



Friends World Committee
for Consultation
SECTION OF THE AMERICAS
Comité Mundial de Consulta
de los Amigos
SECCIÓN DE LAS AMÉRICAS

Annual Report May 2014-April 2015

Friends from 31 yearly meetings across five branches were woven together at the Meeting of the Section of the Americas of the Friends World Committee for Consultation, March 12-15, 2015 just outside Mexico City. Benigno Sánchez-Eppler of New England Yearly Meeting gave the keynote, "Friends Woven Together in God's Love." He was later approved as the new Clerk of the Section. Additional reports are available at fwccamericas.org/events/2015_SectionMeeting.



Friends worshiped in multiple styles, shared experiences and prayer in small home groups, heard reports on FWCC work over the last two years, and approved sweeping programmatic changes during bilingual business in accordance with the new strategic plan for 2015-2020: *Weaving the Tapestry*. To read the new vision, mission, and full strategic plan, visit fwccamericas.org/about_us. As we realign our work to make the wisest use of the gifts God has given us, one significant change was the creation of the Traveling Ministry Corps. FWCC will organize Friends from diverse yearly meetings to travel in the ministry with a message of connection.



We honored the long history of the Wider Quaker Fellowship and the many Friends who have been connected with this work. Much of its work will be continued by the new Communications and Correspondence Program Groups. Other changes included reorganizing our Regional Coordinators to build engagement among Representatives and consolidating planning groups for yearly events. A new working

group is discerning how FWCC can best offer spiritual leadership opportunities for young Friends in the tradition of the Quaker Youth Pilgrimage. Friends approved the request of the New Association of Friends to affiliate with FWCC.



The next World Plenary Meeting (what we used to call a Triennial) of the Friends World Committee will be held in Pisac, Peru in January 2016. Based on the theme Living the transformation: Creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God (Romans 8:19), there will be four Consultations. Quakers from around the world will share their concerns about engaging young people and newcomers in the Religious Society of Friends; about sustaining life on Earth, environmentally, justly and peacefully; and about preparing the structures of the Friends World Committee to support this work

through the 21st century. Yearly Meetings have been invited to name their Representatives. Other Friends wishing to attend can apply for an open place. More information is available at fwcc.world/peru.

.Officers of the Section of the Americas for 2014-2015

Clerk: Jane Snyder, *North Pacific YM*

Assistant Clerk: Kenya Casanova Sales, *Cuba YM*

Recording Clerk: James Anderson, *Pacific YM*

Treasurer: Gayle Matson, *North Pacific YM*

Clerks of Committees, Program Groups, and Resource Groups

Executive Committee: Jane Snyder, *North Pacific YM*

Finance Committee: Lucy Fullerton, *North Pacific YM*

Nominating Committee: Tim Lamm, *Southern Appalachia YM & Association*

Naming Committee: Jerry Peterson, *Intermountain YM*

Quaker Youth Pilgrimage: Benigno Sanchez-Eppler, *New England YM*, Bill Schoder-Ehri, *Intermountain YM*

Section Meeting Planning: Roena Oesting, *Pacific YM*

Wider Quaker Fellowship: Cynthia Ganung, *New England YM*, Rob Pierson, *Intermountain YM*

Travel in the Ministry Scholarships Resource Group: Ray Treadway, *North Carolina YM (Conservative)*

Financial Report

Total ordinary income: \$534,176

Total expense: \$421,456

Other income: \$ 51,492

Net income: \$164,212

The most recent audited financial statements are available at www.fwccamericas.org.

