

**LATIN AMERICAN CONCERNS COMMITTEE  
REPORT TO PACIFIC YEARLY MEETING ANNUAL SESSION 2017**

In 1997, PYM Annual Session established a standing Latin America Concerns Committee to gather and disseminate information to Pacific and other Yearly Meetings regarding Friends groups and service projects in Latin America with special attention to Casa de los Amigos in Mexico City, El Salvador Project and Guatemala Friends Scholarship Program. The intention is to support rather than replace spirit-led projects already supported by Monthly Meetings, Worship Groups and individual Friends.

LACC has met three times since last annual session. This Annual Session we are assisting Dr. Marco Antonio Lopéz Galicia, Executive Director of Casa de los Amigos, in attending. He will be presenting an Interest Group to inform PYM about the many programs at the Casa and report on last years 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration. During an Affinity Group time, he will offer an Interest Group titled “Light: A discussion of thanatology, Quakerism/Faith and Practice, and Yoga”. His specialty is the study of final affairs/death and yoga. His talk will include his experience of Light in Quakerism.

In response to Child Refugee immigration issues in 2014, LACC formed a subcommittee. LACC has discerned to lay down the separate subcommittee and fold that work into the committee as a whole.

SUBMITTED BY Donna Smith, Clerk

**As separate attachments** are reports of the work of Casa, El Salvador Project, Guatemala Friends Scholarship, and Progresas.

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