

LifeCalls Report to CPMM

This report dated September 19, 2016 intends to update Central Philadelphia Monthly Meeting (CPMM) members on the activities and outcomes of LifeCalls: A ministry to foster faithfulness, carried by Viv Hawkins under the care of CPMM and the spiritual accountability group appointed by CPMM including Mona Cardell, Shan Cretin, Lola Georg, and Kevin Taylor. We have met with Viv as needed during the year and we continue to be inspired by her dedication to this ministry.

Actions requested of CPMM Membership

At its September 2014 meeting for business, CPMM approved for 2-3 years the LifeCalls minute of religious service and various privileges including LifeCalls solicitation of CPMM membership annually, CPMM continuing to receive funds on behalf of LifeCalls, CPMM confirming its support of grant applications on behalf of LifeCalls, and CPMM hosting LifeCalls program use of Friends Center space.

The LifeCalls SAG asks this minute and the above named privileges be continued through Oct 2019.

Viv has been deeply grateful to not need to carry the minute through the quarterly and yearly meeting endorsement processes annually, thus freeing her to do the ministry, instead. This is especially true while PhYM reorganizes and reinvents its various processes, including endorsing minutes.

LifeCalls Minute

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 ReleasingMinistry.org, 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.

Ministry

Releasing Ministry Alliance

Viv and others continue to advance this project to publicize and resource ministries of Friends and others. Viv continues to work with Vonn New who is programming the more fully functional website. A board is being formed, application for 501(c)3 status is underway, and a fiscal sponsor agreement is in place until a separate 501(c)3 is created. She has distributed twenty one (21) e-blasts publicizing 40 ministries since March 2015, including all branches of the Religious Society of Friends. Introducing Releasing Ministry Alliance video has more than 500 views.

Plans for the coming year: Continue to develop and deploy the website and organization.

Supporting Friends Ministry

Viv continues in a spiritual direction formation program offered by Sisters of Mercy to obtain traditional training in accompanying others on their spiritual journey. As part of the training, she offers monthly spiritual direction to a Friend in India via phone and participates in a peer mutual accountability group with some of the participants.

Viv, Lola Georg, Amy Ward Brimmer, and Hollister Knowlton have been advancing support of individual calls to ministry in PhYM. They offered an interest group at March 2016 continuing sessions and a workshop at PhYM summer sessions. They plan fall program to a network of people carrying and supporting ministries.

Viv, Jennie Isbell, Eden Grace, and Janet Hough have been planning a national gathering for October 2016 of Quaker women in public ministry. A simple program will be employed to allow the participants to develop and deliver the program that will speak most powerfully to them. Viv is grateful to CPMM for serving as the conduit for finances and other logistical support.

Viv published a second article on peer mutual accountability in the April 2016 Friends Journal. She has been drafting a few writing projects on peer mutual accountability, also.

Plans for coming year: Complete spiritual direction training, offer training in spiritual accountability, collaborate on support of individual calls to ministry within and beyond PhYM.

India

Viv continues with a group of PhYM Friends now known as the India Friends Collaborative, formerly a working group of PhYM. The group continues to support Friends in India, support residents of Bhimkothi rural village through Ekta Parishad – an Indian non-governmental organization, and encourage intervisitation between Friends in India and Friends from other countries.

Plans for the coming year: Lola and Viv plan a trip to India at the end of 2016- beginning of 2017 to visit among Friends, Bhimkothi village residents, and Ekta Parishad staff as well as to co-facilitate Alternatives to Violence Project training.

Minister

Viv feels encouraged in the ministry with a few projects that are actively accomplishing valuable work through small teams. She remains grateful for the:

- spiritual support of CPMM and its appointed SAG, the peer mutual accountability group in which she participates, Evergreen Worship Group, extended worship community, Cranaleith spiritual direction formation cohort, and other Friends' communities with whom she worships and
- financial and in-kind contributions to the LifeCalls ministry from CPMM and others.

In addition to working full-time at the Shalom Center and engaging the ministry described above, she has been active with Undoing Racism Group comprised of PhYM Friends and CPMM's Committee on Racial Healing and Wholeness which is employing AFSC's Quaker Social Change Ministry model.

Finances

Income & Expenses

(through CPMM)
for July 2015 - June 2016

	Total - all projects	LifeCalls (undesig-nated)	Releasing Ministry Alliance	Quaker Women in Public Ministry	India	Purpose
Opening Balance	\$ 6,188	\$ 2,614	\$ 3,574	\$ -	\$ -	
Income						
NEYM Legacy Fund				\$ 7,000		
Obadiah Brown				\$ 5,000		
Central Philadelphia MM	\$ 1,000					
Individual contributions			\$ 7,118	\$ 1,500		
Total Income	\$ 21,618	\$ 1,000	\$ 7,118	\$ 13,500	\$ -	
Expenses						
7/14/2015	\$ 1,100					2015 Gathering fees & travel
7/14/2015			\$ 665			Introducing RMA video production
9/3/2015			\$ 125			PA Incorporation Fee
10/22/2015			\$ 185			EIN reg fee
10/22/2015			\$ 400			IRS - Nonprofit app fee (voided)
1/21/2016				\$ 1,620		QWiPM conference center deposit
4/27/2016			\$ (400)			IRS - Nonprofit app check voided
Total Expenses	\$ 3,695	\$ 1,100	\$ 975	\$ 1,620	\$ -	
Ending balance	\$ 24,111	\$ 2,514	\$ 9,717	\$ 11,880	\$ -	

Anticipated future expenses

(through CPMM)

	Date	LifeCalls (undesig-nated)	Releasing Ministry Alliance	Quaker Women in Public Ministry	India
QWiPM Rolling Ridge Conference Center, pmt 2	9/1/2016			\$ 3,238	
QWiPM Travel grants (others)	9/1/2016			\$ 2,000	
Quickbooks software	9/1/2016		\$ 200		
Releasing Ministry printing & copying	9/30/2016		\$ 200		
India travel (visa, hotel, food, & medical)	10/1/2016				\$ 1,200
Releasing Ministry web development	10/1/2016		\$ 5,000		
Releasing Ministry website hosting	10/1/2016		\$ 825		
Releasing Ministry domain name registration	10/1/2016		\$ 50		
Releasing Ministry IRS non-profit application	10/1/2016		\$ 400		
QWiPM Rolling Ridge Conference Center, pmt 3	10/7/2016			\$ 3,238	
QWiPM childcare provider	10/7/2016			\$ 1,000	
QWiPM travel (650 miles @ .54/ mile)	10/20/2016			\$ 351	
Releasing Ministry insurance: multi-peril	1/1/2017		\$ 1,500		
Releasing Ministry audit, if needed	1/1/2018		\$ 1,250		
Releasing Ministry gathering fees (PhYM, FGC, NEYM)	Various		\$ 1,700		
Releasing Ministry gatherings travel (1500 miles)	Various		\$ 842		
Total	\$22,994		\$ -	\$ 11,967	\$ 1,200