

NCFF Outreach Working Group
Report to NCFF Fall 2022 Gathering and Meeting for Business
11/12/2022 at New Garden Friends Meeting and on ZOOM

The Outreach Working Group has come together three times this year to consider how to distribute the funds for which we are responsible from NCYM, Inc. In these blended meetings we feel keenly the great need for resources in so many parts of the world – from our own geographic neighborhoods to thousands of miles away on the other side of our planetary home.

On the other hand, as we hear reports from people and projects we have chosen to support in the past we are impressed and amazed at how much good work is being done in so many places! How can we best use these financial resources for which we are the designated stewards?

Another consideration which has figured prominently in our deliberations for the past year is how this good work and these concerns will be addressed after we, a group of enthusiastic but aging working group participants, are no longer able to carry the responsibility for these designated funds? We have addressed, without conclusions, ways to get younger folk involved – to inform them and provide opportunities to them for hands on learning. There is a need for workcamps in multiple places, empowered by youthful energy, that we believe can serve as points of engagement as well as provide broader and deeper learning through meaningful service. This is not the primary work of the Outreach Working Group, but it is definitely related, and we feel excitement in supporting such efforts if and when they develop. Without such work, we foresee diminishing support for outreach and for the caring stewardship of these financial resources.

On October 15, 2022 we gathered at Jamestown Friends Meeting and on ZOOM to hear reports from several of the organizations we have supported: Max & Jane Carter from the **Living Letters to Palestine Program**; Wayne Finegar from **Quaker House @ Fayetteville**; Colin Saxton from **FUM**; Kathy Adams from **AVP**; Martha Dentiste, Becke Jones, and Wallace Sills from **FEMAP**; Dan Allen with an update from the **Friends Disaster Service**; Pat Cheadle from her work with the **Choctaw Indians** in Alabama. We also received written reports from Bill Eagles with **FWCC-Section of the Americas**, which is coming to central NC in March 2023; and **AFSC**'s work with the immigrant community in Guilford County. These reports were informative and inspiring, and required some difficult choices about recipients for our funds.

Due to the engaging and organic nature of the above reports we found it necessary to continue our meeting on Monday October 24 to make final decisions for 2022 expenditures. Following is a summary for the year's receipts from NCYM, Inc. and expenditures planned for the remainder of 2022. Further research on several points will determine use of the balance remaining.

	<u>Jan-June 2022</u>	<u>July-Dec 2022</u>
Beginning balance	\$ 578.07	\$ 927.65
Receipts	\$7,349.58	\$7,349.58
Expenditures to organizations:		
AFSC: Aid & Justice for immigrants	\$1,000.00	
AVP (Alternatives to Violence Project)	*	*
Fayetteville Quaker House	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
Friends Disaster Service		\$ 500.00
FEMAP (Friends Emergency Materials Assistance Program)		\$ 500.00
FUM: Belize	\$1,000.00	
FUM: Cuba Living Letters		\$ 500.00
FUM: Friends Theological College vehicle fund	\$1,000.00	
FUM: Friends Peace Teams	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
FUM: General Missions Sustainability Model		\$ 500.00
FUM: Lugulu Hospital		
FWCC: Apr 2023, Friends World Committee for Consultation, Section of the Americas, Gathering in Alamance County, NC		\$1,000.00
MOWA Band of Choctaw Indians, AL: Pat Cheadle is working w/ Choctaw Tribal Council		\$1,000.00
Quaker Earthcare Witness: Greensboro chapter		\$ 500.00
National chapter		\$ 500.00
Ramallah Friends Schools: Living Letters		
Scholarships	\$2,000.00	
Ukrainian Relief (ICRC)**	\$1,000.00	
RSWR (Right Sharing of World Resources)		\$1,000.00
TOTAL	\$7,000.00	\$7,000.00
Ending BALANCE	\$ 927.65	\$1,277.23

**Kathy Adams reported that AVP has not yet been able to return to in-person training in prisons, so the money given to them by the OWG in 2021 for that purpose has not yet been used. The Group decided to wait until those trainings can resume to give more money to AVP.*

***International Committee of the Red Cross (recommended by Quaker United Nations Office (QUONO) as one of the most effective organizations for getting relief aid into Ukraine.)*

As this Outreach Working Group has continued to meet together, we have become increasingly aware that we need to define our purpose with more clarity than we find in the former definition of “missions” which we inherited when, in 2017, North Carolina Yearly Meeting divided to become the NC Friends Church and the NC Fellowship of Friends. Following is the mission statement we drafted on Oct 15, and approved on Oct 24:

“The mission of the North Carolina Fellowship of Friends Outreach Working Group is to witness to the love of Christ by empowering the work of God where we see it around the world. We will generously enter into global partnerships with cultural humility as we share the resources we receive that have been given to support ‘missions.’ We will strive to do this in a Spirit that models Quaker testimonies and follows new revelations of Truth.”

The Outreach Working Group reminds the NCFF that we are a *working group*, therefore formal committee appointments are not necessary for participating in our deliberations. We invite your prayerful participation with us.

Those who have been participating in this working group are (in alphabetical order): Kathy Adams (technology facilitator), Mary Allen (and sometimes Dan Allen), Pat Cheadle, Martha Dentiste, Dottie Hobbs, Becke Jones, Beth Massey (Convenor), Wallace Sills.

We extend to Jamestown Friends Meeting sincere appreciation for equipping and allowing the meeting house to serve the technology and in-person needs of blended meetings for worship and business. It is truly an invaluable service.

~ Submitted by Beth Massey for NCFF’s Outreach Working Group