

**Friends World Committee on Consultation Report**  
**From PFYM representative Christine Ashley**  
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1. Gretchen Castle is resigning as General Secretary of the FWCC World Office after eight years of service.

**2.The Traveling Ministry Corps**

As FWCC Traveling Ministry Corps program expanded this past year with 10 Spanish-speaking ministers and 8 English-speaking ministers, there were visitations with over 30 meetings in six countries in the Americas, Visits included NC resident Geeta McGahey of SAMYA traveled to multiple meetings in New England Yearly Meeting, sharing messages and workshops related to Climate EcoJustice and reaching out to some relatively isolated Friends.

**3.Activities of Representatives**

- FWCC's investment subcommittee is exploring a plan to move more invested funds to funds that avoid investing in fossil fuel production and processing and actively invest in green technologies.
- Regional coordinators were actively engaging local representatives, most clearly shown by the four recent regional gatherings, which included opportunities for worship and fellowship, training of new representatives, informational sessions, and planning for future activities in the regions! These gatherings have happened in Southeast region (in Miami Florida) as well as in Central America, in South America, and in the Northwest region.
  - FWCC Section of the Americas (SOA) Southeast Regional Gathering was held February 6-9, 2020 and the theme was "Sharing historic Quaker values today!" There was no registration fee, no food/hospitality fee. Everything was paid by donations from attenders (all bills paid) and Clara and Eduardo Diaz hosted the weekend. Miami Friends/Iglesia (NCFF/FUM) and potluck dinner (feast) were held at Iglesia de los Amigos. Since this was held weeks before the COVID-19 shutdown, some attendees cancelled participation and attendance was lower than expected.
  - Reports and sessions included Traveling Ministry Corps – facilitated by Geeta Jyothi McGahey and Robin Mohr. Information and group activity, Earth Care Actions (Beverly Ward and Brad Stocker and Quaker United Nations Office (QUNO): presented by Eduardo Diaz and Beverly Ward Examining "What Unifies us a Quakers? My session was on Quaker Faith and Action, but I was still in hospital and so did not attend the event.

#### **4. World Quaker Day**

World Quaker Day is always the first Sunday in October. Many Friends meetings and churches participated in 2019, and you can see reports and photos they shared at <http://www.worldquakerday.org/>. The theme for 2020 is, “What does it mean to be a Quaker today?”

**Question: How might we plan on celebrating with Friends worldwide on October 4th, 2020?**

#### **5. Sustainability Online Consultation**

On February 22, 2020, three hundred Friends around the world participated in an online Quaker consultation over the course of 24 hours. For a summary of FWCC’s activities in the 2018-2019 fiscal year, please see FWCC’s [annual report](#).