

Southeastern Yearly Meeting

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Summer 2023 Executive Committee Meeting

10 Sixth Month 2023

8:30 am, Eastern Time

There is a principle which is pure, placed in the human mind, which in different places and ages hath had different names. It is, however, pure and proceeds from God. It is deep and inward, confined to no forms of religion nor excluded from any, where the heart stands in perfect sincerity. In whomsoever this takes root and grows, of what nation soever, they become brethren.

John Woolman, 1746

We will gather in person at
Tampa Friends Meetinghouse
1502 West Sligh Avenue, Tampa, Florida
and via Zoom

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Schedule, Agenda, and Reports

Saturday, 10 Sixth Month

SUMMER EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

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12 noon	Lunch served by Tampa Friends	
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SEYM Officers, Committees, Representatives, & Appointees

June Executive Committee Meeting, 2023

Friends needed to serve in open positions are in All CAPS.

OFFICERS

Yearly Meeting Clerk	Bill Carlie	St. Petersburg.....	2026
Interim Business Meeting (IBM) & Executive Committee (EC) Clerk	Bill Carlie	St. Petersburg.....	2026
ASSISTANT YM CLERK.....			
Recording Clerk, YM.....	Dan Vaughn	Orlando/DeLand	2025
Recording Clerk, IBM/EC.....	Liz Dykes	Gainesville.....	2025
Assistant Recording Clerks:			
IBM and EC	Dan Vaughn	Orlando/DeLand	2026
YM	Liz Dykes	Gainesville.....	2026
Treasurer	Joel Cook	Palm Beach/Treasure Coast	2026
Membership Recorder	Ed Lesnick.....	Orlando.....	2024

TRUSTEES

Neil Andersen, <i>Clerk</i>	Tallahassee		2026
Chris Laning	Orlando		2025
Jack Bradin.....	Palm Beach/Treasure Coast.		2026
Liz Dykes.....	Gainesville		2026
Mike Flanery	Clearwater		2026

COMMITTEES

Archives

Bill Rapp, <i>Clerk</i>	Lake Wales WG.....	2024
Neil Andersen.....	Tallahassee.....	2024
Phoebe Andersen	Tallahassee	2026

Earthcare

Brian Humphrey, <i>Clerk</i>	Ft. Lauderdale	2026
Jim Koopman	Ft. Myers	2025
Brad Stocker	Miami	2025
Beverly Ward	Tampa.....	2025
Jack Bradin	Palm Beach/Treasure Coast....	2026
Mike Flanery	Clearwater	2026
Hollyn Green	Savannah.....	2026

Faith & Practice

(Committee on sabbatical)

Phoebe Andersen, <i>Clerk</i>	Tallahassee	2024
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Facebook Page

Mike Flanery	Clearwater	2024
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Finance

Peter Schmidt, <i>Clerk</i>		2024
Steve Donachie	Miami	2024
Shawna Doran	Gainesville	2024
Carl Hersh.....	Miami/DeLand	2024
Asst. YM Clerk (ex officio)		
SEYM Treasurer (ex officio)		
Clerk of Trustees (ex officio)		
SEYM Administrative Secretary (ex officio)		

Half-Yearly Meeting	Brian Olson, <i>Clerk</i>	Miami	2024
	Rosiland Kirupavathy, <i>Registrar</i>	Orlando	2024
	Kathy Hersh, <i>Co-Food Coordinator</i>	Miami/DeLand	2025
	Beverly Ward, <i>Co-Food Coordinator</i>	St. Petersburg	2025
	Asma Roshi	Orlando	2025
Ministry on Racism	Kathy Hersh, <i>Clerk</i>	Miami/DeLand	2024
	Minerva Glidden	Orlando	2024
	Brad Stocker	Miami	2024
	Susan Taylor	Tallahassee	2024
	Beverly Ward	Tampa	2024
	Jane Westberg	Miami	2024
	Cindy Kwalwasser	Orlando/DeLand	2025
	Jean Larson	Gainesville	2025
	Wendy Clarissa Geiger	2026
	Katie Green	Clearwater	2026
Asma Roshi	Orlando	2026	
Peace & Social Concerns	Karen Putney	Tampa	2024
	Helen Fox	Ft. Myers	2024
	Peter Harrell	Gainesville	2024
	John Heimburg	Orlando	2025
	Warren Hoskins	Tallahassee	2025
	Mercedes Soca	Havana WG	2025
	Cece Yocum	Tampa	2025
	Phil Stone	Clearwater	2026
Publications	Phoebe Andersen	Tallahassee	2024
	Steven Riddle	Orlando	2025
	Vicki Carlie (ex officio)	St. Petersburg	
Worship & Ministry	Richelle Ogle, <i>Co-Clerk</i>	Orlando/St. Augustine	2025
	Jan Dahm, <i>Co-Clerk</i>	Tampa	2026
	Lisa Erazmus, <i>Co-Clerk</i>	Tampa	2026
	Bill Carlie	St. Petersburg	2025
	Cheryl Demers-Holton	Gainesville/DeLand	2025
	Nancyrose Logan	Sarasota	2025
	Clara Diaz	Orlando/St. Augustine	2026
	Eduardo Diaz	Orlando/St. Augustine	2026
	Joel Cook	Palm Beach/Treasure Coast ...	2026
	Ann Jerome	Orlando	2026
YM Gathering	VICKI CARLIE, <i>GATHERING CLERK</i>	ST. PETERSBURG 10 TH MONTH	2023
	Andrea Hoskins, <i>Registrar</i>	Tallahassee	2025
	John Heimburg, <i>Bookstore</i>	Orlando	2026
	Brian Olson, <i>Program Coordinator</i>	Miami	2026
	Kasper Ronning	Orlando	2025
	SEYM Administrative Secretary, ex-officio	
Youth Committee	Jennifer Mendoza	Sarasota	2024
	Kathy Hersh	Miami	2025
	Mariah Doran, <i>Gathering Activities</i>	Gainesville	2026
	Lewis Kirvan, <i>Gathering Activities</i>	Gainesville	2026
	Cecelia Yocum, <i>Gathering Activities</i>	Tampa	2026
	Amanda Farrar	St. Augustine	2026

Asma Roshi Orlando 2026
 Evelyn Schwalb Orlando 2026

REPRESENTATIVES TO ORGANIZATIONS

American Friends Service Committee Corporation, - AFSC/Philadelphia

Bill Carlie St. Petersburg 2025
 Beverly Ward Tampa 2025

Friends Committee on National Legislation – FCNL

Karen Putney Tampa 2024
 Eileen Zingaro Clearwater 2024
 Dianne Langan St. Pete/St. Augustine 2026
 Ian McDonald Tallahassee 2026

Friends General Conference - FGC Central Committee

Dan Vaughn Orlando 2025
 Susan Wade St. Petersburg 2025

Friends World Committee for Consultation – FWCC

Clara Diaz Orlando 2024
 Eduardo Diaz Orlando 2024
 Nancyrose Logan Sarasota 2026
 Joel Cook Palm Beach/Treasure Coast... 2026

Friends Peace Teams

Cecilia Yocum Tampa 2025
 Shawna Doran Gainesville 2025

Florida Council of Churches

Beverly Ward Tampa 2024

Friends for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender & Queer Concerns – FLGBTQ

Under Discernment

Palmetto Friends Gathering

Phoebe Andersen Tallahassee 2026
 Neil Andersen Tallahassee 2026

Quaker Earthcare Witness

Brad Stocker Miami 2025
 Beverly Ward Tampa 2026

Quaker House (Fayetteville)

Seth Moody St. Augustine WG 2026

Quaker United Nations Office - QUNO

Liz Jenkins Orlando 2025

APPOINTED OBSERVERS TO ORGANIZATIONS

FUM General Board Observer

Eduardo Diaz Orlando/St. Augustine 2026
 Ellie Caldwell, *Alternate* Palm Beach 2024

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Ed Lesnick, *Clerk* Orlando 2024
 Beverly Ward Tampa 2025
 Shawna Doran Gainesville 2026
 Brian Olson Miami 2026

CAPP Manual 2023 revisions

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Input from Vicki Carlie, June 2023. Blue indicates suggested language.

(under Job Descriptions)

CAP Coordinator: Coordinates and supervises the recruitment, application review, and training of SEYM Registered Youth Workers. Sees that SEYM Youth programs and events follow the best practices and requirements outlined in this Manual.

SEYM Review Committee: ~~subset of~~ 2-3 persons selected from the SEYM Personnel Committee, and including the CAP Coordinator and Administrative Secretary (ex-officio), who review completed application files and who approve applicants to be Registered SEYM Youth Program Workers. The Review Committee is required to keep all application information strictly confidential, within the committee only.

Event Registrar(s): SEYM member nominated and approved at YBM (or FIBM or WIBM) for specific a SEYM event such as the Yearly Meeting Gathering, Half Yearly Meeting, or other events that are under the care of SEYM. The Registrar receives and ~~keeps on file~~ the Parent Consent and Release form, Youth Medical forms, Special Event forms at the time of Registration, and Volunteer Driver & Automobile information as needed. These forms are given to the Secretary to keep on file for a period of at least 7 years.

(under Event Descriptions)

Yearly Meeting Gathering: includes Yearly Business Meeting (YBM) plenaries along with programmed activities (workshops, etc.) for youth and adults, intergenerational activities, and unprogrammed free time.

The Yearly Meeting Gathering includes:

- Gathering Youth Program: the programmed Youth activities that are planned by the Youth Committee and under the care of Designated Youth Workers.
- Parent-supervised activities: may include Parent Co-op child care, attendance at intergenerational games, workshops and evening events, or family free time.
- Junior Yearly Meeting: takes place during the planned morning program and is under the care of Designated Youth Workers.
- During adult evening programs, as announced in the printed programs, youth care may be under the care of SEYM Child Care Workers or Friendly Adult Presences OR in some instances, may be a continuation of the morning program under the care of the Designated Youth Program Workers.

HYM (Half Yearly Meeting): the informal social gathering that takes place Thanksgiving weekend, usually in a state park. Activities include intergenerational activities: cooking together, hiking, canoeing, talent show, environmental lecture, volunteer-presented group activities, games, etc.

Other Events that have been approved as an official SEYM event or an official SEYM Youth Program event, with scheduled Youth activities under the care of Designated Youth Workers.

Family Events: other events, such as Family Retreats, which are parent-supervised, and are not under the care of SEYM or Designated Youth Workers, whether or not they have been organized by SEYM personnel.

(under Application Process)

Notice to Applicants: All information in, and pertaining to, your application will be kept strictly confidential by the SEYM CAP Review Committee, and kept on file in a locked safe.

STEP 5:

SEYM Review Committee reviews the completed application. The Review Committee either approves an applicant as a Registered SEYM Youth Worker, or notifies an applicant if her or his background check was problematic. The Review Committee is required to keep all application information strictly confidential, within the committee only. A list of approved Registered Youth Workers and their contact information is kept by the Secretary, who shares it only with the Youth Committee and/or Youth event planners.

RENEWAL:

~~Designated SEYM Staff~~ The CAP Coordinator and SEYM Administrative Secretary shall work with the Review Committee to obtain and review new background checks for Registered Youth Workers every 4 years. The workers registration expires at the end of annual that occurs after the 4 year mark. (For example; If Cam is registered on September 2021 and Pat is registered in January of 2022, both registrations expire at the end of 2026 annual gathering.)

ad hoc Committee on Women's Reproductive Health and Justice Report

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Although this committee is open to all, the SEYM *ad hoc* Committee on Women's Reproductive Health and Justice are in the process of gathering action-oriented Friends as contacts in every SEYM Monthly Meeting and Worship Group to engage in discussion and ultimately action on women's reproductive health and abortion rights. We recognize that these individuals may be acting on their own or as individuals or as members of *ad hoc* groups and not authorized by Meetings of the whole as Minerva and I have been.

At present we are communicating by email and are setting a date for our first Zoom gathering. At that meeting we intend to share our Meetings' responses to the FCNL request for discernment on the abortion issue and put in place a plan for joining the statewide efforts to gather signatures on the constitutional amendment petitions for the 2024 ballot.

Submitted by
Minerva Glidden, Co-clerk, Orlando Monthly Meeting
Lynn Carol Henderson, Co-clerk, St. Petersburg Monthly Meeting

Worship & Ministry Committee Report

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The Worship & Ministry Committee of Southeastern Yearly Meeting is committed to listening to and addressing the spiritual needs of our SEYM Monthly Meetings and Worship Groups and the Yearly Meeting as a whole. Meeting monthly, we have moved forward projects that nurture the way of Friends. We are encouraged by this wisdom from SEYM member and 2022 Michener Lecturer Nancy Fennell:

Presence is always revealing itself to us. In silence, by listening, waiting, paying singular attention, and allowing time and space for God in our lives, we may seek and find the Presence within. In our hearts and minds, we hear, see, and feel what Love teaches us. Spirit is all around us and we are in wonder that we did not notice before.

Addressing Spiritual Needs of SEYM Members

This past year, the Worship & Ministry Committee committed itself to providing opportunities for SEYM members to deepen our experience of Spirit, either individually or as Meetings/Worship Groups. We did this in the following ways:

1. Offering workshops at the Annual Gathering in April, including a W&M-sponsored, two-part session on prayer, called The Divine Conversation. W&M Committee members also facilitated other workshops, including “Finding Our Way Back to Our Peaceful Self” on finding inner peace, and several sessions of Friendly Bible Study. W&M also offered an opportunity for Extended Meeting for Worship; and W&M members clerked several of the early morning worship sharing sessions. Finally, the W&M Committee was instrumental in identifying keynote speaker, Christopher Sammond, for the 2023 Annual Gathering. Christopher’s message meshed well with other workshop and worship sharing topics.
2. Organizing the Michener Lecture. After discernment, the Worship & Ministry Committee asked Ann Jerome, of Deland Worship Group, to be the 2024 Michener Lecturer. Friends believe the message Ann brings and her method of bringing it are critical to SEYM.

The 2023 Michener Lecture, entitled “Welcome As You Are: Seekers, Finders, Sharing the Journey,” was offered by Joel Cook. Following his message, Joel facilitated a workshop on deepening our worship experience by sharing our spiritual journeys with each other.

Planning and implementing online opportunities for spiritual growth outside of the Yearly Meeting Gathering and the Michener Lecture:

- Posing “Queries for the Journey” for use by Meetings and individuals through the SEYM newsletter and website.
- Clerking Extended Worship experiences for SEYM Friends via Zoom on a quarterly basis. Another Extended Meeting for Worship is scheduled for 5 Eighth Month 2023.
- Facilitating the online Seekers Book Club focusing on spiritual texts. Much of this year was devoted to discussing the book “Practicing Peace: A Devotional Walk Through the Quaker Tradition,” by Catherine Whitmire. On 6 Seventh Month 2023, the group will begin a new book, “Presence: Recognizing the Divine in Your Everyday Life,” by Mary Jackson.

- Organizing several well-received online workshops
 - Quaker Chants, with Paulette Meier, on 25 Third Month 2023; and
 - Forgiveness as Spiritual Practice, with Sue Regen, held over three days, 19-21 Fifth Month 2023.

The Listening Project

A year ago, during SEYM's 2022 Summer Executive Committee Meeting, Executive Committee asked the Worship & Ministry Committee to foster listening and conversation around the spiritual nurture of Monthly Meetings and Worship Groups through listening sessions and follow-up, and to determine how SEYM can help. W&M contacted all SEYM MMs and WGs with requests to meet to discuss these matters. MMs and WGs responded with interest. W&M members met with four MMs/WGs for prayerful discussion and had several one-on-one conversations with individual members of other Meetings. Concerning how SEYM can help, these overriding themes emerged:

- Website: A more intuitively organized website would be helpful. The website is difficult to navigate, making it unclear what resources, either spiritual or infrastructure-wise, are available to Meetings.
- Clearinghouse: SEYM could serve as a clearinghouse for information about any number of topics, including spiritual formation programs and other Quaker programs that MMs and WGs could take up; a list of speakers/workshops that MMs/WGs might consider hosting; and infrastructure issues. For example, if a Meeting is struggling with how they can do a better job of including people online in Meetings for Worship, ideally, they could contact SEYM, and SEYM could put them in touch with someone at another Meeting that has dealt with that problem to help talk them through how best to address the issue. Or if a Meeting is struggling with how to accomplish something covered in SEYM's Faith & Practice, but they aren't getting the help that Faith & Practice has promised they could get through a committee, that Meeting could contact SEYM to ask, "Who can help me with this?" Ideally, SEYM would connect that person with someone at another Meeting who has previously been through that issue. Several Meetings mentioned how useful it would be to connect with other MMs/WGs who are experiencing similar issues or trying to accomplish similar tasks.
- Serving as a convener: SEYM can help MMs and WGs by sharing information about what MMs are doing in terms of activism or spirituality or education, so that other MMs/WGs who would like to adopt that idea would know who is doing what and could consult them. Could SEYM share information, in an accessible way, on MM/WG activities so that other Meetings could consider something similar?

In general, SEYM Monthly Meetings and Worship Groups do not operate as if we are one organization with a central body connecting us. To address this, SEYM could provide a thoughtfully organized, easily navigable website; and an additional salaried staff person whose job it would be to gather information from MMs/WGs about their activities and post the information online in an organized, timely, highly accessible manner.

The Worship & Ministry Committee requests that the SEYM Executive Committee take up these concerns and suggestions expressed by SEYM Monthly Meetings and Worship Groups and decide how to address them, with full transparency.

We continue to hold in the Light the hearts and concerns of all Friends.

SEYM Worship & Ministry Committee co-clerks,
Jan Dahm, Lisa Erasmus, and Richelle Ogle

ad hoc Retirement Community Committee Report

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Our Quaker Vision for SEYM has been informally discussed within two Monthly Meetings: Orlando and St. Petersburg. St. Petersburg MM asked our committee for a presentation to its Adult First Day School class, to which Susan and I responded on 5/28. There has been no invitation from OMM, or from any other group within OMM, to our committee to make a presentation. I have been told that some informal conversations about our Quaker Vision have taken place among some members of Orlando MM. However, no requests for a presentation have yet been received from Orlando MM, or from any other SEYM Monthly Meetings or Worship Groups.

Seeds have been planted. There are signs of life from those seeds in two Monthly Meetings. We are now waiting to see if any of the seeds have fallen into fertile ground.

Please place a reminder in each email to be sent from SEYM to the Monthly Meetings for the next six months, asking Clerks and Conveners to discuss and respond to the Quaker Vision for SEYM, providing a link to the document for convenient access. Reiterate the Committee's offer to provide a speaker to travel to any Monthly Meeting or Worship Group desiring an in-person visit, at no cost, upon invitation. Please also offer the option of a Zoom meeting, if that would be preferable.

St. Petersburg Monthly Meeting gave me a \$50 honorarium check for coming to their Adult First Day School in response to their invitation. I will accept that check in lieu of any request for reimbursement of our personal expenses for that trip.

Peace,
Dan Vaughen

Quaker Earthcare Witness Report

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Much has happened within Quaker Earthcare Witness within this year so far.

Hayley Hathaway, the communications director, resigned to move on in her studies and Quaker Earthcare Witness has hired a new person, [Miche McCall \(they/them\)](#) who has already begun work. QEW will miss Hayley very much, but she will still be around us in SEYM through personal connections.

The General Secretary, Shelley Tanenbaum, will also be leaving at the end of this calendar year. The search for her replacement will begin soon. You will get the notification when it does begin.

Brad Stocker's co-clerking will end in the fall of this year, but Beverly G. Ward's co-clerking role will continue for another year, and she will be joined by two other co-clerks, Suellen Lowry, and Elaine Emmi, who will continue past her. The co-clerking model, that Brad and Beverly instituted, has been very successful.

In our recent bi-annual meeting, Quaker Earthcare Witness considered the FCNL request for discernment on reproductive health. After much work and spiritual labor our organization found unity on the following recommendations and language suggestions.

FCNL's Policy Statement could read:

III.2.6: Health Care. Universal access to affordable, effective, comprehensive health care is a right and is necessary to allow all people to fulfill their potential. Comprehensive health care includes primary, acute, and long-term care, including prescription drugs, as well as mental health and substance abuse treatment. To ensure access, health services should be provided where an individual's needs can best be met. Our country can only maintain and improve the physical and mental health of its population with affordable health care that covers the entire life span, including reproductive, prenatal, pediatric, adult, geriatric, and end-of-life care. Public health services, which protect us all, require robust federal support.

[Ed. the essential suggested change in the above statement is the addition of "reproductive" in the penultimate sentence.]

We recommend that the following (current) FCNL statement be eliminated:

III.2.7. NOTE: Members of the Society of Friends are not in unity on abortion issues. Therefore, FCNL takes no position and does not act either for or against abortion legislation. On occasion, FCNL may appeal to lawmakers not to use the abortion debate to paralyze action on other legislation.

The following statement could be added [Ed. as replacement for the above one]:

III.2.7. Note: Members of the Society of Friends have long struggled with issues that surround abortion. In discerned acknowledgement that abortion has long been a part and will continue to be a part of our history as humans, that restrictive abortion laws are not necessarily associated with lower rates of abortion, and that we have

learned that access to safe abortion is critical to a person's health, FCNL will support legislation that protects people's rights to choose a legal, safe abortion.

Last year's fund raising for Mini-grants was so successful that the organization was for this year able to construct and offer some larger grants and it is especially focusing on African Friends. The details for these temporary (as dependent on funds) grants are at the Quaker Earthcare Witness [Mini-grants webpage](#). Understand, that these funds were raised for the specific target of the grants program and thus, did not help the overall operating budget of Quaker Earthcare Witness.

The speaker at the last biannual meeting was Elson Bankoff. Elson is currently a high school senior at Sidwell Friends School. She is the founder and Editor-in-Chief of [Ecosystemic Magazine](#), a youth-run environmental action journal. She also has organized multiple climate strikes with Fridays For Future. This summer Elson spearheaded the production of a play on climate themes called [If the Bells Would Ring](#). The play, written and directed by Elson, went on to sell out all three of its shows at The Tank during New York City Climate Week. Elson also runs Sidwell's environmental action club.

I highly recommend that the youth group within SEYM consider connecting with her and seeing how they might work together. She is very open to working with others and helps them start their own groups within their schools.

A comprehensive recounting of what Quaker Earthcare Witness has done this past year is available and is highly recommended reading. It would not serve to put it all into this report.

Everyone is encouraged to participate in Quaker Earthcare Witness monthly worship sharing meetings. Quaker Earthcare Witness also has multiple speakers and workshops available. We have tried to forward the information on these through posts, newsletters, and email. We hope more Friends and others will participate in these offerings and share the information about them with others.

We urge everyone to sign up for the Quaker Earthcare Witness newsletter, BeFriending Creation, which is available in hardcopy and electronic mailings.

The fall bi-annual meeting will be at Pendle Hill. It will attempt to be hybrid.

As always, Quaker Earthcare Witness is asking everyone to consider making a donation. We particularly appreciate monthly contributions, no matter how small, as they help Quaker Earthcare Witness budget well. Quaker Earthcare Witness is trying to catch up salaries and benefits with other comparable Friends organizations and this requires better funding. We could not fill one of the three part-time positions because of funding and the need for more money. We are now back to two people. So, please consider increasing your corporate and individual contributions to Quaker Earthcare Witness.

Submitted by
Brad Stocker, Co-Clerk QEW

Quaker United Nations Office Report

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Dear Friends,

This brief report is an update to the report sent to Southeastern Yearly Meeting Gathering in Fourth Month/April 2023.

As previously reported, QUNO's 75th Anniversary Celebration will be held in New York at Scandinavia House on Friday, June 9, 2023. The event will be in person and streaming with the program beginning at 7:00 p.m. More information can be found here: [QUNO 75th Anniversary Celebration | American Friends Service Committee \(afsc.org\)](#)

At the Fourth Month/April 2023 Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business on 4/16/2023, Orlando Monthly Meeting Friends discussed the possibility of being a supporter/sponsor of this event at the Mary Robinson supporter level. OMM Friends united in the following minute:

2023.4-05 - Friends authorized sponsorship of the AFSC QUNO 75th Anniversary event at the Mary Robinson supporter level (\$1000). Further, they authorized Liz Jenkins to coordinate the gift to AFSC QUNO and also select friends who will attend the event representing OMM.

The gift has been sent to QUNO and received. The sponsorship will be listed on the event materials as follows:

"Quakers of Orlando on behalf of Southeastern Yearly Meeting."

In addition, a congratulatory half-page message will appear in digital celebratory materials reading:

"Our thanks to QUNO for 75 years of Quaker peace and justice work at the UN

Cheering your way forward!

Quakers of Orlando on behalf of Southeastern Yearly Meeting"

Kiran Nakwanma and Andrea A. Elukovich have committed to travel to New York to participate as guests at the celebration on behalf of OMM and SEYM. The reception and seated program will include special guest speaker, Ambassador Olof Skoog, Head of the European Union Delegation to the United Nations, and musical performances by students from Brooklyn Friends School.

Respectfully submitted,
Elizabeth Jenkins, SEYM Representative to QUNO.

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