



Annual Report May 2017-April 2018

Traveling Ministry Corps

The FWCC Traveling Ministry Corps has been up and running for a whole year now, making the first 50 visits across the whole Section, from Seattle, Washington to Winston-Salem, North Carolina, and in Jamaica, El Salvador, and Bolivia. The second year cohort includes seven young adults from six yearly meetings in five countries in Latin America and four new ministers from three yearly meetings in the United States. They are all ready to visit Friends meetings and churches who seek an enriching and revitalizing opportunity to share their spiritual lives with these Friends who are deeply gifted and committed to supporting other Friends in deepening their own ministry. This year the training in Spanish was held at a Central YM Friends church in La Paz, Bolivia and the training in English was held at Pendle Hill Conference Center in Pennsylvania.



Reflections from local coordinators: “Our own spiritual journey can be assisted by hearing from someone from a different branch of the Religious Society of Friends.” “A valuable experience that allows connection, builds community and develops a true sense of unity among Friends. We are all richer and have been blessed by the Traveling Minister in our midst.” “Great opportunity to learn about the world community of Quakers, as well as FWCC. It helps break the seclusion of the monthly meeting, into the wider body of Friends.” “Do it.”

To invite a member of the TMC to visit your Friends church or meeting, please find more information and the request form at www.fwccamericas.org/traveling-ministry

World Quaker Day



The fourth annual **World Quaker Day** was October 1, 2017. The theme was *Gathering in Worship Around the Globe*. This event continues to grow in popularity, and many meetings and churches plan special worship sessions or other events, like sunrise worship sessions or inter-meeting visitation. To see more ways that Friends marked WQD go to worldquakerday.org, and for many easy and fun ideas for commemorating World Quaker Day in 2018, visit fwccamericas.org/wqd.

From the Section of the Americas Office

Robin Mohr completed her seventh year as Executive Secretary for the Section. **Karen Gregorio de Calderon** continues as our Coordinator for COAL Programs. **Blythe Davenport**, Administration & Communications Coordinator, is leaving at the end of May and **Sonali Shah**, Data Coordinator, is leaving in June. We will be hiring a new Operations Manager in the new fiscal year. We began working with **Michael Wajda** as a fundraising consultant to all four Sections and the FWCC World Office.

From the FWCC World Office

The World Office will now oversee the Quaker Youth Pilgrimage at a global level, so the Section sent them our QYP money this year. More information about applying to the fund will be available later this year. fwcc.world

Gretchen Castle is still serving as General Secretary in London, along with Harry Albright as the International Membership Secretary and Susanna Mattingly as Sustainability Communications Officer. Kim Bond and Elaine Bright complete the administrative team. Simon Lamb (Ireland YM) is currently Clerk of the Central Executive Committee, with Betsy Cazden (New England YM) as Assistant Clerk.

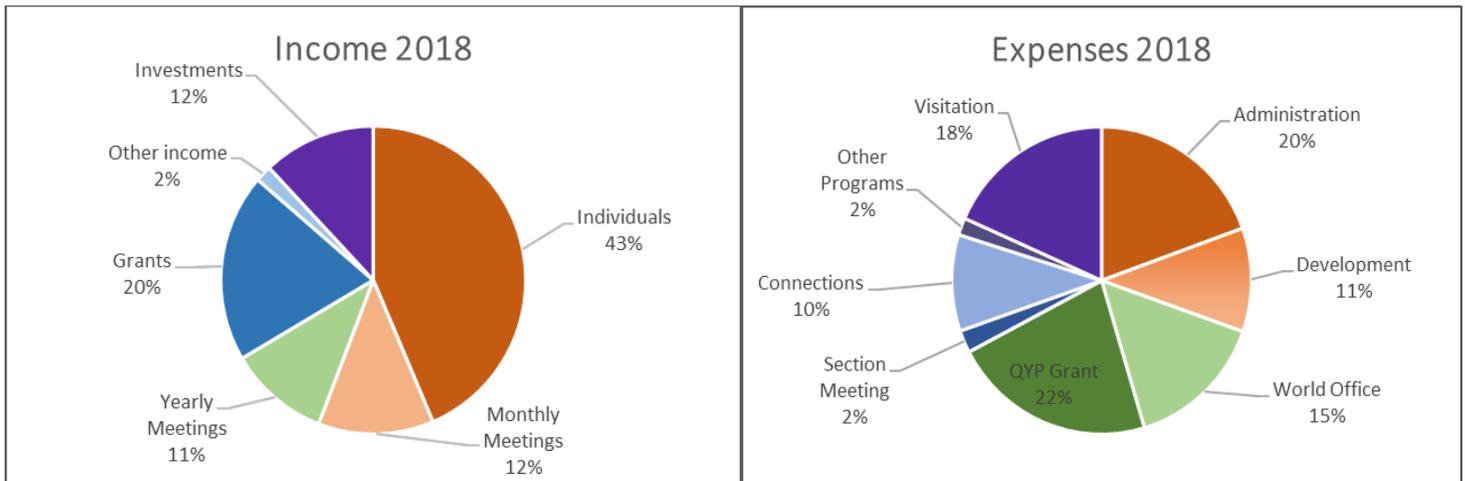
Officers of the Section of the Americas for 2017-18

Clerk:	Benigno Sánchez-Eppler, <i>New England YM</i>
Assistant Clerk:	Kelly Kellum, <i>North Carolina YM (FUM)</i>
Recording Clerk:	M. Foote Lund, <i>Ohio Valley YM</i>
Assistant Recording Clerk:	Kenya Casanova Sales, <i>Cuba YM</i>
Treasurer:	Nancy Wallace, <i>Illinois YM</i>
Assistant Treasurer:	Jason Eaby, <i>Baltimore YM</i>

Finances

	<u>FY18</u>		<u>4/30/18</u>
Total ordinary income:	\$405,364	Assets	\$ 1,968,978
Total ordinary expense:	452,631	Liabilities	216,508
Other income:	79,988	Net Assets	1,752,470
Change in net assets:	\$ 32,721		

The 2018 audited financial statements are available at fwccamericas.org/donate.



¡Come and See! in 2019

The 2019 Section Meeting of the FWCC Section of the Americas will be held March 21-24, 2019 at Lake Doniphan Conference and Retreat Center, in Excelsior Springs, Missouri, just outside Kansas City, MO, in the heartland of the United States. The theme will be ¡Come and See! (John 1:46) with explorations of “Who is my neighbor?” and “How can we all be Friends?” A main purpose of the Section Meeting is to facilitate an experience of the power of the Holy Spirit, the Spirit of God, the Inward Christ, the Light Within. We seek a personal encounter and transformative experience in worship and in workshops, with Scripture, through the ministry of the Traveling Ministry Corps, and in the midst of changing times and conflict. Registration will open in November 2018. www.fwccamericas.org/events