

Southeastern Yearly Meeting

of the Religious Society of Friends

Yearly Business Meeting 2026

1 to 5 Fourth Month 2026

MINUTES

First Plenary – 1 Fourth Month 2026, 7:00 PM

The clerk welcomed everyone and invited all into silent worship. He then opened the plenary from the silence with the following quote:

Can our Friends meetings be free of privilege and be a living sanctuary where all of God's self is free to minister to us in all of her offices as teacher, priest, and prophet? Can our Friends meetings be those thin places in which our relationships, regardless of race or class, are a sacrament of grace and wholeness? Can our Friends meetings be the body and hands of the Holy Spirit in the world today?

Paul Ricketts, 2014

Friends shared how the spirit fares in our meetings. Many Friends are grateful for the communities that are growing and growing stronger. Gratitude was expressed for work done behind the scenes, in particular the expanse of opportunities online as part of the annual Gathering. Meetings are sometimes struggling with how to keep visitors and seekers.

Friends closed in silent, grateful worship.

Second Plenary – 2 Fourth Month 2026, 4:15 PM

Clerk Bill Carlie opened the session from silent worship with the following quote:

Living out the immanent and transcendent aspects of spirituality as a Friend has never been a private matter. Quaker structures depend on the shared inward experiences of members as the basis for worship, the ordering of business, and social and humanitarian action. The Quaker way takes on faith the seemingly irrational proposition that the inspirations of individuals can lead a community to unity and spiritual power, not to chaos and dismemberment.

Ursula Jane O'Shea 1993

Announcements and review of agenda

Friends shared announcements. Friends General Conference is still looking for members for the governing board.

The clerk reviewed the agenda. The most current agenda is on the website. We do need to add a naming committee to the second plenary agenda as Nominating Committee is in need of additional members.

The clerk called for volunteers for the Epistle Committee. The epistle will be read at the sixth plenary meeting on Sunday. At this time there were no volunteers.

Naming Committee

The clerk called for volunteers for the Naming Committee. The Naming Committee nominates new member(s) to the Nominating Committee. Gavin Sherrod, Phoebe Andersen, and Kathy Hersh, will serve until such time as a new member of the Nominating Committee is approved.

Treasurer's Report

Joel Cook presented the treasurer's report (attached). We have spent more than we took in in the first three quarters of the fiscal year. We have a net deficit of about \$6,000.00.

Friends approved the report.

First Reading of the Budget

Joel Cook presented the first reading of the FY 2026-27 budget (attached). As a result of the passing of SEYM's membership recorder, Ed Lesnick, we do not have updated membership statistics at this time. For the time being, we will use the data from FY 2025-26 year to create the apportionment list. Former membership recorders are offering to help with the program we use to collect the information.

Friends asked about meetings that don't pay the full apportionment and what we know about why or why not meetings choose to pay. We are reminded that we have discussed a Development Committee to change the way we ask for financial support. We will continue to consider this. The final approval will be during the sixth plenary on Sunday.

Friends approved the first reading of the budget.

The clerk called for Friends to introduce themselves by monthly meeting or worship group as he read the list.

Review and approval of Yearly Executive Committee and Interim Business Meeting Minutes

Friends reviewed the Executive Committee and Interim Business Meeting minutes as published in the Documents in Advance (attached).

Friends approved the minutes.

Nominating Committee Report

Brian Olsen presented the preliminary report for the Nominating Committee. Friends are needed to fill a variety of vital roles in SEYM.

Friends accepted the report.

Jerry Knutson Traveling Ministry Report

Jerry Knutson returned his traveling minute, endorsed by the many Friends Meetings he has visited in his ministry both in person and online and provided a detailed report (attached). After 11 years, Jerry is laying down his ministry at the rise of this Yearly Meeting.

Friends accepted the report.

Trustees Report

Neil Andersen announced that there is no Trustees report at this time.

Administrative Secretary Report

Susan Wade reported that she would like to reduce some of the information in the directory in order to lower the cost of printing. A Friend is concerned that this will reduce the availability of certain kinds of

information. Others believe we can store information online. Proposals were made to separate the directory from the archive materials. We will need further discernment and will consider this at June Executive Committee. Susan Wade asked that an *ad hoc* committee be formed to consider whether any information should be omitted from the directory.

Friends accepted the Administrative Secretary's Report (attached).

Visitors were belatedly asked to introduce themselves.

With dinner awaiting those at Dayspring, we adjourned after a brief silent worship.

Third Plenary – 3 Fourth Month 2026, 3:45 PM

Friends settled into silent worship after some technical difficulties. The clerk opened the plenary from silent worship with the following quote:

. . . our testimonies are not a pre-packaged set of values. Our spiritual experience, our openness to being led and to living a guided life, leads us to a life we have little choice over. Testimony is the outflowing life we cannot help but lead.

Ben Pink Dandelion 2014

Friends shared announcements.

The clerk asked Friends and visitors who did not introduce themselves yesterday to do so at this time.

Youth and Young Adult Coordinator Report

Rachel Dellinger was busy with her duties as YYAC and not available to give the report.

Friends approved the report as published in the Documents in Advance (attached).

Youth Committee Report

Brian Olsen reported that the Youth Committee is meeting online once a month. There is no report at this time.

Worship and Ministry Report

Lisa Erazmas reported for the Worship and Ministry Committee (attached). She added that there is work on Quakerism 101 for meetings.

Friends accepted the report.

Publications Committee Report

Phoebe Andersen reported for the Publications Committee. She has been working on the handbook, and the committee has been inactive.

Friends accepted the report.

Quaker Education Committee

Ed Chew reported for the Quaker Education Committee. The committee has agreed to give up the idea of a brick-and-mortar school. They continue to work with Stetson University and with individual meetings about what Quaker education means in their committees. There will be a survey to meetings.

Friends accepted the report.

- 26YBM01** SEYM authorizes an *ad hoc* committee to determine the scope, contents, and publication of the annual directory. Susan Wade will serve *ex officio* on this *ad hoc* committee. Phoebe Andersen has volunteered as a member of the Archives Committee and John Pelozzi has volunteered as a member of the Publications Committee. Other members will be appointed by the clerk. The committee will make a report and recommendations to the June Executive Committee.
APPROVED.

Friends closed with worship.

Fourth Plenary – 4 Fourth Month 2026, 10:15 AM

The clerk opened the plenary from silent worship by reading the following quote:

Our gracious Creator cares and provides for all his creatures. His tender mercies are over all his works; and, so far as his love influences our minds, so far we become interested in his workmanship and feel a desire to take hold of every opportunity to lessen the distresses of the afflicted and increase the happiness of the creation. Here we have a prospect of one common interest from which our own is inseparable, that to turn all the treasures we possess into the channel of universal love becomes the business of our lives.

John Woolman 1763

- 26YBM02** In the absence of Liz Dykes, Vicki Carlie will serve as Recording Clerk for Plenary 4.
APPROVED.

New arrivals introduced themselves.

Announcements:

Brian Olson announced that Nominating Committee will give a report tomorrow. He asks Friends to contact him, Beverly, or Shawna, to volunteer for positions

Richelle Ogle announced that there will be a group singing Quaker Chants; all are welcome.

Anyone leaving today should leave their keys in the basket on the registrar's desk.

Jenn Ambrose's workshop will merge with Beverly Ward's workshop at 1:15.

Representatives' reports:

Friends General Conference

Jenn Ambrose and Gavin Sherrod reported on the FGC Governing Board, how it works and its diverse makeup.

FGC Gathering is July 7 – 12 in Burlington Vermont. There will not be hybrid options during the Gathering but there will be more online programming later. Speakers include Bryan Stephenson, founder of the Equal Justice Initiative and the Equal Justice Institute.

Gavin reported on the first board meeting held a month ago. Incredibly diverse board from all walks of life. Ability to talk openly re issues FGC has had over the years. They are still looking for more board members.

FGC's Ministry on Racism has sponsored Friends of color retreats, Worship Sharing for European descent and Friends of Color, and Community read of "Fit for Freedom Not for Friendship", among other offerings. The Ministry on Racism has set up mutual aid for BIPOC friends attending the Gathering.

Gavin asked how FGC can best serve meetings across the country. FGC is looking for input to help improve outreach and welcome families. He also spotlighted FGC's Anti-Racist clerking queries on its website. It can be found in the "Resources" section.

The FGC representatives' report was accepted.

Friends Committee on National Legislation (FCNL)

Brian Olson reported that FCNL staffer Paul Aversa had given a very good workshop but had to leave before this plenary. FCNL is among the most respected lobbying organizations in DC. Brian is looking for more members of the Advocacy team for Florida.

FCNL has sent a survey to Meetings asking for input regarding legislative priorities. They will be advocating on militarism within and outside the country, as well as on Gaza and environmental issues. Will reparations be on the FCNL agenda? It was suggested that if Friends feel that reparations should be a priority of FCNL, weigh in on the survey Before April 17

Eileen Zingaro reports that this year FCNL's Annual Meeting in November will be in-person and online. Registration opens in May.

The FCNL representatives' report was accepted.

Friends World Committee for Consultation (FWCC)

Gavin Sherrod and Joel Cook, our SEYM Representatives to FWCC, reported that there was recently a virtual gathering for the Section of the Americas. Cuba is suffering a rolling blackout and is still recovering from two earthquakes, but Cuban Quakers continue to be resilient. There will be an in-person Section of the Americas gathering next year. They described what FWCC does and their experience of Section meetings.

The Friends World Committee for Consultation representatives' report was accepted.

Friends Peace Teams - no report

Florida Council of Churches

Representative Beverly Ward's report is included in the Field Secretary for Earthcare's report in the Documents In Advance and will be presented this afternoon.

FLGBTQC

Jan Dahm reports that FLGBTQC holds daily worship at the FGC Gathering. The organization also holds business meetings during the year. This summer, their discussions focus on what the

community will look like going forward; they feel there is more work to do.
The FLGBTQC representative's report was accepted.

Palmetto Friends Gathering – no report.

Quaker Earthcare Witness

Brian Olson reports that QEW has many great resources for meetings and for any Friends interested in environmental issues. They also offer online workshops on a variety of topics. There are two gatherings per year. Brian plans on attending one this year. They also have programs, e.g., mini grants, which QEW is expanding to to Africa.

The SEYM Earthcare committee will meet on May 22nd online. Interested Friends should contact Brian or Beverly Ward.

The Quaker Earthcare Witness representative's report was accepted.

Quaker House

Wayne Finegar, Executive Director of Quaker House, has a written report (attached) and gave a workshop this past Thursday. They had 250 people in attendance for an online No Kings event. Quaker House now has a channel on Substack called Reconnaissance for longer articles. Quaker House is financially stable, as they had been bequeathed their building decades ago. They are largely supported with individual donations. Wayne will be attending the Palmetto Friends Gathering next week.

The Quaker House representative's report was accepted with gratitude.

Quaker United Nations Office

Mira Tanna, who is a member of the Quaker UN Committee (QUNC), reported that QUNO gives Quakers a voice at the United Nations and provides space for quiet conversations between sovereign nations' representatives. Beverly Ward added that both American Friends Service Committee and Friends World Committee for Consultation support QUNO.

The Quaker United Nations Office representative's report was accepted.

Joel cook reminds our named representatives to other organizations that we have funds to support travel to organization meetings. Contact the Clerk or Assistant Clerk to request financial support.

The plenary closed with silent worship.

Fifth Plenary – 4 Fourth Month 2025, 4:15 PM

The clerk opened the plenary from silent worship with the following quote:

We know ourselves as individuals but only because we live in community. Love, trust, fellowship, selflessness are all mediated to us through our interdependence. Just as we could not live physically without each other, we cannot live spiritually in isolation. We are individually free but also communally bound. We cannot act without affecting others and

others cannot act without affecting us. We know ourselves as we are reflected in the faces, action and attitudes of each other.

Janet Scott, 1980

26YBM03 In the absence of Liz Dykes, Georgeanna Kiser will serve as Recording Clerk for the Plenaries 5 and 6.

APPROVED

26YBM04 Joel Cook and Ruth Gerhard volunteered to serve as the Epistle Committee.

APPROVED.

Announcements:

Bookstore will close after dinner tonight; 8:30 movie is Sugarcane

American Friends Service Committee (AFSC) Report

Brian Blackmore, AFSC representative, gave a detailed report, the text of that report is attached.

Friends accepted the report.

Field Secretary for Earthcare Report

Beverly Ward, Field Secretary for Earthcare, asked Friends to accept the FSE report as published in the Documents In Advance with two updates.

Friends accepted the report.

Earthcare Committee Report

Brian Olson reported that Earthcare Committee has found new leadership and will begin holding meetings on a regular schedule.

Friends accepted the report.

Archives Committee and Publications Committee Reports

Phoebe Andersen reported that the Archives Committee and Publications Committee have been on hiatus as members worked on updating Organizational Documents.

Friends accepted the reports.

The plenary closed with silent worship.

Sixth Plenary – 5 Fourth Month 2026, 9:15 AM

The clerk opened the plenary from silent worship with the following quote:

A Friends meeting is intended to be so much more than a loose association of individuals on separate and private spiritual journeys. Friends are called to be a faith community, seeking to know each other “in that which is Eternal” as we journey together. Ideally we acknowledge that our primary relationship is to God and to that of God in each other. We let go of the idea that we have only private lives and hold ourselves accountable to the authority of the Spirit in the life of the meeting. We grow in a sense of responsibility for each other and become part of a gathered community.

Margery Mears Larrabee 2007

Newly arrived visitors were introduced.

Nominating Committee Report

Brian Olson presented the Nominating Committee Report as published in the Documents In Advance, amended for appointments to terms as indicated in the report (attached).

26YBM05 SEYM approves the nominating committee report for 2026-2027 as presented in the documents in advance for the terms detailed in the report.

APPROVED

Friends accepted the report.

Naming Committee Report

Naming Committee reported their unity in nominating Angela Hopkins to serve on the Nominating Committee.

Friends accepted the report

Treasurer's Report

Joel Cook presented the proposed budget for fiscal year 2026-2027 and requested approval of the proposed budget.

26YBM06 SEYM approves the budget for FY 2026-2027 as presented in the first plenary and submitted in the documents in advance for Winter Interim Business Meeting.

APPROVED

Friends accepted the report.

Gathering Committee Report

Vicki Carlie reported a total attendance of 115 during the course of this Gathering. They requested Friends complete the Survey to be sent to those who registered. There was a discussion of technical issues related to hybrid meetings and suggested that the Executive Committee consider alternatives moving forward.

Friends accepted the report.

Minutes of Appreciation:

26YBM07 Southeastern Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends expresses deep gratitude for the vital and powerful message given by Leslie Manning to carry us forward with hope into our future. Her faithful gift of ministry was clearly present as she visited with Friends individually and among small groups. We have been blessed to share this time with her.

APPROVED

26YBM08 Southeastern Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends expresses gratitude to Day Spring Episcopal Conference Center for their fine hospitality and beautiful campus. Their care and support created a positive experience for all at the Gathering.

APPROVED

- 26YBM09** Southeastern Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends gives unending thanks to Susan Wade for all her work as Administrative Secretary, especially in her preparations for and work throughout our Yearly Meeting Gathering.
APPROVED
- 26YBM10** Southeastern Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends expresses a well of gratitude for the hard work of the Gathering Committee for a spirit-filled Yearly Meeting, especially in the compressed time period for preparation.
APPROVED
- 26YBM11** Southeastern Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends gives thanks to the Gathering Committee and all the volunteers that made bringing much more of this Gathering on-line to serve Friends who are unable to attend in person.
APPROVED
- 26YBM12** The 2026 Yearly Meeting Epistle composed by Joel Cook and Ruth Gerhard was read and accepted.
APPROVED
- 26YBM13** The 2026 Yearly Meeting Youth Epistle was read and accepted.
APPROVED

The plenary closed with silent worship.

Southeastern Yearly Meeting

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Yearly Executive Committee Meeting

27 Fourth Month 2026

MINUTES

Clerk opened the meeting at about 7:05 PM from silence worship with the following quote:

And as many candles lighted, and put in one place, do greatly augment the light and make it more to shine forth so when many are gathered together into the same life, there is more of the glory of God, and his power appears, to the refreshment of each individual, for that he partakes not only of the light and life raised in himself, but in all the rest.

Robert Barclay, 1678

Secretary's Report

Susan Wade reported as the Administrative Secretary. She volunteered to act in the Membership Recorder's place and create the 2025-2026. She has been in contact with

She requested that the Yearly Business Meeting minutes omit the committee reports and that the Meeting information be placed with the membership lists.

Decisions regarding what's included in the directory will be made at yearly business meeting.

Friends accepted the report.

Nominating Committee

Brian Olson reported that the committee has been looking but has not had much luck. Savannah Meeting member, Hollyn Green, has agreed to become SEYM's representative to Quaker Earthcare Witness.

Friends accepted the report.

Treasurer's Report

The group discussed funding for Cuba. Joel confirmed SEYM has established a way to send supplies and funds to the country using the SEYM debit card. Susan added that there had been a \$500 donation to the fund. Amy expressed concern about the situation in Cuba based on her family's intuitive sense about global crises, while St and Joel provided historical context about the US embargo on Cuba, which has been in place since the 1960s.

Susan related that she had received a check from Quakers of Melbourne for the meeting's assessment contribution, but it was payable to Joel Cook instead of SEYM. Joel authorized Susan to sign the check on his behalf.

Joel Cook requested that the Clerk approve spending fund from the International Worship Group Support Fund to support Cuba. **The Clerk approves this expenditure.**

Friends accepted the report.

Earthcare Committee

Brian Olson reported that he gathered a few people. No one volunteered to be clerk of the committee. An update was given on the Miccosukee lawsuit. Hollyn Green from Savannah Meeting volunteered to be the SEYM representative to Quaker Earthcare Witness.

Friends accepted the report.

Fort Lauderdale Meeting

There was a discussion of the regarding the Fort Lauderdale Meeting. Brian Humphrey, clerk of the Meeting, has had health challenges for the past few years and has not been able to tend to the Meeting.

Friends accepted the report.

The meeting closed with silent worship at 7:58 PM.

Participants:

Miami Meeting

Brian Olson

Palm Beach Meeting

Amy Richards

Saint Petersburg Meeting

Bill Carlie

Susan Wade

Treasure Coast Worship Group

Joel Cook

Southeastern Yearly Meeting

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Winter Interim Business Meeting

24 First Month 2026

NUMBERED MINUTES

- 26WIBM01** Winter Interim Business meeting of SEYM endorses Peace and Social Concerns Committee’s intention to prepare and submit an SEYM amicus brief in support of the Miccosukee’s court intervention, and to prepare a broader statement on the immigrant detention centers.
APPROVED
- 26WIBM02** Winter Interim Business meeting of SEYM agrees to allow SEYM to receive and manage any donations toward the preparation and filing of this amicus brief as needed.
APPROVED
- 26WIBM03** Winter Interim Business Meeting of SEYM approves the request of the Peace and Social Concerns Committee to make a contribution of \$1500 from the contingency fund in support of the Coalition of Immokalee Workers for the operation of their Community Cooperative Grocery Store.
APPROVED
- 26WIBM04** Interim Business Meeting of Southeastern Yearly Meeting expresses its sincere gratitude to Quakers of Orlando for their abundant hospitality. The bountiful food, taking into consideration our variety of dietary needs, is greatly appreciated. The space and technology have made it possible for Friends to connect, participate, and be heard. Smiles abound as we arrive from across the state. We look forward to the Michener lecture tomorrow!
APPROVED

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Winter Executive Committee Meeting
23 First Month 2026

NUMBERED MINUTES

- 26WEC01** Executive Committee of SEYM recommends that Interim Business Meeting accept Peace and Social Concerns Committee’s intention to prepare and submit an SEYM amicus brief in support of the Miccosukee’s court intervention, and to prepare a broader statement on the immigrant detention centers.
APPROVED
- 26WEC02** Executive Committee recommends that Interim Business Meeting agree to allow SEYM to receive and manage any donations toward the preparation and filing of this amicus brief as needed.
APPROVED

Southeastern Yearly Meeting

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Fall Interim Business Meeting

4 Tenth Month 2025

NUMBERED MINUTES

- 25FIBM01** Fall Interim Business Meeting approves the expenditure of up to \$800 to acquire a hearing assistance system to be used at SEYM events.
- 25FIBM02** Fall Interim Business Meeting approves a donation of \$500 to be made to the Coalition of Immokalee Workers, the funds to be drawn from SEYM's contingency fund.
- 25FIBM03** Southeastern Yearly Meeting Quakers deplore the establishment of the Everglades Migrant Prison in the fragile environment of the Everglades. Reliable reports of conditions within the prison, the lack of adequate nutrition and sanitary facilities give us grave concern for the mental and physical health of the detainees. We stand in solidarity with the Miccosukee Tribe of Indians in Florida in calling for the immediate closure of the camp to preserve the air quality, drinking water supply, and the sacred ecological balance vital to the Miccosukee way of life.
- We applaud the recent landmark agreement between the state of Florida and the U.S. Department of the Army to accelerate the restoration of the Everglades. We feel the establishment of the Everglades Migrant Prison is completely counterproductive to the restoration project's goals and betrays the promise made to Florida residents and the one million people who visit Everglades National Park each year, generating more than \$120 million dollars of revenue to our state.
- There is only one Everglades in all the world. We Floridians are the trustees of this unique, beautiful, and spiritually important wetland. It is incumbent upon our governor and our legislature to reflect that trust, not betray it.
- 25FIBM04** Friends approve the Nominating Committee report, as revised.
- 25FIBM05** SEYM requires all persons who are hired to work with SEYM youth to be either CAPP registered or have other acceptable Quaker accreditation to work with youth, as approved by the Child Protection Committee, before we agree to hire them.
- 25FIBM06** SEYM thanks Sarasota Friends for their great food and gracious hospitality!

Southeastern Yearly Meeting
of the Religious Society of Friends

Fall Executive Committee Meeting
3 Tenth Month 2025

NUMBERED MINUTES

- 25FEC01** Friends approve of Vicki Carlie serving as recording clerk for this Executive Committee Meeting and tomorrow's Fall Interim Business Meeting, in Liz Dykes absence.
- 25FEC02** Executive Committee recommends that Fall Interim Business Meeting that the minute from Deland Quaker Meeting Regarding the Everglades Migrant Prison be adopted by SEYM.

Southeastern Yearly Meeting

of the Religious Society of Friends

Summer Executive Committee Meeting

21 Sixth Month 2025

NUMBERED MINUTES

- 25SEC01** SEYM Executive Committee approves the policy, as submitted, to address the potential attendance at Southeastern Yearly Meeting events of individuals who are registered sex offenders and who are under the care of a Monthly Meeting consistent with an approved plan of care.
- 25SEC02** SEYM Executive Committee recommends that the yearly meeting approve the expenditure of up to \$800 to acquire a hearing assistance system to be used at SEYM events.
- 25SEC03** SEYM Executive Committee recommends that the yearly meeting approve a donation of \$500 to be made to the Coalition of Immokalee Workers, the funds to be drawn from SEYM’s contingency fund.
- 25SEC04** SEYM Executive Committee expresses its appreciation to Tampa Monthly Meeting for their gracious hospitality hosting this meeting.

Southeastern Yearly Meeting of The Religious Society of Friends Treasurer Report for 2026 Yearly Meeting Sessions

Report for end of Three Quarters of Fiscal Year 2025-20265 (June 1 thru February 28, 2026)

All values are rounded to the nearest dollar.

SEYM Total Cash Flow not including Trustees

The overall cash flow of the Yearly Meeting (excluding the Trustees' accounts) for this period yielded a **net deficit of \$6,094**. This resulted from an SEYM total real income of \$67,213 against total expenses of \$85,607.

SEYM General Fund for Administration - Cash Flow and Budget Performance

At the end of this period, the General Fund (the operations fund for which we approved a balanced budget of \$122,155 in our 2025 Yearly Meeting sessions) showed a **net deficit of \$18,394**. This resulted from General Fund total income of \$67,213 (55% of budget) against expenses of \$85,607 (70% of budget).

Budget Support Apportionments & Contributions Received

During this period, 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 \$52,707, or 50% of the year's budgeted request of \$108,150.

Sixteen Monthly Meetings and four Worship Groups were included in the Apportionment request this fiscal year. As of 2/28/2026 seven have contributed between 76% and 100%, one has contributed 51% to 75%, two have contributed 26% to 50%, one has contributed 1% to 25%, and nine have not contributed anything.

The unrestricted individual donations received toward the Budget during this period totaled \$3,840, approximately 96% of the \$4,000 budgeted amount.

Cash Flow Results for Programs

The annual programs for this fiscal year are in progress; cash flow is incomplete.

The Publications program during this period had a net real income of \$479, excluding unrealized capital gains of \$1,695 on investments for the program.

The SEYM Youth & Young Adult Coordinator program during this period received \$1,201 in individual donations and a \$20,000 transfer from the Trustees' Unrestricted Fund and had expenses of \$20,901, yielding a **surplus of \$300**.

Net Worth

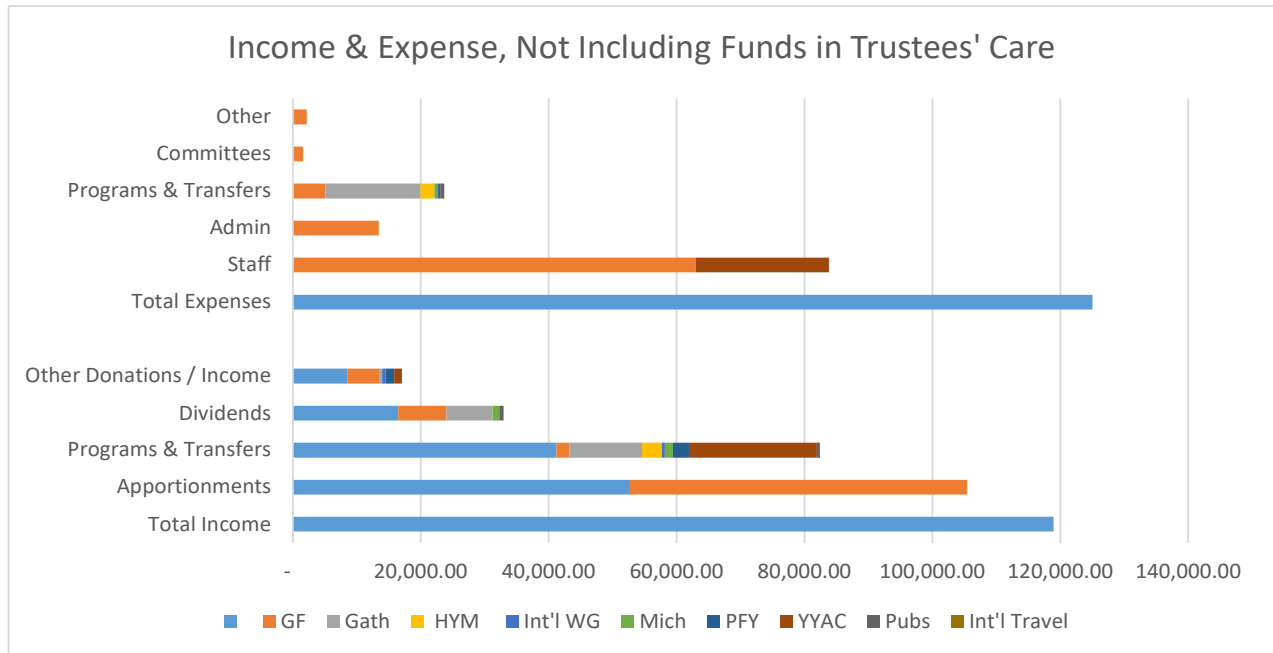
The Net Worth of the combined Yearly Meeting and its Trustees at the end of this period was \$817,457, an increase of \$178,055 since 2/28/2025 including a bequest in the amount of \$158,807 from the Guin estate and \$40,194 in unrealized capital gains since the beginning of the fiscal year.

Joel D. Cook, Treasurer - SEYM 4/1/2026

Southeastern Yearly Meeting of The Religious Society of Friends Treasurer Report for 2026 Yearly Meeting Sessions

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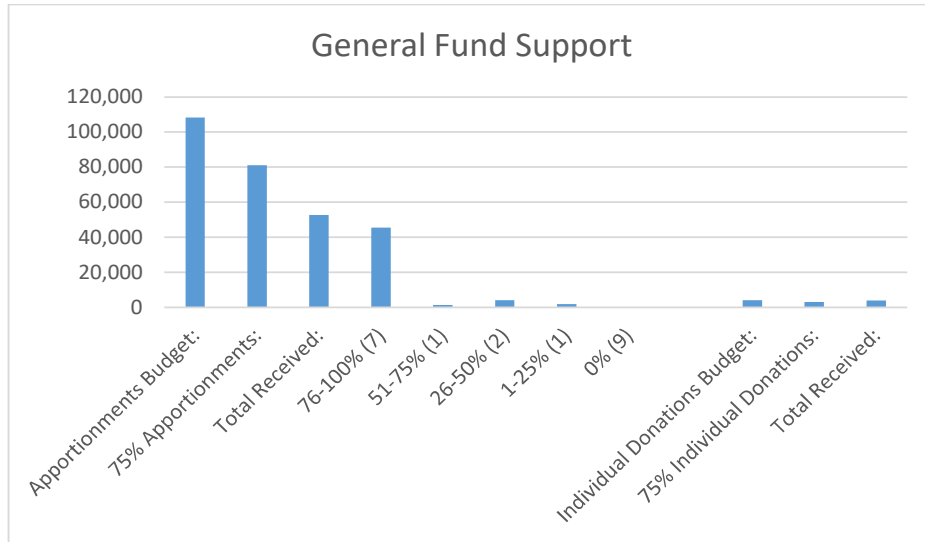
Total Income	118,940.00		Total Expenses	125,043.00
Apportionments	52,707.00		Staff	83,841.00
Programs & Transfers	41,231.00		Admin	13,443.00
Dividends	16,475.00		Programs & Transfers	23,676.00
Other Donations / Income	8,527.00		Committees	1,600.00
			Other	2,200.00
Income	118,940.00			
Expenses	125,043.00			
Deficit (Loss)	-6,103.00			

**Southeastern Yearly Meeting of The Religious Society of Friends
Treasurer Report for 2026 Yearly Meeting Sessions**

Report for end of Three Quarters of Fiscal Year 2025-20265 (June 1 thru February 28, 2026)

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Budget Support: Apportionments & Individual



<u>Apportionments Budget:</u>	<u>108,150</u>
<u>75% Apportionments:</u>	<u>81,113</u>
<u>Total Received:</u>	<u>52,707</u>
<u>76-100% (7)</u>	<u>45,467</u>
<u>51-75% (1)</u>	<u>1,375</u>
<u>26-50% (2)</u>	<u>4,065</u>
<u>1-25% (1)</u>	<u>1,800</u>
<u>0% (9)</u>	-
<u>Individual Donations Budget:</u>	<u>4,000</u>
<u>75% Individual Donations:</u>	<u>3,000</u>
<u>Total Received:</u>	<u>3,840</u>

Southeastern Yearly Meeting
 Budget vs. Actual
 June 2025 through February 2026

04/01/2026

Cash Basis

	Jun '25 - Feb 26	Budget	\$ Over Budget	% of Budget
Income				
2000 · Income				
2001 · Donations				
2002 · Indivd.Donations-Classes	3,840.00	4,000.00	-160.00	96.0%
2003 · Meeting Donations	52,707.11	108,152.00	-55,444.89	48.73%
Total 2001 · Donations	56,547.11	112,152.00	-55,604.89	50.42%
2040 · Restricted Donations				
2050 · Restricted - Other	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%
2060 · Donations - Restricted- FSE	1,100.00	0.00	1,100.00	100.0%
Total 2040 · Restricted Donations	1,100.00	0.00	1,100.00	100.0%
2200 · Investment Earnings				
2203 · Savings Account Interest	1.25	3.00	-1.75	41.67%
2302 · Pay Pal fees paid	0.80	0.00	0.80	100.0%
Total 2000 · Income	57,649.16	112,155.00	-54,505.84	51.4%
2700 · Transfer in FROM other classes				
2712 · Michener Lect. to GF/insurance	210.00	210.00	0.00	100.0%
2732 · Gath/Walton to GF/insurance	1,200.00	1,200.00	0.00	100.0%
2752 · HYM to GF/insurance	590.00	590.00	0.00	100.0%
2804 · from Trustee's Funds				
2815 · for BertscheOutreach Travel	2,255.52	2,500.00	-244.48	90.22%
2820 · for Staff Salary	5,308.65	5,500.00	-191.35	96.52%
Total 2804 · from Trustee's Funds	7,564.17	8,000.00	-435.83	94.55%
Total 2700 · Transfer in FROM other classes	9,564.17	10,000.00	-435.83	95.64%
Total Income	67,213.33	122,155.00	-54,941.67	55.02%
Expense				
2999 · Expenses				
3000 · Operating Costs				
3001 · Bank Service Charges	210.40	0.00	210.40	100.0%
3002 · PayPal service fee	30.17	75.00	-44.83	40.23%
3080 · Duplication	631.38	1,000.00	-368.62	63.14%
Total 3100 · Insurance	3,077.62	2,000.00	1,077.62	153.88%
3107 · Youth Worker CAP Certification	124.98	200.00	-75.02	62.49%
3146 · Non-Profit Corporation Fee	0.00	65.00	-65.00	0.0%
3200 · Office Supplies	204.46	600.00	-395.54	34.08%
3270 · Payroll Expenses	58,584.32	75,705.00	-17,120.68	77.39%
3272 · Employer Payroll Taxes	4,407.14	7,500.00	-3,092.86	58.76%
3380 · Postage/Shipping	258.59	300.00	-41.41	86.2%
3381 · Post Office Box rental	210.00	350.00	-140.00	60.0%
3400 · Office Equipment	1,175.93	200.00	975.93	587.97%
Total 3500 · Professional Fees	0.00	1,400.00	-1,400.00	0.0%
Total 3640 · Rent warehouse/office	1,188.00	3,140.00	-1,952.00	37.83%
Total 3700 · Repairs	0.00	200.00	-200.00	0.0%
3816 · Software	1,645.36	2,000.00	-354.64	82.27%
3840 · Telephone & Inet access	1,210.89	1,600.00	-389.11	75.68%
3860 · Travel Administrative	3,050.83	2,000.00	1,050.83	152.54%
Total 3900 · Website	696.96	700.00	-3.04	99.57%
Total 3000 · Operating Costs	76,707.03	99,035.00	-22,327.97	77.45%
4000 · Committees Operating Expenses				
4309 · Archives	0.00	50.00	-50.00	0.0%
4329 · EC and IBM	0.00	50.00	-50.00	0.0%
4339 · Faith and Practice	0.00	10.00	-10.00	0.0%
4349 · Finance	0.00	50.00	-50.00	0.0%
4359 · Nominating	0.00	10.00	-10.00	0.0%
4369 · Peace and Social Concerns	0.00	50.00	-50.00	0.0%
4389 · Youth Committee	0.00	10.00	-10.00	0.0%
4399 · Worship and Ministry	1,600.00	2,300.00	-700.00	69.57%
4429 · Earthcare	0.00	10.00	-10.00	0.0%
4449 · Publications	0.00	10.00	-10.00	0.0%
4469 · Racism, Ministry on	0.00	10.00	-10.00	0.0%
4489 · Young Adult Quakers	0.00	10.00	-10.00	0.0%
5096 · Quaker Education Committee	0.00	100.00	-100.00	0.0%
Total 4000 · Committees Operating Expenses	1,600.00	2,670.00	-1,070.00	59.93%

	<u>Jun '25 - Feb 26</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>\$ Over Budget</u>	<u>% of Budget</u>
5000 · Donations to Organizations				
5007 · AFSC	0.00	200.00	-200.00	0.0%
5018 · Earlham School of Religion	0.00	100.00	-100.00	0.0%
5027 · FCNL	0.00	1,000.00	-1,000.00	0.0%
5028 · QEW (FCUN)	0.00	200.00	-200.00	0.0%
5030 · FLGBTQC	0.00	100.00	-100.00	0.0%
5037 · FGC	0.00	1,200.00	-1,200.00	0.0%
5038 · FLCoalition for Peace & Justice	0.00	100.00	-100.00	0.0%
5047 · Florida Council of Churches	0.00	200.00	-200.00	0.0%
5048 · Florida Impact	0.00	300.00	-300.00	0.0%
5057 · Friends Journal	0.00	100.00	-100.00	0.0%
5061 · Friends Peace Teams	0.00	500.00	-500.00	0.0%
5067 · FUM	0.00	500.00	-500.00	0.0%
5068 · FWCC	0.00	1,450.00	-1,450.00	0.0%
5077 · Pendle Hill	0.00	100.00	-100.00	0.0%
5085 · Quaker House of Fayetteville NC	0.00	200.00	-200.00	0.0%
5087 · Quaker Life	0.00	100.00	-100.00	0.0%
5089 · QUNO	0.00	100.00	-100.00	0.0%
5090 · NNABSHC	0.00	300.00	-300.00	0.0%
5097 · Friends House	0.00	100.00	-100.00	0.0%
Total 5000 · Donations to Organizations	<u>0.00</u>	<u>6,850.00</u>	<u>-6,850.00</u>	<u>0.0%</u>
8000 · Travel & Financial Aid				
8160 · Annual Representative	0.00	3,000.00	-3,000.00	0.0%
8360 · Attend SEYM-approved Activities	200.00	2,500.00	-2,300.00	8.0%
8460 · Travel Support to SEYM Business	0.00	1,000.00	-1,000.00	0.0%
Total 8000 · Travel & Financial Aid	<u>200.00</u>	<u>6,500.00</u>	<u>-6,300.00</u>	<u>3.08%</u>
8500 · Contingency	<u>2,000.00</u>	<u>2,000.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>100.0%</u>
Total 2999 · Expenses	<u>80,507.03</u>	<u>117,055.00</u>	<u>-36,547.97</u>	<u>68.78%</u>
9000 · Transfer OUT TO other classes				
9004 · for Youth Programs	2,500.00	2,500.00	0.00	100.0%
9005 · for Gathering Youth	2,000.00	2,000.00	0.00	100.0%
9060 · for Quaker Int'l Meeting Travel	100.00	100.00	0.00	100.0%
9061 · Excess Quaker Int'l Mtg Travel	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%
9062 · Intl WG Support	500.00	500.00	0.00	100.0%
Total 9000 · Transfer OUT TO other classes	<u>5,100.00</u>	<u>5,100.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>100.0%</u>
Total Expense	<u>85,607.03</u>	<u>122,155.00</u>	<u>-36,547.97</u>	<u>70.08%</u>
Net Income	<u>-18,393.70</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>-18,393.70</u>	<u>100.0%</u>

Southeastern Yearly Meeting
Income & Expense by Class
 June 2025 through February 2026

04/01/2026
 Cash Basis

Income	Admin/General Fund	Gathering/Walton Lecture	Half Yearly Meeting (HYM)	Int'l WG Support	Michener Lecture	Programs for Youth	Publications	Quaker Int'l Meeting Travel	YYAC	Trustee's Funds	TOTAL
2000 · Income											
2001 · Donations											
2002 · Individ Donations-Classes	3,840.00	490.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	4,330.00
2003 · Meeting Donations	52,707.11	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	52,707.11
Total 2001 · Donations	56,547.11	490.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	57,037.11
2040 · Restricted Donations											
2050 · Restricted - Other	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,338.00	0.00	0.00	1,193.00	157,613.10	160,144.10
2055 · Int'l WG Support	0.00	0.00	0.00	540.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	540.00
2060 · Donations - Restricted- FSE	1,100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,100.00
Total 2040 · Restricted Donations	1,100.00	0.00	0.00	540.00	0.00	1,338.00	0.00	0.00	1,193.00	157,613.10	161,784.10
2200 · Investment Earnings											
2203 · Savings Account Interest	1.25	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.25
2205 · Dividends FFC Gathering Youth	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	5,160.46	5,160.46
2210 · Dividends FFC Michener Fund	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,081.19	1,081.19
2215 · Dividends FFC Bertsche Ou Travel	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,255.52	2,255.52
2220 · Dividends-FFC Staff Salary Fund	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	5,308.85	5,308.85
2225 · Dividends FFC Unrestricted	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	3,724.90	3,724.90
2230 · Dividends FFC Walton Fund	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,998.46	1,998.46
2280 · Dividends FFC SEYM Publications	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	670.68	0.00	0.00	0.00	670.68
2290 · Investment Capital Gains/Losses											
2206 · Capital Gain(Loss) Gath. Youth	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	10,451.09	10,451.09
2211 · Capital Gain(Loss) Michener	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,189.65	2,189.65
2216 · Capital Gain(Loss) BertscheOTra	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	4,567.95	4,567.95
2221 · Capital Gain(Loss) Staff Salary	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	10,751.64	10,751.64
2226 · Capital Gain(Loss) Unrestricted	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	7,322.18	7,322.18
2231 · Capital Gain(Loss) Walton	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	4,047.35	4,047.35
2232 · Capital Gain(Loss) Meetinghouse	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,694.88	0.00	0.00	864.33	864.33
2281 · Capital Gain(Loss) SEYM Publish	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,694.88	0.00	0.00	40,194.19	41,889.07
Total 2290 · Investment Capital Gains/Losses	1.25	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,385.56	0.00	0.00	59,723.57	62,090.38
Total 2200 · Investment Earnings	0.80	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	15.75	0.80	0.00	7.67	0.00	25.02
2306 · Miscellaneous Income	0.80	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	15.75	0.80	0.00	7.67	0.00	25.02
2302 · Pay Pal fees paid											
Total 2306 · Miscellaneous Income	0.00	9,255.00	3,085.00	0.00	1,255.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	13,595.00
2400 · Program Registrations											
2430 · Registration Fee	0.00	9,255.00	3,085.00	0.00	1,255.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	13,595.00
Total 2400 · Program Registrations	0.00	9,255.00	3,085.00	0.00	1,255.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	13,595.00
2600 · Publications Donations											
2640 · Other donations	0.00	131.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	131.00
2680 · Publication Donations	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	233.53	0.00	0.00	0.00	233.53
2600 · Publications Donations - Other	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	171.19	0.00	0.00	0.00	171.19
Total 2600 · Publications Donations	0.00	131.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	404.72	0.00	0.00	0.00	535.72
Total 2000 · Income	57,649.16	9,876.00	3,085.00	540.00	1,255.00	1,353.75	2,771.08	0.00	1,200.67	217,336.67	295,067.33

	Admin/General Fund	Gathering/Walton Lecture	Half Yearly Meeting (HYM)	Int'l WG Support	Michener Lecture	Programs for Youth	Publications	Quaker Int'l Meeting Travel	YYAC	Trustee's Funds	TOTAL
2700 - Transfer in FROM other classes											
2712 - Michener Lect. to GF/Insurance	210.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	210.00
2732 - Gath/Walton to GF/Insurance	1,200.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,200.00
2752 - HYM to GF/Insurance	590.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	590.00
2784 - from GF for YouthProgramsClass	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,500.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,500.00
2801 - transfer from General Fund	0.00	0.00	0.00	500.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	0.00	0.00	600.00
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	0.00	2,000.00
2804 - from Trustee's Funds											
2805 - for Gathering Youth	0.00	5,160.46	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	5,160.46
2810 - for Michener Lecture	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,081.19	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,081.19
2815 - for Bertsche/Cutreach Travel	2,255.52	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,255.52
2820 - for Staff Salary	5,308.65	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	5,308.65
2830 - for Walton Lecture/Gathering	0.00	1,998.46	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,998.46
2804 - from Trustee's Funds - Other	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	20,000.00	0.00	20,000.00
Total 2804 - from Trustee's Funds	7,564.17	7,158.92	0.00	0.00	1,081.19	0.00	0.00	0.00	20,000.00	0.00	35,804.28
Total 2700 - Transfer in FROM other classes	9,564.17	9,158.92	0.00	500.00	1,081.19	2,500.00	0.00	100.00	20,000.00	0.00	42,904.28
Total Income	67,213.33	19,034.92	3,085.00	1,040.00	2,336.19	3,853.75	2,771.08	100.00	21,200.67	217,336.67	337,971.61

	Admin/General Fund	Gathering/Walton Lecture	Half Yearly Meeting (HYM)	Int'l WG Support	Michener Lecture	Programs for Youth	Publications	Quaker Int'l Meeting Travel	YYAC	Trustee's Funds	TOTAL
2999 - Expenses											
3000 - Operating Costs											
3001 - Bank Service Charges	210.40	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.74	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	211.14
3002 - PayPal service fee	30.17	203.95	44.82	0.00	28.50	35.99	1.83	0.00	19.74	0.00	365.00
3080 - Duplication	631.38	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	631.38
3100 - Insurance											
3106 - Liability Insurance	3,077.62	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	3,077.62
Total 3100 - Insurance	3,077.62	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	3,077.62
3107 - Youth Worker CAP Certification	124.98	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	124.98
3200 - Office Supplies	204.46	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	204.46
3270 - Payroll Expenses	58,584.32	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	19,396.98	0.00	77,981.30
3272 - Employer Payroll Taxes	4,407.14	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,483.86	0.00	5,891.00
3380 - Postage/Shipping	258.59	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	41.36	0.00	0.00	0.00	299.95
3381 - Post Office Box rental	210.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	210.00
3400 - Office Equipment	1,175.93	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,175.93
3500 - Professional Fees											
3586 - E-pub Dist fees	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	104.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	104.00
Total 3500 - Professional Fees	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	104.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	104.00
3640 - Rent warehouse/office											
3642 - Office Rent	630.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	630.00
3643 - Storage Unit	558.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	558.00
Total 3640 - Rent warehouse/office	1,188.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,188.00
3816 - Software	1,645.36	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,645.36
3840 - Telephone & Inet access	1,210.89	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,210.89
3860 - Travel Administrative	2,778.19	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,778.19
3900 - Website											
3940 - Domain Name Registrations	419.51	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	419.51
3900 - Website - Other	277.45	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	277.45
Total 3900 - Website	696.96	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	696.96
3000 - Operating Costs - Other	0.00	0.00	10.30	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.36	0.00	10.66
Total 3000 - Operating Costs	76,434.39	203.95	55.12	0.00	28.50	36.73	147.19	0.00	20,900.94	0.00	97,806.82

	Admin/General Fund	Gathering/Walton Lecture	Half Yearly Meeting (HYM)	Int'l WG Support	Michener Lecture	Programs for Youth	Publications	Quaker Int'l Meeting Travel	YYAC	Trustee's Funds	TOTAL
4000 · Committees Operating Expenses											
4399 · Worship and Ministry	1,600.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,600.00
Total 4000 · Committees Operating Expenses	1,600.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,600.00
6000 · Production											
6080 · ISSN Printing, Publications	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	438.11	0.00	0.00	0.00	438.11
6380 · ISBN production	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	12.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	12.00
Total 6000 · Production	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	450.11	0.00	0.00	0.00	450.11
7000 · Operating Costs Programs											
7138 · Food purchases	0.00	0.00	37.24	0.00	351.54	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	388.78
7500 · Site Fees											
7575 · Site Fees - Lodging											
7590 · Lodging - SEYM Staff	272.64	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	272.64
Total 7575 · Site Fees - Lodging	272.64	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	272.64
7500 · Site Fees - Other	0.00	13,287.00	1,506.70	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	14,793.70
Total 7500 · Site Fees	272.64	13,287.00	1,506.70	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	15,066.34
7800 · Youth Program											
7804 · Youth Prg. Expenses/Fees/Other	0.00	150.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	271.81	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	421.81
Total 7800 · Youth Program	0.00	150.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	271.81	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	421.81
Total 7000 · Operating Costs Programs	272.64	13,437.00	1,543.94	0.00	351.54	271.81	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	15,876.93
8000 · Travel & Financial Aid											
8380 · Attend SEYM-approved Activities	200.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	200.00
Total 8000 · Travel & Financial Aid	200.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	200.00
8500 · Contingency	2,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,000.00
Total 2999 · Expenses	80,507.03	13,640.95	1,599.06	0.00	380.04	308.54	597.30	0.00	20,900.94	0.00	117,933.86
66900 · Reconciliation Discrepancies	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
9000 · Transfer OUT TO other classes											
9002 · to GF for insurance	0.00	1,200.00	590.00	0.00	210.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,000.00
9004 · for Youth Programs	2,500.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,500.00
9005 · for Gathering Youth	2,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	5,160.46	7,160.46
9060 · for Quaker Int'l Meeting Travel	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	100.00
9062 · Int'l WG Support	500.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	500.00
9210 · for Michener Lecture	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,081.19	1,081.19
9215 · for Bertsche/Outreach/Travel	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,255.52	2,255.52
9220 · for Staff Salary	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	5,308.65	5,308.65
9230 · for Walton Lecture/Gathering	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,998.46	1,998.46
9300 · to Trustee's Funds	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	20,000.00	20,000.00
Total 9000 · Transfer OUT TO other classes	5,100.00	1,200.00	590.00	0.00	210.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	35,804.28	42,904.28
Total Expense	85,607.03	14,840.95	2,189.06	0.00	590.04	308.54	597.30	0.00	20,900.94	0.00	160,838.14
Net Income	-18,393.70	4,183.97	895.94	1,040.00	1,746.15	3,545.21	2,173.78	100.00	299.73	181,532.39	177,133.47
Unrealized Investment Capital Gains/Losses	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,694.88	0.00	0.00	40,194.19	41,889.07
Net Income Without Unrealized Capital Gains/Losses	-18,393.70	4,183.97	895.94	1,040.00	1,746.15	3,545.21	478.90	100.00	299.73	141,338.20	135,244.40
Cash Flow Without Trustee's Funds	-18,393.70	4,183.97	895.94	1,040.00	1,746.15	3,545.21	478.90	100.00	299.73	-6,093.80	-6,093.80
Total Real Income	67,213.33	19,034.92	3,085.00	1,040.00	2,336.19	3,853.75	1,076.20	100.00	21,200.67	118,940.06	118,940.06
Total Expenses	85,607.03	14,840.95	2,189.06	0.00	590.04	308.54	597.30	0.00	20,900.94	0.00	125,033.86

Southeastern Yearly Meeting
 Balance Sheet Prev Year Comparison
 As of February 28, 2026

04/01/2026

Cash Basis

	Feb 28, 26	Feb 28, 25	\$ Change	% Change
ASSETS				
Current Assets				
Checking/Savings				
0501 · Checking Account BOA				
511 · Checking - Gen'l Fund - General	-4,158.41	10,262.02	-14,420.43	-140.52%
560 · Checking-SA-Quaker Int'l Travel	14,691.82	14,591.82	100.00	0.69%
566 · Checking-GF-Sufferings	170.00	170.00	0.00	0.0%
610 · Checking-SA-Michener	1,746.15	148.57	1,597.58	1,075.31%
630 · Checking-SA-YBM Gathering	4,193.97	-1,778.71	5,972.68	335.79%
640 · Checking-SA-Programs for Youth	13,395.37	8,382.95	5,012.42	59.79%
645 · Checking - SA -YYAC	3,896.34	1,019.77	2,876.57	282.08%
650 · Checking- SA-HYM	895.94	-2,239.34	3,135.28	140.01%
680 · Checking- SA-Publications	-2,673.25	-3,165.85	492.60	15.56%
690 · Checking - SA - Covid Relief	500.00	500.00	0.00	0.0%
695 · Checking - SA -Int'l WG Support	1,266.46	1,386.46	-120.00	-8.66%
700 · Checking-Trustees				
705 · Checking - Gathering Youth Fund	3,391.74	3,391.74	0.00	0.0%
710 · Checking - Michener Fund	65.00	65.00	0.00	0.0%
715 · Checking - Bertsche Travel Fund	15.00	15.00	0.00	0.0%
720 · Checking - Staff Salary	840.20	840.00	0.20	0.02%
725 · Checking - Unrestricted Fund	20,458.10	-3,655.00	24,113.10	659.73%
730 · Checking - Walton Fund	15.00	15.00	0.00	0.0%
740 · Checking - Meetinghouse Support	303.49	303.49	0.00	0.0%
Total 700 · Checking-Trustees	<u>25,088.53</u>	<u>975.23</u>	<u>24,113.30</u>	<u>2,472.58%</u>
Total 0501 · Checking Account BOA	<u>59,012.92</u>	<u>30,252.92</u>	<u>28,760.00</u>	<u>95.07%</u>
830 · Checking - BofA Payroll	7,900.94	12,472.83	-4,571.89	-36.66%
903 · Savings BOA	<u>16,932.94</u>	<u>16,931.27</u>	<u>1.67</u>	<u>0.01%</u>
Total Checking/Savings	<u>83,846.80</u>	<u>59,657.02</u>	<u>24,189.78</u>	<u>40.55%</u>
Accounts Receivable				
1100 · Accounts Receivable	-215.71	-215.65	-0.06	-0.03%
Total Accounts Receivable	<u>-215.71</u>	<u>-215.65</u>	<u>-0.06</u>	<u>-0.03%</u>
Other Current Assets				
1180 · FFC SOYM1 Publications Investme	19,772.26	17,497.86	2,274.40	13.0%
1200 · Trustee Investments				
1205 · FFC SOYMT6 GatheringYouth Fund	152,135.53	139,815.39	12,320.14	8.81%
1210 · FFC SOYMT3 Michener	31,874.58	29,293.33	2,581.25	8.81%
1215 · FFC SOYMT2 BertscheTravel Fd	66,495.12	61,110.25	5,384.87	8.81%
1220 · FFC SOYMT5 Staff Salary Fund	156,510.68	143,836.23	12,674.45	8.81%
1225 · FFC SOYMT4 Unrestricted	218,165.41	105,763.33	112,402.08	106.28%
1230 · FFC SOYMT1 Walton Fund	58,916.92	54,145.75	4,771.17	8.81%
1240 · FFC SOYMT7 Meetinghouse Support	29,955.31	28,498.29	1,457.02	5.11%
Total 1200 · Trustee Investments	<u>714,053.55</u>	<u>562,462.57</u>	<u>151,590.98</u>	<u>26.95%</u>
Total Other Current Assets	<u>733,825.81</u>	<u>579,960.43</u>	<u>153,865.38</u>	<u>26.53%</u>
Total Current Assets	<u>817,456.90</u>	<u>639,401.80</u>	<u>178,055.10</u>	<u>27.85%</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>817,456.90</u>	<u>639,401.80</u>	<u>178,055.10</u>	<u>27.85%</u>
LIABILITIES & EQUITY				
Equity				
1400 · Trustees Funds Equity	296,694.99	296,694.99	0.00	0.0%
1500 · Operational Equity/ Net Assets				
1511 · General Fund Net Assets	29,324.36	29,324.36	0.00	0.0%
1560 · Quaker Int'l Travel Net Assets	5,349.80	5,349.80	0.00	0.0%
1580 · Publications Net Assets	<u>14,341.85</u>	<u>14,341.85</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.0%</u>
Total 1500 · Operational Equity/ Net Assets	<u>49,016.01</u>	<u>49,016.01</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.0%</u>
1700 · Retained Earnings	294,612.43	294,930.24	-317.81	-0.11%
Net Income	<u>177,133.47</u>	<u>-1,239.44</u>	<u>178,372.91</u>	<u>14,391.41%</u>
Total Equity	<u>817,456.90</u>	<u>639,401.80</u>	<u>178,055.10</u>	<u>27.85%</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	<u>817,456.90</u>	<u>639,401.80</u>	<u>178,055.10</u>	<u>27.85%</u>

Southeastern Yearly Meeting
Proposed Budget FY 2026-2027
June 1, 2026 through May 31, 2027

	FY 2024-2025	FY 2025-2026	FY 2026-2027
	Budget	Budget	Proposed
Income			
2000 · Income			
2001 · Donations			
2002 · Indivd.Donations-Classes	4,000.00	4,000.00	4,500.00
2003 · Meeting Donations			
2013 · Meeting Donations, Unaffiliated		0.00	0.00
2023 · Meeting Donations, WG wo apport		0.00	0.00
2003 · Meeting Donations - Apportionments	104,150.00	108,152.00	107,827.15
Total 2001 · Donations	108,150.00	112,152.00	112,327.15
2040 · Restricted Donations			
2200 · Investment Earnings			
2203 · Savings Account Interest	5.00	3.00	3.00
Total 2200 · Investment Earnings	5.00	3.00	3.00
Total 2000 · Income	108,155.00	112,155.00	112,330.15
2700 · Transfer in FROM other classes			
2712 · Michener Lect. to GF/insurance	210.00	210.00	336.00
2732 · Gath/Walton to GF/insurance	1,200.00	1,200.00	1,920.00
2752 · HYM to GF/insurance	590.00	590.00	944.00
2804 · from Trustee's Funds			
2815 · for BertscheOutreach Travel	2,500.00	2,500.00	2,621.00
2820 · for Staff Salary	5,500.00	5,500.00	6,160.00
2804 · from Trustee's Funds - Other		0.00	0.00
Total 2804 · from Trustee's Funds	8,000.00	8,000.00	8,781.00
2700 · Transfer in FROM other classes - Other		-	-
Total 2700 · Transfer in FROM other classes	10,000.00	10,000.00	11,981.00
2900 · Uncategorized Income		0.00	0.00
Total Income	118,155.00	122,155.00	124,311.15
Expense			
2999 · Expenses			
3000 · Operating Costs			
3001 · Bank Service Charges	360.00	0.00	360.00
3002 · PayPal service fee	100.00	75.00	75.00
3080 · Duplication	1,500.00	1,000.00	700.00
Total 3100 · Insurance	2,000.00	2,000.00	3,200.00
3107 · Youth Worker CAP Certification	200.00	200.00	200.00
3146 · Non-Profit Corporation Fee	65.00	65.00	65.00
3200 · Office Supplies	800.00	600.00	600.00
3270 · Payroll Expenses	73,500.00	75,705.00	77,976.15
3272 · Employer Payroll Taxes	4,800.00	7,500.00	7,725.00
3380 · Postage/Shipping	400.00	300.00	300.00
3381 · Post Office Box rental	300.00	350.00	350.00
3400 · Office Equipment	400.00	200.00	200.00
Total 3500 · Professional Fees	740.00	1,400.00	800.00
Total 3640 · Rent warehouse/office	2,480.00	3,140.00	3,140.00
Total 3700 · Repairs	250.00	200.00	200.00
3816 · Software	2,600.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
3840 · Telephone & Inet access	1,600.00	1,600.00	1,600.00
3860 · Travel Administrative	1,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
Total 3900 · Website	560.00	700.00	700.00
3000 · Operating Costs - Other		0.00	0.00
Total 3000 · Operating Costs	93,655.00	99,035.00	102,191.15

	FY 2024-2025	FY 2025-2026	FY 2026-2027
	Budget	Budget	Proposed
4000 · Committees Operating Expenses			
4309 · Archives	100.00	50.00	50.00
4319 · Cuban Quaker Project		0.00	0.00
4329 · EC and IBM	100.00	50.00	50.00
4339 · Faith and Practice	25.00	10.00	10.00
4349 · Finance	25.00	50.00	50.00
4359 · Nominating	25.00	10.00	10.00
4369 · Peace and Social Concerns	450.00	50.00	50.00
4379 · Religious Education		0.00	0.00
4389 · Youth Committee	25.00	10.00	10.00
4399 · Worship and Ministry	2,300.00	2,300.00	2,300.00
4429 · Earthcare	25.00	10.00	10.00
4449 · Publications	25.00	10.00	10.00
4469 · Racism, Ministry on	25.00	10.00	10.00
4479 · SEYM Retirement Committee	0.00	0.00	0.00
4489 · Young Adult Quakers	25.00	10.00	10.00
5096 · Quaker Education Committee	0.00	100.00	100.00
4000 · Committees Operating Expenses - Other		0.00	0.00
Total 4000 · Committees Operating Expenses	3,150.00	2,670.00	2,670.00
5000 · Donations to Organizations			
5007 · AFSC	200.00	200.00	200.00
5008 · AFSC-SERO		0.00	0.00
5017 · Cuba YM-Havana Peace Coord.		0.00	0.00
5018 · Earlham School of Religion	100.00	100.00	100.00
5027 · FCNL	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
5028 · QEW (FCUN)	200.00	200.00	200.00
5030 · FLGBTQC	100.00	100.00	100.00
5037 · FGC	1,200.00	1,200.00	1,200.00
5038 · FLCoalition for Peace & Justice	100.00	100.00	100.00
5047 · Florida Council of Churches	200.00	200.00	200.00
5048 · Florida Impact	300.00	300.00	300.00
5057 · Friends Journal	100.00	100.00	100.00
5061 · Friends Peace Teams	500.00	500.00	500.00
5067 · FUM	500.00	500.00	500.00
5068 · FWCC	1,450.00	1,450.00	1,450.00
5077 · Pendle Hill	100.00	100.00	100.00
5078 · ProNica		0.00	0.00
5085 · Quaker House of Fayetteville NC	200.00	200.00	200.00
5087 · Quaker Life	100.00	100.00	100.00
5088 · SIPAZ		0.00	0.00
5089 · QUNO	100.00	100.00	100.00
5090 · NNABSHC	300.00	300.00	300.00
5097 · Friends House	100.00	100.00	100.00
5000 · Donations to Organizations - Other		0.00	0.00
Total 5000 · Donations to Organizations	6,850.00	6,850.00	6,850.00
8000 · Travel & Financial Aid			
8160 · Annual Representative	4,000.00	3,000.00	2,000.00
8260 · Quaker Int'l Meeting Travel		0.00	0.00
8360 · Attend SEYM-approved Activities	1,500.00	2,500.00	2,000.00
8460 · Travel Support to SEYM Business	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
Total 8000 · Travel & Financial Aid	6,500.00	6,500.00	5,000.00
Total 8500 · Contingency	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
Total 2999 · Expenses	112,155.00	117,055.00	118,711.15
9000 · Transfer OUT TO other classes			
9004 · for Youth Programs	2,500.00	2,500.00	2,500.00
9005 · for Gathering Youth	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
9060 · for Quaker Int'l Meeting Travel	500.00	100.00	100.00
9062 · Intl WG Support	1,000.00	500.00	1,000.00
Total 9000 · Transfer OUT TO other classes	6,000.00	5,100.00	5,600.00
Total Expense	118,155.00	122,155.00	124,311.15

Approved Budget for
Proposed Budget:

\$ 124,311.00

Proposed Apportionments:

\$ 107,827.00

Membership Statistics as of 3/6/2025

Meeting Name	Attendees	Members	Units	Meeting
Charleston MM	6	7	10	\$ 2,372.43
Clearwater MM	15	11	19	\$ 4,389.00
Deland MM	17	9	18	\$ 4,151.75
Fort Lauderdale MM	5	2	5	\$ 1,067.59
Fort Myers MM	26	20	33	\$ 7,829.02
Gainesville MM	15	45	53	\$ 12,455.26
Halifax UMM	11	0	0	\$ -
Havana UWG	9	0	0	\$ -
Jacksonville WG	12	0	6	\$ 1,423.46
Key West WG	12	0	0	\$ -
Lake Wales WG	1	0	1	\$ 118.62
Managua WG	6	0	0	\$ -
Melbourne, Q M of	3	19	21	\$ 4,863.48
Miami MM	5	44	47	\$ 11,031.81
Orlando MM	35	44	62	\$ 14,590.45
Palm Beach MM	9	17	22	\$ 5,100.73
St. Augustine WG	19	0	10	\$ 2,253.81
St. Petersburg MM	17	39	47.5	\$ 11,269.05
Sarasota MM	9	17	22	\$ 5,100.73
Savannah MM	7	7	11	\$ 2,491.05
Tallahassee MM	13	40	47	\$ 11,031.81
Tampa MM	9	16	21	\$ 4,863.48
Treasure Coast WG (Included w/ PBMM)	3	0	2	\$ 355.86
Winter Park MM	3	3	5	\$ 1,067.59
Totals	275	340	455	\$ 107,826.98

Total Apportionments: \$ 107,827.00

Apportionment Per Unit: \$ 237.24

SEYM Officers, Committees, Representatives, & Appointees Approved, 5 Day, 4th Month, 2026

OFFICERS

Yearly Meeting Clerk	Bill Carlie	Saint Petersburg	2027
Interim Business Meeting (IBM) & Executive Committee (EC) Clerk	Bill Carlie	Saint Petersburg	2027
Recording Clerk, Yearly Meeting	Liz Dykes	Gainesville	2028
Recording Clerk, IBM/EC	Liz Dykes	Gainesville	2028
Assistant Recording Clerk, IBM/EC	TBD		
Treasurer	Joel Cook	Palm Beach/Treasure Coast	2029
Membership Recorder	Liz Dykes	Gainesville	2029

TRUSTEES

Neil Andersen, Clerk	Tallahassee	2029
Jack Bradin	Palm Beach/Treasure Coast	2029
Liz Dykes	Gainesville	2029
Mike Flanery	Clearwater	2029
Chris Laning	Orlando	2028

COMMITTEES

Archives	Bill Rapp, clerk	Lake Wales Worship Group	2027
	Phoebe Andersen	Tallahassee	2029
	Neil Andersen	Tallahassee	2029
	Beverly Ward	Tampa	2027
Earthcare	Brad Stocker	Miami	2028
	Beverly Ward	Tampa	2028
	Jack Bradin	Palm Beach/Treasure Coast	2029
	Mike Flanery	Clearwater	2026
	Hollyn Green	Savannah	2029
	Howard Brodt	Jacksonville on the Beaches	2027
	Brian Humphrey	Fort Lauderdale	2027
	Rachel Dellinger	Orlando	2027
	Vicki Mariner	Tallahassee	2029
Faith & Practice (Committee on sabbatical)	Phoebe Andersen, Clerk	Tallahassee	2027
Facebook Page	Mike Flanery	Clearwater	2027
Finance	Lewis Kirvan, Clerk	Gainesville	2027
	Shawna Doran	Gainesville	2027
	Carl Hersh	DeLand	2027
	Greg Allan Anderson	Orlando	2028
	Assistant YM Clerk (<i>ex officio</i>)		
	SEYM Treasurer (<i>ex officio</i>)		
	Clerk of Trustees (<i>ex officio</i>)		
	SEYM Admin. Secretary (<i>ex officio</i>)		

Half-Yearly Meeting	Brian Olson, <i>Co-clerk</i>	Miami	
	Beverly Ward, <i>Co-clerk</i>	Tampa	
	Rosalind Kirupavathy, <i>Registrar</i>	Orlando	
	Beverly Ward, <i>Food Coordinator</i>	Tampa	
	Asma Roshi	Orlando	
Ministry on Racism	Kathy Hersh, <i>Clerk</i>	DeLand	2027
	Minerva Glidden	Orlando	2027
	Brad Stocker	Miami	2027
	Susan Taylor	Tallahassee	2027
	Beverly Wark	Tampa	2027
	Cindy Kwalwasser	DeLand	2027
	Jean Larson	Gainesville	2027
Gavin Sherrod	Orlando	2028	
Peace & Social Concerns	Warren Hoskins, <i>Clerk</i>	Tallahassee	2027
	Kasper Ronning	Orlando	2027
	John Heimburg	Orlando	2028
	Mercedes Soca	Havana Worship Group	2028
	Cece Yocum	Tampa	2028
	Peter Harrell	Gainesville	2027
	Shawna Doran	Gainesville	2027
Publications	Phoebe Andersen, <i>Clerk</i>	Tallahassee	2027
	John Palozzi	Palm Beach	2027
	Vicki Carlie (<i>ex officio</i>)	Saint Petersburg	
	SEYM Admin. Secretary (<i>ex officio</i>)	Saint Petersburg	
Quaker Education	Ed Chew	DeLand	2028
	Suzanne Frechette	Fort Myers	2028
	Larry Ascher	Melbourne	2028
	Eileen Zingaro	Clearwater	2028
	Brad Stocker	Miami	2028
	Minerva Glidden	Orlando	2028
Worship & Ministry	Richelle Ogle, <i>Co-clerk</i>	Orlando/Saint Augustine WG	2028
	Jan Dahm, <i>Co-clerk</i>	Tampa	2029
	Lisa Erazmus, <i>Co-clerk</i>	Tampa	2029
	Hope Ascher	Melbourne	2028
	Joel Cook	Palm Beach/Treasurer Coast WG	2029
	Nancyrose Logan	Sarasota	2029
	Bill Carlie	Saint Petersburg	2027
	Vicki Carlie	Saint Petersburg	2028
Cheryl Demers-Holton	DeLand	2028	
YM Gathering	Brian Olson, <i>Co-clerk</i>	Miami	2029
	Vicki Carlie, <i>Co-clerk</i>	Saint Petersburg	2028
	Phil Stone, <i>Registrar</i>	Clearwater	2028
	John Heimburg, <i>Bookstore</i>	Orlando	2029
	Cheryl Demers-Holton, <i>Workshops</i>	DeLand	2028
	Kasper Ronning	Orlando	2029
SEYM Admin. Secretary (<i>ex officio</i>)			

Youth Committee	Amanda Farrar, <i>Acting Clerk</i>	Saint Augustine Worship Group	2029
	Kathy Hersh	DeLand	2029
	Mariah Doran	Gainesville	2029
	Cece Yocum	Tampa	2027
	Hope Ascher	Melbourne	2027

REPRESENTATIVES TO ORGANIZATIONS

American Friends Service Committee – AFSC/Philadelphia	Beverly Ward	Tampa	2027
	Lis-Marie Alvarado	Miami	2027
	Bill Carlie	Saint Petersburg	2028
Friends Committee on National Legislation (FCNL)	Brian Olson	Miami	2029
	Ian McDonald	Tallahassee	2029
	Eileen Zingaro	Clearwater	2027
	John Heimburg	Orlando	2029
Friends General Conference (FGC)	Gavin Sherrod	Orlando	2029
	Susan Wade	Saint Petersburg	2028
Friends World Committee for Consultation (FWCC)	Joel Cook	Palm Beach/Treasure Coast WG	2028
	Gavin Sherrod	Orlando	2028
Friends Peace Teams	Cece Yocum	Tampa	2028
	Shawna Doran	Gainesville	2028
Florida Council of Churches	Beverly Ward	Tampa	2027
FLGBTQ	Jan Dahm	Tampa	2027
Palmetto Friends Gathering	Beverly Ward	Tampa	2029
Quaker Earthcare Witness	Brian Olson	Miami	2029
	Hollyn Green	Savannah	2030
Quaker House	Seth Moody		2030
Quaker United Nations Office (QUNO)	Jennifer Mendoza	Orlando	2030

APPOINTED OBSERVERS TO ORGANIZATIONS

Friends United Meeting – General Board Observer	TBD		
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NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Brian Olson, <i>Clerk</i>	Miami	2027
Beverly Ward	Tampa	2027
Shawna Doran	Gainesville	2028
Angela Hopkins	Fort Lauderdale	2029

Jerry Knutson Traveling Ministry Report

SEYM Annual Meeting for Business

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2024-2026 Traveling Ministry Report by Jerry Knutson

- 3/16/24 facilitated for Friends World Committee for Consultation Section of the Americas Home Group
- 3/29/24 facilitated at SEYM Annual Sessions workshop on Discernment
- 4/18/24 facilitated with OMM on "The Gathered Meeting" by Thomas Kelly
- 6/16/24 facilitated at Charlotte MM on "Maximizing Pleasure and Minimizing Anguish" and "Spiritual Practices" workshops.
- 10/20/24 facilitated at WV Fall Gathering on "Maximizing Pleasure and Minimizing Anguish"
- 11/30/24 facilitated at SEYM HYM "What spiritual practices keep you joyful and centered in these trying times?"
- 9/28/25 gave a sermon on Sweet Revenge and Hope at West Richmond, IN Friends Meeting. (FUM)

Facilitated Julian of Norwich workshops on:

- 4/18/25 for SEYM Annual Sessions
- 7/1/25 for BYM Annual Sessions
- 9/21/25 for Clear Creek MM, Richmond IN
- 10/11/25 for WV Fall Gathering, Middleway WV
- 10/26/25 for Charlottee MM
- 11/28/25 for SEYM HYM

Planned for SEYM Annual Sessions 2026 "Gathered meeting (last call)"

I'm being led to lay down my traveling ministry after SEYM Annual Gathering. Since April 2015, this ministry has been under the care of Orlando Monthly Meeting and I'm grateful for the spiritual and financial support that made this possible. I'm also grateful to my Anchor Committee and all the F/friends that helped in this Ministry.

Love, Light and Gratitude,
Jerry Knutson

Administrative Secretary's Report

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Friends,

As you may know, this year we lost our beloved Membership Recorder, Ed Lesnick. His passing has left a huge gap in SEYM's administration.

Ed compiled the Membership rolls for all meetings and worship groups, the information SEYM uses for the annual Directory. Another aspect of Ed's role as Membership Recorder is accounting for members and attenders and producing the membership statistics, the basis of SEYM's apportionment allocations.

I have been in contact with Ed's daughter, Joy. She has Ed's laptop and has sent many files we need for SEYM. She also sent information the FileMaker program Ed used. It appears that the license was for use by two people and SEYM may be able to access the information Ed had stored in the program. I will look into it in more detail after Gathering when I have more time, to determine whether SEYM will need to purchase a new license.

Like everything else, it is getting more expensive to print the directory. I would like to change the format of the Directory a bit, rearranging the sections and publishing the detailed minutes from the yearly meeting and omitting the committee reports which can be found online at SEYMquakers.org. The numbered minutes from the previous year's meetings for business would still be published along with the meeting statistics and approved budget. I would also like to move the meeting and worship group information from a separate section to the beginning of the meeting's or worship group's corresponding member/attender list

Susan Wade, Administrative Secretary
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Youth and Young Adult Coordinator Report

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Young Adults

During the past year, SEYM's young adults demonstrated a strong interest in social justice and in engagement with the wider Quaker world.

- **Orlando** – OMM has five young adults who attend regularly, and a few others who remain associated with our meeting although we don't see them often. This year they participated in Friends General Conference, School of the Spirit, Friends Committee for National Legislation, and Friends World Committee for Consultation. Local organizations they worked with included Socialist Alternative, Central Florida Mutual Aid, Come out With Pride, and Coalition for the Homeless. They also volunteered at an inter-faith Iftar dinner and marched in a Martin Luther King Day parade.
- **Gainesville** - Gainesville has several young adults who are involved in Democratic Socialists and other social justice causes, including those that support immigrants.
- **Miami** – Miami has a young adult as clerk, and long-term attender Aaron graduated from high school and now attends college.
- **Tallahassee** – Two young adults are associated with the Tallahassee meeting, one of which (Aurelio) is very active with Friends General Conference.
- **St. Augustine** – The two young adults from the St. Augustine meeting got married this year. Congratulations, Amanda and Seth!
- **Sarasota** – Asma left Orlando to study at New College and now attends the Sarasota meeting. She is on the board of FGC and helped plan their youth and young adult gathering last summer.

Youth in Monthly Meetings

Children under 18 are still rare in our monthly meetings. The following meetings have had young people attend during the past year:

- **Orlando** - During the past year, 12 youth have attended at least occasionally. However, since January, only four are consistent at First Day School. One family moved away, one family stopped attending, and one youth left for college. The other children attend occasionally.
- **Gainesville** - Gainesville has had several wee friends attend throughout the year and has recently gained two teens.
- **Miami** - One family with children attends regularly.
- **Tampa** - One family has recently begun attending.

Retention and Recruitment

While many young people do feel spiritually aligned with Quakerism, they are reluctant to attend meetings where they are not surrounded by their peers. This tendency makes it difficult to retain children--and especially teenagers--beyond the first few weeks of their trying out a meeting for the

first time. Thus, obtaining a critical mass large enough to retain and attract youth remains a challenge.

In the coming year, I hope to try out some programming to hopefully draw in youth from the Orlando community, and I would love to help other meetings with their outreach efforts. These efforts could possibly take the form of tables at events, summer or weekend youth programs, conscientious objector workshops, or participation in social justice projects. Please let me know how I can best support your meeting's efforts to work with youth and young adults.

Rachel Dellinger, Youth and Young Adult Coordinator
March 15, 2026

Worship and Ministry Report

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The SEYM Worship and Ministry Committee continues to bring spiritual nurture and joyful hope to all Friends and beyond, especially during these uncertain times. It is our call to walk with any and all who are struggling to make sense of the difficulties faced by the most vulnerable among us by holding them in the Light, helping them to find answers along their journey, and providing tools of discernment and wisdom for those seeking solace.

As part of our work, we had a wonderful Michener Lecturer – Susan Taylor – who spoke to us on the topic: “*Tending the Soil of our Faith Community.*” The lecture and following workshop were well-attended by Friends face-to-face and online. We are aware of the difficulties faced by online attenders and are working on solutions for future hybrid presentations.

We have at least one new online presentation in the works for this spring/summer. Specifically, Beverly Ward will share with Friends on the topic of *Faith and Practice understood through Permaculture.*

Yearly Meeting Gathering, 1-5 Fourth Month, includes sessions sponsored by Worship & Ministry such as Jan Dahm and Lisa Erazmus’ workshop on *Reflections from the Heart and Spirit*, an opportunity for Extended Worship, our morning Worship Sharing sessions (quotes and queries discerned by Jan Dahm and Lisa Erazmus), a Meeting for Remembrance, and Joel Cook’s early morning Bible Study on “When All My Hopes were Gone”.

We attempt to be faithful to our labor of encouragement by holding individuals and Monthly Meetings/Worship Groups in our hearts and working toward the recognition of Friends’ work in the world as a sacred task needing deep spiritual nourishment. We ask that all continue to hold each other with a tender hand and listen deeply to where Spirit is leading us.

Jan Dahm, Lisa Erazmus, Richelle Ogle
Co-clerks of SEYM Worship and Ministry Committee

Representative to FLGBTQC Report

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Friends for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer Concerns have gathered for two Meetings for Worship with Concern for Business, approving a budget until the FGC Gathering in July, and lifting up a name in a first reading from Nominating Committee for a prospective Co-Clerk for the organization. The budget was modified to increase funds for travel so more Friends would be able to attend the FGC Gathering in July. At these two meetings Friends also participated in threshing sessions to review and discuss the progress of two subcommittees of the FLGBTQC Steering Committee. The first concerned a proposal regarding reconnecting, (including creating better connection with Yearly Meetings and Associations), organization, and structure going forward. The second involved a vision statement of our purpose, existence as a faith community, and hopes in facing a future in love. Each session was a gathering sunk deeply in Spirit, with Friends sharing experiences and memories and desires for our organization to continue rather than be laid down.

I would like to thank SEYM Friends again for the opportunity to serve as your representative to Friends for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer Concerns. Most Friends cannot help but notice how perilous a time it is for those in the margins, whether by virtue of race, immigration status, gender, age, religion, and whom you love. A community that knows how to witness, speak Truth to power, and be able to listen and support, is standing in faithfulness. Leaning into Spirit is how we all get through this; knowing we are grounded in God is how we stay on the path; finding a way to Love will guide everything we do. I pray that the Peace that passes all understanding graces our hearts as we journey together.

Jan Dahm

SEYM Representative to Friends for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer Concerns

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Quaker action for a just world

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Dear Friends Everywhere,

Perhaps now more than ever, the world needs the action and witness of Quakers to resist the rising tides of authoritarianism, war, and injustice -- from the systematic atrocities in Palestine to the unconscionable war on Iran, the machinery of armed conflict—fueled by corporations who profit from war—is claiming countless lives and shattering communities before our eyes. Communities who suffer from the impacts of settler-colonialism, racism, misogyny, xenophobia, and unimpeded capitalism are calling upon Friends to act in solidarity for peace, justice, and dignity for all. The American Friends Service Committee (AFSC) is answering that call with urgency. We are proud to partner with Quaker communities worldwide to resist the horrors of war and build a just peace.

At AFSC, we assert the equality, worth, and dignity of all people and regard no one as our enemy. We demonstrate the transformative power of love and active nonviolence as a force for justice and reconciliation, and we trust the Spirit to guide our discernment about how to take action. As we step further into 2026, we invite Friends to explore opportunities to *speak truth to power* and *show what love can do* by getting involved in one or more of our programs and campaigns.

This epistle briefly describes the annual meeting of the AFSC Corporation and offers a few highlights from our work. Far from comprehensive, we hope this epistle helps build awareness among Friends about AFSC’s presence in the world and provides a window into some of the opportunities for Friends to partner with AFSC.

The Annual Meeting of the AFSC Corporation

The theme for this year’s annual meeting of the AFSC Corporation is “[Spirit-Led Activism for Our Suffering World](#).” While many approaches to social change exist, Spirit-led activism is distinctive as it is rooted in nonviolence, emerging from collective discernment, and resulting in selfless service to communities facing violence. At the meeting, the Corporation reinvigorates AFSC’s commitments to Spirit-led activism. We practice Spirit-led activism because a suffering world needs it—for healing, redemption, reconciliation, and the building of the beloved community.

Stronger with Immigrants

Immigrants make our communities stronger. They are our family members, friends, neighbors, co-workers, and vital members of our communities. But since taking office, the Trump administration has detained and deported hundreds of thousands of immigrants, carried out violent raids nationwide, and created a culture of fear.

Today, AFSC is working to address the economic and political drivers of migration, to ensure that migrant communities are safe and protected, and support migrants, refugees, and internally displaced people at each stage of their journey. We are responding to ICE raids, offering support to community members with loved ones in detention, providing free legal representation, advocating for people’s release, monitoring human rights violations along the U.S.-Mexico border, and educating immigrants and allies through Know Your Rights trainings.

As part of our [Stronger with Immigrants](#) campaign, we are asking Friends to tell Congress and the Trump administration to immediately halt detention and deportation and insist that they support policies that treat all people with dignity and respect. Donations to our Stronger with Immigrants campaign support our ongoing immigrant rights work, including our legal services, advocacy, and organizing. We are also encouraging Quaker communities to bring “Our Communities are Stronger // Los Inmigrantes Hacen Nuestras Comunidades Mas Fuertes” signs to actions and [place a yard-sign](#) version of this message in front of your church, meetinghouse, homes, and offices.

This spring, AFSC is convening a Quaker Action for Migration Justice Network (QAMJN) to coordinate Friends witness in opposition to cruel immigration policies and violent enforcement. This network of Quaker congregations will host monthly online gatherings where Friends may discern and implement collective action. As part of its Spiritual Infrastructure of the Future program, the American Council of Learned Societies is sending a Ph.D. student to help AFSC build and support QAMJN over nine weeks during the summer months. Interested churches and meetings can write to friends@afsc.org to get involved in the network.

The Humanitarian Crisis in Gaza and AFSC’s U.S.-based Palestine Activism

Since the start of the genocide in Gaza in 2023, AFSC staff in Gaza have provided food, water, hygiene kits, baby formula and other lifesaving assistance to over 1 million displaced Palestinians. We have also provided educational activities for over 4,000 children.

In March of 2025, Israel passed new and extremely restrictive registration requirements for international organizations. These requirements impose prohibitively difficult reporting requirements and require organizations to submit complete staff lists and other sensitive information about staff and their families to the Israeli government. Israel’s occupation in the Palestinian territory is unlawful. Disclosing operational information to a government credibly accused of genocide and apartheid endangers the lives of our staff and partners, and for these reasons AFSC made the difficult decision to not reapply for registration with the Israeli government. Regardless, our work in Gaza and across the occupied Palestinian territory will continue. Our commitment to this work is unwavering, and we believe unflinching solidarity with the Palestinian people is needed now more than ever. AFSC will be able to continue operating in Gaza because our model of working with local staff and partners allows us to adapt to changing restrictions, making AFSC distinct from organizations that rely primarily on bringing in foreign staff and aid trucks.

In 2023, AFSC created the Apartheid-Free Communities Coalition, an interfaith network of congregations that have dedicated themselves toward taking action to dismantle Israeli apartheid. AFSC is celebrating over 1,000 communities who have joined the coalition, including over 60 Quaker communities. In December 2025, representatives from Quaker communities in the United States and Canada formed the Apartheid-Free Quaker Affinity Group (QAG). They meet monthly to discern and implement collective action. This year, QAG is working to amplify Quaker witness against apartheid and convince political leaders in the U.S. to leverage their power to restore the rights of the Palestinian people. To learn more, visit [the QAG website](#). If your Quaker meeting or church has not already done so, consider joining the Apartheid-Free Coalition.

Climate Justice and Food Justice

The climate crisis disproportionately harms low-income, working-class, Indigenous, Black and Brown people, and other marginalized communities worldwide. Wealthy countries, militaries, corporations,

and individuals have profited from high carbon emissions and overconsumption of the earth's resources, and we urge these actors to accept responsibility.

From New Mexico to Kenya to Guatemala to Jordan, AFSC is working to protect community water rights, support migrants affected by climate change, and help farmers achieve food sovereignty. Our continuing partnerships through the Quaker United Nations Office have also supported our efforts to build important alliances, highlight the urgency of the climate crisis, and accelerate impact for the most marginalized populations. And we are forming new partnerships with other Quaker organizations, such as Earth Quaker Action Team (EQAT) and Quaker Earthcare Witness (QEW), in developing our global campaigns relating to fossil fuel production and investments.

One way Friends can get involved in AFSC's food justice work is to join our No Hunger Summer campaign. We are calling Friends to help urge state governors to accept freely available federal funds designated by Congress to feed school-age children in low-income families over the summer. In 2024, Congress created the SUN Bucks program, which provides \$120 in grocery-buying benefits to low-income families with school-age children. This program could benefit as many as 30 million children. While most states opted in, **11 states have not yet implemented the program**. Those states include Alaska, Florida, Georgia, Idaho, Mississippi, Oklahoma, South Carolina, South Dakota, Texas, Tennessee, and Wyoming. If you live in one of these states, join our No Hunger Summer campaign and urge your governor to act.

More Ways to Get Involved . . .

Our [Emerging Leaders for Liberation](#) program, now in its fifth year, equips young adult changemakers with the skills they need to effectively enact social change. We encourage young adult Friends ages 18-22 to apply for this program so they can learn effective organizing and advocacy strategies from AFSC staff. Applications for the next cohort will open in Feb. 2027.

Anyone can learn from the esteemed social change leaders on our staff by joining our [Protect, Resist, and Build](#) webinars, hosted every third Tuesday of the month at 8 p.m. ET / 5 p.m. PT. And please join us for [Meeting for Worship with Attention to Peace](#) every Thursday at 7:30 p.m. ET / 4:30 p.m. PT.

We encourage Friends to sign up for our weekly newsletter called "Weekend Reading" and our monthly "Acting in Faith" newsletter, specifically tailored for Friends, for the latest updates about AFSC's work and how you can get involved. More information can also be found at <https://afsc.org/friends-engage>.

There are so many ways for Friends to partner with AFSC towards creating a more just, sustainable, and peaceful world. Our staff will be visiting over 20 Yearly Meetings this year and over 80 events at Quaker meetings, churches, schools, and retirement communities. You can submit a request for a speaker to attend your meeting [here](#).

In 1949, Howard Thurman wrote: "They are the poor, the disinherited, the dispossessed. What does our religion say to them?" Over 70 years later, AFSC continues to generate responses to this question and exercise Quaker values in our work.



Migration is Beautiful, Fabric Art, Florida People's Advocacy Center

In addition to detailing activities since the SEYM 2026 Winter Interim Business Meeting (FIBM), this report also provides an overview of activities for the fiscal year. Ongoing activities and plans for future meetings are included. Scheduled or planned work includes:

- *Continued community preparedness;*
- *Continued support for the Miccosukee Tribe of Florida's intervention in the Dade-Collier Training and Transition Airport Detention Facility;*
- *Work with the SEYM Peace and Social Concerns Committee and other SEYM committees;*
- *Convening workshops and visiting Monthly Meetings and Worship Groups;*
- *Producing and sharing videos and other online content; and*
- *Working in the wider Quaker world and environmental groups.*

Cover photo: Dr. Marvin Dunn and Kathy Hersh, Rosewood Park Launch & Dedication, 2026.01.11

Overview

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

Communication with the FSE Anchoring Committee

I had two in-person visits with some members of the the Anchoring Committee since the last report and continue to maintain communication via email and other remote means. The planned visit with Andersens during the Florida Council of Churches Advocacy Days during First Month was postponed. Over the course of the last fiscal year, these contacts have been beneficial in helping to discern actions in response to various concerns, such as the proliferation of immigration detention facilities; the federal and state actions to undo environmental regulations; the attacks on human and civil rights; and the impacts of these actions. I continue to be grateful to the Committee for their care and support.



Mt. Dora, FL 2025.08.21

SEYM Community Preparedness

As the 2026 Hurricane Season nears, I am preparing to work with the SEYM committees to revisit our community preparedness planning. There is heightened concern due state and federal actions that reduced planning and other resources once available. Part of the planning will include assessment of what may or may not be available from the sources and what local strategies may be available to fill the gaps. More information will be made available about these planning activities directly to Monthly Meetings, Worship Groups, through SEYM committees and eNews.

Resources within SEYM include, but are not limited to:

- Gainesville Friends Meeting will make the Meetinghouse available to SEYM Friends for short-term use in the event of a climate emergency. Shawna Doran is the contact person.
- Other Monthly Meetings and Worship Groups and individuals have offered shelter in the past.
- Friends are encouraged to consider their household needs.
 - Do you have an emergency plan?
 - Will you shelter in place?
 - Can you shelter with someone else?
 - If you must evacuate, do you have a contact person in your Meeting or Worship Group?



Wekiwa Springs State Park

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.

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2026 Love is Love Pride Fest 7 Second Month (February), Deland

John Heimburg and I joined Deland Quakers to table during Pride Fest. Deland Friends had several new pamphlets and other handouts to share, including “Quaker and Queer: a concise who’s sho of queer Friends” and “You Might Be a Quaker if...”. “You Might Be a Quaker if...” is a fanzine by SEYM Youth and Young Adults.

Stetson University, 9 Second Month (February)

I joined a number of Friends from Deland Monthly Meeting to participate in the University’s Center for Dialogue and Civic Action, “Ask Big Questions: ‘How Can We Have Peace?’.” In addition to breakfast for dinner, DeLand Friends gave an overview Friends’ history and Peace testimony. In small group discussions, we joined students in considering peace on multiple levels—personal, relational, and global.

St. Petersburg Monthly Meeting, 15 Second Month

Following the Yearly Meeting’s actions regarding the Miccosukee Tribe of Florida and the Dade-Collier Training and Transition Airport Detention facility during Winter Interim Business Meeting, members of St. Petersburg Meeting reached out to me to facilitate an Adult Firstday School discussion on the subject. One of the actions taken by the Yearly Meeting was approval of a “Statement of Accompaniment”, [click here to read](#). Friends are asked to share this statement as led, including letters to local newspapers. I will share my overview with St. Pete Meeting via the SEYM website, eNews, and with Monthly Meetings and Worship Groups.

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Planned Visits

Future planned visits include:

- AVP workshop(s) in St. Petersburg. This continues to be on hold as the facility is making renovations;
- Quakers of Orlando: A date has not been set for "Conversations to Explore"; however, I am preparing some comments for the Property Committee regarding a project planned by committee;
- Bystander/Upstander Training scheduled for 2026.03.21, Volusia Pride Advocacy Committee and Deland Monthly Meeting;
- Visit to Gainesville Monthly Meeting to visit the Yearly Meeting archives at the University of Florida;
- An online presentation of Power-Mapping Workshop following the 2026 SEYM Gathering;
- There have been a few changes in the workshop topics, so please take a look for ideas that may be of interest. Feel free to make suggestions.

Past Visits

During the SEYM 2025 Fiscal Year, there were several visits to Meetings and Worship Groups, often not associated with standing workshops or events. I encourage Friends to consider asking me to attend local events, Adult Firstday School, potlucks, etc. I also try to rotate among Meetings for Meeting for Worship, especially remotely.

Suggested Workshop/Event Topics (In-Person, Virtual, or Hybrid)

- Angelic Troublemaking: Beyond Bystander Training - explores anti-racism/decolonization work with emphasis on local concerns and means of accompaniment
- Bystander/Upstander Training: introduces strategies for accompaniment, documenting harmful behavior, bigotry, obliviousness
- Climate Justice in Our Community: identifies specific local social justice and equity concerns;
- Decolonizing Earthcare: explores the intersectionality of gender, race, extraction, and harmful economic systems;



Winter Interim Business Meeting, Orlando, 2026

Interactions or Collaborations between and among other SEYM committees

The 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.

- Archives Committee: As mentioned above, I am rescheduling the planned meeting with members of the committee. The purpose of this meeting is to visit the University of Florida SEYM collection. In addition to doing archival searches, I have materials to deposit.
- The Committee for Ministry on Racism (CMOR): In addition to meeting with CMOR, I will assist the committee with its plenary session for the 2026 SEYM Gathering. In



Stetson University, 2026.02.09

- Discerning Earthcare Leadings: listening and sharing experiences to reach individual and group decisions on Earthcare actions;
- Earthcare audits: baseline assessment of individual or community Earthcare activities and discernment;
- Equality or Equity? What is Our Testimony?: examines Friends' equality testimony, the concepts of equity and justice, and the relationship of these to Earthcare; Permaculture is Not Just Agriculture: introduces permaculture design and domains and ways to align these practices with Friends' testimonies;
- Power-Mapping: an interactive, strategic tool for identifying and analyzing where and how power is being held and how to develop change-making strategies. **NEW OFFERING;**
- Quakers and Climate Collapse: shares and builds on a Woodbrooke course led by Jackie Carpenter including review of the latest science, grief, worship sharing, and discernment;
- Quakers and the United Nations: explores Friends' history with the UN and ways to be engaged. **NEW OFFERING;**
- Racial Wealth Gap Simulation: an exercise that helps "...people understand the connections among racial equity, hunger, poverty, and wealth";
- Transportation, migration, and climate: explores access and mobility issues from the local to global perspective and the impacts of climate change;
- Waterline Communities: Displacement and Gentrification and Why Quakers Should Care drills down to the county or community level on the impacts of displacement; and

Please let me know of any topic or suggestion you would like that is not listed here.

In addition to that session, I'll also be co-facilitating a session with Paula Palmer, co-director of Towards Right Relationship with Native Peoples (TRR) program, <https://friendspeaceteams.org/trr/>;

- Earthcare Committee: In addition to the Peace and Social Concerns Committee inviting Earthcare Committee members to join their meetings, the Earthcare Committee met on 13 Third Month 2026. We reviewed past concerns, including Scott Virgin's concern for the Everglades and Big Sugar. To read Scott's article, "A Fight for the Heart of the Everglades: The EAA Reservoir and Big Sugar", [click here](#);
- Half Yearly Meeting (HYM) Committee: SEYM has been approved to return to Wekiwa Springs State Park for Eleventh Month 2026. We have lots of environmental events planned for the weekend that will begin the Fifthday (Thursday), 26 through Firstday (Sunday), 29. Watch this space and SEYM eNews for updates!
- Nominating Committee: I join other members of the Nominating Committee in sending condolences to the family and friends of Ed Lesnick. Ed served the committee and the Yearly Meeting in many roles.
- Peace and Social Concerns (P&SC) Committee: I continue to meet with the P&SC Committee. The committee continues to ask Monthly Meetings and Working Groups to consider of the AFSC statement, "A different future is possible: Quaker organizations share a vision for peace in Palestine and Israel."
- The appeal has been repeated for Friends to help purchase bike light kits in support of farmer workers. Fort Myers Monthly Meeting (MM) and others have been working with Mission Peniel who installs the kits. Donations can be sent to:
Mission Peniel
P.O. Box 1204
Immokalee, FL 34143

You can also order directly from the Amazon Gift Registry: https://www.amazon.com/registries/gl/guest-view/2LEN1QXFAM1EF?ref=cm_sw_r_cp_ud_ggr-subnav-share_VDTTWZ9ATMQQYBW7WP46_6.

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.

- Alternatives to Violence Project (AVP): planning continues for additional workshops in St. Petersburg and other areas;
- American Friends Service Committee (AFSC): Here are several news items from the most recent newsletter.
 - This year, AFSC launched the Hummingbird Plan, which includes 12 partner organizations across Mexico, Guatemala, Costa Rica, and El Salvador. The plan works to support immigrants by providing immediate humanitarian aid as well as building capacity for systemic change. More information can be found here, <https://afsc.org/news/providing-aid-protecting-rights-migrants-latin-america>.



Participants in the Florida Council of Churches Advocacy Days Worship

- Action Hour for Palestine: Join others each Friday at noon ET/ 9am PT for a jam-packed hour of news, action, inspiration, and community. At a time when so many are feeling alone, overwhelmed, scared, and defeated, join AFSC's Action Hour community to take action for justice together. [Find more information and register here.](#)
- Decolonizing Quakers Working Group, <https://www.decolonizingquakers.org/>: I continue to meet monthly with the working group as schedule permits. While our meetings have been somewhat focused on outside events, e.g., concerns regarding Monthly and Yearly Meetings on the Turtle Island (the North American continent), we intend to return to discerning our working group's intentions.
- Fellowship of Friends of African Descent (FOFAD): The Fellowship is currently on hiatus. However, I do keep in contact with the convenor, Rashid Darden, as discussed below.
 - If you are interested in receiving the Racial Justice Quarterly Newsletter, please visit <https://groups.google.com/g/qcur-newsletter> and click "Ask to join the group"

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Rosewood Park Launch & Dedication, 2026.01.11

- The Transatlantic Friends Worship Group has resumed meeting on the fourth Thursday. "Transatlantic Friends is a worshipping community of Quakers and seekers dedicated to justice and the spirit-led leadership of people of color." Transatlantic Friends is under the care of Friends Meeting of Washington, in the District of Columbia.
- Florida Network/Florida Connections Partners: I facilitated a Bystander/Upstander Training for Network on 2026.02.23. I will share the video recording when it is made available.
- Florida Council of Churches (FCC): The Sowing the Harvest Advocacy Days took place 2026.01.14-15. I participated in the training, worship, and visits to legislators. A key consideration is that the Florida legislature is likely to convene a special session during Fourth Month (April) to take up redrawing legislative districts. [Click here](#) to read the proclamation regarding the special session.
- Friends Committee on National Legislation (FCNL): We are asked to continue to try to save key environmental pieces of the Inflation Reduction Act. Keep up the calls, letters, and other contact with federal legislators. FCNL has created a Legislative Ask One-Pager to help when talking to elected officials and others. To access the one-pager, [click here.](#)
- One takeaway from the annual meeting that may be of interest to Friends was FCNL's "Policy Statement Language on Artificial Intelligence" and the background "Resource Paper on Artificial Intelligence" from the policy committee.
- FCNL is also setting its 2026 legislative priorities agenda. To participate, follow this link, <https://www.fcnl.org/about/world-we-see/legislative-priorities>.
- Friends General Conference (FGC): I am being considered to join the clerking team for the 2027 FGC Gathering. Please hold me and the rest of the team and the committee in your hearts;
- Friends Peace Teams: As mentioned above, Paula Palmer and I will be co-facilitating a workshop, "Toward Right Relationship with Native Peoples and SEYM" during the 2026 SEYM Gathering. This will be a hybrid workshop and we look forward to seeing you! There will be opportunities to learn more about not only the Toward Right Relationship program, but also more about Friends Peace Teams overall.
- Friends World Committee for Consultation (FWCC): I continue to work to strengthen links to FWCC through affiliations with other Quaker organizations. This includes sharing resources with the Global Quaker Sustainability Network, <https://fwcc.world/areas-of-work/sustainability/>.
- Interfaith Vigil, Dade-Collier Training and Transition Center Detention Facility, Big Cypress National Preserve: The vigils continue every Firstday (Sunday) from 4:00 – 5:00 PM ET. People gather across from the camp's entrance on Route 41. In addition to the Miccosukee, The Workers Circle has been organizing people of faith and conscience to hold the vigils. To sign up and learn more, including buses from Miami and Fort Myers, [click here.](#)
- Lake County Conservation Council (LCCC): I helped with marketing the 2026 EcoExpo held 21 Second Month.
- Quaker Earthcare Witness (QEW):
 - QuakerEarth Action Map! Please share your Meeting's or Worship Group's information. This dynamic tool showcases initiatives addressing climate justice, ecological sustainability, and community

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resilience. Share your story and inspire others! Be inspired by others. Follow this link, <https://quakerearthcare.org/map/>, then click on the "Input Form" link;

- I have participated in The EMERGE Framework, a series that explores the Quaker-rooted values facilitated by Lee Hall.
- Tri-City NAACP Branch: I continue with the Environmental and Climate Justice Committee.
- Woodbrooke (<https://www.woodbrooke.org.uk/>) "...is an international Quaker learning and research organisation based in Britain. [They] provide opportunities for learning, connection and worship which are rooted in the Quaker tradition and open to all. [The] mission is to foster the 'vital ministry' of Quakers today and [the] learning programme allows participants to: deepen their understanding of the Quaker way, explore spirituality, support their communities and be inspired to bring about wider change the in world."

Climate Crisis: <https://www.woodbrooke.org.uk/learn/climate-crisis/>;

Climate Crisis Eco Church Network: <https://www.woodbrooke.org.uk/learn/climate-crisis/#ecochurch>;

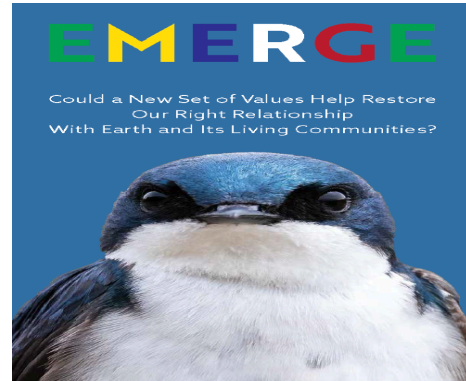
Courses: <https://www.woodbrooke.org.uk/our-courses/>;

Financial Support: <https://www.woodbrooke.org.uk/learn/financial-support/>;

Learning for Communities: <https://www.woodbrooke.org.uk/learn/learning-for-communities/>;

Research: <https://www.woodbrooke.org.uk/research/>.

There is also a regular newsletter available with free subscription log-in, [click here](#).



Click on the image to see the EMERGE Website

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Thank you, Friends, for your support this past year!

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NOTES

Gathering Committee Report

SEYM Annual Meeting for Business

1 – 5 Fourth Month 2026

About 115 people attended this year's Gathering in person, with many more joining us online.

Please take our survey, which will be sent out soon.

Save the dates for next year: March 24 – 28, 2027.

We wish to offer our deepest thanks to:

Leslie Manning, our Walton Retreat leader and lecturer; and the host of volunteers who stepped in to make this a successful Gathering:

- Nancy Terry, the Golf Cart Queen, and the other Golf Cart drivers,
- Shawna Doran, our evening snacks coordinator,
- The Worship and Ministry committee, especially Hope and Larry Ascher, for coordinating our online Worship Sharing,
- The musicians,
- Friends who served as Zoom hosts for our hybrid workshops,
- And Bill Carlie and Gavin Sherrod for running the tech during our plenaries and the lecture.

We offer a minute of appreciation for Dayspring:

Friends gathered at the 2026 SEYM Annual Sessions and Gathering wish to offer our deep appreciation to the staff of Dayspring Conference Center, who made us feel most welcome, and very quickly responded to our every need.

Southeastern Yearly Meeting

Quakers in Florida, southeast Georgia & coastal South Carolina

To Friends Everywhere,

Loving Greetings from Southeastern Yearly Meeting at its 62nd annual sessions held at DaySpring Episcopal Camp and Conference Center in Parrish, Florida.

The beautiful campus offered us a place of retreat from the world for a few days of rest, community, and connection with nature, each other and Spirit. The weather was gorgeous. We had beautiful sunny days and a huge thunderstorm that was amazing to behold, while simultaneously drenching our walk back to dinner and canceling most of our evening plans on Thursday. This created the opportunity for impromptu gatherings of conversation, movie watching, singing, and game playing. We had a blast laughing through an evening of dance and music together.

We were joined by Friends on Zoom and in person from a variety of different meetings and locations, including DC, Iowa, North Carolina and Atlanta. All of our business sessions, and some of the workshop offerings were hybrid, giving f/Friends who were not able to be with us in person the opportunity to participate and enrich our time together.

This year, we were joined by Leslie Manning (Durham, ME & Three Rivers Meetings) who was our Walton Lecturer and workshop leader. She spoke on our theme of “Hold Fast the Hope that Anchors the Soul.” Leslie has a grounded, rich presence with a delightful sense of humor. The two workshops Leslie lead were rich times listening and sharing together. We explored cultivating compassion (suffering with), and upholding conviction. We shared about our heroes – who have inspired us to live in action aligned with spirit.

We had our first year of morning Bible Studies, presented by Joel Cook (Palm Beach Meeting), focused on the same topic. We delved into how despair leads us to God and allows us to dive through the distractions to be able to hear the small voice.

Our meetings for business guided by clerk Bill Carlie were calm, productive, and spirit filled.

Evening hangouts included an LGBTQIA+ affinity group. It was soul feeding to be with others who share a similar experience.

The youth climbed trees, went canoeing, did ropes courses and had workshops learning about business meetings and discussing being a conscientious objector, and entertained us with their myriad talents in the talent show.

An intimate Meeting for Remembrance honored the lives of those who have passed.

Worship Sharing provided space for f/Friends to sit with quotes and queries and share from their personal experience. This was a meaningful time for many.

We had a plethora of rich and meaningful workshop offerings on deepening our connection to Spirit through writing, exploring psalms, and listening prayer. There were several opportunities to enjoy the beauty of this place through nature walks, outdoor morning worship, and a labyrinth.

Other workshops gave us opportunities to dive deeper into living our faith out through Social Justice. FCNL and AFSC both presented workshops, we explored vocalizing our passions through politics. Florida Impact educated us about the upcoming cuts to emergency support programs for food and encouraged us to explore how we can prepare to support people who will be affected. We sat with queries about why Quaker meetings are so white. Some themes that arose were our need for allies to speak up and to have repair processes when harm is created, and to offer support from solidarity rather than pity. We discussed the pillars that support systems and the roles needed for successful social movements.

The bookshop was a source of constant flow of people and conversation and gushing over book options. Movies were shown in the bookstore three nights and offered f/Friends opportunities to get deeper understandings and discussion of topics of current interest.

We enjoyed AMAZING cookies and meals together while connecting over conversation in the dining hall and mosquito free patio. The staff here was delightful and took good care of us – in making us morning coffee before we were even awake to providing earplugs to be able to sleep together in dorms, to feeding us nourishing food 3 times a day.

It was a great time together. We missed those who were not able to join and hope you are able to join us next year!

Joel Cook and Ruth Gerhard for
Southeastern Yearly Meeting

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Youth Epistle

Dear Friends,

We would like to share our experiences at the 2026 SEYM Yearly Gathering. The theme of this year's gathering is "Love, Hope, and Action in Troubled Times."

Our time together began on Friday. We started of the day by talking about conscientious objection. We learned about the history of Quakers objecting to fighting in wars. We spent the rest of the morning crafting. This included painting mini clay and wooden butterflies that will be handed out to people going to appointments with ICE. This is our way of holding these individuals in the light and offering solidarity and support. Before heading to lunch, we journaled and made friendship bracelets.

After lunch we enjoyed the tree climbing and ropes course! This activity made us feel more confident and like we could do anything! Tree climbing challenged our minds and our bodies. Afterwards we listened to a presentation given by Kathy Hersh called "Tree Talk." This conversation allowed us to learn more about trees and appreciate all that they provide for the world. We also learned the real importance and necessity of respecting and protecting trees.

We ended Friday evening with intergenerational dancing. This activity remains a favorite tradition of the gathering. We especially enjoyed getting to meet ne people and doing the last dance as it is a fun tradition.

Saturday began with some crafting and learning about Meeting for Business. We learned the purpose of Meeting for Business as well as its importance in Quaker process. We then did a mock version of the meeting then transitioned into worship sharing. We reflected on our time together and what lessons we learned from the gathering. This helped us begin writing the epistle.

After lunch we participated in a kite-making workshop led by Ian McDonald. We had a great time decorating and flying our kites. It was a test of our patience and the wind's.

Later that afternoon we enjoyed the cool water by canoeing and kayaking. This was a great way for us to decompress on the water and listen o the sounds of nature. We ended the day by playing games and attending an impromptu talent show. This was a beautiful way to end our last full day together and do yet another gathering tradition, Joel's laughter yoga!

On Easter Sunday we worked together to clean up our space and also hide all the Easter eggs outside. We went Easter egg hunting and the eggs contained pieces of a puzzle and candy! We ended our time together by putting together the puzzle.

April 5, 2026

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