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CAMPAIGN THEME:

Connecting Friends

Vincula a los Amigos

Crossing Cultures

Sobrepasa Barreras Culturales

Changing Lives

Cambia Vidas

The Campaign Steering Committee at its first meeting at the Indianapolis Center for Congregations. Front row: Bill Wright, Western Association of RSF, Betsy Cazden, New England YM. Middle row: Cathy Habschmidt, Ohio Valley YM, Ray Treadway, North Carolina YM (Conservative). Back row: Nancy Yarnall, North Pacific YM, Margaret Fraser, Liz Gates, Louise Salinas, all Philadelphia YM, Marion Love, Iowa YM (Conservative.) Not shown: Janet Leslie, Pacific YM.



FWCC Section of the Americas Launches Fundraising Campaign

The FWCC Section of the Americas campaign to raise \$2.5 million is off to a good start, with pledges of over \$900,000 already received. The Campaign Steering Committee, clerked by Cathy Habschmidt (Ohio Valley Yearly Meeting), held its first meeting in September.

CAMPAIGN PRIORITIES

- 1 Bridging boundaries among Friends in the Americas
- 2 Strengthening Friends' work and witness in Latin America
- 3 Investing in the future of FWCC by building a quasi-endowment
- 4 Building the annual fund

Staff and volunteers are visiting current and former representatives, region by region. Next year we will broaden our activities to include presentations at meetings and retirement communities. Campaign activities will take place throughout the Americas over the next couple of years.

We'll keep you informed of our progress!



Campaign Goals and Priorities

\$2.5 Million

1

Bridge Boundaries Among Friends in the Americas

Goal = \$275,500

Support the Quaker Youth Pilgrimage, encourage travel in the ministry, increase visitation between the Americas, hold regional conferences throughout the Americas and develop links between English-speaking and Spanish-speaking Friends in North America.

2

Strengthen Friends' Work and Witness in Latin America

Goal = \$254,500

Fund workshops in Latin America on Quaker faith and practice and hold consultations on Quaker publications in Spanish, expand Friends' voice at the United Nations and facilitate wider representation at FWCC meetings.

3

Invest in the Future of FWCC

Goal = \$1,100,000

Raise a quasi-endowment to ensure long-term support of programs and activities initiated in the campaign, and provide flexibility to respond to future calls to action. 25% of investment income goes directly to the World Office to support FWCC's worldwide work.

4

Provide a Strong Financial Base for FWCC's Worldwide Work

Goal = \$870,000 over 3 years

Strengthen the annual fund. 75% supports the Section of the Americas and 25% goes directly to the World Office to support FWCC's worldwide work.



Highlights of the FWCC campaign timetable

January 2005 – December 2007

		Jan–March	April–June	July–Sept	Oct–Dec
PHASE 1: 2005 The first 12 months of the campaign consisted of an 8-month “quiet phase” devoted primarily to laying the foundations. We began the “public phase” in September 2005.	Develop procedures for office organization, processing gifts; upgrade software; clean up database	● ● ●	● ● ●		
	Develop communications plan including e-newsletter and advertisements to expand recognition of FWCC among Friends	● ● ●	● ● ●	● ● ●	● ● ●
	Clarify campaign priorities and goals	● ● ●			
	Review regional lists with Executive, Finance & Development committees at Annual Meeting		●		
	Discuss plans for Caribbean/Latin American campaign efforts with Jamaican and Latin American reps at Annual Meeting		●		
	Begin to develop potential volunteer lists	● ●	● ● ●	● ● ●	● ● ●
	Select and recruit Clerk and Campaign Steering Committee		● ●		
	Solicit top leadership gifts. Solicit Executive, Finance and Development committee members		● ● ●	● ● ●	●
	FWCC Reps campaign begins				● ● ●
PHASE 2: 2006 This phase focuses primarily on soliciting approximately 150 key supporters in face-to-face meetings; and regional outreach to broaden awareness/involvement of Friends in FWCC.	Continue to implement communications plan/increase awareness of FWCC activities/programs	● ● ●	● ● ●	● ● ●	● ● ●
	Continue FWCC Reps campaign	● ● ●			
	Recruit and train regional and local volunteer leaders	● ● ●	● ● ●	● ● ●	● ● ●
	Personal, face-to-face solicitation of approximately 150 key supporters	● ● ●	● ● ●	● ● ●	● ● ●
	Begin regional fundraising events and activities			● ● ●	● ● ●
PHASE 3: 2007 This phase focuses on completion of all individual solicitations; regional/local events and activities; approaching selected meetings and Quaker foundations and broad-based mail appeal to meetings/individuals for support.	Continue to implement communications plan/increase awareness of FWCC activities/programs	● ● ●	● ● ●	● ● ●	● ● ●
	Continue to recruit and train regional and local volunteer leaders	● ● ●			
	Complete personal, face-to-face solicitation of key supporters	● ● ●	● ● ●	● ● ●	
	Complete regional fundraising activities	● ● ●	● ● ●	● ● ●	● ● ●
	Approach selected meetings and Quaker Foundations for campaign support	● ● ●			
	Mailing to solicit meeting support			● ●	
	Mailing to entire constituency				● ●

In Review

Around the Regions

During FY 2005 regional FWCC gatherings were held in the Northeast, Southeast, Midwest, Lower Great Lakes and Northwest regions of the US and Canada. Regional gatherings of FWCC seek to bring together Friends from diverse theological traditions in a given region for study, worship and fellowship on a selected topic. The gatherings are organized by volunteers with support from staff. Themes for the various gatherings are chosen and developed by regional volunteers and last year included explorations of peace issues, slavery, education and general FWCC work.

Committee of Latin American Friends (COAL)

Visitation among Friends and Leadership Training Workshops are COAL's priorities. Representatives of affiliated yearly meetings choose workshop themes, which reflect the needs of many Friends and yearly meetings in the region.

During the year one workshop was held in Central America and another in South America. In Central America forty-five leaders and pastors of El Salvador YM participated in a workshop on *The Biblical Basis for Conflict Resolution*. The location offered the opportunity to visit Friends in the border area of Chalatenango, El Salvador, and Chiquimula, Guatemala. In Chiquimula visitors witnessed the dedication of the new Embajadores Church Sanctuary, in which participants in next March's Section Annual Meeting will worship.

Margaret Fraser, Executive Secretary of the Section, and Loida



Participants in the April, 2005 Consultation on Quaker Publications in Spanish included Friends from North, Central and South America.

Fernández, Executive Secretary of COAL spent two weeks in Bolivia and Peru, which provided opportunities to visit Friends of several Yearly Meetings. Loida led another workshop on *The Biblical Basis for Conflict Resolution*, in which members of several different Bolivian Friends groups participated.

Louise Salinas, Associate Secretary, and Loida Fernández participated in the yearly meeting sessions of El Salvador YM in January 2005. We believe that such visits are a way to deepen existing ties and aid in understanding, firsthand, the realities of everyday life in different parts of the Section.

A consultation on Quaker Religious Education Materials in Spanish was held in April 2005 following the Section's Annual Meeting. Representatives from affiliated Latin American yearly meetings and others representing Hispanic Friends' groups, publishers and churches in the US provided valuable input towards this collaborative work.

Quaker Youth Pilgrimage

Pilgrimages are held every other year. Planning began for the 2006 pilgrimage, to be held in the Midwestern United States.

Quaker United Nations Office

From May 2004 to April 2005, the Quaker UN Office New York saw the continuation of long-standing program areas, as well as some important new developments. Work on the issue of Prevention of Violent Conflict continued at an increased pace as the July 2005 UN conference on civil society and conflict prevention drew closer. Also, QUNO New York continued to work closely with QUNO Geneva on the issue of small arms and light weapons, with a particular focus on underlying root causes of small arms demand. New developments were seen around QUNO work on Emerging Crises and Conflicts with a specific focus on conflicts in Africa.



Quaker Youth Pilgrimage 2006 Deadlines Approaching!

The 2006 pilgrimage will be in Illinois, Indiana and Ohio, July 14–August 10, 2006. The deadline for applications for adult leaders is December 15, 2005. The deadline for pilgrim applicants, who must be age 16–18 at the time of the pilgrimage, is January 15, 2006. Contact us at 1506 Race Street, Philadelphia PA 19102, or email QYP@fwccamericas.org.

In particular, QUNO staff began work with UN partners to raise the profile of the conflict in Northern Uganda. During this period, QUNO also saw important changes in the area of overall program planning and governance. An extensive strategic planning process took place that benefited greatly from input by partners in other Quaker service agencies and Friends World Committee for Consultation staff. Finally, Friends World Committee for Consultation and the American Friends Service Committee negotiated a Memorandum of Understanding outlining their relationship and roles with QUNO New York. One of the most important outcomes of this agreement was the establishment of a new committee to be made up of five members appointed by FWCC and five from AFSC.

Wider Quaker Fellowship

English-language mailings this year included some presentations from the FWCC 2004 Triennial in New Zealand, a selection of essays on traveling ministry and evangelism, and a talk on integrity and truthfulness. The essays on traveling ministry were from a new book produced by two US Friends from different branches of Quakerism, and the Spanish mailing included two more essays from the same source. The book presents a wide range of contributions from Friends worldwide.

In May, the Executive Committee conducted its periodic review of the WQF Committee's work, and some questions arose about the exact relationship between the Fellowship and the Section. A subcommittee of the Executive Committee has been working with the WQF Committee to look more closely at its priorities and finances. We have now exhausted

a bequest upon which we depended to cover shortfalls and are exploring new ways to reduce expenses, such as making mailings available on the FWCC website as well as by postal mailings. Many Fellows have risen to the challenge and agreed to access our materials on the web.

Affiliated Programs

THE ELIZABETH ANN BOGERT FUND

For the Study and Practice of Christian Mysticism

This fund was established in memory of Elizabeth Ann Bogert. For application information contact the current secretaries Michelina and Vinton Deming, 4818 Warrington Avenue, Philadelphia, PA 19143, muccidem@verizon.net. The next deadline is March 1st, 2006

RIGHT SHARING OF WORLD RESOURCES

In April, 2005 the RSWR Board of Trustees completed a 6-month strategic planning project. The project resulted in four strategies that will guide RSWR in the next 3–5 years:

1. Continue with the best practices of the previous five years
2. Increase RSWR's presence among North American Quakers, with special attention to young Friends
3. Move toward increasing involvement in decision-making by project partners
4. Explore a paradigm shift from wealth, economics-based development to sustainability, with a new understanding of resources

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MEMBER YEARLY MEETINGS AND GROUPS

Alaska Friends Conference
 Baltimore
 Bolivia—Central
 Bolivia—INELA
 Canadian
 Colombia—Bogotá MM
 Costa Rica—Monteverde MM
 Cuba
 El Salvador
 Evangelical Friends Church Mid-America
 Great Plains
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 Wilmington

Last Call to Register for Annual Meeting!

Final arrangements are being made for Annual Meeting and the associated study tours. We have booked some rooms at an adjoining hotel if more space is needed. If you would like to stay where the meeting is to be held we urge you to register now at www.fwccamericas.org. Follow the links to Register for Annual Meeting.

Quaker Religious Education Materials in Spanish

In April, following our annual meeting, FWCC organized and sponsored a consultation on Quaker publications in Spanish. This ground-breaking event brought together representatives to FWCC from Latin America and representatives from other Friends' organizations who are actively involved in the growing Hispanic Friends ministries in the US and Canada. A plan was laid out to provide greater access to existing materials to Spanish-speaking Friends, including children's literature, and for more translations of primary Quaker texts. We are planning a second consultation for spring 2006, after the annual meeting in Chiquimula, Guatemala, where we will explore, among other things, a writers' workshop for Spanish-speaking Friends.

Sign up for E-news

We now provide brief, timely updates on FWCC work, news and events in an electronic newsletter. Get up-to-date information. Sign up at www.fwccamericas.org. You can also request electronic notification for Wider Quaker Fellowship postings on the web.

In Review CONTINUED

We also note the following highlights for 2004–2005:

- \$240,000 disbursed to 51 projects, including four in response to the tsunami disaster in south India. 30 (59%) of the projects are in (south) India; 14 (27%) are in Kenya, all with Quaker partners; 6 (12%) are in Sierra Leone; 1 (2%) is in the Philippines
- 15 (29%) of all project partners are Quaker
- A 10% increase in total income from the previous year. Individual Friends households provide 75% of RSWR's income, monthly meetings and churches provide 12%, yearly meetings 3%, and special events (e.g. Simple Meal) 4% (the balance of the income is from interest and restricted gifts)

RSWR continues to provide Friends the means by which we can examine our life of plenty, to provide a practical outlet to assist and empower some of the poorest people on the planet (some of whom are Quakers), and to come to a deeper understanding of economic discipleship as part of our individual and corporate life as a faith community.

FRIENDS COMMITTEE ON SCOUTING

The major work of the committee this year has been to update our website and make it more relevant and interesting. The other area of concern is the usual one of letting Quakers know that this program exists for Quaker youth who are

involved with scouting. We have been distributing a new brochure and welcome inquiries.

Following are the awards which have been earned this past year:

- 19 youth in grades 2–6 earned the "That of God" award
- 3 youth in grades 6–12 earned the "Spirit of Truth" award
- 1 adult was presented with the "Friends" emblem

FRIENDS PEACE TEAMS

Friends Peace Teams offers opportunities to join peace teams as well as support for individual discernment, and is working to encourage local peace teams. Their website, www.friendspeaceteams.org includes information on its program "Every Friends Church and Meeting a Center of Peacemaking" and about their work in countries including Burundi, Colombia, Kenya, Rwanda and Uganda.

THE RACHEL METCALFE MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND

The Christian Medical Association of India administers this bequest, which trains healthcare professionals from poor families. CMAI promotes health as an issue of social justice. Its current priorities include palliative care, a campaign to support the right to healthcare, HIV/AIDS, substance abuse, women's self-help, micro-credit projects and diabetes care. Its latest journal features responses to the tsunami crisis with reflections on the impact of natural disasters on those most at risk.

Fiscal Year 2005 Financial Report

	Fund Balance 04.30.04	Contributions & Bequests	Income from Investment* & Other	Total Expense	Fund Balance 04.30.05
Temporarily Restricted Funds					
Wider Quaker Fellowship	31,917	21,631	4,093	44,467	13,174
Bilingual Program	685				685
Latin America Fund	475				475
Visitation Fund	0		1,886	1,886	0
Quaker Youth Pilgrimage	2,383	150	20,922	23,455	0
Elizabeth Ann Bogert Fund	135,070		7,911	9,536	133,445
Rachel Metcalfe Scholarship Fund	44,005		2,437	2,400	44,042
Pooled Life Income Fund	54,109		1,205	25,013	30,301
Committee Travel Fund	110,803	14,992	6,532	5,709	126,618
Travel Support Fund	18,000		27,242	45,242	0
Triennial Travel Fund	0	300			300
Field Offices	0	1,261	2,045	1,481	1,825
Peace Conference	47,312		1,216	19,134	29,394
Web Maintenance Fund	1,200			1,200	0
Invest in Future — Quasi Endowment	0	89,401			89,401
Founders Fund	0	50,000			50,000
TEMPORARILY RESTRICTED FUNDS BALANCE	445,959	177,735	75,489	(178,323)	519,660
Designated Funds					
Stewardship Fund	307,065	95,785	6,351	76,900	332,301
Miscellaneous Funds	1,837			1,837	0
RS Cory Fund	353,334		49,010	88,791	313,553
Susan Bax Fund	185,152	18,504		18,943	184,713
DESIGNATED FUNDS BALANCE	847,388	114,289	55,361	(186,471)	830,567
General Fund Income/Expense					
Latin America				38,140	
Visitation				4,258	
Quaker Youth Pilgrimage/Youth Programs				7,295	
Annual Meeting				27,081	
Field Offices				41,503	
Information Services				19,922	
World Office Support				93,021	
Development				37,299	
Administrative				262,139	
General Fund		273,935	185,120		
GENERAL FUNDS BALANCE	(10,515)	273,935	185,120	(530,658)	(82,118)
Total Net Assets	1,282,832				1,268,109

Permanently Restricted Funds

A. Ward Applegate	37,762
Beneficial Interests**	525,138
PERMANENTLY RESTRICTED FUNDS BALANCE	562,900

These figures reflect the 2005 fiscal year, from May 1, 2004 to April 30, 2005. Every March the Annual Meeting approves income and expense budgets that begin in May. The end of the fiscal year provides a snapshot of activity during the preceding twelve months. These numbers are audited, and a detailed financial report is available upon request.

* Includes unrealized market value gain/loss.

** Beneficial Interests in Perpetual Trusts—the Section receives only the income earned by the principal. We have no access to the principal or control over how it is invested.

Temporarily Restricted Funds

Money restricted by the donor for a specific purpose.

Designated Funds

Money put aside for future use.

Permanently Restricted Funds

Income from the money restricted by the donor to expenditure for a specific purpose. These funds must be permanently maintained.



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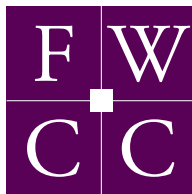
In bringing Friends together face-to-face and heart-to-heart across traditions and national borders, FWCC Section of the Americas seeks to promote exchanges that advance spiritual renewal and vitality within the Religious Society of Friends.

Annual Meeting, March 2000



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