

To Friends Everywhere,

Spring 2020

All of us at Friends Peace Teams (FPT) are grateful for your continuing support, financial and spiritual, and for allowing us to represent you and your meetings, churches, and organizations in our work for peace worldwide for more than 26 years. Thank you!

Our peace work empowers individuals and encourages communities to be their best in the face of nasty violence and intense oppression. From each of our initiatives here is an update that describes our peace activities that reflects the passion of our mission, the very heartbeat that empowers us and leads to peace and reconciliation every day (see left).

Here are suggested steps you can take on your spiritual path to seek a wider understanding of our peace work in the manner of Friends:

- ➔ **Reprint this Epistle** and bring copies to share at your meeting, church or organization.
- ➔ **Please pay a visit to our website** <friendspeaceteams.org> for specific information on all our peace work.
- ➔ **Add your name to our mailing list** on our website to stay in touch with us directly.
- ➔ **Volunteer to serve on the FPT Council**, with one of our working groups or committees. We provide the infrastructure that releases peace workers to concentrate on their dedicated service with our programs and workshops.
- ➔ **Join one of our Peace Teams** serving with our partner organizations in countries around the world. And that list now includes the US, too (TRR).
- ➔ **Bring your own work for peace** to our Peace Ministries Committee when you need support.
- ➔ **As you are able, send us a donation** to assure this work for peace continues to thrive. From the beginning in 1993, the generosity of our donors has empowered peace workers who have delivered remarkable results and new tools for peace.

You can continue to help the message and work for peace in the manner of Friends flourish. There is plenty of room for all of us at the table(s).

Go in Peace,
The Members of the FPT Council
(Governing body of Friends Peace Teams)



Friends Peace Teams (FPT) is a Spirit-led organization working around the world to develop long-term relationships with communities in conflict to create programs for peacebuilding, healing, and reconciliation. Our programs for peace build on extensive Quaker experience combining practical and spiritual aspects of conflict resolution.



African Great Lakes Initiative (AGLI) hosted an International Training for Healing and Rebuilding Our Community (HROC) in February 2020 with participants from Zimbabwe, Uganda, Kenya, Nigeria, Democratic Republic of Congo and Rwanda. In 2003, HROC began in Rwanda in the wake of the horrid genocide against the Tutsi. Today, HROC continues to be a foundation of our peace work.



Asia West Pacific (AWP) hosted a Cultures of Peace Training in January 2020, for 46 participants from ten countries in six languages. The power of the Living Spirit came alive in hearts and minds, inspiring work for peace under challenging conditions in Russia, Ukraine, Georgia, Nepal, Korea, Philippines, Indonesia, Papua, Australia, Aotearoa/NZ, as well as in the United States.



Peacebuilding en las Américas (PLA) partners with indigenous communities, women human rights defenders, men in prison and youth at high-risk of gang recruitment in El Salvador, Honduras, Guatemala, Colombia and Ecuador. We provide tools in nonviolence, creating community, and offering hope for the transformation of conflict.



Power of Goodness, short stories of peace work collected over the past 70 years, now offers dozens of mini-workshops with those stories that can be offered to communities on the themes of peace, nonviolence and reconciliation. These powerful workshops guide individuals on their own paths to service work.



Toward Right Relationship with Native Peoples (TRR) offers presentations and workshops that inspire faith communities, schools, colleges, and civic organizations in the U.S. to build relationships with Native peoples based on truth, respect, justice, and our shared humanity.