

# Southeastern Yearly Meeting

## Quakers in Florida, southeast Georgia & South Carolina

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Dear Friends,

The two files attached to this email contain the apportionment information for the SEYM Fiscal Year, June 1, 2024, through May 31, 2025. They are being sent for information and planning to the Clerks, Treasurers and/or Correspondents of all SEYM Monthly Meetings and Worship Groups. They will also be available for viewing on the SEYM website.

1. The Apportionments. The first page shows the apportionment values for each entity; the second page shows the meeting population statistics on which the apportionment values were based.
2. The approved SEYM Annual Budget on which the Apportionments were based.

For Friends new to this process, the starting point of the apportionment process is the general fund budget for the fiscal year approved at the SEYM Annual Sessions. Almost all of the income needed to balance the approved SEYM budget comes from supporting contributions from its constituent meetings, worship groups, and some individuals.

Each meeting or worship group's Apportionment is based on its population statistics, as recorded in the most recent SEYM Directory. For the purpose of the Apportionment, each member, adult or child, of any subcategory in a meeting is counted as one "unit." Each attender, adult or child, of any subcategory is counted as one-half "unit". The total number of units in a meeting is divided by the total number of units in the entire Yearly Meeting to determine a percentage, representing each meeting's proportionate share of the total amount of income required to keep the approved budget in balance. That percentage ( $\text{Meeting Units} / \text{Total YM Units}$ ) of the "Meeting Donations" income line of the SEYM Approved YM Annual Budget then becomes the monthly meeting's Apportionment for that fiscal year.

These Apportionments are only guidelines. Each meeting is asked to hold in the Light their own contribution to the support of the approved Yearly Meeting budget. Some meetings will be unable to contribute their full Apportionment. Some meetings may be able to contribute more than their Apportionment. You should know that over the last seven years, the Yearly Meeting's total income has fallen short of its total expenses by approximately \$20,000 (in total). Such continuing losses are not sustainable.

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions or concerns regarding the Apportionments or the YM Annual Budget. If you are not your meeting's Clerk or Treasurer, please pass this email along to the appropriate person, and let us correct our records.

The Apportionments have historically been calculated by a complicated formula that is in urgent need of review and revision. What is included in the approved budget that is subject to apportionment is equally opaque and complicated. Much has changed since that formula, and the budget calculation to which it was applied, were originally adopted.

The Finance Committee will be reviewing those issues in the coming months. We are hoping for input from Meeting Treasurers and other interested persons. We are especially seeking volunteers with experience in nonprofit budgeting and planning to help us simplify, clarify, and improve our budgeting process, in order to make it more accurate, efficient, reasonable, fair, and transparent.

For the current fiscal year, however, we have followed the historical formula and process. The Finance Committee will begin working on next year's budget (6/1/25-5/31/26) in September 2024. All constituent meeting Treasurers, and other interested parties, are invited to participate in that process. We will make as much progress in revising our budgetary and apportionment process as we can, consistent with Business Meeting dates and deadlines. We will begin, but may not complete, the needed revisions before we calculate next year's apportionments.

Between now and our next meeting, therefore, I ask that you hold our work in the Light in order to better discern how you, or someone you might know, might be called to help guide us. Consider volunteering to serve on the SEYM Finance Committee and to share its workload. Stewardship is a core Testimony. It is one of the keys to our survival as the Religious Society of Friends in these "lean years".

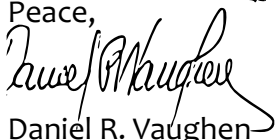
The Yearly Meeting must work together with all of its constituent monthly meetings toward our mutual financial survival. We are One in the Spirit. (Romans 12:5-KJ21). "The body is not one member, but many. . . But now there are many members, yet but one body." (1 Cor. 12:14, 20 - NIV)

SEYM Finance Committee deeply appreciates the faithful support that monthly meetings, worship groups and individuals have given the Yearly Meeting over the years. Now, however, we are facing "lean years" of Biblical proportions. We must pool our resources. We must work together. We must share and reciprocate.

The Bible tells us that Jesus fed 7,000 people with just seven loaves of bread and a few fish. (Matthew 15:34 - NIV) I believe it was reciprocity, not magic, that caused that "miracle." Jesus encouraged one person to share with others what food he had brought for himself. Everyone in the crowd followed that example. When the total of what everyone had brought with them for their own food was shared with the entire crowd, there were 7 baskets of food left over.

Let's perform that experiment. The Book says it will work.

Peace,



Daniel R. Vaughen  
Clerk, SEYM Finance Committee

SEYM Apportionments 6/1/2024 to 5/31/2025

Approved Budget: 118,155.00

Apportionments: 104,150.00

Meeting Name	Attendees	Members	Units (Member = 1; Attender = 1/2)	Meeting Apportionment
Charleston MM*	6	7	10	2,181.15
Clearwater MM	15	15	22.5	4,907.59
Deland WG	9	0	4.5	981.52
Fort Lauderdale MM	5	2	4.5	981.52
Fort Myers MM	31	28	43.5	9,488.01
Gainesville MM	21	49	59.5	12,977.85
Halifax UMM	0	0	0	-
Havana UWG*	0	0	0	-
Jacksonville WG	17	0	8.5	1,853.98
Key West WG*	0	0	0	-
Lake Wales WG	2	0	1	218.12
Managua WG*	0	0	0	-
Melbourne, Q M of	5	18	20.5	4,471.36
Miami MM	8	49	53	11,560.10
Orlando MM	42	54	75	16,358.64
Palm Beach MM	12	18	24	5,234.76
St. Augustine WG	27	0	13.5	2,944.55
St. Petersburg MM	16	26	34	7,415.92
Sarasota MM	6	17	20	4,362.30
Savannah MM	7	7	10.5	2,290.21
Tallahassee MM	13	41	47.5	10,360.47
Tampa MM	9	17	21.5	4,689.48
Treasure Coast WG	0	0	0	-
Winter Park MM	4	2	4	872.46
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<b>FY2024-2025 TOTALS</b>	275	340	477.5	104,149.99

Apportionments: 104,150.00

Apportionment Per Unit: 218.12

Southeastern Yearly Meeting  
Approved Budget  
June 2024 through November 2025

	Budget Jun '24 - May '25
Income	
2000 · Income	
2001 · Donations	
2002 · Indivd.Donations-Classes	4,000.00
2003 · Meeting Donations	
2003 · Meeting Donations - APPORTIONMENTS	104,150.00
Total 2003 · Meeting Donations	104,150.00
2006 · In-kind Donation	
Total 2001 · Donations	108,150.00
2200 · Investment Earnings	
2203 · Savings Account Interest	5.00
Total 2200 · Investment Earnings	5.00
2316 · GuideOne Insurance Dividends	
Total 2000 · Income	108,155.00
2700 · Transfer in FROM other classes	
2712 · Michener Lect. to GF/insurance	210.00
2732 · Gath/Walton to GF/insurance	1,200.00
2752 · HYM to GF/insurance	590.00
2804 · from Trustee's Funds	
2815 · for BertscheOutreach Travel	2,500.00
2820 · for Staff Salary	5,500.00
Total 2804 · from Trustee's Funds	8,000.00
Total 2700 · Transfer in FROM other classes	10,000.00
Total Income	118,155.00
Expense	
2999 · Expenses	
3000 · Operating Costs	
3001 · Bank Service Charges	360.00
3002 · PayPal service fee	100.00
3080 · Duplication	1,500.00
3100 · Insurance	
3106 · Liability Insurance	2,000.00
3100 · Insurance - Other	
Total 3100 · Insurance	2,000.00
3107 · Youth Worker CAP Certification	200.00
3146 · Non-Profit Corporation Fee	65.00
3200 · Office Supplies	800.00
3270 · Payroll Expenses	73,500.00
3272 · Employer Payroll Taxes	4,800.00
3380 · Postage/Shipping	400.00
3381 · Post Office Box rental	300.00
3400 · Office Equipment	400.00
3500 · Professional Fees	
3526 · Accounting	540.00
3500 · Professional Fees - Other	200.00
Total 3500 · Professional Fees	740.00
3640 · Rent warehouse/office	
3642 · Office Rent	840.00
3643 · Storage Unit	1,640.00
3640 · Rent warehouse/office - Other	0.00
Total 3640 · Rent warehouse/office	2,480.00
3700 · Repairs	
3740 · Computer Repairs	250.00
3700 · Repairs - Other	0.00
Total 3700 · Repairs	250.00
3816 · Software	2,600.00
3840 · Telephone & Inet access	1,600.00
3860 · Travel Administrative	1,000.00
3900 · Website	
3641 · Rent E=Data off-site storage	
3940 · Domain Name Registrations	200.00
3900 · Website - Other	360.00
Total 3900 · Website	560.00
Total 3000 · Operating Costs	93,655.00

	Budget Jun '24 - May '25
4000 · Committees Operating Expenses	
4309 · Archives	100.00
4329 · EC and IBM	100.00
4339 · Faith and Practice	25.00
4349 · Finance	25.00
4359 · Nominating	25.00
4369 · Peace and Social Concerns	450.00
4389 · Youth Committee	25.00
4399 · Worship and Ministry	2,300.00
4429 · Earthcare	25.00
4449 · Publications	25.00
4469 · Racism, Ministry on	25.00
4479 · SEYM Retirement Committee	0.00
4489 · Young Adult Quakers	25.00
Total 4000 · Committees Operating Expenses	3,150.00
5000 · Donations to Organizations	
5007 · AFSC	200.00
5018 · Earlham School of Religion	100.00
5027 · FCNL	1,000.00
5028 · QEW (FCUN)	200.00
5030 · FLGBTQC	100.00
5037 · FGC	1,200.00
5038 · FLCoalition for Peace & Justice	100.00
5047 · Florida Council of Churches	200.00
5048 · Florida Impact	300.00
5057 · Friends Journal	100.00
5061 · Friends Peace Teams	500.00
5067 · FUM	500.00
5068 · FWCC	1,450.00
5077 · Pendle Hill	100.00
5085 · Quaker House of Fayetteville NC	200.00
5087 · Quaker Life	100.00
5089 · QUNO	100.00
5090 · NNABSHC	300.00
5097 · Wm Penn House	100.00
Total 5000 · Donations to Organizations	6,850.00
8000 · Travel & Financial Aid	
8160 · Annual Representative	4,000.00
8360 · Attend SEYM-approved Activities	1,500.00
8460 · Travel Support to SEYM Business	1,000.00
8560 · Other Travel	
Total 8000 · Travel & Financial Aid	6,500.00
8500 · Contingency	
8510 · Contingency - Intl Worship Grou	
8500 · Contingency - Other	2,000.00
Total 8500 · Contingency	2,000.00
Total 2999 · Expenses	112,155.00
9000 · Transfer OUT TO other classes	
9004 · for Youth Programs	2,500.00
9005 · for Gathering Youth	2,000.00
9060 · for Triennial Travel	500.00
9xxx · for Int'l Worship Group Support	1,000.00
Total 9000 · Transfer OUT TO other classes	6,000.00
Total Expense	118,155.00
Net Income	0.00