

Southeastern Yearly Meeting

of the Religious Society of Friends

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Fall 2026 Executive Committee Meeting

Friday, 2 Tenth Month, 6:30 p.m. Eastern Time

and

Fall 2026 Interim Business Meeting

Saturday, 3 Tenth Month, 8:30 a.m. Eastern Time

We will be gathering via Zoom and in person at

Gainesville Quakers Meetinghouse

702 NW 38th Street

Gainesville, Florida, 32607-2334

Fall Executive Committee Meeting AND Interim Business Meeting
use the same zoom login information

Agenda and Documents In Advance

2026 Fall Executive Committee and Fall Interim Business Meetings

Friday, Oct 2, 2026, 06:30 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Saturday, Oct 3, 2026, 8:30 AM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

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Join by SIP

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Fall Executive Committee Meeting

All are welcome to attend the Executive Committee Meeting

Friday, 2 Tenth Month 2026, 6:30 PM

Agenda

6:30 p.m.	Fellowship
7:00 p.m.	Opening Worship
	Announcements
	Review of Agenda
	Clerk's report
	Nominating Committee Report
	Finance Committee Report
	Treasurer's Report
	Trustee's Report
	Worship & Ministry Committee Report
	Organizational Documents Report
	CAPP Coordinator Report
	Youth and Young Adult Coordinator Report
	Peace & Social Concerns Committee Report
	Gathering Committee Report
	Field Secretary for Earthcare Report
	Half Yearly Meeting Committee Report
	Committee for Ministry on Racism Report
	Earthcare Committee Report
	Youth Committee Report
	Quaker Education Committee Report
	Representatives to Organizations
	FLGBTQC Representative
	Reading back minutes
	Closing Worship

Fall Interim Business Meeting

Saturday, 3 Tenth Month 2026, 8:30 AM

Agenda

8:30 a.m.	Fellowship
9:00 – 9:30 a.m.	Opening Worship Announcements
9:30 -11:00 a.m.	Committee Meetings
11:00 – 12 noon	Monthly Meeting forum
12 noon – 1:00 p.m.	Lunch
1:00 p.m.	Meeting for Business Opening Worship Agenda Review and Correction Roll call of Meetings and Worship Groups Welcome of Visitors Announcements Executive Committee Report Clerk's report Nominating Committee Report Finance Committee Report Treasurer's Report Trustee's Report Worship & Ministry Committee Report Organizational Documents Report CAPP Coordinator Report Youth and Young Adult Coordinator Report Peace & Social Concerns Committee Report Gathering Committee Report Field Secretary for Earthcare Report Half Yearly Meeting Committee Report Committee for Ministry on Racism Report Earthcare Committee Report Youth Committee Report Quaker Education Committee Report Representatives to Other Organizations FLGBTQC Representative Reading back minutes
4:30 p.m.	Closing Worship
5:00 p.m.	Fellowship

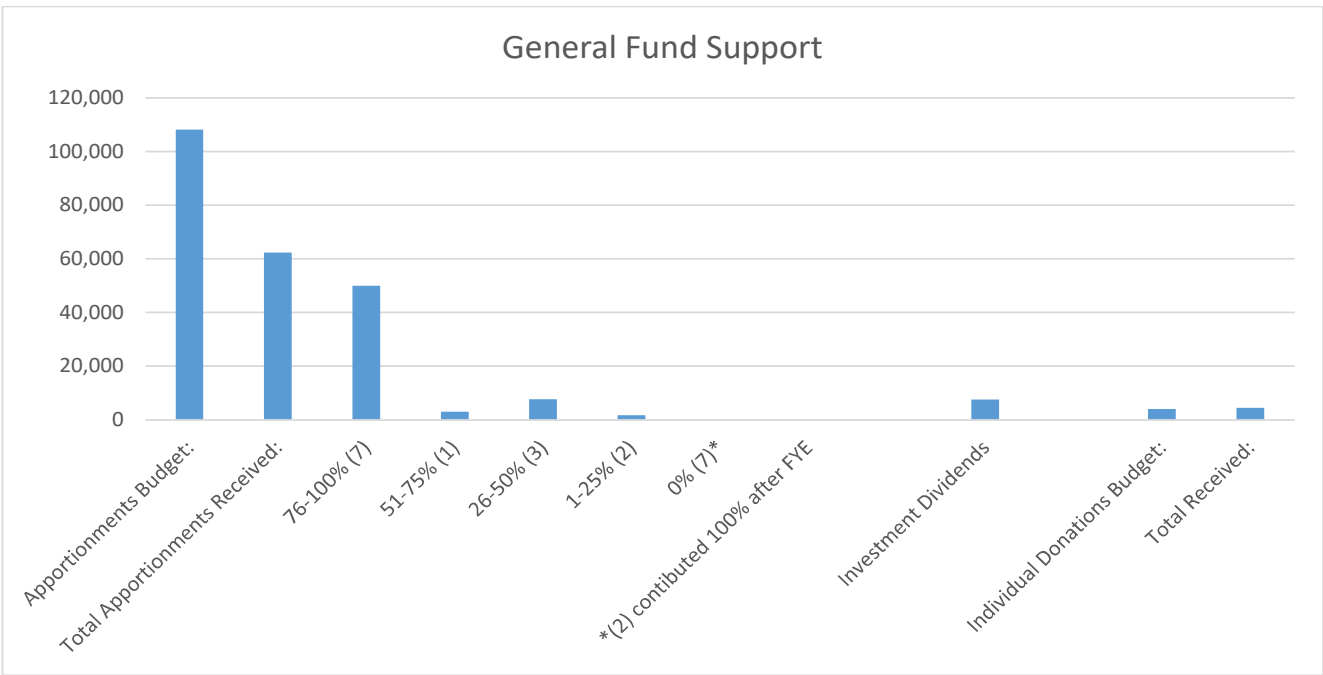
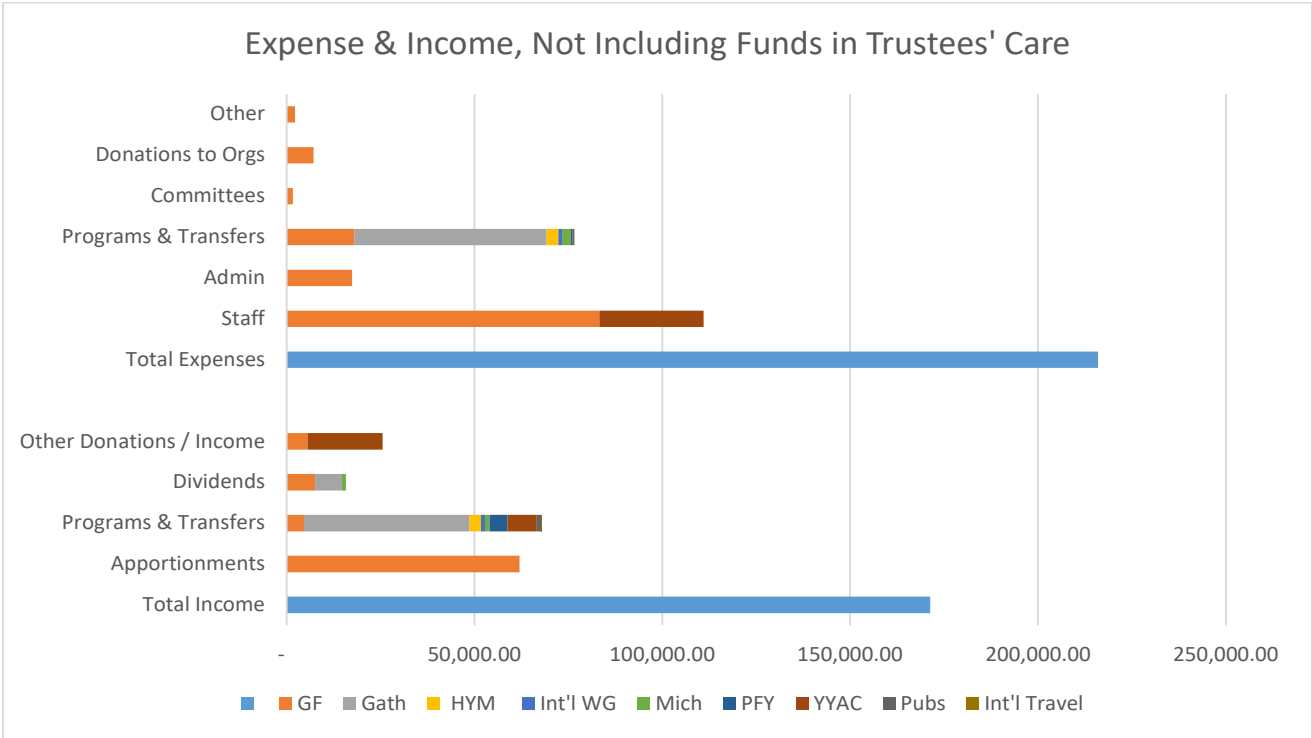
Treasurer's Report

SEYM Fall Interim Business Meeting

3 Tenth Month 2026

Southeastern Yearly Meeting of The Religious Society of Friends

Treasurer's Report for 2025 – 2026 Fiscal Year, Fall Interim Business Meeting 2026



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All values are rounded to the nearest dollar.

SEYM Total Cash Flow not including Trustees

The overall cash flow of the Yearly Meeting (excluding separately reported accounts under the care of the Trustees) yielded a **net loss of \$44,676** (excluding unrealized capital gains). This resulted from an SEYM total real income of \$171,322 against total expenses of \$215,997.

SEYM General Fund for Administration - Cash Flow and Budget Performance

At the end of the fiscal year, the General Fund (the operations fund for which we approved a balanced budget of \$122,155 in our 2025 Yearly Meeting sessions) before end of year transfers to clear programs showed a net loss of \$36,905. This resulted from General Fund total income of \$79,804 (65% of budget) against expenses of \$116,709 (96% of budget). (\$116,709 expenses is before transfers to and from the General Fund to clear program balances.)

Budget Support Apportionments & Contributions Received

During this fiscal year, in response to the annual request for support of the approved General Fund Budget (the Apportionments), contributions received from the Monthly Meetings and Worship Groups totaled \$62,741, or 58% of the year's budgeted request of \$108,152.

Sixteen (16) Monthly Meetings and four (4) Worship Groups were included in the Apportionment request this fiscal year. Of the requested amounts:

% of Apportionment Contributed:	0%	1 – 25%	26 – 50%	51 – 75%	76% - 100%
# of MM or WG	7*	2	3	1	7

*Two (2) of the seven (7) shown as making no contribution actually contributed 100%, but the contributions were received in July. The fiscal year ends May 31st.

Also, three (3) MM/WG paid a portion or all of their FY2027 apportionment before the end of the 2026 fiscal year.

The unrestricted individual donations received toward the Budget during this period totaled \$4,465 approximately 112% of the \$4,000 budgeted amount.

Cash Flow Results for Programs

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

The Yearly Meeting Gathering and Walton Lecture had an income of \$43,355 and expenses of \$51,200, yielding a net deficit of \$7,845. (\$7,845 was transferred from the General Fund to the Gathering to clear the deficit.)

Half Yearly Meeting had an income of \$3,085 with expenses of \$2,189 giving a net surplus of \$896.

The Michener Lecture had an income of \$2,336 with expenses of \$590 giving a net surplus of \$1,746. We are grateful for Susan Taylor donating her honorarium and expenses to SEYM.

Programs for Youth had income of \$4,755 with expenses of \$326 giving a net surplus of \$4,429.

The Youth & Young Adult Coordinator position had an income of \$22,713.89 (of which \$20,000 was from the Trustees Unrestricted Fund) and expenses of \$27,787 giving a net deficit of \$5,073. (\$5,073 was transferred from the General Fund to the YYAC Program to clear the deficit.)

The Publications program during this period had a net real gain of \$617, excluding unrealized capital gains of \$2,810 on investments for the program.

Net Worth

The Net Worth of the combined Yearly Meeting and its Trustees at the end of this period was \$816,785, an increase of \$176,132 including a one-time bequest of \$157,593 and \$76,659 in unrealized capital gains since the beginning of the fiscal year.

Joel D. Cook, Treasurer - SEYM 9/18/2026

	Jun '25 - May 26	Budget	\$ Over Budget	% of Budget
Income				
2000 · Income				
2001 · Donations				
2002 · Indiv.Donations-Classes	4,465.00	4,000.00	465.00	111.63%
2003 · Meeting Donations	62,030.36	108,152.00	-46,121.64	57.36%
Total 2001 · Donations	66,495.36	112,152.00	-45,656.64	59.29%
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	1.81	3.00	-1.19	60.33%
2306 · Miscellaneous Income				
2302 · Pay Pal fees paid	0.80	0.00	0.80	100.0%
Total 2000 · Income	67,597.97	112,155.00	-44,557.03	60.27%
2700 · Transfer in FROM other classes				
2710 · Surplus Michener Lecture	1,746.15			
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%
2750 · Surplus Half Yearly Meeting	895.94			
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	12,206.26	10,000.00	2,206.26	122.06%
Total Income	79,804.23	122,155.00	-42,350.77	65.33%
Expense				
2999 · Expenses				
3000 · Operating Costs				
3001 · Bank Service Charges	240.35	0.00	240.35	100.0%
3002 · PayPal service fee	36.26	75.00	-38.74	48.35%
3080 · Duplication	631.38	1,000.00	-368.62	63.14%
3106 · Liability Insurance	3,077.62	2,000.00	1,077.62	153.88%
Total 3100 · Insurance	3,077.62	2,000.00	1,077.62	153.88%
3107 · Youth Worker CAP Certification	166.52	200.00	-33.48	83.26%
3146 · Non-Profit Corporation Fee	61.25	65.00	-3.75	94.23%
3200 · Office Supplies	361.92	600.00	-238.08	60.32%
3270 · Payroll Expenses	77,417.19	75,705.00	1,712.19	102.26%
3272 · Employer Payroll Taxes	5,817.32	7,500.00	-1,682.68	77.56%
3380 · Postage/Shipping	289.79	300.00	-10.21	96.6%
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	1,964.00	3,140.00	-1,176.00	62.55%
Total 3700 · Repairs	0.00	200.00	-200.00	0.0%
3816 · Software	3,438.67	2,000.00	1,438.67	171.93%
3840 · Telephone & Inet access	1,614.82	1,600.00	14.82	100.93%
3860 · Travel Administrative	3,050.83	2,000.00	1,050.83	152.54%
Total 3900 · Website	1,076.37	700.00	376.37	153.77%
Total 3000 · Operating Costs	100,630.22	99,035.00	1,595.22	101.61%

	Jun '25 - May 26	Budget	\$ Over Budget	% of Budget
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	29.26	50.00	-20.74	58.52%
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	1,629.26	2,670.00	-1,040.74	61.02%
5000 · Donations to Organizations				
5007 · AFSC	200.00	200.00	0.00	100.0%
5018 · Earlham School of Religion	100.00	100.00	0.00	100.0%
5027 · FCNL	1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00	100.0%
5028 · QEW (FCUN)	200.00	200.00	0.00	100.0%
5030 · FLGBTQC	100.00	100.00	0.00	100.0%
5037 · FGC	1,200.00	1,200.00	0.00	100.0%
5038 · FLCoalition for Peace & Justice	100.00	100.00	0.00	100.0%
5047 · Florida Council of Churches	200.00	200.00	0.00	100.0%
5048 · Florida Impact	600.00	300.00	300.00	200.0%
5057 · Friends Journal	100.00	100.00	0.00	100.0%
5061 · Friends Peace Teams	500.00	500.00	0.00	100.0%
5067 · FUM	500.00	500.00	0.00	100.0%
5068 · FWCC	1,450.00	1,450.00	0.00	100.0%
5077 · Pendle Hill	100.00	100.00	0.00	100.0%
5085 · Quaker House of Fayetteville NC	200.00	200.00	0.00	100.0%
5087 · Quaker Life	100.00	100.00	0.00	100.0%
5089 · QUNO	100.00	100.00	0.00	100.0%
5090 · NNABSHC	300.00	300.00	0.00	100.0%
5097 · Friends House	100.00	100.00	0.00	100.0%
Total 5000 · Donations to Organizations	7,150.00	6,850.00	300.00	104.38%
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	200.00	6,500.00	-6,300.00	3.08%
8500 · Contingency	2,000.00	2,000.00	0.00	100.0%
Total 2999 · Expenses	111,609.48	117,055.00	-5,445.52	95.35%
66900 · Reconciliation Discrepancies	0.00			
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%
9010 · for YYAC	5,072.79			
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%
9230 · for Walton Lecture/Gathering	7,844.46			
Total 9000 · Transfer OUT TO other classes	18,017.25	5,100.00	12,917.25	353.28%
Total Expense	129,626.73	122,155.00	7,471.73	106.12%
Net Income	-49,822.50	0.00	-49,822.50	100.0%

Income	Admin/ General Fund	GatheringW alton 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 · Indivd Donations-Classes	4,465.00	1,417.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	5,882.00
2003 · Meeting Donations	62,030.36	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	62,030.36
Total 2001 · Donations	66,495.36	1,417.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	67,912.36
2040 · Restricted Donations											
2050 · Restricted - Other	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,234.00	0.00	0.00	2,704.00	157,613.10	162,551.10
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	2,234.00	0.00	0.00	2,704.00	157,613.10	164,191.10
2200 · Investment Earnings											
2203 · Savings Account Interest	1.81	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.81
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 OuTravel	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	19,032.87	19,032.87
2211 · Capital Gain(Loss) Michener	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	3,987.66	3,987.66
2216 · Capital Gain(Loss) BertscheOTra	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	8,318.86	8,318.86
2221 · Capital Gain(Loss) Staff Salary	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	19,580.23	19,580.23
2226 · Capital Gain(Loss) Unrestricted	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	17,307.09	17,307.09
2231 · Capital Gain(Loss) Walton	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	7,370.78	7,370.78
2232 · Capital Gain (Loss) Meetinghous	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,061.89	1,061.89
2281 · Capital Gain(loss) SEYM Publish	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,810.20	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,810.20
Total 2290 · Investment Capital Gains/Losses	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,810.20	0.00	0.00	76,659.38	79,469.58
Total 2200 · Investment Earnings	1.81	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	3,480.88	0.00	0.00	96,188.76	99,671.45
2306 · Miscellaneous Income											
2302 · Pay Pal fees paid	0.80	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	21.00	0.80	0.00	9.89	0.00	32.49
Total 2306 · Miscellaneous Income	0.80	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	21.00	0.80	0.00	9.89	0.00	32.49
2400 · Program Registrations											
2430 · Registration Fee	0.00	32,221.00	3,085.00	0.00	1,255.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	36,561.00
Total 2400 · Program Registrations	0.00	32,221.00	3,085.00	0.00	1,255.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	36,561.00
2600 · Publications Donations											
2630 · Book/consignment Transfers	0.00	427.40	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	427.40
2640 · Other donations	0.00	131.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2.31	0.00	0.00	0.00	133.31
2680 · Publication Donations	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	369.78	0.00	0.00	0.00	369.78
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

Field Secretary for Earthcare Report

SEYM Fall Interim Business Meeting

3 Tenth Month 2026

To view beverly g ward's full report including photographs, please click [here](#).

Overview

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

This report summarizes field secretary activities undertaken since the report submitted for 2026 Executive Committee Meeting. It also includes scheduled and planned activities at time of submission. These include, but are not limited to:

- 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.

Communication with the FSE Anchoring Committee

Communication with the FSE Anchoring Committee members included in - person , email , telephone , and videoconferencing . As discussed below , much of the contact was initiated by committee work .

Most of the contact with the FSE Anchoring Committee members was via email, telephone, or other remote means. However, during Seventh Month, John Heimburg and I did meet with Bonnie Zimmer in Maryland.

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.

SEYM Community Preparedness

This work remains an ongoing concern, especially as we near the historical peak period of hurricane season. The planning with Committees and Meetings is to resume a more regular schedule after summer breaks.

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 person in your Meeting or Worship Group to share your plans with?

An online planning meeting on SEYM Community Preparedness will be scheduled in coordination with the Earthcare Committee and the Peace and Social Concerns Committee.

Quakers' Concerns Regarding the Dade-Collier Training and Transition Airport Detention Center

The working group of Friends who have been holding the Miccosukee Tribe of Florida's intervention have continued to meet remotely. During this interim, Clyde Dunton-Gallagher and other working group members worked to develop an amicus brief in support of the plaintiffs and the intervenor-plaintiff — the Miccosukee Tribe of Florida. The brief was docketed on 19 Eighth Month (August) 2026 and is available, Case 1:25-cv-22896-KMW Document 166 Entered on FLSD Docket 08/19/2026. Friends are asked to share with everyone who might be interested. Please join me in sharing deep gratitude to Clyde and the other committee members for their work on the brief.

SEYM Worship and Ministry Committee Virtual Workshop, 27 Sixth Month (June)

The workshop, "Permaculture is Not Just Agriculture" was held on Seventhday (Saturday), 27 Sixth Month (June). The workshop introduced permaculture design and domains and, with *SEYM Faith and Practice*, discussed ways that permaculture practices might align with Friends' testimonies. Several attendees shared their interests and

knowledge. One suggestion that we will work with the SEYM webclerks is to have more information on permaculture on the website.

Ongoing Initiatives with Meetings

- Fort Myers Monthly Meeting (MM) has a new almost completed Meetinghouse at Peace Acres! We're looking forward to visiting this fall.
- Fort Myers MM and others have been working with Mission Peniel to help purchase bike light kits in support of farmer workers .
- 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.

- Several Meetings are interested in xeriscaping — designing with slow-growing, drought-tolerant plants to conserve water and establish a waste-efficient landscape. Following on the permaculture workshop, planning is underway to bring together interested Friends to share ideas and other resources. This will be coupled with Community Preparedness Planning.
- Several members of Deland Monthly Meeting continue to explore ways to “enliven Earthcare within our Meetings.” The Earthcare Committee and others are working to share these concerns with Quaker Earthcare Witness.

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;
- 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 ideas, topics, or suggestions you would like to see that is not listed here.

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: Bill Rapp and I continue phone and email communication. The visit to the University of Florida Library has been postponed until the fall.
- The Committee for Ministry on Racism (CMOR): I continue to work with CMOR.
- Earthcare Committee: Brian Olson and I have communicated by telephone and email regarding this committee and others. See below;
- Half Yearly Meeting (HYM) Committee: Registration for HYM will open in Tenth Month (October) 2026. Registration fees are Pay-as-Led. Some registrants may be able to pay more to help cover the costs, others less or nothing. We want you to attend! Youth are welcome to attend HYM with a parent, guardian, or adult

sponsor who will be present and is willing to be responsible for them the whole time they are there. We will return to Wekiwa Springs State Park Youth Camp for Eleventh Month 2026, Fifthday (Thursday), 26 through Firstday (Sunday), 29. Continue to look for information directly from the committee and SEYM eNews for updates!

- Nominating Committee: We will meet prior to the 2026 Fall Interim Business Meeting;
- Peace and Social Concerns (P&SC) Committee: Brian Olson and I have been in discussion about this committee, also. The committee asks 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 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 workshops in St. Petersburg, other areas, and online. Most recently, I’ve been working with Eileen Zingaro to develop workshops with Stetson University;
- American Friends Service Committee (AFSC):
- AFSC is among the human rights groups who have sued the Trump Administration over targeting the International Criminal Court (ICC) and organizations that may work with the ICC. For more information, follow this link, <https://afsc.org/newsroom/rights-groups-sue-trump-administration-over-targeting-icc>.
- 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](#).
- After rotating off the Quaker United Nations Committee (QUNC) as an AFSC representative, Friends within SEYM and the AFSC Naming Committee have asked me to serve on the AFSC Standing Naming Committee.
- Decolonizing Quakers Working Group, <https://www.decolonizingquakers.org/>: We are continuing to work on our individual and collective definitions of decolonization and also are working to decolonize language. There was

opportunity to meet with some members of the working group during the 2026 Friends General Conference Gathering.

- Fellowship of Friends of African Descent (FOFAD): The Fellowship is currently on hiatus. However, I do keep in contact with the convener, Rashid Darden.
- 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.”
- The Transatlantic Friends Worship group has resumed meeting on the fourth Thirday. “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: The Florida Network continues to meet online each Seconday, 5:00 - 6:30 PM. If you are interested in participating please contact me by email or text me and I will ask the convener, Sharon Joy Kleitsch to add you to the mailing list.
- Florida Council of Churches (FCC): FCC will convene the seventh Florida Interfaith Climate Actions Network Assembly, “The Economy of Earth: Learning from Creation for Better Living”, at Cornerstone United Methodist Church, Naples (FL), 25-26 Ninth Month (September) 2026. Follow this link for more information and to register, <https://floridachurches.ourpowerbase.net/civicrm/event/info?reset=1&id=7>.
- Friends Committee on National Legislation (FCNL): I participated in a Call to Conscious videoconference with Jeffrey Jordan, II, FCNL Legislative Representative for Sustainable Energy & Environment and other Friends from throughout Turtle Island. Please visit the FCNL Environment & Energy webpage for more information, <https://www.fcnl.org/issues/environment-energy>.
- 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 still working on the Farm Bill. Please read the latest update, <https://www.fcnl.org/updates/2026-05/fixing-farm-bill>.
- Friends General Conference (FGC): Work on the 2027 FGC Gathering is underway. Chase Salazar, Lilith Swygert, and I were introduced as the 2027 Gathering clerks during the 2026 Gathering. Our theme is Bearing Witness in Word and Deed. Please consider volunteering to serve on a committee and contact me;
- Friends Peace Teams: I continue to serve on the Toward Right Relationship advisory committee. For resources, go to <https://friendspeaceteams.org/trr/>.

- 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 Vigils: There are several freedom/immigration vigils taking place around Florida and beyond. For more information, follow this link, <https://www.mobilize.us/theworkerscircle/>.
- 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
- 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;
- 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."

Some Woodbrooke offerings:

- 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 Woodbrooke newsletter available with free subscription log-in, click here.

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Thank you, Friends!

Worship and Ministry Committee Report

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The SEYM Worship and Ministry Committee continues to serve with its ministry of listening to the needs of the Yearly Meeting and seeks to be faithful in providing spiritual nurture and opportunities for Friends in SEYM and beyond.

On 27 Sixth Month, we had an online presentation by Beverly Ward - *Permaculture is not just Agriculture*. Friends explored permaculture design principles and how they relate to our Faith and Practice. There was time for individual reflection as well as some spiritual interaction among others in breakout rooms.

We provided another opportunity for Extended Meeting for Worship on 8 Eighth Month. Those who attended found it spiritually nourishing. The committee agreed that it is an important way for Friends to gather in the Light and is worth continuing to do even if only a few attend.

Ongoing opportunities for spiritual enrichment include the weekly Queries for the Journey that are posted on the website and used by Monthly Meetings and Worship groups as well as individuals to minister to the heart of our Quaker path. The Seekers Book Club re-convened 17 Ninth Month for another exploration of a nourishing text and sharing. The book in this current series is Albert Nolan's *Jesus Before Christianity*.

The SEYM Worship and Ministry Committee is presenting a series of Quakerism 101 sessions using resources from the Quakerism 101 series developed by Friends Meeting of Washington. Our first set of workshops began 26 Ninth Month and will continue into the beginning of Twelfth Month. Topics include: Quaker Faith and Practice, Worship and Vocal Ministry, Quaker Testimonies, Quaker History, and Quaker Process. Friends of all experience are welcome to attend, but also please invite new Friends and attenders as this will be a good way to introduce newer folks to our way of being Friends. Keep an eye out for announcements in the newsletter and on the website for details and registration for each session.

We have discussed several possible presenters for the 2027 Michener Lecture and have approached one Friend who is in discernment with their support committee regarding our request.

The Worship and Ministry Committee continues to have a prayerful concern for all SEYM Friends as we navigate the strife and struggle of the present moment. Let us listen and respond together to how we are being led by Spirit as individuals and Monthly Meetings/Worship Groups.

In the Light,

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

Youth and Young Adult Coordinator Report

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Conscientious Objection Education

A recent change to federal law requires that the Selective Service use existing data to automatically register every person age 18-26 who was assigned male at birth. In response to these changes and in anticipation of a possible draft, SEYM has offered workshops to educate our youth and the general public about ways to document a claim as a conscientious objector. The first workshop was an informal discussion during the youth program at Annual Gathering. The next was a hybrid workshop by Curt Torell of Quaker House, offered by the Durham Friends Meeting and the Quaker Religious Education Cooperative. The third event was an in-person workshop given at the Orlando meetinghouse by Quaker House Executive Director, Wayne Finegar. Quaker House makes its educational materials available to other organizations, so meetings who want to host their own workshops are free to do so.

Child Safety Training

During the summer, one new volunteer received child abuse prevention training in preparation to teach First Day School in Gainesville. The Youth and Young Adult Coordinator has recently taken on the responsibility of maintaining volunteer records and training new volunteers in child abuse prevention. This training is required for anyone working with youth at SEYM activities and recommended for those at monthly meetings. Training takes about one hour and can be done in person or online, for individuals or groups.

Youth and Young Adult Engagement

As our youth continue to graduate from high school and college students are increasingly attracted to Quakerism, the demographic of our youth and young adult program has shifted to having more young adults than children. This summer, several SEYM young adults were involved in activities with Friends General Conference and in political activism locally, and we continue to encourage their involvement.

Vincent Cobb

We were heartbroken to learn of the passing of our Friend Vincent. He was a long-time attender of Tampa Monthly Meeting and of SEYM. Many young adults remember him fondly from annual gathering, where he participated in capture the flag and other youth activities. They remember him as being a very thoughtful and soft-spoken person. Due to health reasons, Vincent had transitioned to mainly online participation in SEYM young adult activities and Tampa Monthly Meeting worship. He was a regular face at Pendle Hill's morning online worship in the barn, where he was well-liked among attenders.

Rachel Dellinger,
Youth and Young Adult Coordinator
August 30, 2026

FLGBTQC Representative Report

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The FLGBTQC (Friends for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer Concerns) met at the University of Vermont during the Friends General Conference Gathering July 7-12, 2026. During that time the community attended four Meetings for Worship with a Concern for Business clerked by John Skinner, (Twin Cities Friends Meeting) and Karen Lightner, (Germantown Monthly Meeting). Attendance on average was 40 in person and 12 online. Four Meetings for Worship also were held, and as usual, attended by Friends from the wider FGC Gathering as well as the FLGBTQC community. All our formal gatherings were held in a hybrid fashion which is notable not only to affirm connection to those unable to attend in person, but because FGC did not offer hybrid options for this Gathering. The accessibility achieved by hybrid was a major work of the Rebooting Subcommittee and successfully brought the important presence and voices of many grateful faraway Friends. After being so close to FLGBTQC being laid down, the work of the Steering Committee determined what was clearly present at the gathering: that there was a strong sense of building the community back up from our roots of radical inclusion, Spirit-led decision making, abundant love, and courageous witness.

Friends approved a new structure of FLGBTQC Committees, which include Finance and Fundraising, Ministry and Counsel Committee, Online Presence and Tech Committee, and Nominating Committee, and Friends were joining all committees with work of the committees already begun. We are moving to a new online communications platform (groups.io) after being tested by over 100 Friends and significant effort made by the Rebooting Subcommittee, whose clerk reported “with much gratitude to all hands involved and with Divine assistance”. A Vision Statement was added to the minutes, and is now on the website (<https://www.flgbtqc.org/>), as well as this gathering’s Epistle. Besides capturing the truth and Spirit of this Gathering’s experience, the Epistle included an important note: “Now, in time of mounting backlash and rising discrimination against transgender people, four Yearly Meetings within Quakerism have named transgender people to prominent roles.” Visibility continues to be a living and loving witness. Greetings from different Yearly and Monthly Meetings ‘affirming support and relationship’ were read as were Letters of Introduction from North Pacific Yearly Meeting, Twin Cities Friends Meeting, Ohio Valley Yearly Meeting, State College Friends Meeting, Southern Appalachian Yearly Meeting and Association, Southeastern Yearly Meeting, and more. The letters noted Friends’ “many roles of service in the yearly meeting; their experience with and impact upon the meeting; describing roles held and gifts brought to the meeting; faithful service to the meeting and other Friends’ organizations”. The clerks wrote endorsements on each Friend’s letter, which was returned to their respective clerks at home, to be read by the clerks at the next Meeting for Worship with a Concern for Business. There are two regional gatherings planned for 2027 and the possibility of a national mid-year hybrid gathering in 2028. The Epistle writers said: “We are delighted to report that FLGBTQC is alive and revitalized, stronger than ever in spirit”, and those Friends speak my mind. It was a gift to attend 2026 FGC Gathering on behalf of SEYM Friends as the FLGBTQC Representative and to be able to report that this community has energy, intention, and faith growing stronger instead of the last gasps of being laid down. As Friends, it’s a particularly important time to support those in any of the margins, and I am grateful that SEYM has been welcoming to LGBTQ+ Friends for a long time within our Yearly Meeting and by having a Representative and making donations to FLGBTQC. As I mentioned earlier, visibility is an important witness, and standing with LGBTQ+ f/Friends is always a gift to those you join. Thank you again for your support, love, and smiles.

In the Peace that passes all understanding,
Jan Dahm

FLGBTQC Representative