

# FWCC

## World Plenary in Peru: “Living the Transformation”



# History and Scope of the Friends World Committee for Consultation (FWCC)

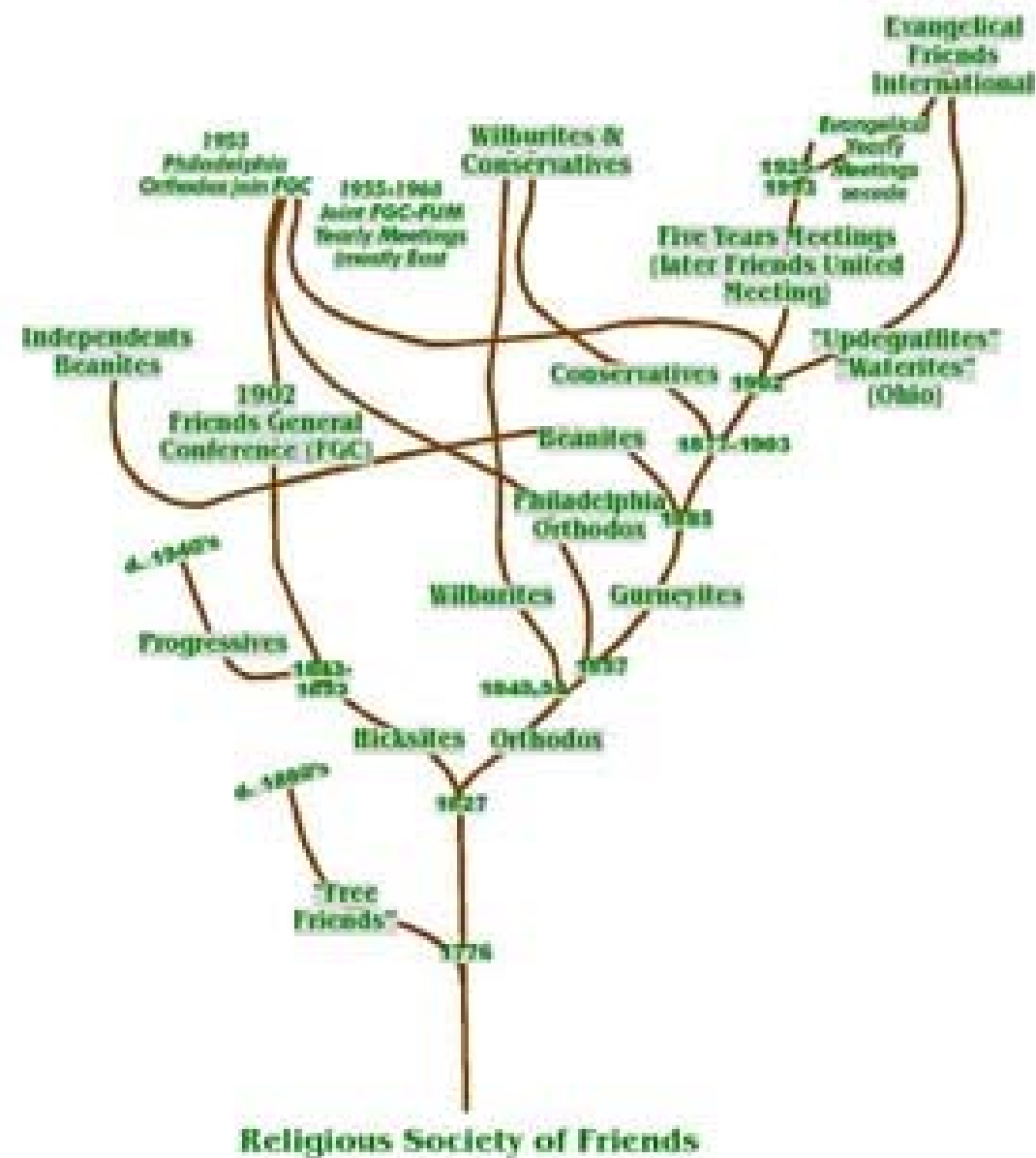
- a world-wide Quaker organization
- formed in 1937 to communicate between different branches of Quakerism.

FWCC's world headquarters is based in London.





# Diverse Branches of Quakerism



There are around  
320,000 Quakers  
world-wide:

90,000 in the US  
and Canada,

60,000 in Latin  
America.





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# Finding Quakers Around the World

● Yearly Meeting  
○ Monthly Meeting or Worship Group  
(not affiliated with a Yearly Meeting)

## 147,776 Friends Section of the Americas

**Bolivia** (33,000)  
Iglesia Evangélica Estrella de Belén (IEEB)  
Iglesia Evangélica Unión Boliviana Amigos (IEUBA)  
Iglesia Nacional Evangélica los Amigos (INELA)  
Junta Anual de los Amigos Central (JALAC)  
Misión Boliviana de Santidad Amigos (IEMBSA)

**Canada** (1,216)  
Canadian YM  
Evangelical Friends Church Eastern Region  
Halcyon Friends Meeting

**Chile** (15)  
Ovalle Worship Group

**Colombia** (8)  
Junta Mensual de Bogotá

**Costa Rica** (72)  
Monteverde MM  
Grupo San José de la Sociedad Religiosa de los Amigos

**Cuba** (535)  
Junta Anual de la Iglesia de los Amigos en Cuba (JAIAC)

**El Salvador** (472)  
Iglesia de los Amigos en El Salvador (ILAES)

**Guatemala** (20,730)  
Guatemala Monthly Meeting  
Iglesia Evangélica Nacional Amigos de Guatemala (IENLAG)  
Junta Anual Amigos de Santidad (JAAS)  
Junta Mensual de la Iglesia Evangélica Embajadores Amigos

**Honduras** (2,000)  
Iglesia Evangélica Amigos  
Junta Anual Amigos de Honduras (JALAH)

**Jamaica** (330)  
Jamaica YM

**México** (861)  
Asociación Religiosa de las Iglesias Evangélicas en México (ARIEA)  
Iglesia de los Amigos  
Reunión General de los Amigos en México (RGM)

**Nicaragua** (unknown)  
Grupos Evangélicos  
Nicaragua Friends Worship Group

**Perú** (1,700+)  
Iglesia Nacional Evangélica los Amigos de Perú (INELA)

**United States** (86,837+)  
Alaska Friends Conference  
Alaska YM  
Baltimore YM  
Central YM  
Evangelical Friends Church Eastern Region  
Evangelical Friends Church Mid-America YM  
Evangelical Friends Church Southwest  
Great Plains YM  
Illinois YM  
Indiana YM  
Intermountain YM  
Iowa YM (Conservative)  
Iowa YM (FUM)  
Lake Erie YM  
New England YM  
New York YM  
North Carolina YM (Conservative)  
North Carolina YM (FUM)  
North Pacific YM  
Northern YM  
Northwest YM of Friends Church

Ohio YM  
Ohio Valley YM  
Pacific YM  
Philadelphia YM  
Rocky Mountain YM  
South Central YM  
Southeastern YM  
Southern Appalachian YM & Association  
Western Association of Friends  
Western YM  
Wilmington YM

## 22,765 Friends Europe & Middle East Section

**Albania, Hungary, Romania** (4,306)  
Evangelical Friends Central Europe YM  
Budapest Recognized Meeting

**Belgium & Luxembourg** (42)  
Belgium & Luxembourg MM

**Britain** (15,775)  
Britain YM

**Croatia** (2)  
Vukovar Worship Group

**Czech Republic** (12)  
Prague Worship Group

**Denmark** (29)  
Denmark YM

**Estonia** (4)  
Tallinn Worship Group

**Finland** (20)  
Finland YM

**France** (71)  
France YM

**Georgia** (13)  
Tbilisi Worship Group

**Germany & Austria** (338)  
German YM

**Greece** (3)  
Athens Christian Friends Meeting

**Ireland** (1,591)  
Ireland YM

**Italy** (unknown)  
Bologna Worship Group

**Kyrgyzstan** (unknown)  
Kyrgyzstan Worship Group

**Latvia** (6)  
Latvia Recognized Meeting

**Lebanon & Palestine** (60)  
Middle East YM

**Lithuania** (2)  
Kaunas Quaker Group

**Netherlands** (115)  
Netherlands YM

**Norway** (151)  
Norway YM

**Portugal** (unknown)  
Portalegre Worship Group

**Russia** (13)  
Moscow MM  
Novgorod Worship Group  
St. Petersburg Quaker Group

**Spain** (8)  
Barcelona MM  
Madrid Quaker Group

**Sweden** (100)  
Sweden YM

**Switzerland** (104)  
Switzerland YM

**Ukraine** (unknown)  
Perisavlav Worship Group

## 157,357 Friends Africa Section

**Burundi** (12,000)  
Burundi YM

**Botswana, Lesotho, Malawi, Namibia, South Africa, Zambia, Zimbabwe** (144)  
Central & Southern Africa YM

**Cameroon** (unknown)  
Douala Worship Group

**Congo (Republic of)** (10)  
Brazzaville Friends Worship Group

**Democratic Republic of Congo** (unknown)  
Congo YM  
Friends in Congo  
Kinshasa MM  
Mbuji-Mayi Worship Group  
Quakers de Kamina

**Ghana** (12)  
Hill House MM

**Kenya** (133,825)  
Bware YM  
Central YM  
Chavakali YM  
Chwele YM  
East Africa YM (Kaimosi)  
East Africa YM (North)  
Elgon East YM  
Elgon RSF YM  
Kakamega YM  
Lugari YM  
Malava YM  
Nairobi YM  
Tuloi YM  
Vihiga YM  
Vokoli YM

**Madagascar** (16)  
Madagascar Worship Group

**Nigeria** (16)  
Gboko Worship Group  
Lagos Worship Group  
Port Harcourt Quaker Group

**Rwanda** (3,234)  
Rwanda YM

**Sierra Leone** (unknown)  
Freetown Worship Group

**Tanzania** (3,100)  
Pemba YM  
Tanzania YM

**Uganda** (5,000)  
Evangelical Friends Church—Uganda Mission  
Uganda YM

## 12,660 Friends Asia-West Pacific Section

**Australia** (949)  
Australia YM

**Cambodia** (2,500)  
Cambodia YM  
Phnom Penh Worship Group

**China** (96)  
Hong Kong Friends Church  
Hong Kong MM

**India** (712)  
Bhopal YM  
Bundelkhand YM  
General Conference of Friends in India  
Mid-India YM

**Indonesia** (3,000)  
Indonesia YM

**Japan** (185)  
Japan YM

**Korea** (12)  
Seoul MM

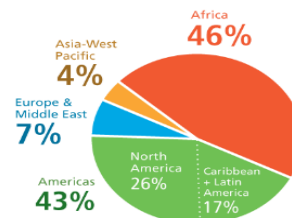
**Nepal** (500)  
Nepal YM

**New Zealand** (656)  
Aotearoa/New Zealand YM

**Philippines** (850)  
Philippines YM

**Sri Lanka** (unknown)  
Colombo Quaker Group

**Taiwan** (3,200)  
Taiwan YM



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\* Revised figure: does not include attendees or youth.

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The World Plenary of Friends took place in Peru in January, 2016



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cNKVPIyH3qg>



We met in Pisac, Peru, the  
spiritual center of the Inca  
empire







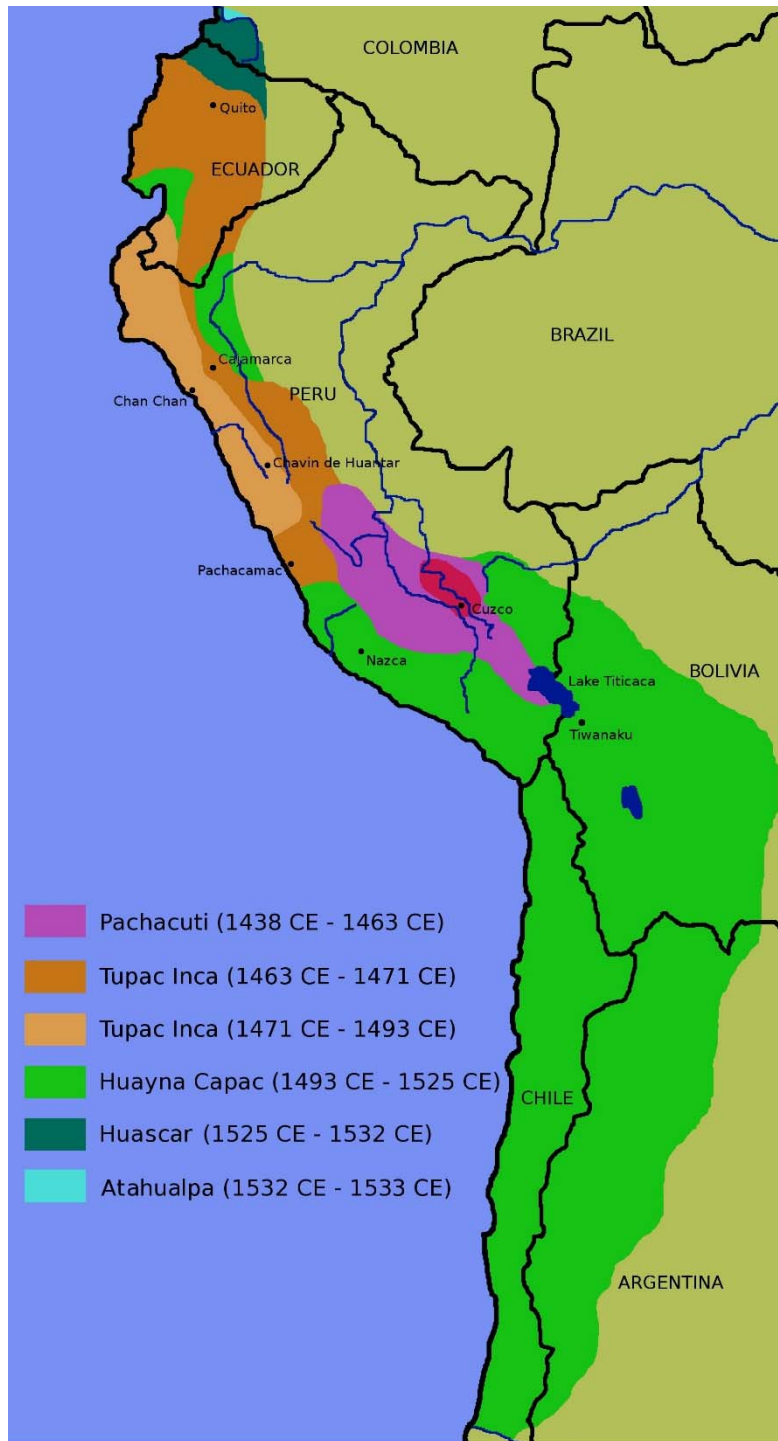
Arriving in Cuzco, we saw the monumental statue of Jesus and the ancient temple of Sacsayhuaman, the convergence of two religious cultures....





Plaza de Armas in Cuzco, the  
political center of the Inca empire





The Inca Empire was vast but short-lived: 1438-1533







Machu Picchu, believed to be  
the University of the Incas

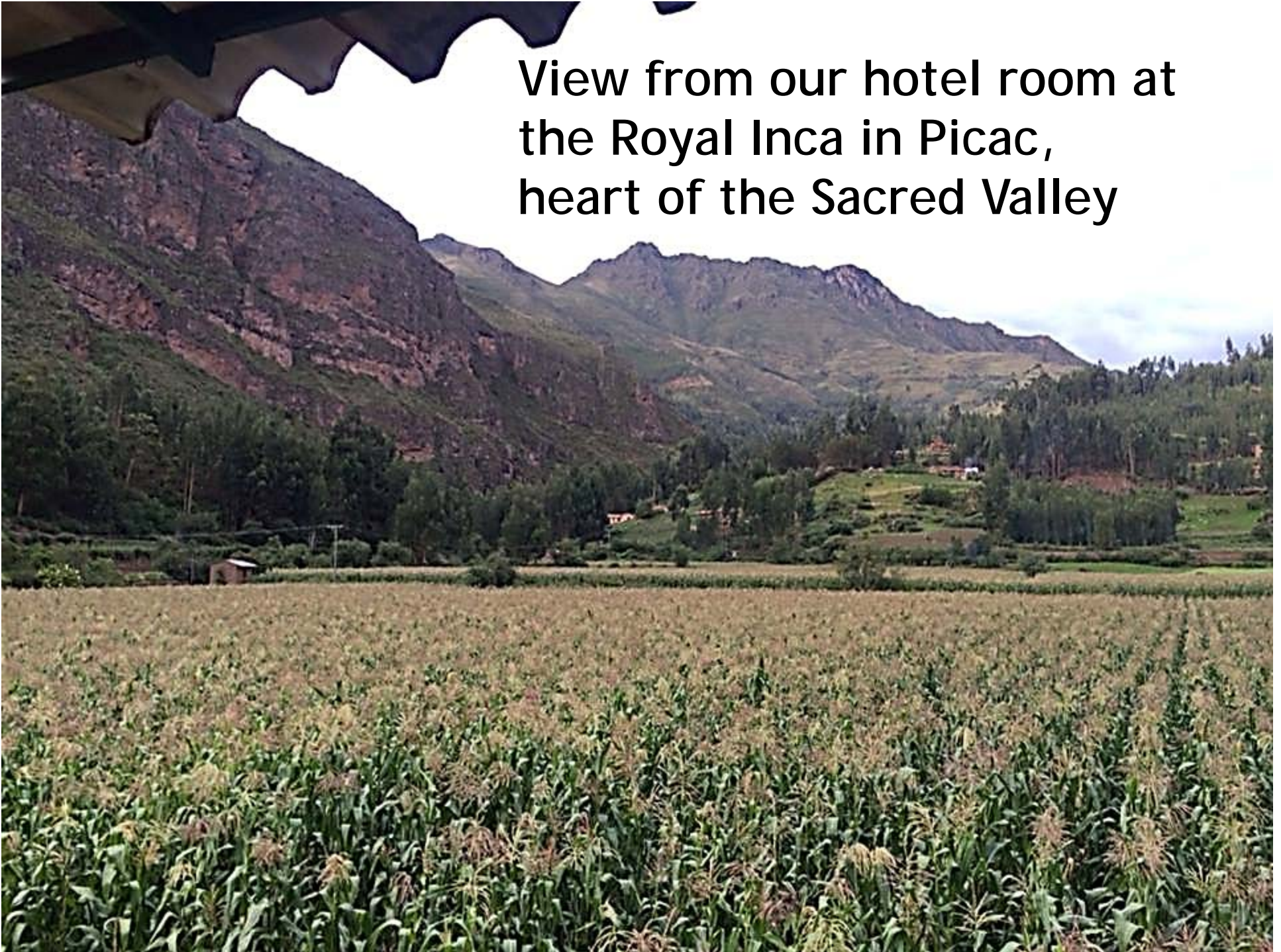


# Living sustainably: the Inca “green houses”





View from our hotel room at  
the Royal Inca in Picac,  
heart of the Sacred Valley





Over 320 men and women from 37 countries, 77 Yearly Meetings, 8 independent Monthly Meetings, and 2 worship groups, speaking dozens of languages met in Pisac, Peru, to consider the theme “Living the transformation: creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God (Romans 8:19).”





Speakers, worship and  
interest groups, and  
Quaker process brought us  
together













## Gretchen Castle, the Executive Director of the FWCC



























Charlotte Gordon (Aoteara New Zealand YM), Jonathan Woolley (director at QUNO in Geneva) and Rachel Madenyika (QUNO representative in New York) facilitated a consultation on sustainability in which over 60 Friends from around the world participated.



We became more acutely aware that the climate crisis is affecting countries all over the world.  
Over 40% of the glaciers in the Andes have melted in the last decade due to climate change.





Climate change is affecting harvests in Peru and throughout the world





In the city center of Cusco, indigenous Peruvians protested mining of their sacred mountains while we were attending the World Plenary in Pisac





## FWCC calls for every Yearly Meeting to:

1. initiate at least two concrete actions on sustainability within the next twelve months.
2. support individuals and groups in their meetings who feel called to take action on sustainability.
3. support the work done by Quaker organizations such as Quaker UN Office and Quaker Council for European Affairs to insure that international agreements and their implementation support sustainability.

In addition to advising others what to do, FWCC has committed to "invest ethically" (meaning it is divesting from fossil fuels and supporting green energy); share Quaker experiences with other faith groups; bring Quakers together from around the world in a sustainable way; and encourage Quaker pastors, teachers, and leaders to become more environmentally conscious.



Friends from around the world!





**“We are one. We are one in the spirit of God which does not wash away or hide our differences, but allows us to celebrate them and enables us to move beyond the spiritual boundaries that may separate us. We are able to do this by coming together in worship where, while its form may be unfamiliar, God was present throughout. Through listening deeply and tenderly to each other and to God we reached a place where we can hear and sense where the words come from even when we may not understand the tongue they are spoken in.”**







**“We are Friends. In making the choice to come together and be willing to share deeply, pray boldly, and listen lovingly together, we seek to move beyond our differences, see beyond our labels and find ways to connect with each other. The work of FWCC depends on us all. In order to continue it, we encourage Friends, meetings/churches and Yearly Meetings to contribute financially to and participate in building connections between Friends.”**