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# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Jan Dough

I was bitten by the travel bug when I was 15 years old and my Girl Scout troop went to Europe for six weeks, visiting nine countries. It was my first time on an airplane, first time to travel without my family and first time away from home for more than a week. The trip opened my eyes to the world and to travel.

Now, if anyone says the words "road trip," I am the first to grab my bag and jump aboard. I am always excited to go somewhere I have never been before. So when I got the invitation to join the USFWI for their Spring meeting I was thrilled to get the opportunity to travel to Indiana and to meet the ladies that make the USFWI (United Society of Friends Women International) board . I also looked forward to the road trip with our North Carolina board members, Mary Anna McCullen, Etta Florence Winslow and Rita Mintmier. I want to share with you some things I learned on this trip.

First, "What happens on the road trip; stays on the road trip." Well, yes and no. Yes, you do not need to know every detail of our adventure – crazy pj's, rolled hair, missed turns, etc. etc. Those are our fun memories to be kept to ourselves. But the workings of the UFSWI and their board members are worthy of repeating and sharing. This group of ladies worked hard for two days seeking God's guidance as they planned and reported on the works of our USFWI. They all shared their ideas, concerns and praises for the work God has put forth for our USFW's. There were a few times when I wanted to hurry things along or make a quicker decision but their patience and sound discussions led to peaceful and thoughtful conclusions. Serving on this board is a commitment of time and service. The opening devotions shared by Linda Eliason reminded us that God has a purpose for each of us and it is our job to be faithful and obedient and let God harvest the rewards.

Second, the needs of our missions and missionaries are great. I am grateful for those that share their visions and passions for helping others. I hesitate to start listing specific missions or persons as I do not want to leave anyone out but the work going on in Jamaica, Belize, Cuba, Mexico, Africa, Ramallah, and our Native American Centers are struggling to meet the needs. Yes, it takes money to fix the physical structures and to put the right people in our field staff

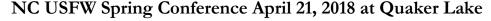
positions. It takes money to travel to meetings, to feed the hungry, to clothe those in need, to educate those who are denied education without funds, to help when disasters hit. It takes us all working together, giving what we can – no matter how small – to help support those whose needs are so great.

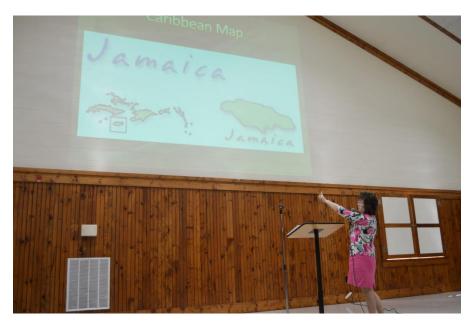
Third, *I* need to do all *I* can to support our USFWI projects. Sometimes the needs seem so large and I think, "What can I do to help?" It may feel like there is nothing I can do to make a difference. But this weekend I realized that many of these projects were started because one person saw a need and did what they could to help. One person continued to make a trip to serve and share their love for Christ. One person saw a need for a school or a VBS. One person prayed a prayer to let them be of service to others. One person let God be the guide in their life.

The opportunity to sit in on the USFWI board meeting was enlightening and inspirational. It gave me a clearer vision of the missions our USFW's support. It gave me an opportunity to share with others what we in North Carolina are doing in our own Monthly Meetings as well as what we are doing for the missions outside of our communities. It gave me a chance to reflect on what *more* can be done.

Are you ready to road trip? Do you feel the call to invite your neighborhood children to your VBS; to travel to Jamaica to help with Summer Camp; to travel to MOWA Choctaw to help with VBS; to travel with a work team? If so, pack your bag and let God be your tour guide. I have a road trip for all of us to take!!! Our Annual Gathering will be September 15, 2018 at Somerton Friends Meeting near Suffolk, Virginia. It is a little bit of a drive but what a great opportunity to spend time with some great friends. NCUSFW is putting together a fun trip. We have several vans available for group travel and are looking into some other points of interest along the way. We will share more details as they develop but mark the date on your calendar and start packing your bags!

I want to end with my gratitude for those that attended and helped organize our Spring Conference. It was a wonderful gathering of fellowship and learning. Thank you to Rocky River for our morning refreshments, Cedar Square and Marlboro for our favors, the NC USFW board for the planning and decorations, to Pat Core for sharing devotions, to Brenda and Brent McKinney for the wonderful program on Jamaica, to Heather Varner and the Quaker Lake Staff and especially to each of you that were able to attend the meeting. God Bless!





Brenda McKinney Quakers in Jamaica



Mildred Byrd longtime volunteer with Jamaica VBS

Brenda McKinney

# PEACE AND CHRISTIAN SOCIAL CONCERNS

Esther Creed

Just up the road from my home is a field, with two horses in it. From a distance, each horse looks like every other horse. But if you stop your car, or are just walking by, you will notice something quite different.

Looking into the eyes of one horse will disclose that she is blind. His owner has chosen not to have her put down, but has made a good home for her. This alone is very unusual.

If you are nearby and listening, you will hear the sound of a bell. Looking around for the source of the sound, you will see that it comes from the smaller horse in the field. Attached to her halter is a small bell. It lets her blind friend know where she is, so she can follow her. As you stand and watch these two friends, you'll see how she is always checking on her, and will listen for the bell and then slowly walk to where she is, trusting that she will not lead her astray. When she returns to the shelter of the barn each evening, she stops occasionally and looks back, making sure her friend isn't too far behind to hear the bell.

Like the owner of these two horses, God does not throw us away because we have problems or challenges. He watches over us and even brings others into our lives to help us when we are in need. Sometimes we are the blind horse being guided by the little ringing bell of those who God places in our lives. Other times, we are the guide horse, helping others to find the way.

Good friends are like this. You don't always see them, but you know they are always there. Listen for the bell, someone is always listening for yours. You can make a difference in someone's life and yet maybe not even realize what you've done. Don't pass up the opportunity.

# CHILDREN AND YOUTH EDUCATION

Denise E. Barnes

When my grandson was a toddler, he loved to help his parents with their small garden in the backyard. He was so proud when the first cucumber was ready to pick. He later visited my house and was so excited to help me in my garden and to show his mom and dad what he found. As adults, we need to teach our children how to "sow seeds": not just literally but metaphorically as well. We can accomplish this by modeling, whether it's the actual act of planting seeds in a garden or by the way we treat others. Children are always watching us and learning from our behaviors. Therefore it is always important to plant the best seeds.

Here are "Nine Good Ways to Produce a Great Crop":

- 1.Plant seeds of love.
- 2. Plant seeds of joy.
- 3. Plant seeds of peace.
- 4. Plants seeds of patience.
- 5. Plant seeds of kindness.
- 6. Plant seeds of goodness.
- 7. Plant seeds of faithfulness.
- 8. Plant seeds of gentleness.
- 9. Plant seeds of self-control.

I once saw this used in a children's sermon where the speaker talked to them about planting "seeds" and as a symbolic gesture, gave each child a packet of seeds and instructed them to go out and plant them. The children were excited to see what the results would be. If we model these nine ways to our children/grandchildren, we, too, can be excited about the "great crop" of adults these young people will one day become.

"I planted the seed, Apollos watered it, but God has been making it grow. So neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God, who makes things grow. The one who plants and the one who waters have one purpose, and they will each be rewarded according to their own labor." 1 Corinthians 3:6-8

"And the seed whose fruit is righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace."

- James 3:18

## CHRISTIAN SERVICE

Judy Craven

Proverbs 14:31 – "He who oppresses the poor shows contempt for his Maker, but whoever is kind to the needy honors God."

When we oppress the poor we are making it harder for the poor to flourish and live well—and therefore, we are disrespecting God. When we are kind to the needy, our actions and lives honor God. God loves all humanity, but He is especially near to the poor. We're encouraged to extend compassion to those in poverty by offering them kindness. Scott Wagoner, Fruit of the Vine April 13, 2018.

These thoughts remind me of the work of NCUSFW ladies as we support foreign missions and especially caring for the needs in our local communities. THANK YOU for your compassion and generosity.

Current needs for FEMAP (Friends Emergency Material Assistance Program) continue to be items for all 4 kits—infant, school, hygiene and farmworkers. Please make referrals to FEMAP from your own communities where there is need. If you know teachers who need extra materials for their classrooms, or homeless shelters, family crisis centers or safe houses for abused women and children in need of hygiene or infant kits call Becké Jones at 336-887-5488.

The tornado damage in Greensboro has left many families homeless or with homes in need of much repair. Rebuilding will continue for a long time. There are many ways to help. Some agencies with websites for donations are Community Foundation of Greater Greensboro, East Greensboro Tornado Relief—United Way of Greater Greensboro and Greensboro Housing Hub.

I was asked to include in this article the table blessing we prayed at our wonderful NCUSFW Spring Conference on April 21, 2018.

For food and health and happy days Receive our gratitude and praise In serving others Lord may we Repay the debt of love to thee. Amen

## NOTE FROM HISTORIAN

Adis Beeson

#### **MEMORIALS**

At our 2018 NC USFW Spring Conference at Quaker Lake the following NC USFW members who had died in the past year were memorialized: <u>Asheboro:</u> Lelia Beeson, Judy Kallam; <u>Centre:</u> Virginia Hatchell Ward, Kathleen Hatcher Steed; <u>First Friends</u> Marietta McClennan Farlow, Nancy Richardson Medlin; <u>Hopewell</u>: Gladys Henley; <u>Jamestown</u>: Louise Richardson; <u>Marlboro</u>: Eva Mae Farlow Ashburn; <u>Mount Carmel</u> Violet Ruth Williams Rutledge; <u>White Plains:</u> Annabell Taylor Lovell.

As a way to remember those who have passed on, we take time at our Spring Conference each year to thank God for their service and faithfulness. We also remember those members who have left the Yearly Meeting but were members prior to the separation, as well as the members who may have left their meeting due to retirement or relocation in their last years. Please list names below of members who have passed away this year. Memorials will be read at the next NCUSFW Spring Conference.

Year	 	 	 -
Meeting:	 	 	
Name(s)	 	 	 

Mail or email Adis Beeson, Historian - 4305 Beeson Farm Road, Sophia, NC 27350 abee123@northstate.net.

Copy this form as needed, thank you ...

# ADULT MISSIONARY EDUCATION

Edith Shepherd



Miami Friends Meeting - our Florida sister meeting - has a small but active USFW group. The ladies of the Meeting engage themselves in meeting programs and also help with special activities during worship.

They also reach out to the community needs, helping financially and with food, clothes and transportation whenever there is a need. They keep their connection to Cuban Friends, welcoming them when they come for visits, as Miami is usually the first destination when they come to the U.S.

The USFW ladies of Miami Friends Meeting, all composed of Cuban immigrants, do their best to help their community and Meeting. They are very appreciative of the generous donation received from NCUSFW which was used to help with repairs to the meeting house after suffering damages during the last hurricane.

If you visit Miami, make plans to stop by Miami Friends Meeting and enjoy the fellowship with these Friends. You will be welcomed with open arms and a cup of very strong Cuban coffee.

# BIRTHDAYS OF WORKERS AND THEIR FAMILIES

June 1 Katrina McConaughey

July 30 Christine Wood

June 13 Shawn McConaughey

June 15 Oscar Mmbali August 20 Leah Sitonik

June 25 Suzanne Livingson August 21 Samson Ababu

June 30 Jocelyn Wilkinson (2000) August 27 Ken Saina

## STEWARDSHIP

Linda Anderson

The Bible teaches us that a steward must be someone who can be trusted to care for things that are important or dear to their master. Stewardship includes wise and thoughtful management of our time, treasure and talents so that we can use these things in service of the Lord for the benefit of others. When we exercise faithful stewardship it demonstrates our love for God and our fellow man.

In a story in Mark 12:43-44 (NKJV), as Jesus was sitting in the temple, He could see how the people put money into the treasury. He saw many who were rich putting in large amounts of money. "Then one poor widow came and threw in two mites, which make a quadrans (just a few cents). Then He called His disciples to Himself and said to them, 'Assuredly, I say to you that this poor widow has put in more than all those who have given to the treasury; for they all put in out of their abundance; but she out of her poverty put in all that she had, her whole livelihood'." This example of faithful stewardship is what God expects from us.

God gave us life and the gift of eternal life. He created us for Himself, and He wants our total person. The manner in which we use the resources in our control expresses our gift of self to God. In short, God doesn't want our resources, He wants us. Stewardship does not mean giving generous gifts from our possessions. Stewardship means that we recognize God owns it all. We have been entrusted with the goods of the earth, yet we own nothing. How can we give what we do not own? Rather, we must make those resources we do not need available to others. We have an obligation to provide for ourselves and our families and to maintain a way of life that respects our own dignity as persons. Yet we must recognize that most of us in the United States have opportunities and resources at our disposal that other people will never have. The following story (author unknown) illustrates the principles of Christian stewardship:

A young man was driving home from work and saw an older, shabbily-dressed man by the side of the road. He gave the poor man his lunch, and also offered to take him several miles into the closest town where he could get a ride at the bus station. As they were driving along, the young man suggested that it would soon be dinnertime, and he invited the old man home for dinner. During the meal, the younger man and his family enjoyed conversation with the older man, and learned that he was an itinerant farmer on his way west to help with a walnut harvest. Seeing that the hour was getting late, the couple suggested that the traveler should stay for the night. They gave up their room, complete with attached bath, for the night. Though the traveler protested, the couple pointed out that their young children would wake up during the night, and it would be better if the couple slept on the couch so the older man would not be disturbed. After dinner, the wife washed the man's clothes while he sat on the porch enjoying a cool drink. Early the next morning, the wife prepared a hearty breakfast and packaged a good portion of food for him, and her husband drove him to the bus stop in town to help him find a ride. Before parting, the young man offered the older gentleman all the money in his wallet, which was less than \$20.00. The traveler refused the money with the words, "You have given me more than anyone has ever given me in this life. You have given me my dignity as a human being."

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# LITERATURE

Darla Anderson

Greetings ladies of NCUSFW! It was great seeing so many of you at our Spring Conference at Quaker Lake! Thank you for browsing our bookstore and purchasing books. I still have copies of most of the titles on our 2018/2019 reading list. A copy of the 2018-19 reading list is in the March-May issue of the Carolina Woman. If you weren't able to make it to our conference or need to purchase more books, just let me know.

As most of you are probably aware, the Blueprints and Calendars did not arrive in time for our Spring Conference. I do have them now, however, and will send them to you if you need them prior to our Annual Gathering which will be held on September 15<sup>th</sup> at Somerton. For those of you who plan to attend the FCNC Annual Sessions on August 3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> at Quaker Lake, I could get them to you there. If you would contact me ahead of time (**Darla Anderson, 183 Sheridan Forest Road, Goldsboro, NC 27534; email dga@nc.rr.com**), I could have them ready for you to pick up. Blueprints are \$5.00 and Calendars are \$.50. Checks should be made payable to NCUSFW.

I hope that you enjoyed reading from our 2017/2018 reading list. Please send in reports for the certificates by August 15<sup>th</sup>. I will have them ready for pick up at our Annual Gathering. Please remember to use the new forms which I sent to our Literature Secretaries or Presidents.

Hope to see you at Somerton in September!

# North Carolina United Society of Friends Women 2018 Greensheet Projects

Explanations of USFWI projects are in January-February Carolina Woman

**June** \*\*NCUSFW Projects (Including printing of the Handbook and *Carolina Woman* Newsletter expenses)

# July \*Children & Youth USFWI 2018

- 1- Ramallah: Amari Play Center/Feeding program
- 2- Native American Children and Youth Programs (3 Centers)
- 3- Kenya: Turkana/Samburu Girls' Secondary Education
- 4- Belize: Friends School Feeding Program

# Aug \*\*Annual Gathering Offering

- 1 Friends Center: Guilford College
- 2 Special Project TBD

## **Sept** \*Membership Apportionment

\$5.00 per active member

\*\* NCUSFW Scholarship fund

## Oct \*Keys to the Kingdom USFWI 2018

- 1- Kenya FTC Teachers' Salaries/Satellite Program
- 2- Triennial Overseas Travel Assistance
- 3- The *Advocate* subsidy
- 4- Adult Education in Belize

## Nov \*United Thank Offering USFWI 2018

- 1-Jamaica: Pastoral Care
- 2-Belize: Director of Friends Center
- 3-Kenya Turkana/Samburu Pastors (32 Pastors)
- 4-Kenya African Ministries Programme Officer

### Dec \*\*MOWA Choctaw

\*\*Friends Disaster Service

\*USFWI Projects \*\*NC USFWI Projects

# NORTH CAROLINA SOCIETY OF FRIENDS WOMEN TREASURER'S REPORT

Jean Christy, Treasurer

January	Eliza Armstrong Cox Fellowship Scholarship Fund	\$1,720.25
	Interest Earned Mollie Cooper Fund CD (Jan-Dec)	\$7.81
	Interest Earned EAC Fellowship Scholarship Fund	\$0.45
	International Students Scholarship Fund	\$1,145.25
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February	Peace and Social Concerns USFWI 2018	4000 -0
	1-Cuba: Quaker Institute of Peace	\$602.50
	2-Right Sharing of World Resources: Samson Ababu	4602.50
	Support	\$602.50
	3-East Africa: Friends Church Peace Team: Getry Agizah	\$928.75
	4-Ramallah: Friends School Quaker Coordinator	\$326.25
	FEMAP-Friends Emergency Materials Assistance	
	Program	\$945.00
March	Four Funds USFWI 2018	
iviaicii	1-Love Fund: Belize Church Planter.Pastor: Oscar Siema	
	Mmbali	\$484.15
	2-Faith Fund: Kenya - Robert Wafula	\$484.15
	3-Hope Fund: Ramallah - Adrian Moody	\$484.15
	4-Joy Fund: USA - Native American Center Workers (3	Ţ 15 11 <u>2</u> 5
	centers)	\$687.55
April	Christian Service USFWI 2018	\$50.00
	1-Belize: Friends School Student Services	
	2-Ramallah: Eli & Sybil Jones's Scholarships (K-12)	
	3-Turkana/Samburu Missions	
	4-Lugulu Adopt-A-Bed	
May	Friends Homes Assistance Fund	
	Spring Conference Offering - Quaker Lake	
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June	NC USFW Projects	
July	Jamaica Building Fund-NCYM	
30.7	Children & Youth USFWI 2018	
	1- Ramallah: Amari Play Center Feeding Program	
	2-Native American Children and Youth Programs (3	
	centers)	
	3-Kenya: Turkana/Samburu Girls' Secondary Education	
	4-Belize Friends School Feeding Program	

August	Annual Gathering Offering	
September	80% Membership Apportionment to USFWI	
	20% Membership Apportionment to Scholarship Fund	
	Yearly Meeting Offering-EAC Fellowship Scholarship Fund	
October	Keys to the Kingdom USFWI 2018	
	1-FTC Teacher's Salaries/Extension Program	
	2-Triennial Travel Assistance	
	3-The Advocate subsidy	
	4-Adult Education in Belize	
November	United Thank Offering USFWI 2018	
	1-Jamaica: Pastoral Care	
	2-Belize: Director of Friends Center	
	3-Kenya: Turkana/Samburu Pastors (32 pastors)	
	4-African Ministries Office Director	
December	MOWA Choctaw-NCYM	\$962.50
	Friends Disaster Service-NCYM	\$1,087.50
Other		
Contributions		
	Eliza Armstrong Cox Fellowship (50% USFWI, 50%	4200.00
	Scholarship)	\$200.00
	Friends Theological College	\$135.00
	Robert Wafula	\$60.00
		\$10,914.21

It was so good to see many of your at our Spring Conference this year. While the amount is not reflected here, we are pleased for all the gracious giving to Quaker Lake toward their new dishwasher. **Please make all checks payable to NC USFW**. You may include all projects in <u>one</u> check per submission, with projects or other designations on the "for" line at the bottom of the check. It takes me much less time to prepare the deposit each month.

Jean Christy, NC USFW Treasurer 2549 Cottage Place, Greensboro, NC 27455

## **SCHOLARSHIP**

Lee Van Hughes

Please remember that in order to continue to award scholarships, contributions to the Eliza Armstrong Cox Fellowship need to be made by the end of March 2019. One of the ways to contribute is to recognize your circle's members with an Eliza Armstrong Cox Lifetime Fellowship membership.

### ELIZA ARMSTRONG COX LIFETIME FELLOWSHIP MEMBER.

The Eliza Armstrong Cox Lifetime Fellowship membership is an honor and a recognition for service and dedication to the meeting and NCUSFW. Circles will submit \$25 per nomination. (\$12.50 goes to USFWI and \$12.50 goes to the Eliza Armstrong Cox Scholarship Fund). A certificate signed by the USFWI President as well as the NC USFW President is sent to the Circle who submits the name(s) for recognition. Nominations can be made at any time of the year but members are recognized at the Annual Gathering in the fall each year.

Member(s) to be recognized:	
Meeting:	-
Name <u>and</u> Address of person to receive Certificate(s):	
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Enclose \$25.00 **per nominee** payable to NCUSFW and send to the NCUSFW Treasurer with your check. Add \$7.00 if a pin is also requested. Thank you for your support of the Eliza Armstrong Cox Scholarship Fund.

Copy this form as needed, thank you ...

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# 2018-19 Scholarships Awarded

The NCUSFW Executive Board met and awarded nineteen scholarships for the 2018-19 academic year. Those new applicants receiving scholarships of \$150 each are: Jacob Brendle (Deep Creek Meeting), Dallas Brown (Forbush Meeting), Trevor Collins (Deep Creek Meeting), Kara Frazier (Cedar Square Meeting), Jarrett Hall (Forbush Meeting), Kendal Hamilton (Marlboro Meeting), Spencer Hamilton (Marlboro Meeting), Holland Hedrick (Thomasville Meeting), Kelsey Sweatt (Marlboro Meeting), and Anna Thomas (Marlboro Meeting).

These returning applicants will receive \$310 each: John Andrews (Archdale Meeting), Miles Caudle (Forbush Meeting), Trace Collins (Deep Creek Meeting), Hannah May (Concord Meeting), Hannah Osborne (Concord Meeting), Heather Sharpe (Marlboro Meeting), Bailey Strider (Cedar Square Meeting), Ashlyn Steelman (Deep Creek Meeting), and Samantha Wooten (Forbush Meeting).

Congratulations to these students.

The **International Student Scholarship Fund** awarded \$1200 to be sent to the Friends Theological College in Kenya.

# **NC USFW Annual Gathering at Somerton Meeting**

5329 Quaker Dr, Suffolk, VA 23437



# Saturday September 16, 2018

Pam Ferguson is copastor with her husband, Ron, at Winchester (Indiana) Friends Meeting. Before moving to Indiana, they spent nine years in South Sudan, Uganda and Kenya doing development and peace work with the Mennonite Central Committee. She also serves on the board of Friends Committee on National Legislation and the board of Friends Fellowship Retirement Community in Richmond, Indiana.

Mark your Calendars now for our NC USFW Annual Gathering at Somerton Meeting, near Suffolk, Virginia

9:00 – 10:00 am Registration, Bookstore, light morning refreshments 10:00 am – 12 noon Welcome, Music, Business and Program 12:00 noon Luncheon

If you have questions please contact Jan Dough (336) 629-1689
There are plans to carpool with some church vans available. Call Jan Dough. If you are planning to arrive Friday evening, Hilton Garden Inn or Holiday Inn Express (both in Suffolk) are recommended.

**Deadline is September 3, 2018** (Preregistration is requested). The cost of the meal is \$12.00 per person.

# NC USFW Annual Gathering <u>Registration</u> at Somerton Meeting

5329 Quaker Dr, Suffolk, VA 23437

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