

NCFF-Outreach Working Group  
Report to NCFF Meeting for Business  
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The NCFF Outreach Working Group continues to seek to disperse funds received from NCYM, Inc that were given for “mission” work. We have defined “outreach” as follows:

*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.*

*~ approved by NCFF's Outreach Working Group on 10/24/2022*

In 2023 we plan to expend, by the end of the year, \$11,750.00. This will leave approximately \$2,500.00 to carry forward into 2024. By the first months of 2024 we hope to learn more about the best ways to deliver funds to projects and ministries we see around the world that are delivering needed goods and services to meet needs in ways that are true to our mission statement.

We continue to support several programs administered by Friends United Meeting: Belize Friends School and Center, Oscar Mmbali's Ministry, Lugulu Hospital, Ramallah Friends School, Living Letters to Palestine.

Beyond FUM, we support Friends Peace Teams International, Fayetteville Quaker House, humanitarian aid to Ukraine and Gaza through the International Committee of the Red Cross, the MOWA band of the Choctaw through their Tribal Council, AFSC's work in Palestine, Friends Committee on NC Legislation's efforts to reduce gun violence, FEMAP, FWCC, NC Council of Churches, central NC's Alternatives to Violence Project, Right Sharing of World Resources, and Friends Journal.

We strive to receive annual reports or updates from every organization to whom we give. We are looking into efforts here in the U.S. to assist and resettle refugees and immigrants fleeing violence in Mexico. We are also looking into ways to assist Friends or others in Mexico, keeping in mind our mission statement and the importance of evolving and hopefully more enlightened practices of “mission work” there. A portion of our funds received each year from NCYM, Inc. was given specifically for “Mexico missions” and we strive to be true to the intent of those donors, even as we move forward with new understanding of the importance of respect and empowerment for those we seek to serve. We continue to reflect on our history of involvement with the MOWA band of the Choctaw, and seek to continue some measure of work there to meet ongoing needs with respect for the sovereignty and value of the culture and its people.

We realize that some of the OWG's planned disbursements go to organizations also designated in the Fellowship's planned disbursements. In the future we will try to communicate plans between the two groups sooner, to more effectively distribute our resources to do the most good.

We acknowledge that those who serve in “mission work” will also be served; those who give through grace and humility will also receive; and that there is blessing in both giving and receiving.

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