

# AFSC CORPORATION MEETING APRIL 11-17, 2021

## MAKING NEW WORLDS: PURSUING PEACE WITH JUSTICE

*American Friends Service Committee is a Quaker organization devoted to service, development, and peace programs throughout the world. Our work is based on the belief in the worth of every person, and faith in the power of love to overcome violence and injustice.*

### KEY ISSUES

#### [International peacebuilding](#)

Peace and security can never be achieved through violence. AFSC advocates for economic and social systems grounded in nonviolence and shared security.

#### [Creating inclusive communities](#)

AFSC works to build power with communities in the U.S. and around the world who are impacted by violence and oppression, including immigrants, people of color, Muslims and other religious groups, young people, and LGBTQ people.

#### [Defending immigrant rights](#)

In multiple countries, AFSC works to address the economic and political drivers of migration while supporting migrant communities. Our immigration programs include legal services, training, human rights monitoring, humanitarian relief, immigrant-led organizing, and advocacy for humane immigration policies.

#### [Ending mass incarceration](#)

AFSC strives to promote healing – instead of punishment – in the U.S. criminal justice system. We advocate for alternatives to incarceration, better reintegration after prison, an end to prison privatization, more humane conditions of confinement, and ultimately, the abolition of prisons.

#### [Building economic justice](#)

We support just economic priorities and policies, challenge corporate abuse of human rights, and advocate for increased access to basic resources. We also provide tools to help people and institutions make socially responsible investments.

**THE 2020-2030 STRATEGIC PLAN** positions AFSC as a thought leader around three programmatic areas of **Just Peace, Just Economics and Just Migration**. Through the plan we re-commit to strengthening our promise to enact more fully **anti-racism/anti-oppression goals**, to embrace **gender justice and feminism** principles, engage **young people** in the life and work of AFSC at all levels, and use a **climate justice** lens in how we analyze and approach peace and justice work. ...The plan reaffirms our values, grounded in our Quaker legacy, and calls us to do more and better in **engaging with Friends**.

**YOUTH LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE** planned for 2022 for an experiential and skill development on organizing and advocacy.

**QUAKER ENGAGEMENTS** linking with British Yearly Meeting, Quaker Peace and Social Witness, Quaker Council for European Affairs, Friends World Committee for Consultation, Friends Committee on National Legislation, Quaker United Nations Office – Geneva and New York for an open exchange and collaboration.

## **INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS**

**Under the Mask** as a response to COVID-19, direct support to communities across the global.

**COVID Relief** across Africa, Asia, the Middle East, and Latin America.

**China** decision to close the Beijing Office due to rapidly restricting space for civil society in China and temporarily halt work in China.

**Africa** led a consortium in the establishment of an Africa Action Hub for Peacebuilding in Ethiopia.

**Myanmar** where a coup is unfolding. AFSC staff are safe there, humanitarian needs will continue to grow.

## **US PROGRAMS**

**AFSC Florida** work to successfully shut down the **Homestead Detention Center**, the largest and only for-profit detention center for immigrant children.

**Twin Cities Healing Justice Program** dedicated to youth empowerment following the death of George Floyd.

**Healing and Transformative Justice Program NY and NJ** works with incarcerated women to shift the culture of the facility to maintain the safety of the women inside.