

**Southeastern Yearly Meeting**  
*of the Religious Society of Friends*  
**Fall Interim Business Meeting**  
4 Eleventh Month 2022

**MINUTES**

Meeting For Worship began at 9:00 a.m.

From the Silence, Clerk Bill Carlie opened the meeting with the following quote:

We are not sent into this world to walk it in solitude. We are born to love, as we are born to breathe and eat and drink. The babe is hardly separated from his mother's womb before he stretches out a tiny clasping hand, and from that time forth he will constantly stretch out to touch the world that lies about him and the folk that dwell therein. The purpose of our growth in life is to bring us into unity with the universe into which we are born, to make us aware that we are not lonely individual meteors hurtling blindly through an abysmal dark, but living parts of a living whole.

Kenneth Boulding, William Penn Lecture, 1942

Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business commenced at 9:16 a.m.

Karen Putney asked that everyone “consider attending FCNL Annual Meeting, Nov 16 - 20, whatever the election outcome. it is a good time to be with Friends.” If online, you can host a house party or gather to participate at a meetinghouse. Especially, visit the Saturday evening program at 7:30 p.m. The speaker will be Bridget Moix speaking on her Quaker path with FCNL. <https://www.fcnl.org/events/annual-meeting-and-quaker-public-policy-institute-2022>

The Clerk requested that attendees review the Nominating Committee report included in the Documents in Advance (DIAs) in preparation for the clerk of Nominating Committee’s report later in the agenda.

Three committees were assigned to meet in Zoom breakout rooms: Gathering Committee, Earthcare Committee, and Trustees,

Meeting for Business recessed for committee meetings at 9:30 a.m.

The plenary session resumed at 11:07 a.m. with an Open Forum on how SEYM Meetings are recovering from the pandemic.

**Clearwater Monthly Meeting**

Phil Stone and Mike Flanery reported an active meeting of approximately 15 people, including some young people. They were experiencing a need for Adult Religious Education. They were struggling with timing for Meeting for Worship. A new Clearwater meeting attendee, Robin, attended this meeting and she was joined by her daughter, Katy. She expressed gratitude for the warm welcome she had received. She and other young people attending the Clearwater meeting, were educating themselves with “Quaker Speak” and

other YouTube videos. They needed information about the Quaker “Alphabet Soup.” She and other young people appreciated the ability to attend Meeting for Worship on Zoom.

### **Sarasota Monthly Meeting**

Dave Hilsheimer, clerk of Sarasota meeting, has found recovery from the pandemic very challenging. Membership has fallen from 76 to 38. They are now offering a hybrid meeting format, using an OWL Zoom camera. Their Meeting for Worship averages 12 people in person and 4-5 people via Zoom. Five to seven people haven’t returned since COVID. They seemed to have gotten out of the habit of attending Meeting. Their Monthly Meeting with Attention to Business is now meeting quarterly. Their committees are understaffed, with some people holding two assignments. The meeting’s Treasurer is a winter visitor. Their Clerk is overworked.

Mercedes Soca, of the Sarasota meeting added that, though small, Sarasota meeting is capable of doing big things. Their Committee on Ministry on Racism is growing. They have joined in a lawsuit on abortion rights. She has hope for the future growth of the meeting.

### **Miami Monthly Meeting**

Brad Stocker reported that there has been a major reduction in their attendance. They average 11 people in attendance at their Monthly Business Meeting. They lost 12-15 members during the pandemic, in about 15 months. At one point, they were down to only 4 people who met face to face. That left some resentment among the members. They have resurrected their Meeting for Learning and their Meetings for Worship Sharing. They expect that Miami will stay hybrid forever. They need to improve their technological systems. They need to assess how Zoom Worship impacts their worship experience. It has been a struggle to accept live transcription during Zoom worship. A Friend once said to him that eyeglasses were once a new technology. Now he can’t read without them. “We’re not going back. We need to adapt. That’s challenging for those of us who are older. We are on the front lines of new things.” Sharing technology information saves a lot of time. It would be helpful to get shopping and comparison information out to all Meetings.

### **Palm Beach Monthly Meeting**

John Palozzi suggested using [WiX](https://www.wix.com/) for website design and maintenance. Their website is [palmbeachquakers.org](https://palmbeachquakers.org). The program is easy and versatile. WiX is geared for business sites - which their meeting doesn’t need. He recommends that meetings use just the basic entry price level. Regarding newcomers – Palm Beach meeting has their own tri-fold pamphlet with pictures. They have also purchased pamphlets of the same size from FGC that explain the Quaker Testimonies. They use business-size envelopes and business cards printed with the meeting’s name, address, email, and website information. Those envelopes are stuffed and ready by the door to hand to newcomers to take home with them. The envelopes contain Zoom links to Quaker Speaks videos, to various recurring zoom meetings, and links to Quaker-newcomer videos on YouTube. They have also employed a professional to set up a camera and projection system for their Meetings for Worship on Zoom. They spent about \$3,000, but it works well for them. They experience no negative impact on worship. They mute people who sign on late on Zoom. Their Zoom experience has been very positive.

The Clerk noted that he also uses WiX for his jewelry business. He found that it worked well, even though he was not technically skilled.

## **Tampa Monthly Meeting**

Karen Putney was not as concerned about technology as about self-care and care of each other and of the Meeting. “We’re traumatized. How do we reconnect? Newcomers need a warm welcome.” She hands them her phone number and invites newcomers to call at any time with questions. People need a personal invitation. We need to reach out to each other to rebuild our connections with each other; a ministry of encouragement to and for each other. It is very simple. In the chaos, we return to the paths we have chosen, and to our relationships with friends. Consider going back to the fundamentals: ‘Quakerism is caught, not taught.’ Connect with people.

## **Gainesville Monthly Meeting**

Jean Larson reported that they have two membership groups: one meets online and the other meets “in the woods.” They are two separate communities. Sometimes they bring food to “the woods.” Sometimes they will schedule a workday to take care of the meeting house. Meeting for Business is not attended by the folks who meet in the woods.

Gainesville meeting has an owl camera on a tripod. They have had a few hybrid meetings, one a successful Meeting for Learning. Their meetinghouse has been closed for quite some time because of COVID. They have an older membership. Having two separate groups is a mixed bag. She feels a disconnect in their meeting. “How can we be a community of all of us, caring for one another if we don’t ever meet together?”

## **Havana Worship Group**

Mercedes Soca reported that the worship group is trying to get everyone online and although the technology is difficult, they are managing to get it done. They are managing to gather everyone. They contact each other daily because of the pandemic. They have gotten organized using What’s App. They set up a group on that app and start the worship at that time. They have met twice in person in a house. A community is building. They have to pay for internet connections. The group in Havana is trying to get organized with others in other provinces in Cuba. It is a new era of possibilities, if we can understand the technologies. She will make a full report later in the afternoon. They need help from SEYM to keep it going.

Jack Bradin has been monitoring that What’s App activity in Havana. They are active, and clearly need help.

The forum closed with silence at 12:05 p.m. and adjourned for lunch to reconvene at 1:00 PM.

At 1:03 p.m. the meeting gathered in silence.

The clerk opened the meeting from the silence 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, Apology, 1676

The clerk announced the following changes to the agenda:

- 1) Nominating Committee Report is moved down the agenda.
- 2) A Report from Havana Worship Group was added.
- 3) A Statement from Florida Council of Churches was added.

**Friends approved the agenda as changed.**

The Clerk read the numbered Minute from the Summer Executive Committee meeting held 18 Sixth Month 2022 (attached).

**Friends approved the Minute.**

The clerk reported that the named committee has met with two staff members. There is one review yet to be completed. It will be completed before WIBM 2023.

The clerk called the Roll of Monthly Meetings and Worship Groups. Attendance was recorded by the Administrative Secretary.

### **Nominating Committee report**

Ed Lesnick, clerk of the Nominating Committee, Ed Lesnick, presented the Nominating Committee report last updated (attached) and made two additional comments: Kathy Hersh is the new clerk of the Committee for Ministry on Racism and the Gathering Committee Urgently needs a co-clerk.

Ed requested that all Friends present review the terms of office of the entire list of officers, representatives, and clerks of committees. If anyone wants to continue to serve or to leave any position or would like to serve in a different position, please notify anyone on the nominating committee as soon as possible. Nominating Committee Members are Beverly Ward (FSEarthcare@seymquakers.org), Ed Lesnick (edlesnick@earthlink.net), Brian Olson (brianolson64@gmail.com), and Shawna Doran ([shawnadoran@yahoo.com](mailto:shawnadoran@yahoo.com)). Brad Stocker asked if an email notification was sufficient to indicate a willingness to continue. The answer was affirmative.

**Friends accepted the report.**

### **Treasurer's Report**

Joel Cook presented a preliminary Treasurer's report for FY 2021-2022 (attached). All the program financials are complete. However, the numbers are wrong because of transition difficulties related to changes in the QuickBooks software used by SEYM. Programs' receipt of funds from Trustees has not yet been recorded. Some money will be "moved around" inside those numbers before the Treasurer's Report can be finalized.

Joel was asked whether the SEYM had considered a Development Committee, the purpose of which would be to increase contributions from the Monthly Meetings. Answer: there is no fund-raising arm of SEYM currently within the structure of the yearly meeting. The Treasurer is in favor of such a committee. Encouraging people to give monthly contributions would significantly increase the income of the yearly meeting and would allow doing more programs.

A concern was expressed that an increase in individual contributions to the yearly meeting might result in a decrease in contributions made to monthly meetings. It was suggested that the matter be referred to the Finance Committee for further discernment.

Liz Jenkins, Orlando MM, reported that Orlando Monthly Meeting had instituted a PayPal donation link. It was very easy to set up and worked very well. However, she was personally against the use of a “Development Committee.”

The Administrative Secretary for SEYM reported that a link for website donations for three named programs has been included at the bottom of every edition of the SEYM eNews. A suggestion was made to consider adding a request for a regular monthly donation to SEYM. Finance Committee will consider the related discussion for appropriate disposition.

**Friends accepted the report.**

### **Worship and Ministry Committee report**

Lisa Erasmus referred everyone to Worship & Ministry’s report in the DIAs. She added that the committee has begun several new projects since its report was submitted to SEYM: Cheryl Demers-Holton is now leading a book discussion, a “Query of the Week” has been added to eNews, an extended Zoom worship was held in the Tenth Month, and the committee is working on an SEYM listening project. Details will follow in SEYM newsletters.

**Friends accepted the report.**

### **Gathering Committee report**

Vickie Carlie reported that the 2023 Gathering (5-9 Fourth Month 2023) will be held in a new location. Our former Gathering host had declined our proposed lease renewal. The new site is the [DaySpring Episcopal Camp and Conference Center](#) in Parrish. Vicki invited everyone to visit DaySpring’s website for more details on lodging, grounds, and amenities. The food is reportedly very good. There is more for the SEYM Youth to do: a rope course, zip line, pool, soccer field, pavilion, nature trails, and a canopy walk.

Some resilience on the part of SEYM Gathering attenders will be required: housing is quite different and the program schedule will need to be adjusted to allow for different travel times between event locations.

Christopher Sammond of New York Yearly Meeting will speak at the 2023 Gathering on the theme of “Worship and Witness.”

The Gathering committee is hoping for greater attendance and is looking at a “Pay as Led and/or Scholarship” type approach to fees and costs.

Karen Putney encouraged the Gathering Committee to make the Gathering as affordable as possible. The Gathering provides a much-needed opportunity for face time, in order to work on Spiritual renewal. It is an opportunity for a new beginning. It should be subsidized more than usual to make that possible. Brian Olson expressed unity with Karen Putney’s concern.

**Friends accepted the report.**

### **Havana Worship Group**

Mercedes Soca, Sarasota MM, presented the report. People in Cuba are experiencing severe deprivations. There is no gasoline available - at any cost. Medicine and Food are the most important needs. They are starving. She presented a proposed budget for funding assistance for Havana MM for SEYM to consider.

The Treasurer reported that there was an amount of money set aside from the Annual Budget, expressly designated for the support of international worship groups. The Treasurer said that SEYM can ask Friends to donate to that specific fund. SEYM could also use some unrestricted funds in the Annual Budget for that purpose. SEYM could purchase telephone cards directly.

Medicine purchases would need receipts. The cost of shipping, however, may make the entire effort uneconomical. There is a process to which requests for such assistance can be referred. The Assistant Clerk and the Treasurer can determine Right Order for addressing these needs.

Teresita Dovelpage interpreted and read a message from Alejandro, Havana Worship Group, in support of their request.

The Havana WG Report was met with compassion and concern. Its request for funding was referred to the Assistant Clerk and the Treasurer to discern and follow Right Order in processing their request.

**Friends accepted the report.**

### **The Field Secretary for Earthcare report**

FSE Beverly Ward asked to be held in the Light as she prepared for First Monday Lectures at Pendle Hill, on the topic, “The Battered Earth, Injury, Grief, and Healing”. She also highlighted parts of her detailed report (attached).

### **Florida Council of Churches request to SEYM to co-sign its statement.**

Because she also reports as SEYM representative to the Florida Council of Churches, she shared with FIBM a recent Statement adopted by the FCC in which SEYM was requested to join. The Clerk read the following statement:

#### Statement on Addressing Antisemitism following Florida-Georgia Game

A coordinated campaign of antisemitism marred the annual Florida-Georgia football game played in Jacksonville on October 29, 2022. Signage on highway overpasses leading to and from the Jaguars stadium as well as laser projected messaging at the stadium brazenly denigrated Jewish people. Law enforcement did not intervene. Key publicly elected leaders, including the mayor of Jacksonville and the governor of Florida, both of whom attended the event, did not immediately condemn this antisemitism. Whatever their personal convictions, public officials must speak clearly and without equivocation when such acts of hatred and intolerance are publicly expressed in their presence. Not to condemn the unacceptable when it happens is to give the unacceptable endorsement to spread virally in social media.

As a widely diverse group of faith and religious leaders, we the undersigned find it is critically and existentially important in a free and civil society to speak against antisemitism as well any form of denigration of people based on their religion, origin, gender, language, or physical appearance. With the freedom for us all to pursue our personal interests also comes the responsibility for us all to respect the rights of other in not doing them harm. World religions have long expressed this ideal in their various ways of promoting the Golden Rule: “to do unto others as you would have them do unto you.” Antisemitism and hate speech causes harm and is intended to do harm whenever it is used publicly. Hate speech triggers violence when left unchecked. The realities of such violence are very much before the nation in news headlines that have spanned every corner of the country. The first to speak must be the elected leaders in the highest offices where incidents of hate occur.

We pledge in our own ministries, churches, temples, synagogues, mosques, missions, and agencies to teach and speak out about how antisemitism and other forms of hate speech both harm our neighbor and create an environment in which we too could become similar targets.

The genius of the United States of America arises in the pluralistic society it makes possible. We call upon all public officials and political parties to express publicly their support for this pluralism. Without such a clear statement of our common values, the freedoms we all cherish are endangered.”

After discussion, the following minute was proposed:

**22FIBM01** SEYM joins with the Florida Council of Churches in its statement regarding the antisemitism signage displayed in Jacksonville on October 29, 2022.

**Approved**

**Friends accepted the report.**

### **Peace and Social Concerns report**

Clerk Phil Stone did not have a written report from the committee but noted that George Lakey is coming for a book tour in December. There will be 5 in-person meetings with him and one meeting with him via Zoom.

Brian Olson reported on the “Quaker Call to Action.” With threats of violence after the election being made, Friends should consider joining the network online (<https://quakercall.net/>). Miami, Gainesville, and Palm Beach have all endorsed the Quaker Call to Action.

Karen Putney reported that 42 meetings will be holding a Meeting for Worship with Zoom participation, on Election Eve, as part of the Quaker Call to Action.

Kathy Hersh has attended three Quaker Call to Action workshops. Participants were urged not to argue with people with whom they disagreed, but to search for common ground. That is the only way to escape from the political polarization. She expressed gratitude for the work of the group of people who have been working to prepare for possibly violent responses to the election.

The Clerk asked for a status report from Richard Frechette, Ft. Myers Monthly Meeting, considering the damage the City of Ft. Myers suffered as a result of Hurricane Ian. The Meeting had two Friends suffering severe damage to their homes. Most members had come through the hurricane fairly well. Friend Richard expressed gratitude for the several Monthly Meetings who had contacted them. They sent funds to be distributed as needed. There were no specific unmet needs at the present time.

**Friends accepted the report.**

The Clerk recessed the Meeting at 2:45 p.m.

The Meeting resumed at 3:09 p.m. after a moment of Silence.

## **Committee for Ministry on Racism report**

Kathy Hersh, Clerk, added to the committee's report (attached) that they will be watching the election events on Tuesday for any evidence of voter intimidation. Friends need to be aware of the fallout from what is about to occur. CMOR will be engaged in watching that outcome. All interested were invited to a Zoom meeting on Nov 14. Contact Kathy Hersh ([hershkathy@gmail.com](mailto:hershkathy@gmail.com)) for more information.

Brian Olson suggested that the notice of that open meeting be added to the newsletter. His suggestion was approved. Kathy Hersh will send a notice about the meeting to Susan Wade.

**Friends accepted the report.**

## **Friends Peace Teams report**

Cecelia Yocum, Tampa Monthly Meeting, requested that Friends read the Friends Peace Teams Report (attached). Friends Peace Teams are trying to bring visitors to Meetings this Spring. There are at least three Friends who would like to visit. She will send out more information about that visitation. She suggested that the dates be coordinated with the SEYM Newsletter. The visitors may also wish to come to the YM Gathering, potentially to lead a workshop.

Cecilia Yocum expressed gratitude for the support she has received. She also noted that Friends Peace Teams have benefited from close cooperation with AVP programs.

The Report from Friends Peace Teams was Accepted.

Mercedes Soca offered congratulations to Cecelia Yocum for so many years of doing this work. In response, Cece said she had received far greater benefit from this work than she had given.

Half Yearly Meeting.

**Friends accepted the report.**

## **Half Yearly Meeting report**

Half Yearly Meeting will be held from the 16<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> Twelfth Month 2022, instead of its usual schedule over Thanksgiving weekend. There was a conflict with the Wekiva Springs Park this year for the Thanksgiving period. Registration for HYM opened on 1 Eleventh Month. Learn more and register [here](#).

Because it is now not conflicting with Thanksgiving, the Half Yearly committee is hoping for new faces who have not previously been able to come at the traditional time. Half Yearly Meeting is an especially great experience for families and kids. And there are no committee meetings. Please communicate this information to meetings and worship groups.

**Friends accepted the report**

## **Finance Committee report**

Joel Cook, Treasurer, reported that the SEYM Fiscal year is 1 Sixth Month through 31 Fifth Month. The annual budget is developed at Winter Interim Business Meeting (WIBM). Friends should bring their funding requests to WIBM. Please let Finance Committee know NOW about committee plans for next year's budgets.

The Treasurer's Report (attached) is a preliminary report. Although the numbers are accurate, some the allocations are not. After the report was submitted some anomalies were discovered because of QuickBook's forced transition from its desktop version to a subscription service. The transition has been difficult.

**Friends accepted the report**



### **Youth Committee report**

Cecelia Yocum reported that the Youth Committee was in the process of planning. They will be meeting more often in the future. They do not have a full report at this time. More information will be provided at WIBM.

**Friends accepted the report**

### **Earthcare Committee report**

Brad Stocker reported that the Earthcare Committee was re-establishing their relationship with The Field Secretary for Earthcare. The position is financially sound. They are not asking for any funding. They are committed to the FSE position and its funding. They are seeking to add another member to their committee. They are welcoming Warren Hoskins back to the committee.

**Friends accepted the report.**

### **American Friends Service Committee (AFSC) report**

The Clerk reported that AFSC restructuring is ongoing. Grievances are being addressed. There will soon be another round of meetings. They are functioning normally on the projects described on their website.

**Friends accepted the report.**

### **Friends Committee on National Legislation report**

Karen Putney suggested that Friends register for the Annual Meeting this month. Friends can share their registered attendance with others. She especially recommended the Saturday night program on the 19th of November. It would be a very interesting program. Friends must register by Nov 9. After an election, is a really a good time to connect. You will receive Information on ways of engaging. It is very worthwhile.

**Friends accepted the report.**

### **Friends General Conference (FGC) report**

Susan Wade reported on the recent meeting of the FGC Central Committee. An in-person Gathering has been scheduled during the week of July 4, 2023, at Western Oregon University in Monmouth, Oregon. In other news, FGC is working out some financial difficulties. There was a poor showing for the virtual portion of their 2022 Gathering. There was good attendance for the youth program. Donations have not matched the expenditures. "Pay as Led" did not work as well as had been hoped.

FGC Leadership is good. It is moving in a good direction.

**Friends accepted the report.**

### **Quaker Earth Care Witness (QEW)**

Brad Stocker, one of two representatives, expressed thanks to Susan Wade for her help in preparing their report (attached) for the DIAs. In that report there is a link to a conversation about Environmental Justice between Beverly Ward and a third party. It is very worthwhile to read. Face to Face meetings with the Field Secretary are resuming. QEW is asking for funding to help with a \$10,000 deficit. QEW is now in an urgent financial crisis. They are asking for a gift from SEYM of all or a part of the \$1400 that would have been spent for Brad's representative transportation, but for the Pandemic.

Treasurer Joel Cook responded that Yearly Meeting bookkeeping won't allow taking money from travel to donate to QEW. SEYM has a contingency fund. However, SEYM is only a third of the way through the year. The QEW request would use a major portion of the annual budgeted contingency funds. SEYM cannot take money out of any other budgeted item and apply it to this one. SEYM can ask Friends to make donations to SEYM to make up its donation from the contingency funds to this cause.

After discussion, the following minute was proposed:

**22FIBM02** SEYM approves a contribution of \$750 from the contingency fund for Quaker Earthcare Witness, seeking additional contributions from anyone or any meetings for as much as they are led to donate to add to the QEW donation.  
**Approved**

### **Florida Council of Churches report**

Beverly Ward reported that there will be a Central Florida meeting of the Florida Council of Churches from the 14<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> Eleventh Month 2022. The Theme is "How are the Children?" (Report attached.)

**Friends accepted the report.**

### **Quaker United Nations Office (QUNO) report**

Liz Jenkins presented the report (attached). She requested that Friends read the full report and especially follow the links. The discussion speaks to Quaker Testimony in many meaningful ways. One can also share registers attendance at the conference. There is an opportunity to be active in QUNO through FCNL. Friends were urged to not give up on diplomatic efforts.

**Friends accepted the report.**

### **Florida Coalition for Peace and Justice (FCPJ) report**

FCPJ's report is attached. There was no oral report. The clerk advised that the request for additional funding from SEYM made in the report has been referred to the Finance Committee for discernment and subsequent report at the SEYM Gathering.

**Friends accepted the report.**

At the request of the Clerk, the following minute was proposed:

**22FIBM03** SEYM expresses its gratitude to St. Petersburg Monthly Meeting for its warm and gracious hospitality in hosting the Fall Interim Business Meeting.  
**Approved**

The Fall Interim Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business, was closed at 4:20 PM, after a period of Silence.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Daniel R. Vaughn YM Recording Clerk

**Participants:**

**Clearwater Monthly Meeting**

Mike Flannery  
Katy Peacock  
Robin Peacock  
Phil Stone

**Deland Worship Group**

Cheryl Demers-Holton (Gainesville MM)  
Kathy Hersh (Miami MM)  
Beverly Ward (Tampa MM)

**Fort Lauderdale Monthly Meeting**

Brian Humphrey

**Fort Myers Monthly Meeting**

Richard Frechette

**Gainesville Monthly Meeting**

Shawna Doran  
Jean Larson

**Havana Unprogrammed Worship Group**

Teresita Dovalpage  
Carlos Guzman

**Jacksonville Worship Group**

Dan McLoughlin

**Lake Wales Worship Group**

Caroline Lanker (Tampa MM)

**Miami Friends Meeting**

David Landowne  
Brian Olson  
Brad Stocker

**Orlando Monthly Meeting**

Liz Jenkins  
Dan Vaughen

**Other Friends**

Peter Schmidt  
Amy Yuhasz-Richards

**Palm Beach Friends Meeting**

John Palozzi

**Saint Augustine Worship Group**

Dianna Langan

**Saint Petersburg Monthly Meeting**

Bill Carlie  
Vicki Carlie  
Davida Johns  
Anne Martin  
Susan Wade

**Sarasota Monthly Meeting**

Dave Hilsheimer  
Mercedes Soca

**Tallahassee Monthly Meeting**

Andrea Hoskins  
Warren Hoskins

**Tampa Monthly Meeting**

Jan Dahm  
Lisa Erazmus  
Karen Putney  
Cece Yocum

**Treasurer Coast Monthly Meeting**

Jack Bradin (Palm Beach MM)  
Joel Cook (Palm Beach MM)

Southeastern Yearly Meeting  
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Summer 2022 Executive Committee Meeting

18 Sixth Month 2022

Via video teleconference

Numbered Minute

**22SEC01**

SEYM EC approves that IBM Clerk (Bill Carlie), Treasurer (Joel Cook), and Assistant Clerk (Jack Bradin), along with former IBM Clerk (Phoebe Andersen) and Recording Clerk (Liz Dykes) act as *ad hoc* supervisory committee to complete overdue staff evaluations by 2022 Fall Interim Business Meeting.

**APPROVED**

## SEYM Officers, Committees, Representatives, & Appointees – FIBM 2022

### OFFICERS

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Yearly Meeting Clerk.....	Bill Carlie .....	St. Petersburg.....	2023
Interim Business Meeting (IBM) & Executive Committee (EC) Clerk.....	Bill Carlie .....	St. Petersburg.....	2023
YM & IBM Assistant Clerk.....	Jack Bradin.....	Palm Beach .....	2023
YM Recording Clerk .....	Dan Vaughn .....	Orlando .....	2025
Recording Clerk, IBM/EC.....	Liz Dykes.....	Gainesville.....	2025
Assistant Recording Clerk.....	Susan Wade .....	St. Petersburg.....	2024
Treasurer .....	Joel Cook .....	Palm Beach .....	2023
Membership Recorder.....	Ed Lesnick .....	Orlando .....	2023

### TRUSTEES

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Neil Andersen, <i>Clerk</i> .....	Tallahassee .....	2023
Jack Bradin .....	Palm Beach .....	2023
Liz Dykes.....	Gainesville .....	2023
Mike Flanery.....	Clearwater .....	2023
Chris Laning.....	Orlando .....	2025

### COMMITTEES

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	Hollyn Green .....	Savannah .....	2023
	Brad Stocker .....	Miami .....	2023
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	Jim Koopman .....	Ft. Myers .....	2025
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	Shawna Doran.....	Gainesville .....	2024
	Carl Hersh.....	Miami .....	2024
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	SEYM Treasurer (ex officio)		
	Clerk of Trustees (ex officio)		
	SEYM Administrative Secretary (ex officio)		
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<b>Peace &amp; Social Concerns</b>	Phil Stone, Clerk .....	Clearwater .....	2023
	Caroline Kaufmann .....	Clearwater .....	2023
	Karen Putney.....	Tampa .....	2023
	Helen Fox .....	Ft. Myers .....	2024
	Peter Harrell.....	Gainesville .....	2024
	John Heimbürg .....	Orlando .....	2025
	Warren Hoskins.....	Tallahassee .....	2025
	Mercedes Soca.....	Havana WG .....	2025
	Cece Yocum.....	Tampa .....	2025
<b>Publications</b>	Phoebe Andersen .....	Tallahassee .....	2024
	Vicki Carlie (ex officio).....	St. Petersburg.....	2025
	Steven Riddle .....	Orlando .....	2025
<b>Worship &amp; Ministry</b>	Jan Dahm, <i>Co-Clerk</i> .....	Tampa .....	2023
	Lisa Erazmus, <i>Co-Clerk</i> .....	Tampa .....	2023
	Richelle Ogle, <i>Co-Clerk</i> .....	Orlando .....	2025
	Eduardo Diaz .....	Orlando .....	2023
	Ed Abraham.....	Miami .....	2025
	Bill Carlie.....	St. Petersburg.....	2025
	Joel Cook.....	Palm Beach .....	2025
	Cheryl Demers-Holton .....	Gainesville .....	2025
	Nancyrose Logan .....	Sarasota .....	2025
<b>YM Gathering</b>	Vicki Carlie, <i>Gathering Clerk</i> .....	St. Petersburg.....	2025
	Andrea Hoskins, <i>Registrar</i> .....	Tallahassee .....	2025
	Bookstore .....		
	Brian Olson, <i>Program Coordinator</i> .....	Miami .....	2023
	Kasper Ronning.....	Orlando .....	2025
	SEYM Administrative Secretary, ex-officio .....		
<b>Youth Committee</b>	Jennifer Mendoza, <i>Co-Clerk</i> .....	Sarasota .....	2024
	Cecelia Yocum, <i>Co-Clerk</i> .....	Tampa .....	2023
	Rachel Dellinger .....	Orlando .....	2023
	Mira Tanna .....	Orlando .....	2023
	Kathy Hersh.....	Miami .....	2025

**REPRESENTATIVES TO ORGANIZATIONS**

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**American Friends Service Committee Corporation, - AFSC/Philadelphia**

Bill Carlie ..... St. Petersburg..... 2025  
Beverly Ward..... Tampa ..... 2025

**Friends Committee on National Legislation – FCNL**

Pete Akerman ..... Gainesville ..... 2023  
Karen Putney..... Tampa ..... 2024  
Eileen Zingaro ..... Clearwater ..... 2024

**Friends General Conference - FGC Central Committee**

Susan Wade St. Petersburg..... 2025  
Dan Vaughn..... Orlando ..... 2025

**Friends World Committee for Consultation – FWCC**

Nancyrose Logan ..... Sarasota ..... 2023  
Clara Diaz ... ..... Orlando ..... 2024  
Eduardo Diaz ..... Orlando ..... 2024

**Friends Peace Teams**

Cecilia Yocum ..... Tampa ..... 2025  
Shawna Doran..... Gainesville ..... 2025

**Florida Council of Churches**

Beverly Ward..... Tampa ..... 2024

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

*Under Discernment*

**Palmetto Friends Gathering**

Phoebe Andersen. .... Tallahassee ..... 2023  
Neil Andersen..... Tallahassee ..... 2023

**Quaker Earthcare Witness**

Jack Bradin. .... Palm Beach ..... 2023  
Brad Stocker ..... Miami ..... 2025

**Quaker House (Fayetteville)**

Lynn Newsom ..... Bluffton SC WG ..... 2023

**Quaker United Nations Office  
- QUNO**

Liz Jenkins ..... Orlando ..... 2025

**APPOINTED OBSERVERS TO ORGANIZATIONS**

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**FUM General Board Observer** *Under Discernment*

Ellie Caldwell, Alternate..... Palm Beach ..... 2024

**NOMINATING COMMITTEE**

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Ed Lesnick, Clerk..... Orlando ..... 2024  
Beverly Ward..... Tampa ..... 2025  
Shawna Doran..... Gainesville ..... 2023  
Brian Olson..... Miami ..... 2023

## Southeastern Yearly Meeting of The Religious Society of Friends

### Preliminary Treasurer Report for 2021 - 2022 Fiscal Year, Fall Interim Business Meeting 2022

Preliminary Annual Report for end of Fiscal Year 2021-2022 (June 1, 2021 thru May 31, 2022)

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 surplus (excluding unrealized capital gains) of \$10,326. This resulted from an SEYM total real income of \$123,168 against total expenses of \$112,842.

#### 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 \$85,380 in our 2021 Yearly Meeting sessions) showed a net loss of \$8,183. This resulted from General Fund total income of \$59,403 (70% of budget) against expenses of \$67,586 (79% of budget).

#### 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 \$52,748, or 70% of the year's budgeted request of \$74,908.

Fifteen (15) Monthly Meetings and eleven (11) Worship Groups were included in the Apportionment request this fiscal year. Eleven (11) contributed more than 90% of their requested amount, one (1) contributed between 51% and 90%, three (3) contributed between 26% and 50%, two (2) contributed between 10% and 25%, and nine (9) contributed nothing.

The unrestricted individual donations received toward the Budget during this period totaled \$5,076 approximately 254% of the \$2,000 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 \$19,736 and expenses of \$8,378 yielding a net surplus of \$11,358.

Half Yearly Meeting had an income of \$2,617 and expenses of \$1,854 giving a net surplus of \$763.

The Michener Lecture had an income of \$1,600 and expenses of \$187, yielding a net surplus of \$1,413.

Programs for Youth had income of \$15,636 and expenses of \$12,720, yielding a net surplus of \$2,916.

The Publications program had income of \$1,848 and expenses of \$2,162, yielding a net loss of \$314 (excluding unrealized capital losses of \$695 on investments for the program).

The SEYM Field Secretary for Earthcare program during this period received \$19,313 in donations and had expenses of \$17,807, yielding a net surplus of \$1,506. As of 5/31/2022 the SEYM Field Secretary for Earthcare program had an available balance of \$11,683. (Note: As of 10/31/2022 the FSE Program has an available balance of \$10,570.)

#### Net Worth

The Net Worth of the combined Yearly Meeting and its Trustees at the end of this period was \$670,211, a decrease of \$1,002 including \$21,125 in unrealized capital losses since the beginning of the fiscal year.

**NOTE:** Intuit, the publisher of our QuickBooks accounting program, discontinued support of the desktop version of the program we had used for many years. This required us to transition to the QuickBooks online version. The transition has been difficult. But, our bookkeeper, Dianna Langan, has worked tirelessly to make sure all the data is correct. There is more work for her and I to do.

Joel D. Cook, Treasurer - SEYM 11/2/2022



**Southeastern Yearly Meeting, Religious Society of**  
**Budget vs. Actuals: FY\_2021\_2022 - FY22 P&L**  
 June 2021 - May 2022

	Total			
	Actual	Budget	over Budget	% of Budget
<b>Revenue</b>				
2000 Income			0.00	
2001 Donations			0.00	
2002 Indivd.Donations-Classes	5,075.53	2,000.00	3,075.53	253.78%
2003 Meeting Donations	52,823.91	75,000.00	-22,176.09	70.43%
Total 2001 Donations	<b>\$ 57,899.44</b>	<b>\$ 77,000.00</b>	<b>-\$ 19,100.56</b>	<b>75.19%</b>
2200 Investment Earnings			0.00	
2203 Savings Account Interest	3.65	20.00	-16.35	18.25%
Total 2200 Investment Earnings	<b>\$ 3.65</b>	<b>\$ 20.00</b>	<b>-\$ 16.35</b>	<b>18.25%</b>
Total 2000 Income	<b>\$ 57,903.09</b>	<b>\$ 77,020.00</b>	<b>-\$ 19,116.91</b>	<b>75.18%</b>
2700 Transfer in FROM other classes			0.00	
2712 Michener Lect. to GF/insurance	150.00	190.00	-40.00	78.95%
2732 Gath/Walton to GF/insurance	900.00	1,140.00	-240.00	78.95%
2752 HYM to GF/insurance	450.00	570.00	-120.00	78.95%
2804 from Trustee's Funds			0.00	
2815 for BertscheOutreach Travel		1,930.00	-1,930.00	0.00%
2820 for Staff Salary		4,530.00	-4,530.00	0.00%
Total 2804 from Trustee's Funds	<b>\$ 0.00</b>	<b>\$ 6,460.00</b>	<b>-\$ 6,460.00</b>	<b>0.00%</b>
Total 2700 Transfer in FROM other classes	<b>\$ 1,500.00</b>	<b>\$ 8,360.00</b>	<b>-\$ 6,860.00</b>	<b>17.94%</b>
Total Revenue	<b>\$ 59,403.09</b>	<b>\$ 85,380.00</b>	<b>-\$ 25,976.91</b>	<b>69.57%</b>
<b>Expenditures</b>				
2999 Expenses			0.00	
3000 Operating Costs			0.00	
3001 Bank Service Charges	359.40	200.00	159.40	179.70%
3002 PayPal service fee	119.82	10.00	109.82	1198.20%
3080 Duplication	517.72	1,000.00	-482.28	51.77%
3100 Insurance			0.00	
3106 Liability Insurance	1,631.63	1,900.00	-268.37	85.88%
Total 3100 Insurance	<b>\$ 1,631.63</b>	<b>\$ 1,900.00</b>	<b>-\$ 268.37</b>	<b>85.88%</b>
3107 Youth Worker CAP Certification	201.60	160.00	41.60	126.00%
3146 Non-Profit Corporation Fee	61.25	60.00	1.25	102.08%
3200 Office Supplies	330.12	400.00	-69.88	82.53%
3270 Payroll Expenses	41,930.82	47,500.00	-5,569.18	88.28%
3272 Employer Payroll Taxes	2,717.65	3,500.00	-782.35	77.65%
3380 Postage/Shipping	504.60	300.00	204.60	168.20%
3381 Post Office Box rental		200.00	-200.00	0.00%
3400 Office Equipment		400.00	-400.00	0.00%
3500 Professional Fees		700.00	-700.00	0.00%
3640 Rent warehouse/office			0.00	
3643 Storage Unit	1,802.00	2,800.00	-998.00	64.36%
Total 3640 Rent warehouse/office	<b>\$ 1,802.00</b>	<b>\$ 2,800.00</b>	<b>-\$ 998.00</b>	<b>64.36%</b>
3700 Repairs			0.00	
3740 Computer Repairs	449.99	200.00	249.99	225.00%
Total 3700 Repairs	<b>\$ 449.99</b>	<b>\$ 200.00</b>	<b>\$ 249.99</b>	<b>225.00%</b>
3816 Software	1,897.51	2,000.00	-102.49	94.88%
3840 Telephone & Inet access	1,450.80	1,200.00	250.80	120.90%
3860 Travel Administrative		1,000.00	-1,000.00	0.00%
3900 Website	1,249.20	1,400.00	-150.80	89.23%
Total 3000 Operating Costs	<b>\$ 55,224.11</b>	<b>\$ 64,930.00</b>	<b>-\$ 9,705.89</b>	<b>85.05%</b>

	Actual	Budget	over Budget	% of Budget
<b>4000 Committees Operating Expenses</b>				0.00
4309 Archives		300.00	-300.00	0.00%
4329 EC and IBM		50.00	-50.00	0.00%
4339 Faith and Practice		25.00	-25.00	0.00%
4349 Finance		25.00	-25.00	0.00%
4359 Nominating		25.00	-25.00	0.00%
4369 Peace and Social Concerns	450.00	450.00	0.00	100.00%
4389 Youth Committee		25.00	-25.00	0.00%
4399 Worship and Ministry		25.00	-25.00	0.00%
4429 Earthcare		100.00	-100.00	0.00%
4449 Publications		25.00	-25.00	0.00%
4469 Racism, Ministry on		25.00	-25.00	0.00%
4489 Young Adult Quakers		25.00	-25.00	0.00%
<b>Total 4000 Committees Operating Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 450.00</b>	<b>\$ 1,100.00</b>	<b>-\$ 650.00</b>	<b>40.91%</b>
<b>5000 Donations to Organizations</b>				0.00
5007 AFSC	200.00	200.00	0.00	100.00%
5018 Earlham School of Religion	100.00	100.00	0.00	100.00%
5027 FCNL	300.00	300.00	0.00	100.00%
5028 QEW (FCUN)	200.00	200.00	0.00	100.00%
5030 FLGBTQC	100.00	100.00	0.00	100.00%
5037 FGC	1,200.00	1,200.00	0.00	100.00%
5038 FLCoalition for Peace & Justice	100.00	100.00	0.00	100.00%
5047 Florida Council of Churches	200.00	200.00	0.00	100.00%
5048 Florida Impact	300.00	300.00	0.00	100.00%
5057 Friends Journal	100.00	100.00	0.00	100.00%
5061 Friends Peace Teams	1,000.00	500.00	500.00	200.00%
5067 FUM	500.00	500.00	0.00	100.00%
5068 FWCC	1,450.00	1,450.00	0.00	100.00%
5077 Pendle Hill	100.00	100.00	0.00	100.00%
5085 Quaker House of Fayetteville NC	200.00	200.00	0.00	100.00%
5087 Quaker Life	100.00	100.00	0.00	100.00%
5089 QUNO	100.00	100.00	0.00	100.00%
5097 Wm Penn House	100.00	100.00	0.00	100.00%
<b>Total 5000 Donations to Organizations</b>	<b>\$ 6,350.00</b>	<b>\$ 5,850.00</b>	<b>\$ 500.00</b>	<b>108.55%</b>
<b>8000 Travel &amp; Financial Aid</b>				0.00
8160 Annual Representative	62.00	4,000.00	-3,938.00	1.55%
8360 Attend SEYM-approved Activities		1,500.00	-1,500.00	0.00%
8460 Travel Support to SEYM Business		1,000.00	-1,000.00	0.00%
<b>Total 8000 Travel &amp; Financial Aid</b>	<b>\$ 62.00</b>	<b>\$ 6,500.00</b>	<b>-\$ 6,438.00</b>	<b>0.95%</b>
8500 Contingency	500.00	2,000.00	-1,500.00	25.00%
<b>Total 2999 Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 62,586.11</b>	<b>\$ 80,380.00</b>	<b>-\$ 17,793.89</b>	<b>77.86%</b>
<b>9000 Transfer OUT TO other classes</b>				0.00
9004 for Youth Programs	2,500.00	2,500.00	0.00	100.00%
9005 for Gathering Youth	2,000.00	2,000.00	0.00	100.00%
9060 for Triennial Travel	500.00	500.00	0.00	100.00%
<b>Total 9000 Transfer OUT TO other classes</b>	<b>\$ 5,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 5,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 0.00</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$ 67,586.11</b>	<b>\$ 85,380.00</b>	<b>-\$ 17,793.89</b>	<b>79.16%</b>
<b>Net Revenue</b>	<b>-\$ 8,183.02</b>	<b>\$ 0.00</b>	<b>-\$ 8,183.02</b>	

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**Southeastern Yearly Meeting, Religious Society of**  
**Income and Expense**  
 June 2021 - May 2022

Revenue	Admin/General Fund	Covid Relief	Gathering/ Walton Lecture	Half Yearly Meeting (HYM)	Int'l WG Support	Michener Lecture	Programs for Youth	Publications	Earthcare	Secretary - Travel	Trustee's Funds	TOTAL
2000 Income				0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
2001 Donations												0.00
2002 Indivd.Donations-Classes	5,075.53											5,075.53
2003 Meeting Donations	49,803.64											49,803.64
2013 Meeting Donations, Unaffiliated	1,748.47											1,748.47
2023 Meeting Donations, WG wo apport	1,271.80											1,271.80
<b>Total 2003 Meeting Donations</b>	<b>52,823.91</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>52,823.91</b>
2006 In-kind Donation			469.28									469.28
2104 Ind Donatn for Youth Event Exp			888.00			90.00						978.00
<b>Total 2001 Donations</b>	<b>57,899.44</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>1,357.28</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>90.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>59,346.72</b>
2040 Restricted Donations												0.00
2050 Restricted - Other						12,286.15		10.00		10.00	60.00	12,366.15
2055 Int'l WG Support					1,200.00							1,200.00
2060 Donations - Restricted- FSE										19,312.50		19,312.50
2065 Restricted - Covid Relief		2,000.00										2,000.00
<b>Total 2040 Restricted Donations</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>2,000.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>1,200.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>12,286.15</b>	<b>10.00</b>	<b>19,312.50</b>	<b>10.00</b>	<b>60.00</b>	<b>34,878.65</b>
2200 Investment Earnings												0.00
2203 Savings Account Interest	3.65											3.65
2205 Dividends FFC Gathering Youth										2,271.52		2,271.52
2210 Dividends FFC Michener Fund										475.92		475.92
2215 Dividends FFC Bertsche OuTravel										992.83		992.83
2220 Dividends-FFC Staff Salary Fund										2,336.85		2,336.85
2225 Dividends FFC Unrestricted										11,314.22		11,314.22
2230 Dividends FFC Walton Fund										879.68		879.68
2280 Dividends FFC SEYM Publications								295.22				295.22

	Admin/General Fund	Covid Relief	Gathering/ Walton Lecture	Half Yearly Meeting (HYM)	Int'l WG Support	Michener Lecture	Programs for Youth	Publications	Secretary - Earthcare	Triennial Travel	Trustee's Funds	TOTAL
2290 Investment Capital Gains/Losses												0.00
2206 Capital Gain(Loss) Gath. Youth											(5,201.15)	(5,201.15)
2211 Capital Gain(Loss) Michener											(1,089.71)	(1,089.71)
2216 Capital Gain(Loss) BertscheOTra											(2,273.31)	(2,273.31)
2221 Capital Gain(Loss) Staff Salary											(5,350.73)	(5,350.73)
2226 Capital Gain(Loss) Unrestricted											(3,610.81)	(3,610.81)
2231 Capital Gain(Loss) Walton											(2,014.68)	(2,014.68)
2232 Capital Gain (Loss) Meetinghous											(889.02)	(889.02)
2281 Capital Gain(loss) SEYM Publish								(695.28)			(695.28)	(695.28)
Total 2290 Investment Capital Gains/Losses	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	(20,429.41)	(21,124.69)
Total 2200 Investment Earnings	3.65	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	(400.06)	0.00	0.00	(2,156.39)	(2,554.80)
2400 Program Registrations			17,735.75	1,260.00		1,600.00	760.00					21,355.75
2430 Registration Fee			17,735.75	1,260.00	0.00	1,600.00	760.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	21,355.75
Total 2400 Program Registrations	0.00	0.00	17,735.75	1,260.00	0.00	1,600.00	760.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	21,355.75
2600 Sales												0.00
2680 Publication Sales								1,543.01				1,543.01
Total 2600 Sales	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,543.01	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,543.01
Total 2000 Income	57,903.09	2,000.00	17,735.75	2,617.28	1,200.00	1,600.00	13,136.15	1,152.95	19,312.50	10.00	(2,096.39)	114,569.33
2700 Transfer in FROM other classes												0.00
2712 Michener Lect to GF/Insurance	150.00											150.00
2732 Gath/Walton to GF/Insurance	900.00											900.00
2752 HYM to GF/Insurance	450.00											450.00
2784 from GF for YouthProgramsClass							2,500.00					2,500.00
2801 transfer from General Fund			2,000.00							500.00		500.00
2802 from GF for Gathering Youth	1,500.00	0.00	2,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,500.00	0.00	500.00	0.00	0.00	2,000.00
Total 2700 Transfer in FROM other classes	59,403.09	2,000.00	19,735.75	2,617.28	1,200.00	1,600.00	15,636.15	1,152.95	19,312.50	510.00	(2,096.39)	121,069.33
Total Revenue												

	Admini/General Fund	Covid Relief	Gathering/ Walton Lecture	Half Yearly Meeting (HYM)	Int'l WG Support	Michener Lecture	Programs for Youth	Publications	Secretary - Earthcare	Triennial Travel	Trustee's Funds	TOTAL
<b>Expenditures</b>												
2999 Expenses												0.00
3000 Operating Costs												0.00
3001 Bank Service Charges	359.40											359.40
3002 PayPal service fee	119.82		367.26	10.69		36.92	46.59	4.12	112.84			698.24
3080 Duplication	517.72											517.72
3100 Insurance												0.00
3106 Liability Insurance	1,631.63											1,631.63
Total 3100 Insurance	1,631.63	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,631.63
3107 Youth Worker CAP Certification	201.60											201.60
3146 Non-Profit Corporation Fee	61.25											61.25
3200 Office Supplies	330.12		523.68				3.48					857.28
3270 Payroll Expenses	41,930.82								16,527.17			58,457.99
3272 Employer Payroll Taxes	2,717.65								1,166.94			3,884.59
3380 Postage/Shipping	504.60						157.82					662.42
3640 Rent warehouse/office												0.00
3642 Office Rent	770.00											770.00
3643 Storage Unit	1,032.00											1,032.00
Total 3640 Rent warehouse/office	1,802.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,802.00
3700 Repairs												0.00
3740 Computer Repairs	449.99											449.99
Total 3700 Repairs	449.99	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	449.99
3816 Software	1,897.51											1,897.51
3840 Telephone & Inet access	1,450.80											1,450.80
3900 Website	337.96							1,500.00				1,837.96
3641 Rent E=Data off-site storage	799.99											799.99
3940 Domain Name Registrations	111.25											111.25
Total 3900 Website	1,249.20	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,500.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,749.20
Total 3000 Operating Costs	55,224.11	0.00	890.94	10.69	0.00	36.92	46.59	1,665.42	17,806.95	0.00	0.00	75,661.62

	Admini/General Fund	Covid Relief	Gathering/ Walton Lecture	Half Yearly Meeting (HYM)	Int'l WG Support	Michener Lecture	Programs for Youth	Publications	Secretary - Earthcare	Triennial Travel	Trustee's Funds	TOTAL
<b>4000 Committees Operating Expenses</b>												
4389 Peace and Social Concerns	450.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	450.00
<b>Total 4000 Committees Operating Expenses</b>	<b>450.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>450.00</b>
<b>5000 Donations to Organizations</b>												
5007 AFSC	200.00											200.00
5018 Earlham School of Religion	100.00											100.00
5027 FCNL	300.00											300.00
5028 QEW (FCUN)	200.00											200.00
5030 FLGBTQC	100.00											100.00
5037 FGC	1,200.00											1,200.00
5038 FLCoalition for Peace & Justice	100.00											100.00
5047 Florida Council of Churches	200.00											200.00
5048 Florida Impact	300.00											300.00
5057 Friends Journal	100.00											100.00
5061 Friends Peace Teams	1,000.00											1,000.00
5067 FUM	500.00											500.00
5068 FWCC	1,450.00											1,450.00
5077 Pendle Hill	100.00											100.00
5085 Quaker House of Fayetteville NC	200.00											200.00
5087 Quaker Life	100.00											100.00
5089 QUINO	100.00											100.00
5097 Wm Penn House	100.00											100.00
<b>Total 5000 Donations to Organizations</b>	<b>6,350.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>6,350.00</b>
<b>6000 Production</b>												
6080 ISSN Printing, Publications								104.00				104.00
6280 Printing, Service Bureau								47.20				47.20
6380 ISBN production								345.55				345.55
<b>Total 6000 Production</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>496.75</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>496.75</b>

	Admini/General Fund	Covid Relief	Gathering/ Walton Lecture	Half Yearly Meeting (HYM)	Int'l WG Support	Michener Lecture	Programs for Youth	Publications	Secretary - Earthcare	Triennial Travel	Trustee's Funds	TOTAL
7000 Operating Costs Programs												0.00
7200 Food, snacks			80.17									80.17
7500 Site Fees												0.00
7533 Site Deposits				923.92								923.92
7534 Site Fees- Meals												0.00
7537 Food, Dining Room			3,137.25	469.28								3,606.53
Total 7534 Site Fees- Meals	0.00	0.00	3,137.25	469.28	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	3,606.53
Total 7500 Site Fees	0.00	0.00	3,137.25	1,393.20	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	4,530.45
7650 Speaker Honorarium			1,500.00									1,500.00
7660 Speaker travel			1,869.21									1,869.21
7800 Youth Program												0.00
7804 Youth Prg. Expenses/Fees/Other						598.49						598.49
7805 Youth Program Leader/childcare						12,075.00						12,075.00
Total 7800 Youth Program	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	12,673.49	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	12,673.49
Total 7000 Operating Costs Programs	0.00	0.00	6,886.63	1,393.20	0.00	0.00	12,673.49	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	20,653.32
8000 Travel & Financial Aid			62.00									62.00
8160 Annual Representative												62.00
Total 8000 Travel & Financial Aid	62.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	62.00
8500 Contingency												0.00
8505 Contingency - Covid Relief		1,500.00										1,500.00
8510 Contingency - Int'l Worship Grou					648.00							1,148.00
Total 8500 Contingency	500.00	1,500.00	0.00	0.00	648.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,648.00
Total 2999 Expenses	62,586.11	1,500.00	7,477.57	1,403.89	648.00	36.92	12,720.08	2,162.17	17,806.95	0.00	0.00	106,341.69
9000 Transfer OUT TO other classes												0.00
9002 to GF for insurance			900.00	450.00		150.00						1,500.00
9004 for Youth Programs	2,500.00									7,230.00		9,730.00
9005 for Gathering Youth	2,000.00											2,000.00
9060 for Triennial Travel	500.00											500.00
9460 TO Covid Relief										2,000.00		2,000.00
Total 9000 Transfer OUT TO other classes	5,000.00	0.00	900.00	450.00	0.00	150.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	9,230.00	0.00	15,730.00
Total Expenditures	67,586.11	1,500.00	8,377.57	1,853.89	648.00	186.92	12,720.08	2,162.17	17,806.95	0.00	9,230.00	122,071.69
Revenue	(8,183.02)	500.00	11,358.18	763.39	552.00	1,413.08	2,916.07	(1,009.22)	1,505.55	510.00	(11,328.39)	(1,002.36)
Total 2290 Investment Capital Gains/Losses	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	(695.28)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Net Revenue - Less Unrealized Capital Gains/losses	(8,183.02)	500.00	11,388.18	763.39	552.00	1,413.08	2,916.07	(313.94)	1,505.55	510.00	0.00	510.00

**Southeastern Yearly Meeting, Religious Society of**  
**Balance Sheet Prev Year Comparison**  
As of May 31, 2022

	Total		
	As of May 31, 2022	As of May 31, 2021 (PP)	Change
<b>ASSETS</b>			
<b>Current Assets</b>			
<b>Bank Accounts</b>			
0501 Checking Account BOA	-3,297.18	0.00	-3,297.18
511 Checking - Gen'l Fund - General	-4,294.54	-3,093.81	-1,200.73
560 Checking-GF-Triennial Travel	20,587.31	20,077.31	510.00
561 Peace Team Travel Fund	0.00	0.00	0.00
566 Checking-GF-Sufferings	170.00	170.00	0.00
610 Checking-SA-Michener	1,413.08	0.00	1,413.08
630 Checking-SA-YBM Gathering	11,358.18	0.00	11,358.18
640 Checking-SA-Programs for Youth	240.85	-1,535.22	1,776.07
650 Checking-SA-HYM	763.39	0.00	763.39
670 Checking - SA - Earthcare	6,945.54	8,658.77	-1,713.23
680 Checking-SA-Publications	-5,564.70	-6,000.76	436.06
690 Checking - 690 Covid Relief	500.00	0.00	500.00
695 Checking - Int'l WG Support	452.00	0.00	452.00
700 Checking-Trustees	0.00	0.00	0.00
705 Checking - 6 Gathering Youth Fund	5,663.26	3,381.74	2,281.52
710 Checking - 3 Michener Fund	490.92	5.00	485.92
715 Checking - 2 Bertsche Travel Fund	1,007.83	5.00	1,002.83
720 Checking - 5 Staff Salary	2,951.85	605.00	2,346.85
725 Checking - 4 Unrestricted Fund	10,765.34	530.00	10,235.34
730 Checking - 1 Walton Fund	894.68	5.00	889.68
750 Checking -FGC Meetinghouse Fund	0.00	0.00	0.00
759 Checking - Other Trustee Funds	0.00	0.00	0.00
773 Miami Mtg/Bartram House Loan	0.00	0.00	0.00
776 Matching Funds, GYouthE Fund	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Total 700 Checking-Trustees</b>	<b>\$ 21,773.88</b>	<b>\$ 4,531.74</b>	<b>\$ 17,242.14</b>
803 Clearing Account	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Total 0501 Checking Account BOA</b>	<b>\$ 51,047.81</b>	<b>\$ 22,808.03</b>	<b>\$ 28,239.78</b>
802 Petty Cash	0.00	0.00	0.00
830 Checking - BofA Payroll	9,777.58	9,857.56	-79.98
903 Savings BOA	36,924.14	36,920.49	3.65
999 Pay Pal	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Total Bank Accounts</b>	<b>\$ 97,749.53</b>	<b>\$ 69,586.08</b>	<b>\$ 28,163.45</b>
<b>Accounts Receivable</b>			
1100 Accounts Receivable	-17.52	-17.52	0.00
<b>Total Accounts Receivable</b>	<b>-\$ 17.52</b>	<b>-\$ 17.52</b>	<b>\$ 0.00</b>
<b>Other Current Assets</b>			
1101 Mtg Donation FY rec'd next FY	0.00	0.00	0.00
1120 Inventory Asset	0.01	0.01	0.00
1130 Pre-paid expenses	0.00	0.00	0.00
1133 Site deposits-next Fiscal Year	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Total 1130 Pre-paid expenses</b>	<b>\$ 0.00</b>	<b>\$ 0.00</b>	<b>\$ 0.00</b>
1180 FFC SOYM1 Publications Investme	17,873.09	18,568.37	-695.28
1183 Pre-paid Meeting Donations next	0.00	0.00	0.00
1184 Pre-paid Youth Donation next	0.00	0.00	0.00
1185 Pre-paid YAQ Donation next	0.00	0.00	0.00
1199 Undeposited Funds	100.00	0.00	100.00
1200 Trustee Investments	0.00	0.00	0.00



	As of May 31, 2022	As of May 31, 2021 (PP)	Change
1205 FFC SOYMT6 GatheringYouth Fund	137,522.63	142,723.78	-5,201.15
1210 FFC SOYMT3 Michener	28,812.97	29,902.68	-1,089.71
1215 FFC SOYMT2 BertscheTravel Fd	60,108.14	62,381.45	-2,273.31
1220 FFC SOYMT5 Staff Salary Fund	141,477.54	146,828.27	-5,350.73
1225 FFC SOYMT4 Unrestricted	106,903.19	118,655.12	-11,751.93
1230 FFC SOYMT1 Walton Fund	53,257.84	55,272.52	-2,014.68
1240 FFC SOYMT7 Meetinghouse Support	26,423.90	27,312.92	-889.02
1250 FGC Meetinghouse Fund	0.00	0.00	0.00
1255 Domini Fund	0.00	0.00	0.00
1257 Domini International Equity	0.00	0.00	0.00
1259 Domini Social Equity Fund	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Total 1255 Domini Fund</b>	<b>\$ 0.00</b>	<b>\$ 0.00</b>	<b>\$ 0.00</b>
Total 1200 Trustee Investments	\$ 554,506.21	\$ 583,076.74	-\$ 28,570.53
Total Other Current Assets	\$ 572,479.31	\$ 601,645.12	-\$ 29,165.81
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<b>\$ 670,211.32</b>	<b>\$ 671,213.68</b>	<b>-\$ 1,002.36</b>
Other Assets			
1270 Loans	0.00	0.00	0.00
1276 SEYM Bank Error	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Total 1270 Loans</b>	<b>\$ 0.00</b>	<b>\$ 0.00</b>	<b>\$ 0.00</b>
<b>Total Other Assets</b>	<b>\$ 0.00</b>	<b>\$ 0.00</b>	<b>\$ 0.00</b>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$ 670,211.32</b>	<b>\$ 671,213.68</b>	<b>-\$ 1,002.36</b>
<b>LIABILITIES AND EQUITY</b>			
Liabilities			
Current Liabilities			
Other Current Liabilities			
1300 Expected/prepaid expenses	0.00	0.00	0.00
1336 Last FY Expenses not paid	0.00	0.00	0.00
1383 Prepaid Mtg. Donations	0.00	0.00	0.00
1384 Youth Donation FY next	0.00	0.00	0.00
1385 YAQ Donation FY next	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Total 1300 Expected/prepaid expenses</b>	<b>\$ 0.00</b>	<b>\$ 0.00</b>	<b>\$ 0.00</b>
1370 Payroll Liabilities	57.03	57.03	0.00
1372 SEYM Payroll Liability	57.03	57.03	0.00
<b>Total 1370 Payroll Liabilities</b>	<b>\$ 114.06</b>	<b>\$ 114.06</b>	<b>\$ 0.00</b>
<b>Total Other Current Liabilities</b>	<b>\$ 114.06</b>	<b>\$ 114.06</b>	<b>\$ 0.00</b>
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>	<b>\$ 114.06</b>	<b>\$ 114.06</b>	<b>\$ 0.00</b>
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>\$ 114.06</b>	<b>\$ 114.06</b>	<b>\$ 0.00</b>
Equity			
1400 Trustees Funds Equity	296,694.99	296,694.99	0.00
1500 Operational Equity/ Net Assets			0.00
1511 General Fund Net Assets	29,324.36	29,324.36	0.00
1560 Triennial Travel Net Assets	5,349.80	5,349.80	0.00
1561 FPT Donations Net Assets	0.00	0.00	0.00
1580 Publications Net Assets	14,341.85	14,341.85	0.00
<b>Total 1500 Operational Equity/ Net Assets</b>	<b>\$ 49,016.01</b>	<b>\$ 49,016.01</b>	<b>\$ 0.00</b>
1700 Retained Earnings	325,388.62	199,373.75	126,014.87
1800 Opening Bal Net Assets	0.00	0.00	0.00
Net Revenue	-1,002.36	126,014.87	-127,017.23
<b>Total Equity</b>	<b>\$ 670,097.26</b>	<b>\$ 671,099.62</b>	<b>-\$ 1,002.36</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY</b>	<b>\$ 670,211.32</b>	<b>\$ 671,213.68</b>	<b>-\$ 1,002.36</b>

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# Worship & Ministry Committee Report

SEYM Fall Interim Business Meeting

5 Eleventh Month 2022

The SEYM Worship & Ministry Committee has been hard at work discerning way forward for its ministry. One of the most important things the committee has discovered is the importance of listening to the spiritual nurture of ourselves, our Meetings, and the Yearly Meeting. Our meeting on 25 Eighth Month began with a reading that epitomizes this aspect of our Quaker life:

*To "listen" another's soul into a condition of disclosure and discovery may be almost the greatest service that any human being ever performs for another. But in this scrutiny of the business of listening, is that all that has emerged? Is it blasphemous to suggest that over the shoulder of the human listener, there is never absent the silent presence of the Eternal Listener, the living God? For in penetrating to what is involved in listening, do we not disclose the thinness of the filament that separates persons listening openly to one another, and that of God intently listening to each soul?*

GLEANINGS by Douglas V. Steere

We have thus discerned four areas upon which our efforts will be concentrated at the present time:

1. Intervisitation Reimagined and the Listening Project: Taking the previous Intervisitation practice to a new level by not just visiting other Meetings and Worship Groups but fostering listening and conversation around the spiritual nurture of Monthly Meetings and Worship Groups.
2. Providing the opportunity for Friends to participate in an Extended Worship experience via Zoom (this was first provided at Yearly Meeting Gathering 2022).
3. Adding a Query of the Week (or as often as Spirit leads and life allows) – Called **Queries for the Journey** – to the SEYM website home page.
4. The initiation of a Spiritual Book Club on various spiritual texts.

And, of course, we continue to hold in the Light the hearts and concerns of all Friends.

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

## Field Secretary for Earthcare (FSE) Report

SEYM Fall Interim Business Meeting  
5 Eleventh Month 2022

### Overview

*Provide focus and coordinate efforts on environmental work in the Southeastern Yearly Meeting (SEYM) region. This report summarizes the field secretary activities undertaken since the written and oral reports submitted for SEYM Gathering. Due to lack of access, some activities were not reported during the Sixth Month Executive Committee. The majority of activities continue to be carried out online; however, some in-person visits and hybrid were made during this period. As usual, this report also includes planned activities.*

### Communication with the Anchoring Committee

Communication with the FSE Anchoring Committee members continues to be through email, telephone, or other electronic means. As in-person or hybrid visits increase, I'm looking for to meeting with Anchoring Committee members.

### 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.*

As a reminder, "Meetings can issue invitations to the [SEYM] administrative secretary, FSE, or the Anchor Committee [for FSE visits]. We will all conference over the invitation and subsequent planning" (Phoebe Andersen, 3 Tenth Month 2016). This includes virtual visits.

### Contact Information

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- Twitter: @fsearthcare
- Zoom: <https://zoom.us/j/7545638812>.
- Skype: phdant
- Telephone number: 813.928.8823.
- Snailmail: P.O. Box 1614, Umatilla, FL 32784 (until further notice).

A Google calendar showing requests for visitation and FSE has been created and shared with the Anchoring Committee. All prior, for this reporting period, and upcoming visits are shown below. MMs and WGs continue to request visits or workshops.

### Suggested workshop/event topics:

- Angelic Troublemaking: Beyond Bystander Training: explores anti-racism/decolonization work with emphasis on local concerns and means of accompaniment;
- Climate Equity/Climate Justice in Our Community: identifies specific local social justice and equity concerns. Participants identify actions to address concerns;
- Discerning Earthcare Leadings: listening and sharing experiences to reach individual and group decisions on Earthcare actions;
- Earthcare audits: baseline assessment of individual or community 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 bring these practices into Earthcare;
- Project Drawdown, Introduction and more: presents information on actions that “drawdown” carbon emissions and ways to promote drawdown choices as individuals and communities;
- Quakers and Climate Collapse: shares and builds on a Woodbrooke course led by Jackie Carpenter from 2021 Fifth Month (May), including review of the latest science, worship sharing, and discernment;
- 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;
- Underwater Homeowners Association: shares local actions that can be undertaken by communities experiencing sea level rise;
- Water: Sea Level Rise, Flooding, and Water Quality explores local, national, and global water issues; and
- Waterline Communities: Displacement and Gentrification and Why Quakers Should Care drills down to the county or community level on the impacts of displacement.

### **SEYM Earth Day Drop-In, 22 Fourth Month**

On Earth Day about 20 Friends gathered virtually to discuss local and State issues and beyond. At the top of the discussion was a brief recap of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) following from the SEYM Gathering workshop.

The impacts of the planned toll road on the Split Oak Forest Wildlife and Environmental Area were also discussed. (The forest is an 1,689-acre park and a joint project between the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) and Osceola and Orange Counties. It is just southeast of the Orlando International Airport). We viewed a newsclip, [Environmental group to fight state agency's approval of toll road through Split Oak Forest](#). The Central Florida Expressway Authority proposes to extend the Osceola Parkway more than a mile across the southwest corner of the forest.

We also discussed the upcoming UN Climate Change Conference 2022 (UNFCCC COP 27) 7 - 18 Eleventh Month (November) 2022, Sharm el-Sheikh, South Sinai, Egypt. Of concern was the disappointment with the lack of substantive outcomes from the UN Climate Change Conference 2021 (UNFCCC COP 26) and failure to enact the get the Build Back Better Act passed by the Senate, at that time.

There also was some discussion on the work of Decolonizing Quakers and Quakers Uprooting Racism. Water issues continue to be of concern; however, the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) does make available as much as \$1.6 billion over five years to improve water infrastructure across the State. There was interest by participants in continuing to have more “drop-ins” and I will be establishing a schedule that will be shared on the SEYM website.

### **Miami Monthly Meeting, 29 Fifth Month**

From the Yearly Meeting session, Brian Olson invited me, on behalf of the Miami Meeting, to conduct a workshop on “Beyond Build Back Better: Realizing the World We Seek.” This workshop looks at the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act of 2021 and breakdown the State allocation to the county level. The major funding categories are

- Roads and bridges
- Public transportation options

- Electric vehicle (EV) charging stations
- High-speed internet connectivity
- Climate change, cyber attacks, and extreme weather events preparation
- Water infrastructure improvements
- Airport infrastructure improvements.

Overall, the Act seeks to address climate change mitigation, resilience, equity, and safety and is linked to the Executive Order (EO) 14008, Tackling the Climate Crisis at Home and Abroad, signed 27 First Month 2021. This EO created the government-wide Justice40 Initiative. The Initiative directs at least 40 percent of the overall benefits from federal investments in climate and clean energy to disadvantaged communities. More than 21 federal programs have been prioritized to begin enhancing benefits for these communities.

The workshop also provided some brainstorming on looking beyond the former Build Back Better Act. Since the workshop, the Build Back Better Act has been enacted as the Inflation Reduction Act. As State allocations of this Act are made available, I will provide county level estimates.

The purpose of these estimates and the workshops is help Friends discern how to be involved on the local level in the decision-making of the use of these funds. I have developed county level information for all the SEYM counties and somewhat beyond. If you're interested in a virtual or hybrid workshop, please contact me. I encourage Friends to invite local groups to participate.

#### **Orlando Monthly Meeting, Peace and Social Concerns Committee, 29 Seventh Month**

The Quakers of Orlando invited me to participate in an organizational meeting of the committee. The original request was to share information from the SEYM Gathering workshop, however, the discussion centered more on structural issues and practice. Participants agreed to include the work of Earthcare as part of the committee's charge and I will provide support as schedule permits.

I continue to worship virtually with various Meetings and Worship Groups, e.g., St. Augustine; SEYM, and other Quaker groups, and am planning for in-person or hybrid worship.

#### **Interactions or Collaborations between and among other SEYM committees**

*These 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.*

- The Committee for Ministry on Racism (CMOR): I continue to serve as a member of CMOR and provide support, especially in identifying resources and preparing for the Gathering workshop. I have been in contact with Susan Taylor and other committee members about convening a virtual meeting to discuss the "Model Minute For Consideration By Yearly Meetings on Responsibility for Support of Boarding Schools for Indigenous Children", <https://www.decolonizingquakers.org/quakers-and-boarding-schools/model-minute-for-consideration-by-yearly-meetings/>;
- Earthcare Committee: I continue to work closely with the Committee on an individual or small group basis;

- Florida Council of Churches (FCC): Work the with Florida Council of Churches has been supportive of the efforts of the executive director, Russell Meyer, and others during the Florida Legislative session. This included participating in Florida Clergy Gathering 16 - 17 Fifth Month (May) in Orlando. The Florida Council of Churches is hosted the event, which was presented by Pastors for Florida Children. We discussed ways for people of faith to be involved in legislative advocacy, community organizing, and voter empowerment. I shared SEYM's Minute on Florida's new discriminatory laws with participants, including representatives from the Southern Poverty Law Center (SPLC) and Equality Florida;
- Peace and Social Concerns: some contact has continued with the SEYM Peace and Social Concerns Committee and Monthly Meetings Peace and Social Concerns Committees, as mentioned above;
- Quaker United Nations Office (QUNO), AFSC: Kathy Hersh and I share an SEYM appointment to AFSC. More information about QUNO and AFSC is detailed below;
- Right Sharing of World Resources: I continue to share information through the QEW United Nations Working Group, AFSC, and Quaker United Nations Committee.
- Youth Committee: I continue to work with the Youth Committee and will miss Kody Hersh.

### **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.*

*In the wider Quaker World, interfaith groups, and other environmental organizations, I have listed existing memberships, partnerships, or collaborations that have been a part of the outreach effort. These include, but are not limited to:*

- Alternatives to Violence Project (AVP): The Florida AVP facilitators continue to hold monthly virtual meetings. I remain in contact with former AVP USA president Dawn Addy;
- American Friends Service Committee (AFSC): I continue to serve as a corporate member of AFSC and as part of that work am a member of the Quaker United Nations Committee (QUNC). I also am part of AFSC's Third World Coalition.
  - I participated in several virtual sessions of the AFSC Corporation meeting held 3 - 7 Fourth Month (April). Of interest may be the links to these presentations:
    - Winona LaDuke, keynote address, <https://youtu.be/iqKYNQUpHTE>;
    - Panel: Quaker climate activists - Intersections of climate justice and Quakerism, with [Liana Irvine](#), FCNL PA Advocacy Corps Organizer; [Pamela Boyce Simms](#), Buddhist-Quaker Facilitating Evolutionary Culture-design; [Clarence Edwards](#), FCNL Legislative Director for Sustainable Energy & Environment; [Shelley Tanenbaum](#), Quaker Earthcare Witness; <https://youtu.be/wrDPxoYTgqA>.
  - I participated virtually in QUNC's hybrid annual meeting 16-19 Third Month (March). We continue to plan for the 75th anniversary; the celebration will take place Spring 2023.

- o The final full meeting of Quakers Uprooting Racism (QR) community of practice took place 8 Sixth Month. Prior to that meeting, I co-facilitated a meeting with the QR planners with Lucy Duncan. Many of the QR cohort participants continue to meet in smaller working groups with the intention of being resources to the wider Quaker world. I am participating in the Quaker Organizations Working Group.
- Decolonizing Quakers, <https://www.decolonizingquakers.org/>: The first affinity group meeting for indigenous Friends was held during Second Month (February) 2022 and evolved into a second gathering. I was a convener of two meetings of Friends of African descent on discerning the meaning of “decolonizing.” The meetings were held on 9 Seventh Month (July) and 20 Eight Month (August). A third meeting is scheduled for 1 Eleventh Month (October);
- Fellowship of Friends of African Descent (FOFAD): From the work with Quakers Uprooting Racism and climate justice, I have become more active in FOFAD. I will participate in virtual celebration on 31 Eighth Month (August) to celebrate the International Day for People of African Descent. Paula Rhodes, AFSC and Mountain View Friends Meeting, is working on a draft declaration for the Permanent Forum of People of African Descent for the promotion, protection and full respect of the human rights of people of African descent.
- Florida Interfaith Climate Actions Network (FL-iCAN): Jan Booher continues to work with the Florida Disaster Resilience Initiative, (<https://resiliencesystem.org/dashboards/florida-disaster-resilience-initiative/>) and share health and environmental information, including COVID-19.
- Friends Committee on National Legislation (FCNL): Brad Stocker and I continue to share a slot as representatives to FCNL for QEW.
  - o On 16 Sixth Month (June), I participated in the FCNL Call to Conscience or Call to Climate Action and made a presentation on the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act of 2021 and the Build Back Better Act. One aim of this presentation was to encourage Friends to engage on the local level in the decision making processes on the use of the funds to promote actions to mitigate the impacts of climate collapse.
  - o Friends may be interested in “Inside the Greenhouse”, a monthly update on FCNL’s environmental advocacy and the emerging climate issues. See, <https://www.fcnl.org/email/greenhouse>.
- Friends General Conference: I continue to work with FGC, particularly with the Fellowship of Friends of Color, FOFAD, and Quakers Uprooting Racism.
- Friends Peace Teams (FPT): I continue to work with members of FPT linking FPT to QEW UN Working Group and Towards Right Relationship/Decolonizing Quakers;
- Friends United Meeting (FUM): I continue to work with Jim Kessler, Grinnell Friends Church, through Quaker Earthcare Witness;
- Friends World Committee for Consultation (FWCC): I continue to work to strengthen links to FWCC through QEW, FGC, and AFSC;

- National Academies of Sciences, Transportation Research Board (TRB), Equity in Transportation and the Women’s Issues in Transportation Committees. Following the Conference on Advancing Equity in Transportation, I made a presentation to the TRB executive committee and to the research team of the U.S. Department on Transportation (USDOT) on the findings from the conference.
- The Pachamama Alliance: I continue to work with members through the FL-iCAN network;
- QEW: I did co-clerk the biannual meeting during Fourth Month (April) with Brad Stocker. Through QEW Presents!, an online offering of workshops, I have or am preparing to work virtually with
  - o Durham Friends in Durham, NC, 15 Sixth Month (June), “Beyond Build Back Better”;
  - o Wilton Quaker Meeting in Wilton, CT, 25 Ninth Month (September), “Racial Wealth Gap Simulation”;
- Tri-City NAACP Branch: I continue with the Environmental and Climate Justice Committee. This work has led to several requests for presentations:
  - o I lead the keynote discussion, “Centering Environmental Justice in Lake County’s Conservation Work”, at the Lake County Conservation Symposium, 30 Fourth Month (April), Trout Lake Nature Center, Eustis, FL. Nearly 100 participants attended the Symposium, which was sponsored by more than a dozen environmental and social justice groups and the general public;
  - o I made a presentation on environmental justice to the Greater Leesburg Democratic Club on 20 Sixth Month (June);
  - o I provided the First Day message, “The Battered Earth: Injury, Loss, and Healing” for the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Lake County on 24 Seventh Month (July);
  - o I facilitated a third forum in the form of a town hall meeting of elected officials and the public on sustainable growth on in Lake County on 21 Eighth Month (August).
- University of South Florida, Institute on Black Life (IBL), Advisory Committee and the Patel College of Global Sustainability (PCGS): I continue to work with the University. My colleagues and I have a upcoming publication, “Exploring the Role of Social Networks in Hurricane Preparedness Planning: A Study of Public Housing Residents” in the book *Hurricane Risk in a Changing Climate*.

### **Social Media**

I continue to blog through “eField Notes” on the SEYM website, <http://seymquakers.org/faith-in-action/field-secretary-for-earthcare/>. I also share short pieces on activities, with SEYM Monthly Meetings, Working Groups, the wider Quaker world and others. Please send suggestions for topics, research, etc. Thank you so much for love, support, and kindness.

May we all be safe.

May we all be healthy.

May we all know joy.

May we all know happiness.

May we all live lives of wellbeing.



Love and Peace,  
Beverly G. Ward

## Committee for Ministry on Racism

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The Committee for Ministry on Racism (CMOR) has a new clerk, Kathy Hersh (DeLand WG). Susan Taylor (Tallahassee MM) will be the recorder/notetaker. Additional members of the committee are:

Wendy Geiger, Jacksonville  
Minerva Glidden, Orlando MM  
Beverly Ward, Tampa MM,  
Brad Stocker, Miami MM  
Cindy Kwalwasser, DeLand WG  
Jane Westberg, Boulder MM  
Cheryl Demers, DeLand WG  
Mainus Sultan, Savannah MM  
Katie Green, Clearwater MM  
Jean Larson, Gainesville MM

The Committee hold a Zoom meeting on November 14, 7-8pm. If anyone in SEYM would like to sit in on this meeting, please notify Susan Taylor and she will send you the Zoom link.

In addition to designing workshops for our YM sessions, we are constantly looking out for new books, videos, podcasts and retreats which we think SEYM Friends will find useful in the process of liberating ourselves from the systemic racism. We always welcome suggestions.

At this time of deep political and cultural divisions, we need to be alert to the fallout from the mid-term elections and the potential violence directed toward the “others,” particularly people of color.

May the Light illuminate the way forward.

Submitted by Kathy Hersh, clerk, SEYM Committee for Ministry on Racism

# Friends Peace Teams Report

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## Toward Healing

By Cecilia Yocum, Nadine Hoover and Kevin King

What can we do to address trauma passing from generation to generation if the trauma might have occurred many years ago? This question has become part of healing from trauma in people's lives. FPT is just beginning to explore this.

Toward Right Relationship with Native Peoples understands that the first step toward healing is to learn and acknowledge the history and ongoing impacts of genocide, colonization, and forced assimilation. Where are we, our families, and our communities in this story? In our TRR workshops, participants engage in learning, reflection, and dialogue, and begin to take steps toward healing. Visit [friendspeaceteams.org/trr](https://friendspeaceteams.org/trr) to register for our workshops and presentations.

Studying books such as "Healing Haunted Histories," (Enns & Myers, 2021) has also helped raise awareness among settlers. Many of us are seeking ways to look at our own lineage and how our ancestors have hurt or been hurt by others through slavery, human trafficking, colonization, and exploitation. This can be very uncomfortable work when we see the damage that was done by or to our ancestors and we might be unsure how to address these injustices, how to heal, or how to repair the damage done.

Healing and Rebuilding Our Communities In Rwanda and Burundi. Ways have been developed to bring different communities together to look at the violence that had been going on for years, including genocide. The participants voiced their desire to not only heal individually, but to work together to restore and rebuild the community relationships through a series of workshops, community healing companions, and community gatherings. Activities focused on inclusion and sharing among perpetrators and victims. Especially important was finding common ground. An unexpected outcome for some volunteers was to work with some of the US congress on the Genocide Prevention Act.

Power of Goodness collects stories and children's artwork relating to how people have addressed interpersonal conflicts, but also collective, historical, and environmental abuse and injustice. This collection began to help Quaker children deal with the traumas of WWII, then the Chechen and Ukrainian wars. Friends are invited to share true stories from around the world that have helped up heal and end violence and injustice.

Alternatives to Violence Project Trauma Resiliency Workshops In Colombia and several Central American countries provided a place where people talked about how separation between groups was promoted by government actions and companies taking over land. In Indonesia, enemies in decades of war or religious violence came together in structured, residential workshops and were shocked at the ability to heal, reconcile, and even become lasting friends. The Spirit lives in these direct relationships, which is where miracles are possible.

River of Life is an important exercise where people look at the past, present, and future-formative events, strengths and weaknesses. The participants imagine a future where they could use their strengths to create a new future that avoids repeating past mistakes. They act out these futures to come up with new ideas. For

example, one young man had been in a rebel group like many in his family. When he imagined his future, he said he saw a new vision. He said, “My life will be forever changed. I saw I didn’t have to be who I was before.”

We hope you will join us in the work of looking at the past, present, and future to build a better world. Thanks for all your support over the past 20 plus years.

See [FriendsPeaceTeams.org](https://FriendsPeaceTeams.org) for more information and inspiration

# Quaker Earthcare Witness Report

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Quaker Earthcare Witness held its annual fall steering committee meeting from October 20 to 23 via Zoom. Beverly G. Ward and Brad Stocker were the co-clerks.

All members of the Steering Committee were presented with information about the resources available from QEW and was asked to share them with their respective meetings.

What follows are some of the resources available. Access is through the SEYM members of Quaker Earthcare Witness and from the Quaker Earthcare Witness website (<https://quakerearthcare.org/>).

There are power points available to use. One is about Quaker Earthcare Witness in general.

<https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1hbbGM4Rs9kbGiySgbLnshoz3Ka4ll19y/edit#slide=id.p1>

This one is about Mini-grants (<https://quakerearthcare.org/mini-grants/>).

There is one on Population and Earthcare:

(<https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1QzzzeW6tffQ2Z1fNgPZ-OBVjQZyYc64G/edit#slide=id.p1>)

There are a more that are from member's presentations Quaker Earthcare Witness Presents.

(<https://quakerearthcare.org/workshops/>) Invite these Friends to your Meetings.

These resources are free for all to use. So, use them, please!

- Quaker Earthcare Witness has implemented a Community Safety Agreement (CSA) similar to those used by FGC, FCNL, and some Friends Yearly and Monthly Meetings. A copy is available at the end of this report.
- Shelley Tanenbaum, currently the Quaker Earthcare Witness general secretary announced her plans for retiring at the end of 2023. The search will soon begin for a new general secretary. Those who might be interested in the position can reach out to Beverly Ward (FSEarthcare@seymquakers.org) or Brad Stocker (brstocker@yahoo.com) for more information.
- For the last year and a half Quaker Earthcare Witness has lifted attention to work on anti-racism and there have been several presentations about that work. The CSA, mentioned above, is part of that work.

Quaker Earthcare Witness has four passes for attendance at COP27. One of them is shared with a new member, Frank Granshaw. Frank made a short presentation about the Virtual Bridge to COP27.

<https://prezi.com/view/8KoaYVwUh5CNRyYb1MMF/>

<https://sites.google.com/pdx.edu/connectingtocop27/home> There is a concern that the choice of Egypt was initially made to prevent countries and people with few financial resources from attending. Thus, the bridge is important for voices. [There will be a virtual and on the ground pilgrimage to COP27 organized by Dominican Sisters but including all people religious. [<https://jcor2030.org/shoeless-on-sinai-a-digital-pilgrimage-to-cop27/>.]]

Brad Stocker presented the Decade of Defiance about people who have been murdered for working on saving Earth and which points out the significant difference between the global north and the global south. Here are two links: <https://www.globalwitness.org/en/campaigns/environmental-activists/decade-defiance/> and <https://www.globalwitness.org/en/campaigns/environmental-activists/numbers-lethal-attacks-against-defenders-2012/>.

Another presentation in power point is “Five Key Points on Biodiversity” that focuses on biodiversity loss. Here is David Millar’s Five Key Points on Biodiversity.

<https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/19ArHJvpowWTjp9GqU7WhnMoGLUZheKUK/edit#slide=id.p2>

- Beverly presented on Environmental Justice in a conversation format with the General Secretary and Director of Quaker Earthcare Witness. It was recorded and may be available soon.
- Jack Bradin announced that he is stepping back and is co-clerking several important committees to ease the new Friends in. His term ends in 2023 and SEYM nominating needs to keep that in mind.

**The following needs consideration for action:**

- **Quaker Earthcare Witness is on a fund-raising drive. It needs about \$10,000 to make operating budget soon. All of us have been asked to bring this concern back to our respective meetings and ask for them to consider if their financial support could be increased. Inflation has had it impact on Quaker Earthcare Witness’ staff.**

**One notion that came up is to mention to our Meetings is that during the pandemic all in person gatherings of Quaker Earthcare Witness have been suspended and thus, the costs for those that Meetings incurred to send their representatives were not needed.**

- **So, we are asking for SEYM consider what was not needed to support travel, registration, room and board at in person meeting be donated to Quaker Earthcare Witness directly to help with its work and financial needs.**

This report is submitted by Brad Stocker.

### **Quaker Earthcare Witness Community Safety Agreement**

We seek to support QEW in its process of becoming a more diverse, equitable and inclusive organization,

- We move forward embracing the necessary discomfort that is part of this process.
- We understand that this transformation is possible, if we are willing to be held accountable.
- We recognize that our own diversity will require that we work on this concern in ourselves, our home Meetings, and in our service with QEW.
- As Quakers, we are committed to transformation through God’s refining fire as the necessary process to create the world we want to create.

**We therefore aspire to:**

**Justice:** We will strive for restoration and healing when injuries occur.

**Respect:** We will communicate respect for each other; with our **patience** and caring.

**Honesty:** We commit to speaking candidly, plainly, and tenderly with one another.

**Affirmation:** We will affirm each other’s humanity and value.

**Empathy:** We will **listen deeply** communicating empathy through our words and body language.

**Curious:** We will explore together, asking honest questions

**Brave:** We will venture outside our comfort zone.

# Quaker United Nations Office

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## Ukraine, Russia, and the Quaker Peace Testimony

During FCNL's October Quaker Changemaker event, "Ukraine, Russia, and the Quaker Peace Testimony," Tim Gee, general secretary for the Friends World Committee for Consultation, and Nozizwe Madlala-Routledge, director of the Quaker United Nations Office in Geneva, discussed their recent trip through Central Europe. Their discussion was based on their personal experience and witness and was rooted in Quaker history and wisdom. Along with FCNL General Secretary Bridget Moix, Tim and Nozizwe reflected on the role that Quakers can play as peacebuilders as the war in Ukraine escalates.

Friends can view this discussion in full on the FCNL YouTube channel at: [Ukraine, Russia, and the Quaker Peace Testimony - YouTube](#)

Friends may be led to join the FCNL campaign to keep open the lines of diplomacy at: [Friends Committee on National Legislation | Condemn Russia's Nuclear Threats and Press for Diplomacy to End the War in Ukraine \(quorum.us\)](#)

Friends can read the new October 26, 2022 Statement on the Peace Testimony and Ukraine at: [Statement on the Peace Testimony and Ukraine | Friends Committee On National Legislation \(fcl.org\)](#)

Submitted by  
Elizabeth Jenkins  
SEYM QUNO Representative





Florida Coalition for Peace and Justice.  
10665 SW 89th Avenue  
Hampton FL 32044

September 22, 2022

### Background:

Founded in 1982 by a coalition of Peace Activists, in 1994 land (14 acres) was donated by Julia and Al Geiger upon which a Peace education Center was built and in 2010, 2 residential homes were constructed. The F.C.P.J. is a 501C3 org whose purpose is described here, in Article 2 of our bylaws:

The purposes of the Organization shall be to use its land-based assets: *To provide a space for meetings, retreats, workshops, camps, and educational activities that promote peace, human rights, and social justice awareness.*

Founded as non-denominational, all are welcomed and encouraged to participate and share space on this Common Ground.

### Update:

This past year of 2022 has seen improvements to infrastructure as well as programming and guest organizations and individuals utilizing our property/facilities. With the installation of 4 RV pads w/ sewer hookups, we have created income producing areas for RVs in addition to tent camping sites. Our Peace Education Center provides showers & kitchen privileges as well as a large common room for events or simply a quiet space to read and reflect. Recently we have installed a Bee colony which will expand into an apiary this coming Spring.

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### Programs in Pictures



FCPJ is a midway stop on the Florida Trail and a partner in the Gateway Community, offering hikers a respite and safe space at low cost. We look forward to the coming season, serving our traveling friends as they hike through Florida's wild places.



**The Hope CommUnity** has run their programming with us on a number of occasions & we always look forward to this lively group.



**The Keystone Scouts** have spent time working on their merit badges as we offered them affordable rates and volunteer staff to assist them in creating worthwhile and memorable experiences.



**World Fusion Classroom**  
**Mindful Movement**  
 Ages 6-12  
 Mondays  
 4:30-5:30pm  
 10665 SW 89th Ave  
 Hampton, FL

Astarte & Nathan have brought their **World Fusion Classroom** business to FCPJ! As new residents we are thrilled to partner with these two talented, professionals.

The Season is starting NOW.  
Hikers, Scouts, Dancers of all ages will be coming to FCPJ.  
**Please Join us!**

## Our ASK of SEYM

In past, SEYM has been generous in contributing to FCPJ. It is no secret that for over a decade, FCPJ went through a decline in programming and quite honestly seemed to have misplaced the original vision shared with the Founders and supported by the Geiger Family through the land donation. We are presently leaping ahead with work and vision to establish FCPJ as a member in the Worldwide Community of sustainability Centers which are forming a network across cultures and National divisions globally.

This past year, SEYM allocated \$100 to FCPJ as a yearly contribution. We are asking for that amount to be increased. Specifically, we are reaching out for seed dollars for a list of projects which include:

- Establishing a Certified Kitchen
- Materials for educational programming (drums, art supplies)
- Gardens & Apiary.
- Maintenance (we're painting the inside of the PEC)

We are asking SEYM for an increase of between \$500 & \$1000 per year.

We are also inviting you to visit this season and experience our “Common Ground”.

[Individuals can donate through PayPal: [florida4peace.org](https://www.florida4peace.org)]

*“won't be asked to do our share when we're gone,  
so I guess we'll have to do it while we're here.” P. Ochs*

