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2018 Report to Yearly Meetings

Since the early days of the Religious Society of Friends, God’s spirit has led Friends to take action in the world. As Friends, our faith and experience convince us to work for the peaceful, just, equitable, and sustainable world we seek. This year we celebrate our 75th anniversary. Founded in 1943 in Richmond, Indiana, FCNL has been bringing the concerns, experiences, and testimonies of Friends to bear on policy decisions in the nation’s capital for the past seven decades.

Setting the Legislative Priorities for the 116th Congress

One of the distinctive features of the Friends Committee on National Legislation is our practice of asking Quakers around the country to help shape our collective work. Every two years, FCNL asks Friends and their meetings, churches, and worship groups all over the country to discern which public policy issues they feel are most pressing for the next Congress.

The core question as part of this process is, where is the spirit leading us? How are Friends called to influence government today? Your discernment is the foundation for the lobbying priorities that FCNL will establish at our annual meeting in November of 2018. This summer, FCNL’s Policy Committee will read all the responses and consider a set of priorities to bring to the annual meeting.

Learn. Lobby Lead. Update on Annual Meeting 2017

FCNL’s Quaker Public Policy Institute and Lobby Day drew some 450 people to Washington, DC to lobby against huge increases in Pentagon spending. More than 300 of that number stayed for FCNL’s Annual Meeting which celebrated the successful conclusion of our World We Seek Capital Campaign, affirmed the direction of the Forward Plan outlined by staff, and showed off the first materials prepared for celebrations of FCNL’s 75th Anniversary in 2018.

One of the most exciting moments of the 2017 Annual Meeting was the celebration of the successful conclusion of FCNL’s five-year capital campaign and opening of the new Quaker Welcome Center at 205 C Street. On October 5, we held a ribbon cutting event attended by
Washington, DC Delegate Eleanor Holmes Norton, as well as FCNL’s Executive and Education Fund Board. In the past few months, we have begun hosting conversations and programs to promote the world we seek. We are excited to offer the Quaker Welcome Center as a meeting space where lawmakers and staffers can have quiet conversations and speak across political divisions. FCNL has always been known as a place where people across the political spectrum feel welcome, and the Quaker Welcome Center will help us continue that tradition.

Every aspect of this building’s construction minimized environmental impact and furthered the goal of creating a carbon-neutral building. FCNL was honored to be able to open the first LEED-certified building on Capitol Hill in 2005, and we’re glad to continue our legacy of lobbying for an earth restored with this new Quaker Welcome Center, located next door to our office. The convenient location means that partner organizations working for peace and justice can easily take part in workshops and trainings as part of their lobbying efforts, and we look forward to welcoming FCNL supporters and activists like you before your visits with congressional offices.

We invite you to visit the Quaker Welcome Center and enjoy our expanded presence on Capitol Hill.

The Critical Role of Young Adult Friends

As we look to sustain FCNL’s persistent and prophetic advocacy for another 75 years, we know how critical it is for young adults to play a central role in both FCNL’s advocacy work and its governance. We are glad to report that FCNL’s Standing Committees are stronger because of young adult participation. We are blessed to have these young adults playing leadership roles in the governance of FCNL.

We are also grateful to the 25 Yearly Meetings that have appointed members to serve on FCNL’s General Committee. Thank you for sharing the nurturing gifts of these wise and committed Friends. With their guidance, we seek to remain open to where God’s spirit leads us.

With gratitude for your partnership,

Bridget Moix
Baltimore Yearly Meeting
Clerk, FCNL General Committee
Anastasia Ebi and Thomas Martin serve as your representatives on the Council of FPT, its governing body. We are grateful for this opportunity. Thank you.

Over the past year FPT has continued its substantial transition in structure and governance. We thoroughly examined our origins as well as the principles and values approved by the founders of FPT, recorded our current practice in the manner of Friends, proposed changes, and seasoned them. At our annual meeting, this year held in the meetinghouse of Nashville Friends Meeting in April, we reviewed all five documents again: (1) Guidelines for MOUs and Letters of Agreement; (2) Delegation of Authority; (3) Bylaws of the Corporation; (4) Structure; (5) Conflict of Interest Statement. In right order, we approved them all in a welcomed unanimity, invigorating and nourishing for us all.

Another transition for us is that the volunteer leadership (e.g. coordinators) in two of our three initiatives, AGLI (African Great Lakes Initiative) and PLA (Peacebuilding in Las Americas) has now shifted to part-time paid staff. Each initiative has a Working Group that carries the authority and responsibility for the guidance and supervision of its work. Previously those working groups functioned only as support for the volunteer coordinator in charge of the initiative. Now with a paid staff member as coordinator, each Working Group must actively supervise and direct that coordinator—an all-new challenge.

Even so, we still wanted to and will retain our bottom-up practice in the manner of Friends that has served us so well and has distinguished us as a Quaker organization operating in the manner of Friends. We try hard not to succumb to the temptation of top-down that has led so many Quaker organizations into deep challenges and difficulties in recent years.

And all along the way, the peace work by volunteers with local partner organizations in violence-torn communities proceeds vigorously with remarkable success. Our stories of peace are recorded in our newsletter – PeaceWays. The current issue is Spring-Summer 2018, and Friends are encouraged to bring copies home to their monthly meetings. Kindly pick up your copy(s) please, at our table near the windows in the main meeting room for our business sessions at Ghost Ranch.

For another year FPT has kept administrative expenses low, actually below 11%, by careful budgeting, planning, and spending. The vast majority of our donations are devoted to program—the actual peace work on the ground. Very few administrative responsibilities or tasks are required from those doing that peace work—only brief reports of the workshops, activities and events, and receipts and documentation that funds requested and provided were actually used for those purposes.

This year we welcomed three new part-time staff members: Allie Prescott as Communications Specialist with PLA; Anne Hutchinson as Publicist with AGLI; and Bess Keller as Communications Specialist for FPT.

Please know that there are many opportunities for you and members and attenders of your monthly meeting to participate in our work with one or more of our initiatives. We also have many at-home opportunities to serve in admin tasks that do not require international travel. Kindly see Ana or Tom at Ghost Ranch for more information.

As always, we are very grateful for the spiritual and financial support of so many Friends,

Ana Ebi <anastaciaeasterling@gmail.com> and Tom Martin <fireflytom@mindspring.com>
Dear Friends-

Greetings from Friends across the Americas and around the World. Thank you for your support! And thank you for being part of this large and diverse community.

This spring, our NM Regional Meeting was blessed to host one of the Friends World Committee for Consultation (FWCC) Traveling Ministers – Debbie Humphreys. Would your Meeting like to do the same?

The Traveling Ministry Corps is at the center of FWCC’s renewed efforts toward intervisitation – getting Friends to meet and get to know one another in worship and service. It’s not about sending a few representatives off to remote gatherings (which still happen but less frequently these days). It’s about knitting all of us together across the geographic and theological borders that seem to separate us. In a world fraught with division, our deeper Unity gives witness to a common Light that calls us into fellowship.

Quakers have always encouraged those called to ministry to travel among Meetings. Last Spring, the FWCC community blessed and sent forth the first seven traveling ministers. Since then, an additional English-speaking corps was called, and, most recently, our first Latin American corps was trained in La Paz, Bolivia. Just like Debbie, these Friends are ready to visit and speak with those willing to host them, this time in Spanish. (And it is important to recall that almost as many Friends in the Americas speak Spanish as English – 28,000 in Bolivia alone!)

Back here in the Intermountain region, Cheryl Speir Phillips volunteers as a Representatives Coordinator for the Southwest Region. Rob Pierson serves on the Executive Committee for the Section of the Americas. Barbara Stephans is our new representative out of Colorado Regional Meeting. Please bug us with your questions about Friends worldwide. We may not always know, but we can find out. Better yet, ask us to visit and talk to your Meeting!

More Friends in the FWCC Traveling Ministry Corps
Mark your calendars now for next spring 2019. The Section of the Americas meeting only happens every other year, and this coming spring it will be relatively nearby, in the middle of the United States near Kansas City. What is alive and life-giving in this work is learning to encounter very different kinds of people and finding something deeper, a common Spirit, moving among us. Come and see what’s going on among your fellow Friends from across the Americas!

Would you like to attend an FWCC event? Learn about QUNO, the Quaker presence at the U.N.? Be a translator? Connect to other Friends who may not look, speak, or worship as you do? Invite a traveling minster? Be a traveling minister? If you would like to learn more, one place to start is the FWCC website: http://fwccamericas.org/. Look at the young faces of those Latin American traveling ministers. Where are the youth in our region we’d like to connect with this wider world? And can you volunteer your skills to help them – anything from writing to event organizing, from administration to fundraising. FWCC is driven by volunteer power. FWCC is not the one or two staff people in an office in Philadelphia. It is all of us Friends scattered over the continents bringing our calls and gifts to this community. We need your help. We need your prayers. And we need your donations.¹ You’re already part of a larger world than you might have imagined. Come and see!

With peace and love,
Rob Pierson / Albuquerque Monthly Meeting, robpierson0@gmail.com

p.s. – Don’t forget to make plans to celebrate the next World Quaker Day – 7 October 2018 – at your Meeting. See http://www.worldquakerday.org/ for ideas.

¹ In our Yearly Meeting, IMYM budgets some support for representatives (not enough to cover even basic travel) and an occasional donation to help representatives from countries with fewer resources. Otherwise donations to FWCC are at the Meeting and individual level. Does your Meeting budget support for FWCC? Individual donations and bequests are, of course, very welcome! Go to http://fwccamericas.org/ and click on the DONATE button near the top of the webpage. There’s no “per capita” for being part of this worldwide community; it’s all “pay as led”!
To Intermountain Yearly Meeting

May 2018

May the God who gives endurance and encouragement give you a spirit of unity among yourselves as you follow Christ Jesus. … May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Romans 15:5, 13

Dear Friends,

We send you loving greetings from the Friends World Committee for Consultation (FWCC) World Office in London – and from across the world. We extend our best wishes for a full and gathered yearly meeting. We appreciate the yearly meeting’s continuing work of strengthening the Religious Society of Friends at all levels.

With gratitude for the many ways Friends come together, we cherish the fellowship, the sense of belonging, and the unity of Spirit we experience when two or more are gathered in his name. May you cherish the love in each other and the great joy of being a Quaker. We bask in God’s love and in the unity of the Quaker heart.

We have a broad spectrum of belief and practice across the world, just as we have different languages and cultures. Our diversity is our strength. We share the language of the heart. We share a love of God. We share a longing for the healing of all people and for the Earth. We share a broad and insistent vision for a peaceful world.

When I think about the God that consumes me, I am filled with joy. My whole body smiles. My husband thinks I am evangelical. I have grown up among programmed Friends and spent 30 years among unprogrammed Friends… and I do feel evangelical in that I want to share the good news! Quakers around the world are alive and well, feeling the power of the living God, and are changing the world by actively bringing God’s loving presence into illumination.

FWCC brings us together and gives us hope: FWCC joins our passion and strengthens the Quaker voice in the world. FWCC ensures that Friends are represented at the world level at the Quaker United Nations Offices, the World Council of Churches, and among global Christian Communions.

FWCC is working on several initiatives:

- Sustaining life on earth as a spiritual imperative, engaging yearly meetings and Young Adult Friends
- Opening dialogue on issues of injustice and privilege, exploring new ways of being together
- Building bridges across the theological spectrum
- Considering stewardship of our resources to support Quaker work
- Strengthening ministry and leadership through the Young Adult Friends Development Fund

With this greeting, I invite you to engage with FWCC through our website and Facebook. I invite you to give financially to FWCC through your Section. I invite you to support and pray for your Section Secretary. And most importantly, I invite you to engage with other Friends who share your passion for life and love.

FWCC is in the process of updating the book Friends Around the World to help Friends connect with yearly meetings and worship groups. We hope you are all planning for World Quaker Day October 7, 2018 with the theme: Crossing Cultures, Sharing Stories. We also post epistles we receive so that Friends might see how God is moving amongst us. Please send your epistle to database@friendsworldoffice.org.

As we enjoy unity within our diversity, we thank you for your faithful support of our work.

In loving Friendship,

Gretchen Castle, General Secretary
## Mountain Friends Camp Finances FY2017 (Oct 2017 - Sept 2018)

(Cash transactions only)  
(Fiscal Year-to-date Report as of 05/22/2018)

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### INCOME

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**Subtotal Earned Income & Fees**  
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$18,798

#### Donations & Grants

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**Subtotal Donations & Grants**  
$45,000  
$16,051  
$37,544

**TOTAL INCOME**  
$71,700  
$23,143  
$56,342

### EXPENSES

#### Staff Expenses

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**Subtotal Staff Expenses**  
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#### Planning & Development

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**Subtotal Planning & Development**  
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$2,772

#### On-Site Costs

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**Subtotal On-Site Costs**  
$20,600  
$2,389  
$20,961

**TOTAL EXPENSES**  
$71,631  
$20,992  
$55,288

Addition to/subtraction from net assets  
$69  
$2,151  
$1,054

**Cash balance**  
$26,722  
$24,571

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*Camperships Awarded (includes restricted and general funds)  
$14,591

### Monthly/Regional Meetings Donations Received:

18 Donations 18 Camperships  
17 Donations 17 Campersh

- Arizona Half-Yearly Meeting  
  $300  
- Boulder Friends Meeting  
  $300  
- Colorado Regional  
  $1,000  
- Colorado Springs MM  
  $100  
- Durango Friends Meeting  
  $1,000  
- Flagstaff MM  
  $750  
- Logan Friends Meeting  
  $450  
- Mountain View Friends Meeting  
  $400  
- Phoenix MM  
  $150  
- Quaker House Santa Fe  
  $100  
- Tempe Meeting  
  $500  

**total**  
$2,400  
$500  
$3,630  
$3,806

Submitted Eric Wright, MFC Treasurer  
05/22/2018
Dear Friends,

I am happy to report on the 2017 season and plans for 2018, our upcoming ninth summer of Mountain Friends Camp. We have much to be grateful for, and plenty of opportunities for Friends to engage and support our Quaker summer camp. This camp would not be possible without generous support from many over the years, and will only be able to continue as a viable community for young people to engage with Quakerism with the help of many more Friends. Please read on for our requests for our wider IMYM community and camp updates.

Plans for 2018 Season

We will be returning to Collins Lake Ranch (CLR) for the second summer, after a successful two-week pilot program in 2017. Our hosts there have been preparing for our program in many ways including building a 3rd yurt for camp programs and meals, buying two 3-person canoes to replace the smaller borrowed canoes, installing bunk beds and electricity in the sleeping yurts, and a series of CLR staff meetings to bring up ideas for optimizing the interactions between our groups. The CLR residents, currently 5 adults with developmental disabilities, will again be invited to share some of our meals and activities throughout the season, and their staff are coming up with creative ways to help build community and preempt challenges this summer.

We are looking forward to more time at the lake, in the gardens and fields, and hiking in the national forest. Morning meeting for worship, crafts and cooking projects, singing and campfires, group games, and community field trips to cultural sites are all on the agenda. Plus much more!

Dates for 2018: Staff orientation July 2-6; Session 1 July 7-14; Session 2 July 15-28.

Participation: As of May 18, we have 15 campers for our 1st session and 11 for the 2nd session, with two attending both, and 5 teens as counselors/kitchen in training (CIT/KIT). There are a handful more unconfirmed campers, and we ask IMYM Friends to help encourage more families to consider camp this summer. We have 8 confirmed returning staff, and 5 new applicants at various stages, and would like to confirm another female counselor, and medic/nurse for all or part of the month.

Requests from IMYM

- Our 2014 Evaluation from IMYM, guided with care by Charlene Weir and Bob Gaines, was helpful in assessing strengths and needs of our camp, and engaging Friends in discernment around the next phases for our camp through Fall Queries to the Monthly Meetings. We would like another process in 2019 to help reconnect the Yearly Meeting with MFC and help discern way forward together. Representative Committee gave guidance to the 2014 process, could they again help the Yearly Meeting plan for an evaluation and query process for 2019?

- Liaisons: Mountain Friends Camp needs more help than ever to thrive in 2018. We are reviving our camp liaisons program, asking for 1-2 committed supporters in every meeting across IMYM to take a lead facilitating communication between your meeting and camp. We prepared a survey to gather information about each meeting and help frame ways to improve communication, as well as various outreach materials for liaisons.

- Recruitment: Our largest ever cohort of campers “aged up” last summer, a group of ten 15 & 16-year-olds who added so much leadership and joy to our program. We need to reach more families and young people, and are asking Friends to share information about camp with those in their meetings and wider communities. In particular, Quaker families are essential to help MFC provide meaningful Quaker experiences and meet our mission. We are always seeking to understand how better to connect and serve our young friends as well as welcome in a diverse group of youth to our camp, and welcome your feedback and help.

- Fundraising: Our other biggest need is ongoing funds to continue operations. We rely on donations to keep costs affordable for families and welcome young people from a diversity of backgrounds to camp.
In 2017, over half of our campers received camperships, with $12,591 allocated (including $3,806 from Quaker meetings for specific campers) and we were glad once again not to have to turn away any families for financial reasons. Our 2018 budget for fundraising is $15,500 from individuals and $5,500 from Monthly/Regional Meetings, we’re about half way to that goal!

- Board Members: Mountain Friends Camp is also seeking a few more Friends to join our board of directors in 2018 and 2019. Friends from across IMYM with interest and experience in Quaker decision making and discernment, finance, outreach, and youth development are welcome to contact me or other board members to learn more. This is a great way to contribute, with a few hours per month!

2017 Highlights
Last summer we held staff orientation and a two-week session at Collins Lake Ranch (CR), near Mora New Mexico, then packed up and moved to Santa Fe Tree House Camp (SFTHC) for a one-week session. Please see the attached newsletters with descriptions and lots of pictures, and in our December letter our first annual appeal written by a camper! Link https://us7.campaign-archive.com/home/?u=966810338727ca080a2774628&id=336873c88d

1st Session: Creating Community.
For the first session, we were hosted by property owner Steve Smaby and the residents and staff at Collins Lake Ranch. The four adults with autism who live at the ranch generously shared their land and community building with our 35 campers, CITs and staff. They contributed their talents (from ventriloquism to beadwork) and friendship to our camp program. We built community through a skit night which featured performances from Collins Lake Ranch residents and camper groups, sharing meals and enjoying crafts and boating together. We enjoyed working with the four dogs, two horses, chickens, and alpacas that live on the property. MFC was the first summer camp to be hosted there, and our hosts rose to the occasion by building two yurts and a new bathhouse. Our campers were happy to delve into exciting new plork (play+work) projects; with Steve's enthusiastic support, we toted rocks and straw bales to improve our campground, helped with the animals and garden, repainted signs, and gathered pine needles and firewood for their biomass boiler for winter heating. It was wonderful to explore a beautiful new location, and to do our part to improve the natural and human environment. Thank you to the caring hosts, staff, and residents who helped to make camp possible!

2nd Session: Practicing Peace.
For our second session, we returned to Santa Fe Tree House Camp for a fourth year with a group of 30. We explored the session’s theme of “Practicing Peace” through a wide variety of program activities, from art projects to cooperative games. Three young leaders, along with operations director Kirsten Szykitka from Creativity for Peace visited our camp to explain how they are working towards peace at their camp for Israeli and Palestinian young women through dialogue and creative projects. We went to Santa Fe to visit the New Mexico History Museum and eat pizza at the Santa Fe Meetinghouse on Canyon Road. As the week drew to a close, we found new ways to resolve conflicts through a silent morning, which we broke with joyful noise and a cooperative meal. We remembered our former host, Senta Hoge, who passed away last December after many years of summer camps, and were glad to carry on her tradition of making friends and connecting with nature.

Respectfully submitted,
Anastacia Ebi, executive director
On behalf of our MFC board: Bonny Moss (clerk), Eric Wright (treasurer), Lucy Bauer (recording clerk), Beverley Weiler (assistant clerk), Valerie Ireland, Marc Gacy

Attachments: 2017 actual & 2018 year-to-date budget. See budget for contributions from Monthly and Regional Meetings, and amount of awarded camperships compared to restricted donations for camperships.
Founded in 1929 as “Friends Bulletin Corporation,” Western Friend exists to serve the unique condition of Friends in the West – a few thousand people dispersed over half a continent. With our magazine, books, online publishing, and communication-support services, we help Friends listen to each other, worship together, and deliberate about our current condition. Western Friend shines light on moments of continuing revelation and faithful action. Set aside a half hour some time soon to visit our website: westernfriend.org. There’s a lot to explore there!

Through magazines, books, online content and services, and face-to-face visitation, Western Friend builds connections among Friends in the West. In 2017, we published many reflections on Friends’ reactions to the year of social turmoil, as well as reflections on other, timeless concerns. We added two new titles to our bookstore: Being Quaker Where You Are by Sakre Edson and Giving Up Something Good for Something Better by Sisters Alegria and Confianza del Senor. We added a new feature to our magazine – discussion guides – and we continued to expand and streamline the offerings on our website – with a simpler Western Friend Directory, weekly online worship, and occasional online, small-group conversations.

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