



LifeCalls

MAG Report to CPMM

Prepared by Viv Hawkins and MAG, 14 December 2018

Following on the last report of 2 December 2017, this report updates Central Philadelphia Monthly Meeting (CPMM) on LifeCalls: A ministry to foster faithfulness, carried under the care of CPMM by Viv Hawkins and others.

This report is made to the Committee on Gifts and Leadings by the ministry's mutual accountability group (MAG). The MAG, approved by CPMM in May 2017, includes Lynda Black, Lola Georg, .O, and Viv Hawkins. Since the December 2017 report, the MAG met 19 times, generally for more than 2 hours, allowing two group members to report each time. We all feel blessed and well-served by this mutual accountability group.

Throughout this report, text like this (boxed, similarly colored) shows ministry objectives – past and future.

Actions Requested

Receive this report. Pray for and contribute to CPMM member ministries. Visit releasingministry.org
Reapprove various privileges including CPMM continuing to receive and disburse funds on behalf of LifeCalls, LifeCalls annual solicitation of CPMM members, CPMM confirming its support of grant applications on behalf of LifeCalls, and CPMM hosting LifeCalls program use of Friends Center space.

LifeCalls Minute

At its November 2016 meeting for business, CPMM approved through October 2019 the following LifeCalls minute of religious service.

Central Philadelphia Monthly Meeting is blessed to accompany our member Viv Hawkins as she testifies that, with Divine assistance, we can manifest heaven on earth. Viv works and prays to inspire, encourage, and empower people, individually and corporately, to live into our greatest sacredness in harmony with creation. Crossing various boundaries, her Friends Ministry – now including Releasing Ministry Alliance, spiritual accountability, Sabbath-jubilee, and India Connections projects – invite us all to:

- kindle covenant community,
- faithfully follow our Guide, and
- liberate for the common good the spiritual and material gifts we steward

Central Philadelphia Monthly Meeting finds Viv clear to engage this ministry which we have supported, spiritually and materially, since 2005. We commend her to everyone she visits, sending our love for Viv and for you who receive her. We ask you to receive Viv with tenderness and to join with her in listening for and following the guidance of the Spirit.

An identical minute was approved by CPMM in 2014 and then approved for endorsement by Philadelphia Quarterly and Yearly Meetings (PhYM) in keeping with PhYM's Faith and Practice that recommends PhYM Friends traveling beyond the yearly meeting, have their minutes of religious service endorsed by PhYM.

Ministry Activities

Supporting Ministry

Offer mutual accountability training, with QVS and Wild Goose.

Program offerings related to mutual spiritual accountability were focused outside of PhYM for reasons mentioned below, in the Minister section of this report. Lola and I co-facilitated a two-part series for Quaker Voluntary Service's Philadelphia cohort on two Saturdays. We offered two programs on mutual accountability groups at the Wild Goose Festival, a "transformational experience grounded in faith-inspired social justice," attended by 4500

people, many who identify with the emergent church. In June 2018, I was a panelist for New England Yearly Meeting's "Supporting Ministry and Ministers," a central theme of NEYM's Legacy Fund which sponsored and funded the day-long program. The many messages there enlightened me. I continue to share resources through two Facebook groups which I formed and administer: Releasing Ministry and Friends Spiritual Accountability.

Cultivate a spiritual direction practice, especially with groups.

Because ministry flourishes best in true Beloved Community, I regard advocacy of multiculturalism as critical and integral to supporting ministry among Friends. In January 2018, .O, Lola, Gabbreell James, Vanessa Julye, and I attended the first Mystic Soul Conference, where we reveled in a community that is "People of Color-centered, Trans/Queer inclusive, spiritually inclusive, and welcoming to all who are willing and able to be welcoming to all." Additionally, the Undoing Racism Group, Quaker X, and mutual support with several Friends of color powerfully foster spiritual accountability on-the-ground, here and now.

I continue as a member of two peer mutual accountability groups supporting 5 people in our faithfulness. One began April 2017 as an experiment in CPMM, the other began in 2015. I and several Green Street Friends Meeting members form the EMIR (Every Murder is Real) Ministry Support Group, which directly participates in the ministry of their member Victoria Green. The support group uses American Friends Service Committee's (AFSC) Quaker Social Change Ministry to engage spiritually-grounded corporate ministry that advances social justice.

Write on spiritual accountability.

Friends Journal will print on-line my article juxtaposing non-Quaker experiences of multiculturalism with my experiences among Friends. Two pieces on accountability groups will be published in a book of Marcelle Martin.

My draft on advanced matters in peer mutual accountability will be helped by two recent areas of on-line and independent study: an human development model (StAGES) and Otto Scharmer's U theory blends secular discernment practices with action research, two practices which fit well with spiritual accountability.

Serve with CPMM's Committee on Gifts and Leadings.

I am grateful that this service has offered me rich opportunities to support ministry from a new perspective.

Releasing Ministry Alliance

Continue to develop the human network, launch website phase 2, coordinate considerable outreach to ministers and other potential participants.

To publicize and resource ministries of Friends and others, I and Vonn New launched phase 2 of the website! We now focus more on growing the network of ministries and people accessing and supporting them. Since March 2015, 25 e-blasts publicized 48 ministries from all branches of the Religious Society of Friends.



A gathering for Friends in public ministry who identify as women and genderqueer was offered Dec 6-9, 2018 at Stony Point Center, NY. I was a member of the planning group which formed from the October 2016 Quaker women in public ministry gathering. CPMM's LifeCalls account served as fiscal sponsor for this and the 2016 gathering. Details at quakersatthewell.wordpress.com

Create a legal structure and board (for Releasing Ministry Alliance or LifeCalls, as 501c3 or B corporation).

CPMM has served as fiscal sponsor along with The Shalom Center, which presently receives on-line contributions.

India

Consider travel with Lola to India at the end of 2018- beginning of 2019 to visit among Friends, Bhimkothi village residents, and Ekta Parishad staff as well as to co-facilitate AVP training.

I have not felt clear to travel to India in the above timeframe. I continue to communicate with an Indian Friend who serves as clerk of the one unprogrammed yearly meeting in India.

Finances

(through CPMM)

for July 2017 - June 2018

	Total - all projects	LifeCalls (undesig-nated)	Releasing Ministry Alliance	Quaker Women in Public Ministry
Opening balance	\$19,585.34	\$3,275.75	\$9,977.30	\$6,332.29
Income				
CPMM Member Contributions		\$550.00		
CPMM Committee on Gifts & Leadings		\$600.00		
Total FY18 Income	\$1,150.00	\$1,150.00		
Expenses				
7/20/17 RMA website- Kathy Chavez			\$840.00	
12/7/17 Mystic Soul (150), Wild Goose (190) fees		\$340.00		
1/2/18 RMA website- Kathy Chavez			\$675.00	
3/1/18 Mystic Soul travel, grant from G&L		\$600.00		
3/8/18 QWIPM fiscal gift to CoG&L				\$1,332.00
6/14/18 RMA website- Vonn New			\$5,000.00	
6/14/18 Wild Goose lodging		\$519.95		
Total FY18 Expenses	\$9,306.95	\$1,459.95	\$6,515.00	\$1,332.00
Ending balance June 2018	\$11,428.39	\$2,965.80	\$3,462.30	\$5,000.29

for July 2018 – June 2019

Income

Contributions from non-members CPMM	\$177.17	\$177.17		
NEYM Legacy Fund grant to At the Well	\$2,600.00			\$2,600.00
At the Well participant check payments	\$1,040.00			\$1,040.00
Total Income FY19-to-date	\$3,817.17	\$177.17		\$3,640.00

Expenses

12/6/2018 At the Well honoraria to support staff	\$2,380.00			\$2,380.00
12/14/2018 At the Well participant travel assistance	\$715.00			\$715.00
12/14/2018 At the Well reg - elder, Viv full workgrant	\$260.00	\$260.00		
12/14/2018 At the Well participant scholarships	\$3,370.00			\$3,370.00
12/6/2018 Releasing Ministry Alliance webhost Jul-Dec	\$60.00		\$60.00	
12/6/2018 Wild Goose Festival travel July 2017	\$665.00	\$665.00		
12/7/2018 PhYM 2018 summer sessions - Viv & elder	\$364.00	\$364.00		
12/7/2018 Mystic Soul July 2019 reg- Viv & elder	\$395.00	\$395.00		
12/7/2018 Undoing Racism Group dinner - 12 members	\$188.30	\$188.30		
Total expenses FY19-to-date	\$8,397.30	\$1,872.30	\$60.00	\$6,465.00
Balance remaining	\$6,848.26	\$1,270.67	\$3,402.30	\$2,175.29

Minister

Attend more to “how” I offer ministry than “what” I offer: relax, enjoy, and play. Connect more with people and groups I love and enjoy. Continue to seek my main spiritual sustenance from the Source. Contribute to my faith communities, more as I’m led than from obligation.

I continue to be grateful for CPMM’s fiscal support of LifeCalls, for the spiritual support of the 2 peer mutual accountability groups in which I participate, for opportunities for extended worship, and for the several Friends’

communities with whom I worship. I've been active with Quaker X – a faith community which seeks to embody racial justice; with Undoing Racism Group comprised of PhYM Friends but not an official group of PhYM; and with two Green Street Friends Meeting groups: EMIR Ministry Support Group and Community Reparations Committee.

Since April 2017, LifeCalls has shape-shifted due to several events in PhYM: PhYM's summer 2016 decision to not grant the Undoing Racism Group authority, PhYM's March 2017 "staffing changes," Upper Dublin Monthly Meeting's March 2017 reading out of meeting Friend Avis Wanda McClinton, PhYM's "staff voice policy," and PhYM's Multicultural Audit Steering Committee. Each has felt to me like an affront to member ministries.

As I reorient and root my faith more directly in Spirit, I witness two movements:

1. I am offering, almost entirely outside PhYM, program once offered under PhYM's care, and
2. Applied spiritual accountability has replaced my offering program within PhYM.

I and the MAG agree this is rightly-ordered for now and the choices involved are faithful to Spirit's guidance.

Plans for the Coming Year

RELEASING MINISTRY ALLIANCE	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Grow Releasing Ministry Alliance's human network of ministers and people who seek and support ministry. 2. Ensure administration of Releasing Ministry Alliance.
SUPPORTING MINISTRY	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Practice, write about, and teach mutual accountability as both program and applied art. 2. Serve CPMM's member ministries and others via Committee on Gifts and Leadings. 3. Cultivate mutual accountability, including as co-clerk of Undoing Racism Group.
INDIA	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Test clearness to visit among Friends in India in Dec 2019-Jan 2020.
MINISTER	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Assess and practice ministry using SQ21 (spiritual intelligence by Cindy Wigglesworth). 2. Connect more with people and groups I love and enjoy.

Anticipated future expenses (through CPMM)	Date	LifeCalls (undesig- nated)	Releasing Ministry Alliance	Quaker Women in Public Ministry
OPENING BALANCE	\$6,848.26	\$1,270.67	\$3,402.30	\$2,175.29
At the Well travel- PHL to Stony Pt, NY, 264 miles @ .545 ea	12/2018	\$ 150		
Zoom teleconference annual subscription	1/2019			\$ 180
Releasing Ministry website hosting	1/2019		\$ 120	
Office supplies	1/2019		\$ 120	
Race and Reparations course (2 commuters + meals)	1/2019	\$ 810		
Releasing Ministry IRS non-profit application	3/2019		\$ 400	
Releasing Ministry insurance: multi-peril	6/2019		\$ 1,500	
Releasing Ministry printing & copying	6/2019		\$ 200	
Mystic Soul Conference travel	6/15/19	\$ 600		
Mystic Soul Conference food & lodging	6/15/19	\$ 400		
Releasing Ministry outreach (2 events – fees and travel)	7/2019		\$ 1,000	
Releasing Ministry website hosting	12/2019		\$ 120	
Total Anticipated Expenses		\$ 5,600	\$ 1,960	\$ 3,460
Balance remaining		\$ 1,247	\$ <690>	\$ <58>
			\$ 3,460	\$ 180
			\$ <58>	\$ 1,995