview

*Provide focus and coordinate efforts on environmental work in the Southeastern Yearly Meeting (SEYM) region.*

This report updates activities since the written report submitted for the 2020 Annual Gathering and the verbal report from the 2020 Executive Committee Meeting. Planned activities for the next six months are also shown.

## Communication with the Anchoring Committee

The Anchoring Committee interactions continue through remote communication. Most recently, I met with the Anchoring Committee regarding concerns of reopening Meetinghouses, confronting systemic and structural racism, and Earthcare, writ large. At this writing, the Worship & Ministry Committee is considering how to move forward on these issues. I will work with this committee and others.

## Meeting with Monthly Meetings (MMs), Worship Groups (WGs), and Others

*Perform visits to Monthly Meetings and Worship Groups within SEYM to help them discern their leadings in care of the Earth, and to provide information and coordination among Meetings.*

As a reminder, "Meetings can issue invitations to the [SEYM] administrative secretary, FSE, or the Anchor Committee [for FSE visits]. We will all conference over the invitation and subsequent planning" (Phoebe Andersen, 3 Tenth Month 2016).

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A Google calendar showing requests for visitation and FSE has been created and shared with the Anchoring Committee and the Co-Clerks of the Earthcare Committee. All prior and upcoming visits are shown below. MMs and WGs continue to request visits, particularly in conjunction with retreats and AVP workshops.

## Suggested workshop/event topics:

- Angelic Troublemaking: Beyond Bystander Training
- Climate Justice in Our Community (Location specific climate justice issues)
- Discerning Earthcare Leadings
- Earthcare audits (baseline assessment of individual or community activities and discernment)
- Permaculture is Not Just Agriculture
- Transportation, migration, and climate
- Underwater Homeowners Association



- Water: Sea Level Rise, Flooding, and Water Quality
- Waterline Communities: Displacement and Gentrification and Why Quakers Should Care
- Kody Hersh and I also plan and work together

### ***Orlando Monthly Meeting Property Committee, 21 Eighth Month 2020***

At the suggestion of Kody Hersh, Gary Evans, Ray Jenkins, Chris Laning and I met to discuss the Meetings beautification plan. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss plants and practices that could be eco-friendly. In preparation for the meeting, I prepared comments (Attachment A). The gist of the initial comments/recommendations focused on looking for opportunities to xeriscape, using native plants, especially for pollinators, and managing stormwater runoff.

I have expanded this work into a slide presentation/movie, which I will provide through the SEYM website and via YouTube prior to Fall Interim Business Meeting. Deep gratitude for this opportunity!

### ***Lake Wales Worship Group, to be scheduled***

I continue to monitor the public meetings being held by the Florida Department of Transportation on the Multi-use Corridors of Regional Economic Significance (M-CORES) program, a proposed toll-road project that would extend from Collier County to Jefferson County. I am nearing completion of a draft working paper on the social or community impacts of the proposed project and plan to provide a workshop on the topic.

### ***St. Augustine to be scheduled***

### **Interactions or Collaborations between and among other SEYM committees**

*These interactions between and among SEYM committees help to facilitate communication and collaboration of our regional concerns with national organizations and to be a Quaker Presence at specific events.*

- The Committee for Ministry on Racism (CMOR): I continue to serve as a member of CMOR and continue to provide support, especially in identifying resources;
- Earthcare Committee: I continue to work with the Earthcare Committee and, while not the SEYM representative to Quaker Earthcare Witness, work closely with the two representatives, Brad Stocker (Miami MM) and Jack Bradin (Palm Beach MM);
- Florida Council of Churches (FCC): the 2020 Florida Clergy Convening will be held on Fifth day (Thursday), 17 Ninth Month (September). A special invitation is included in Attachment B;
- Peace and Social Concerns: I continue to remain in contact with members of SEYM Peace and Social Concerns Committee and some Monthly Meetings Peace and Social Concerns Committees;
- Quaker United Nations Office (QUNO), AFSC: Kathy Hersh and I share an SEYM appointment to AFSC. More information about QUNO and AFSC is detailed below;
- Right Sharing of World Resources: I continue to share information with Nilufer Wilkins to build links, including QEW United Nations Working Group and AFSC.
- Youth Committee: I continue to work with the youth committee. Please note: the forthcoming slide presentation on gardens/landscaping contains information on engaging youths.

### **The Wider Quaker World, Interfaith Groups, Other Environmental Organizations**

*To communicate and collaborate our regional concerns with national organizations including Quaker Earthcare Witness (QEW), Earth Quaker Action Team (EQAT), Friends Committee on National Legislation (FCNL), and Friends General Conference (FGC). To be a Quaker Presence at specific events, including those arranged by others.*

In the wider Quaker World, interfaith groups, and other environmental organizations, I have listed existing memberships, partnerships, or collaborations that have been a part of the outreach effort. These include, but are not limited to:

- Alternatives to Violence Project (AVP), we are looking for opportunities to provide AVP workshops remotely;
- American Friends Service Committee (AFSC): I continue to serve as a corporate member of AFSC and as part of that work am a member of the Quaker United Nations Committee (QUNC). I also am part of AFSC's Third World Coalition. AFSC has a resource page, Caring for each other during COVID-19, <https://www.afsc.org/content/caring-each-other-during-covid-19>. A number of Friends within SEYM and beyond also have participated in AFSC's "Changing Systems, Change Ourselves" self-study e-course, <https://www.afsc.org/resource/self-study-changing-systems-change-ourselves-e-course>;
- I will have more on QUNC following a committee meeting on 11 Ninth Month.
- Decolonizing Quakers, <https://www.decolonizingquakers.org/>, contributed to the planning of the Pendle Hill Working Towards Right Relationship with Indigenous Peoples webinar series (<https://pendlehill.org/events/working-towards-right-relationship-webinar-series/>). The series began 10 Eighth Month (August) and will end 26 Tenth Month (October). It's not too late to register for the upcoming sessions;
- Florida Interfaith Climate Actions Network (FL-iCAN): Jan Booher has been leading an effort, Florida Disaster Resilience Initiative, (<https://resiliencesystem.org/dashboards/florida-disaster-resilience-initiative/>). This effort has been used to share health and environmental information, including COVID-19. Get ready for the next legislative session by signing up for action alerts, <https://fl-ican.org/action-alerts/>.
- Friends Committee on National Legislation (FCNL): Brad Stocker and I continue to share a slot as representatives to FCNL for QEW;
- Friends General Conference: I continue to work with FGC, particularly with the Fellowship of Friends of African Descent and FGC's Institutional Assessment 2017-2018, <https://www.fgcquaker.org/deepen/help-your-meeting-challenge-racism/fgcs-institutional-assessment-2017-2018>. In addition to the assessment, FGC has a couple of key resource pages,
  - o Becoming an Anti-Racist Faith Community, <https://www.fgcquaker.org/deepen/help-your-meeting-challenge-racism/becoming-anti-racist-faith-community>;
  - o Help Your Meeting Challenge Racism, <https://www.fgcquaker.org/services/help-your-meeting-challenge-racism>;
- Friends Peace Teams (FPT): I continue to work with members of FPT linking FPT to QEW UN Working Group;
- Friends United Meeting (FUM): I continue to identify opportunities to work FUM, most this occurs through QEW. I am looking to work with Jim Kessler, Grinnell Friends Church

who says that he can help in the development of pollinator gardens anywhere, even deserts;

- Friends World Committee for Consultation (FWCC): I continue to work to strengthen links to FWCC through QEW and AFSC.
- National Academies of Sciences, Transportation Research Board (TRB), Equity in Transportation and the Women's Issues in Transportation Committees. I am co-chair of the transportation equity conference in 2021. Save the date for the Advancing Transportation Equity webinar, 13 Tenth Month 2020. Registration assistance is available;
- Organize NOW, Climate Justice Committee: I continue to assist the local committee;
- The Pachamama Alliance: I continue to work with members through the FL-iCAN network;
- QEW: The UN Working Group convened the side event on 15 Seventh Month. An overview of the event can be found at "Sharing Love and Knowledge in the Time of COVID-19", <https://www.quakerearthcare.org/article/sharing-love-and-knowledge-time-covid-19>. Many thanks to Hayley Hathaway and Vicki Carlie! A recording of the side event is in the process of being edited.
- Unitarian Universalist Fellowship: Jan Booher, Unitarian Universalist Justice Florida (UUJF), and I continue to collaborate through FL-iCAN;
- University of South Florida, Institute on Black Life (IBL), Advisory Committee and the Patel College of Global Sustainability (PCGS): I continue to work with the University and recently participated in the Weather, Climate, and Science National Science Foundation Research Experience for Undergraduates. This was the first year that we provided the eight-week course virtually. The early research findings from one of the projects were part of the QEW UN Working Group side event.

### **Social Media**

I continue to blog for the SEYM website, <http://seymquakers.org/faith-in-action/field-secretary-for-earthcare/>. I also share "eField Notes", short pieces on activities, with SEYM Monthly Meetings, Working Groups, the wider Quaker world and others. Please send suggestions for topics, research, etc.

### **Summary**

Thank you all for your encouragement, good thoughts, and other support. I encourage Friends to contact me, particularly for small (or large) group consults, workshops, or chats.

May we all be safe.

May we all be healthy.

May we all know joy.

May we all know happiness.

May we all live lives of wellbeing.

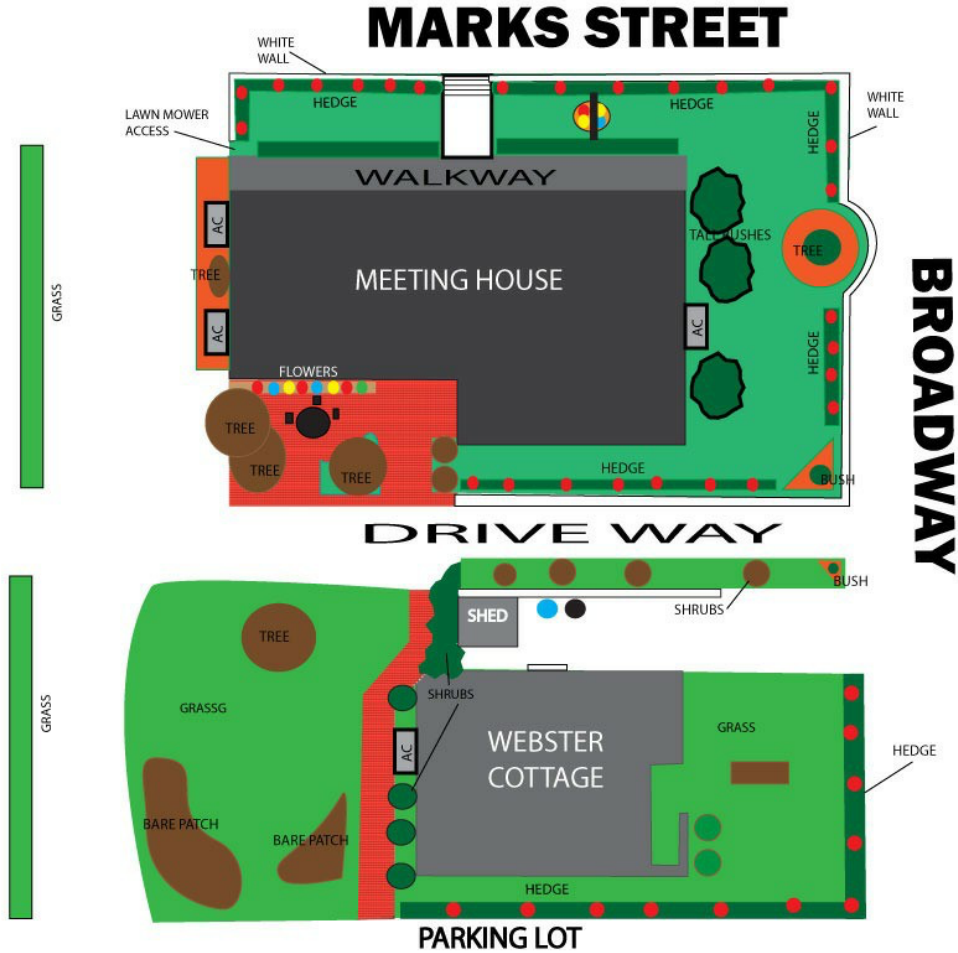
Love and Peace,

Beverly Ward

Attachment A

Orlando Monthly Meeting Landscaping  
Comments: Beverly G. Ward, FSE  
2020-08-20

Thank you for asking for my thoughts. I appreciate being included and am grateful to you for your work during these challenging times.



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Overall, please look for opportunities to xeriscape and where planting or replanting try to use native plants and permaculture techniques, if possible. (I'm a big fan of pollinator plants!) The thinking is that this will be working with the land requiring less energy/fewer resources to maintain. See:

- Reduce Environmental Impacts with Sustainable Landscaping, <https://blogs.ifas.ufl.edu/orangeco/2019/10/29/sustainable-landscaping/>;
- Simple Steps to Create a Pollinator Paradise in your Landscape, <https://blogs.ifas.ufl.edu/orangeco/2017/10/12/simple-steps-create-pollinator-paradise-landscape/>;
- Milkweed for Monarchs in Central Florida, <https://blogs.ifas.ufl.edu/orangeco/2020/04/02/milkweed-for-monarchs-in-central-florida/>;
- Drought Tolerant Plants for a Florida-Friendly Landscape – Zone 9, <https://blogs.ifas.ufl.edu/orangeco/2020/03/11/drought-tolerant-plants-for-a-florida-friendly-landscape-zone-9/>.

The current bare spots and, perhaps spots where plants are to be removed, may provide opportunities for rain gardens. “Rain gardens are an easy way to return water to our aquifer, reduce erosion, and help prevent stormwater runoff,” UF/IFAS. There are a number of resources at this link, including plant suggestions, <https://gardeningolutions.ifas.ufl.edu/design/types-of-gardens/rain-gardens.html>. Also, see *Rain Gardens: A Manual for Central Florida Residents*, <https://gardeningolutions.ifas.ufl.edu/pdf/articles/rain-garden-manual-hillsborough.pdf>.

These suggestions may result in some cost savings. Maybe not initially, but in the long term xeriscaping, native plants, and rain gardens can work together to offset maintenance costs, including labor. These also can have additional green inputs if consideration is given to using pollinator plants.

Another thought: planting foodstuffs.

And finally, if plants are to be removed, please consider offering them for adoption or fostering. I know of some people in Hillsborough/Lake County that would consider taking them in.

Please feel free to follow up with me with questions, concerns, etc.

Thank you. Stay safe and well.

## Attachment B

Dear Florida Faith Leader:

“Will we be extremists for the preservation of injustice — or will we be extremists for the cause of justice?” - Martin Luther King, Jr., *Letter from the Birmingham Jail*

In The Book Of The Revelation Of St John The Divine, the Church of Laodicea was described as, and known to be, neither hot nor cold, but just lukewarm, and thus only worthy of being spewed out.

With our votes – by mail, early, or in-person – the state of Florida will end its election season on November 3, 2020, and begin preparing for an upcoming legislative session in March 2021, where nothing less than the preservation of injustice or the advancing of the cause of justice will hang in the balance.

This is a challenge that must be met by faith leaders and all people of goodwill who are “extremists for the cause of justice.”

The 2020 Florida Clergy Convening, hosted by the Florida Council of Churches, and presented by Pastors For Florida Children, Inc., will be held virtually this year on **Thursday, September 17, 2020, from 1:00 PM to 4:30 PM**. The theme for this year's virtual convening is, "***Building a Faithful Democracy: Hope to Face the Future.***"

**At 1:00 PM** our featured speaker is **Rev. Jennifer Butler, Chief Executive Officer of Faith in Public Life (FPL)**. FPL has played an important role nationally in changing the narrative about the role of faith in politics by empowering faith leaders to advocate for social justice and the common good.

Informative “How To” workshops will also be offered during the convening which will cover three critical areas of faith advocacy:

**2:00 PM** - Transforming Public Education In Florida

**3:00 PM** - Transforming The Criminal Justice System In Florida

**3:45 PM** - Transforming Immigration Enforcement Policies In Florida

Please forward this invitation to your entire network and ask them to register for this virtual event. You can register online here: [www.bit.ly/FLCLERGY2020](http://www.bit.ly/FLCLERGY2020). A link to the webinar will be emailed to you prior to the date of the event. For more information contact Rev. James T. Golden at [jamethegold@aol.com](mailto:jamethegold@aol.com) or Rev. Rachel Gunter Shapard at [rguntershapard@cbf.net](mailto:rguntershapard@cbf.net).

Your presence will strengthen our resolve! Your support will bless our effort! Your network will expand our reach!

Grace and peace,

Rev. Dr. Raymond Johnson, Chairperson of the Florida Council of Churches  
Rev. Dr. Russell Meyer, Executive Director of the Florida Council of Churches

# Threshing Session on proposal for an *ad hoc* Retirement Committee

Fall Interim Business Meeting  
17 Tenth Month 2020

Questions, Concerns, Responses, And Sharing.

Clerk reminded Friends of what a threshing session is about: it is intended to be an open exploration and exchange where no decisions are made.

Dan Vaughen provided a brief introduction. A full report and proposal are in the DIAs. Dan and his wife Susan are in a facility in Deland, which would benefit greatly from being a Quaker-run facility.

CCRC's (continuing care retirement communities) are prevalent in the northeast. They are financially out of reach for many of middle class or modest means, which seems to be a disconnect from our Quaker values. Quaker CCRCs require significant financial assets.

SEYM has, in the past, had interest in establishing a Quaker retirement community in Florida. Friends took steps such as having talks with Kendal and looking for suitable sites. However, they were not able to gather adequate funds to purchase a property.

An alternative to building new facilities would be for Kendal to take over management of an existing property, and offer a mid-level price point. It could be a community that offers fewer services, at a lower cost; that would not be a CCRC, but still provide a quality retirement environment.

Kendal is interested, provided there is an organization, such as SEYM, who is also interested in partnering with them.

Dan asks: Is this an issue that SEYM can undertake that meets the objectives and priorities of its members?

A Friend who had been thru this process in California spoke. He felt that starting from scratch, for this YM, would be impossible. However, the idea that Kendal take over an existing facility, he felt, would merit an exploratory committee.

Would there be enough people for an exploratory committee?

How many of us would want to retire in such a facility?

Friends noted that SEYM cannot afford huge outlays of cash.

What does Kendal expect of a YM that partners with them?

Kendal is looking to reduce costs to make their facilities more available. Florida has a huge retirement population. Bring Quaker values to more people.

What would be the cost?

Dan shared that his current situation in the Cloisters, for example, requires no significant down payment; rental is month-month. There are amenities such as security, pool, staff, food. There are graduated levels of care.

Neil reports that Phoebe has a lot of interest in being on an exploratory committee. He shared some examples: They've visited Kendal Oberlin, Lexington VA, applied for Kendal Collington outside DC. Kendal is not a Quaker organization---it is a business that operates according to Quaker principles. Entry fees run about 70k - 250k+. There are monthly fees for healthcare, meals, grounds, etc. depending on what program you want. This is an example of how Kendal wants to accommodate all ranges of wealth.

<https://collington.kendal.org/living-options/pricing-information/>

Why not see how many actual individuals are interested moving to such a place, as a group?

Are there many Friends who would re-locate from the communities they are in? Where?

What does it cost, literally? Including cost of exploration.

Surveying informally SEYM Friends. If there were such a facility, would you be interested?

Consider that perhaps Quakers from up north would be interested in moving to Florida.

A Friend shared a story about how couples would group together to all move to the same facility/complex.

What is affordable?

There are 171 facilities in Pinellas County alone. Costs range from \$2900-\$6900/month.

Hard pressed to see how we, as a yearly meeting, have the energy and resources to work on this.

Question ability to make this truly affordable.

Take a long-term view. Within the permaculture world, there is a lot of talk about forming intentional communities. Think about future.

For last 25 years lots of People Of Color have been coming back to South to retire, and have not felt welcome.

Future generations will need a place to retire.

Availability of affordable housing in Florida

What happens in a non-CCRC community when you need continuing care?

CCRC major cost: independent living; assisted living more services provided. Skilled nursing



Concerns about the role that SEYM is asked to play as a partner with Kendal

Concerns that we already have difficulty filling roles and responsibilities.

Lift up Intentional community such as in Monte Verde as an example: all arising from Quaker values.

There is a sense of this meeting that exploratory committee be formed, but this is a threshing session --- no decisions are to be made here.

Friends who are interested in this proposal can contact Dan Vaughen at [dvaughen@gmail.com](mailto:dvaughen@gmail.com).