

**Latin American Concerns Committee  
Report to Annual Session 2019**

**SUMMARY**

The Latin American Concerns Committee continues to gather and disseminate information to Pacific and other Yearly Meetings regarding Friends groups and Service projects in Latin America. These spirit-led projects are supported by Monthly Meetings, Worship Groups and individual Friends.

**COMMITTEE WORK**

Two Interest Groups have been planned and organized for the 2019 Annual Session of Pacific Yearly Meeting.

1. Latin American Immigration: Those with experience from the School of the America's Watch will speak of their experiences at the border.
2. El Salvador Project: Director, Robert Broz, will speak about the Projects, the differences they make and their impact on the root causes of migration in El Salvador.

**UPDATES FROM LACC PROGRAMS**

1. The Undocumented Student Scholarship Project of Sacramento Friends Meeting is adding financial support to more continuing students attending California State University Sacramento. Several students are making donations to the program.
2. La Casa de los Amigos, Mexico City, continues to serve as a social-justice oriented guesthouse hosting activists, students, refugees and families in search of a more just world. It is also home to the Mexico City Friends Meeting.
3. Progresia Guatemala Friends Scholarship Project has added more students, who are acquiring professional skills, opening paths and inspiring others. They are changing their lives and that of their communities.
4. El Salvador Project has increased support for the village of El Barrio and their public education program. University students continue their social work projects.

You will find more details and most inspiring stories about these projects in LACC page on the PYM website

<https://www.pacificyearlymeeting.org/committee-newsletters-and-reports/latin-american-concerns/>

**OPPORTUNITY**

The Teaching English Experience in Guatemala from Jan. 3-11, 2020, can be found at

<https://www.pacificyearlymeeting.org/2019/documents/pym-committee-reports/latin-american-concerns-committee/news-from-latin-american-programs/>

The Committee consists of Patricia Portillo, Betty Guthrie, Nate Secret, Patricia Constantino, Margaret Bean, Linda Rowell (Co-Clerk), and Donna Smith (Co-Clerk).