



Friends World Committee for Consultation Section of the Americas Report of the Travel in the Ministry Scholarship Fund Resource Group – 2016

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FWCC offers scholarship assistance for individual Friends to follow leadings to travel in the ministry in ways that bridge yearly meeting boundaries, theological differences, varieties of worship style, and differences in language and culture. These grants are independent of the more formal “Traveling Ministry Corps.” During 2016 three requests for funds were received and considered, and of these, one was withdrawn and two were approved for travel. \$1000 was awarded from the Travel in the Ministry Fund and approximately \$820 from the Susan Bax Fund.

Jonatan Pinto, a member of Evangelical National Friends Church - Guatemala Yearly Meeting, planned to travel to Indianapolis and Chicago from February to August, with a ministry of music to Latino Churches in the Midwest. He expects to assist the Iglesia Amigos to teach low income children to play a musical instrument and visit different churches in different yearly meetings to learn about American Quakerism. His application indicated plans to travel in the ministry among Friends in New Association, Western, Indiana, Holiness Friends Central, Ohio Valley, and Evangelical Friends Church- Eastern Region Yearly Meetings. A report is pending.

Mey Hasbrook, a member of Kalamazoo (MI) Meeting, will travel from December 5, 2016 to March 10, 2017. Her journey includes an arts exhibition as part of her *ministry La Pureta*, which has been secured with assistance of local contacts including retired Friends Pastor Noé Alanguia of Puno. Mey’s sense of calling was made explicit by her description: “Among Friends in Peru my travel includes engagement among churches regionally -- for instance, La Puente acting as a bridge for remote Friends traveling to new markets by improving communications with Friends in urban areas for hospitality and other support.”

The members of the resource group “met together” by **conference call** once during the year, in June, to discuss to the guidelines for applying for a grant, the goals of its work, and the process for making decision.

Members of Friends Meetings in the Americas are encouraged to consider requesting funds when traveling in the ministry. Information can be found on the FWCC Americas website under Visitation / Traveling Ministry Corps / Grants for Traveling in the Ministry.

Submitted by Ray Treadway
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