

Pacific Yearly Meeting Friends World Committee for Consultation (FWCC) Representative Report to Representative Committee 2020

The calling of the Friends World Committee for Consultation is to bring Quakers together from all our branches: Liberal, Conservative, Friends Church, and Evangelical. One way we do that is to bring together different types of Quakers in face to face meetings. Another way is to bring us together to do important work. FWCC is involved in two major, ongoing projects.

1. The Traveling Ministry Corps is a project of our own FWCC section, the Section of the Americas, which includes the entire Western Hemisphere. Information is available on the section website <https://fwccamericas.org/>. Friends from all branches are recruited and trained, and sent to meetings and churches. They are sent to meet "face-to-face and heart-to-heart. The goal is to share both that which unites us and that which divides us in the life of the Spirit." Please invite a traveling minister to your meeting! Ministers are being recruited both in Latin America and here up North. So, Volunteer! Please contact Hulda Muaka from Palo Alto Meeting for more information.
2. An example of bringing all kinds of Friends to do important work is a worldwide sustainability project. This is a project of the world FWCC organization. According to the world website, <http://fwcc.world/>, this is a "project working with Friends around the world to strengthen our environmental commitment and amplify our voices" as Quakers. Participating in this project would benefit both PYM and climate activists around the world. One thing for sure, we will know that we are not alone in our efforts—we will be coordinating with people of like minds and hearts. We would be working with people around the world, crossing boundaries of language, culture, economic status, theology, and worship styles. My experience in attending the gatherings of the Section of the Americas is that when such barriers come down, Spirit flows.

One example of how this sustainability expands our world view is a video of three Third World Quakers talking about how climate change is affecting their lives. Friends from the Philippines and one from Kenya speak of how the unpredictability of the rain has decreased crop yields. It's very affecting to watch these Friends share. (You can find this video on the "World Quaker Day 2019" website under "resources." A worldwide conference on sustainability is taking place on February 22 of this year. I'll be sending a report of that, too.

So you can see that the FWCC is involved in some exciting projects. As we in PYM involved in them we will be enriched.

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