

NCFF-Outreach Working Group

Report to NCFF Meeting for Business

11/15/2025

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

The NCFF Outreach Working Group have worked diligently for the past seven years to approach the distribution of funds allocated to us by the NCYM-Inc. as an opportunity to “let our lives speak.” We struggle to avoid feeling overwhelmed by the vast needs that are constantly clamoring for our attention and aid. Therefore, when we gather, we seek Divine Guidance and clarity as to what specifically is our work to do.

Depending on the financial performance of NCYM-Inc's stock portfolio, we generally oversee the distribution of approximately \$15,000 from investment income dedicated to “Missions”. This includes 2 separate categories: Mexico Missions, and General Missions. For NCFF purposes, we have defined missions as stated in the statement at the head of this report.

In the past 2 years, since our last report to this body in 2023, we have given funds to:

- ★ Ramallah Friends School and the Ramallah Friends community through scholarships to RFS and to students studying here in the US at Guilford College;
- ★ We have supported the mission of FUM's Living Letters to Palestine through travel assistance funds, hoping to empower more friends to “Come and see, go and tell” realities which may not make it into the news feeds available to us here in the U.S. When these funds are unused due to travel restrictions, they are repurposed for scholarships.
- ★ Other FUM programs we continue to support are:
 - Belize Friends School & Friends Center
 - Belize Meeting's ministry through Oscar Mbali
 - Lugulu Hospital
 - Friends Peace Teams
 - General Administration
 - Latino Ministries Committee
- ★ Africa Great Lakes Initiative (including a separate Friends Peace Teams unit and Alternatives to Violence Program)
- ★ Friends Disaster Service
- ★ Fayetteville Quaker House
- ★ AFSC relief work in Ukraine and Palestine
- ★ AFSC work to protect immigrants from unfair, unlawful, and/or cruel deportation
- ★ MOWA-Choktaw roof repairs

- ★ FCNCL gun violence prevention and their school voucher campaign to protect public school funding for all
- ★ FEMAP - rental assistance
- ★ Alternatives to Violence Project - local facilitation

We acknowledge that none of these distributions could happen without the competence and knowledge that Judith Cranford has brought to the task. Thank you Judith!!

We are heartened by this Fellowship's decision to give the work of stewarding these funds to a standing committee, feeling that perhaps through this "promotion" in attention that the work is more likely to continue. We hold in the Light the process that is being undertaken by the Nominating Committee to find leadership for the future of this stewardship. We appreciate these opportunities to help build a far-reaching community of love and faith.

With appreciation and prayers for divine Guidance and Grace continuing

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