

1 Friends Church of North Carolina
2 FCNC Representative Body for Budget
3 October 12, 2019

4 Held At: Harmony Grove Friends Meeting, Yadkinville, North Carolina

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6 **Roger Greene, FCNC Presiding Clerk**, brought the meeting to order and welcomed
7 representatives. He presented a devotion based on Nehemiah 2:11-18 (NIV). Roger related
8 Nehemiah’s plans and actions to fulfill those plans, to a hunting trip he had with a friend early
9 in the 1990s.

10 Nehemiah took the time upon arriving in Jerusalem to examine the situation and form a plan.
11 Roger and his friend, Rob, had planned to hunt elk together in the Targhee National Park for a
12 couple of weeks and took with them horses and gear according to their plans. However, their
13 circumstances changed early on. Rob learned the night of their arrival that his sick mother was
14 not expected to survive. The two friends agreed Rob should be with his mother. It would be
15 difficult for Roger to manage the horses alone, so the horses left with Rob.

16 The day after Rob left, Roger hiked up to a ridge to survey the country and think about the first
17 official hunting day. On day one of hunting, things seemed to be going well until his boots and
18 socks became wet and he had to hunt the rest of the day with cold, wet feet. That night he
19 returned exhausted to his truck to have a cold supper.

20 On the second day, Roger found his boots were frozen, and as they thawed, his socks and feet
21 again became wet and cold for the remainder of the day. (The following hunting days the
22 routine was the same - frozen boots, thawing boots, wet, cold socks and feet.) He passed on a
23 shot at a small mule deer buck.

24 Day three he built a fire to try and dry his boots and several pairs of wet socks, only to burn
25 holes in a couple of socks and smoke up the wet boots. In the evening, he sat in a hide of brush
26 watching a wallow for elk and growing sleepy, until he was distracted briefly by a bird landing in
27 the brush near his shoulder. As he turned back, he saw a large elk disappearing into the brush
28 with a spike bull in front of the wallow. Despite all his efforts to call the elk, both of them
29 disappeared into the brush, leaving him with plans to return the next evening. That night’s hike
30 back to the truck was discouraging and long. His feet were wet and hurting, and upon
31 removing his boots and socks, he found multiple blisters on each foot.

32 On the fourth day walking was painful and it took six hours to get over the ridge, twice as long
33 as before. Unable to muster the will to drop down into the drainage, he sat several hours on a
34 rock drying his feet in the sun. He returned to his truck before dark that day.

1 The morning of day five Roger realized that the mountains were beating him on this trip. Since
2 it was Sunday, he took the day off, cleaned up, put on clean clothes and traveled to Wilson to
3 the elementary school's library to worship with Wilson Friends Meeting. In the afternoon he
4 drove to Jackson for a good meal and spent the afternoon in a movie house, before returning to
5 the trail head that night.

6 On Monday morning (day 6), Roger decided to make another attempt at the hunt. His feet
7 hurt, his legs were weak, and his spirit was broken. He couldn't make it over the ridge, so he
8 hunted around the trailhead. Tuesday morning, he packed the truck and abandoned the hunt.

9 Unlike Nehemiah, Roger had not taken time to examine his new situation when Rob left. He
10 had just charged up the mountain without forming a plan. *" By trying to be cheap and get an
11 extra year of wear out of old, half worn-out boots, I had wasted my elk tag and a 2700-mile
12 truck ride. Lessons learned."* In 1993 Roger and Rob returned to the Targhee to hunt elk and this
13 time their plan worked.

14 Roger said, *"We are here today to plan for FCNC's next year. While we are to trust in God, I
15 think planning and preparation are Biblical mandates."* He shared some thoughts from Chuck
16 Swindoll about planning: *"A good place to start is to face the truth of where we are—
17 acknowledging the toll that bad habits and an undisciplined lifestyle have taken...but we can't
18 stop there. We then must map out a plan we'll follow, just like Nehemiah did when he took a
19 walk around the city (Jerusalem). That involves preparing our minds and hearts for whatever it
20 will take to reach our goal(s). And then? With enthusiasm and determination, we get
21 underway..."*

22 Roger added, **"Plan well. Prepare diligently. Pray hard. Then, go for it with your whole
23 heart."** He closed with a quote from Proverbs 19:21(NIV): *"Many are the plans in a person's
24 heart, but it is the Lord's purpose that prevails."* A period of silent worship was closed with
25 prayer by Michael Fulp, Jr., pastor of Cedar Square Meeting.

26 **Regrets:** George Strickland, Mary Anna and Deets Mc Cullen, Billy and Viola Britt

27 **Roll Call:** 16 FCNC Meetings were represented by 41 Friends. Quarters were represented as
28 follows: Contentnea – Mar Mac (3); Southern – Asheboro (1), Cedar Square (1), Randleman (1),
29 Science Hill (5), South Plainfield (3); Western – Cane Creek (2), Centre (2), Rocky River (5);
30 Yadkin Valley – Branon (2), Deep Creek (1), Connection (2), Forbush (6), Harmony Grove – (1),
31 White Plains (4), Winthrop (2).

32 **Minutes Approval:** A draft copy of the August 2019 Annual Session minutes had been posted
33 online for members to read and offer corrections. Three corrections were made as brought to
34 the attention of the recording clerk. It saves time if members read minutes online and bring
35 typo errors or incorrect wording they find to the attention of the clerks quickly. Corrections can
36 then be made prior to the next meeting of representatives. **The body approved the corrected
37 2019 Annual Session minutes.**

1 **Nominating Committee** – Geraldine Brannon, chairperson of the Nominating Committee,
2 reported that several Quarterly Meeting appointments to committees need filling. She noted
3 updated/corrected dates of some committee members’ terms. In response to the Nominating
4 Committee being asked to form a committee for Trustees of Real Estate with a term of service
5 being six years, she provided a description of the committee’s responsibilities and duties. She
6 presented from the Nominating Committee the following names for approval as members of
7 this committee: Donna Shore Terrell (Yadkin Valley,) Etta Florence Winslow (Western), and
8 Keith Jones (Western). **Representatives approved the appointment of Donna Shore, Etta
9 Florence Winslow, and Keith Jones to serve on the newly formed Trustees of Real Estate
10 Committee for a term of six years.** Following the approval, Brannon encouraged quarters to
11 provide names of members for all committees and said they would welcome volunteers. Last,
12 she shared the proposed job description for the Nominating Committee as was sent to AOC.

13 **Administrative Oversight Committee** – Brenda Mc Kinney, chair of this committee, reported
14 approved changes to the Faith & Practice regarding numbers of members serving on
15 committees. Approval was needed for changes to be made to The Administrative Handbook to
16 allow eight people to serve on the Nominating Committee. **The Body approved this proposal
17 to allow eight persons to serve on the Nominating Committee.** Brenda shared the proposed
18 Vision Statement for FCNC. A suggestion was made that the words, “and beyond” be added at
19 the end of the statement. **Representatives present approved the new FCNC Vision
20 Statement to read as follows, “The vision of Friends Church of North Carolina is: to be a
21 welcoming, Christ-centered community that serves others; to help persons know Jesus Christ
22 as personal Savior, follow Him as personal Teacher, and obey Him as personal Lord; to
23 broaden our Quaker presence, testimonies, and service throughout North Carolina and
24 beyond.”** Brenda reminded representatives of the approaching July 2020 Triennial Gathering in
25 Africa. FUM, Quaker Men, and USFW will all be participating. Registration begins online
26 November 1, 2019 and vaccinations have to be administered six months in advance.

27 **Superintendent’s Report** - Mike Wall shared a picture of his new grandson, Malachi. He
28 thanked everyone for the opportunity to serve as Superintendent and said he is still learning
29 the job. He celebrated the progress that is being made at Kernersville Friends over the last
30 couple of months. He had been present for a Relaunch Service they had held previously where
31 101 people attended. Their motto is : Reach. Teach. Serve. Guide. Wall said God wants to
32 pour out His Spirit on all our churches if we will obey Him. Other items he mentioned included :
33 distribution of new identification cards for pastors; possible new church plants; two of the
34 former churches contacted about rejoining FCNC have responded, “No” ; Mike will be speaking
35 at Contentnea Quarterly Meeting October 27.
36 In his closing comments, Superintendent Wall thanked Roger Greene for serving as Presiding
37 Clerk for FCNC since its inception. He praised Roger’s work and dedication and then
38 encouraged others to express their personal gratitude to Roger. This meeting is the last official
39 representative gathering under Roger’s leadership.

1 **FCNC report to NCYM, Inc.** - Roger Greene said the 2018 NCYM, Inc. report posted online
2 was several pages long. He shared the 2019 report which is down to one page in length and
3 remains basically the same. A final payment has been made to Quaker Lake. The Outreach
4 Commission did some internal reviewing and made some adjustments to correct some errors
5 found in funding to FCM from the Barker Fund, and an error in funding to a Young Friends
6 Conference from the General Vocation Fund. These disbursements should have been covered
7 by the Evangelism account. The Outreach Commission has made a request to the Financial
8 Manager to restore these funds to their respective accounts from the Evangelism Account. This
9 restoration will be included in the 2019 audit. The clerk and finance chair will be certifying
10 that to the best of our knowledge funds were spent appropriately. **Friends approved the FCNC**
11 **2019 Budget Report as prepared for submission to NCYM, Inc. at their annual meeting on**
12 **November 2, 2019, to be signed by Roger Greene, FCNC Presiding Clerk, and David H. Briles,**
13 **FCNC Treasurer, certifying that to the best of our knowledge , funds were spent**
14 **appropriately.** Judy Ritter reminded everyone that the NCYM, Inc.'s annual budget meeting
15 will be held November 2, 2019 at Quaker Lake. Meetings are encouraged to have
16 representatives in attendance.

17 **Finance Committee/ 2020 Proposed Budget** - Jimmy Spaulding distributed copies of the 2020
18 Proposed Budget for FCNC. He allowed time for Friends to read over the report. He reminded
19 meetings that they need to look after their pastors, especially since the Pastor's Retirement
20 Fund has been laid down. He suggested that some Meetings might be able to offer a matching
21 funds plan. The Meeting would agree to match the pastor's contributions to a retirement plan,
22 with a predetermined cap for the church's contributions per month or year.

23 Jimmy called on Mike Wall to briefly share how Connection Church had overcome financial
24 struggles to become debt free. Jimmy, with input from David Briles presented the Treasurer's
25 report. The proposed budget was down from \$162,626 for 2019 to a proposed \$155,975 for
26 2020. Most recent membership reports show fewer members on record as we enter 2020. He
27 explained individual line items, such as **line 61**, the Superintendent's salary. This item is to be
28 supported by individual donations. Currently \$30,000 has been raised and more is expected.
29 During discussion, in response to an inquiry, Jimmy stated that FCNC does not have a rainy-day
30 fund. Discussion regarding **line 44**, FCM, led to some amendments being made to move source
31 of funding and amounts throughout as appropriate. Members were able to watch a projected
32 image of the proposed budget throughout the session and witness the amendments which
33 were made. The proposed budget amount was not altered because of amendments made.
34 After all amendments were made, Jimmy reminded Friends that this proposed budget would
35 only increase individual member's obligations by \$1.25 per month, from \$62 in 2019 to \$63.25
36 during 2020. When representatives had no further questions the amended budget was
37 presented for approval. **Friends approved the 2020 Budget as amended in session on October**
38 **12, 2019.** Paul Routh stated that the approved 2020 budget will be placed on the FCNC

1 website quickly.

2 **Closing Reminders Announcements:**

- 3 ▪ Meetings have been asked to send an offering to Quaker Lake Foundation yearly.
- 4 ▪ Annual Session representatives approved each Meeting giving an offering of at least \$1
- 5 per member in January to the Small Church Fund.
- 6 ▪ Cheryl Benson is now the interim pastor at Cane Creek.
- 7 ▪ Cedar Square will be having an October Celebration on the 26th from 4:00 until 6:00 in
- 8 the evening. They will have a bouncy house, other fun activities, and food.
- 9 ▪ Homecoming speaker at Branon Friends will be Brian Gullion and the revival speaker will
- 10 be Michael Thames.
- 11 ▪ Mike Fulp encouraged everyone to partake of the refreshments before leaving or to
- 12 take some home. He thanked Judy Ritter and Carolyn Bray for making refreshments
- 13 available.
- 14 ▪ Quaker Lake’s Pumpkin Festival needs adult volunteers to help out in the afternoon and
- 15 evening, and needs items for the festival, such as craft supplies.

16 The meeting adjourned to next meet for Mid-Year Gathering on the first Saturday in

17 April,2020.

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19 Respectfully submitted,

20 Roger Greene, Presiding Clerk

21 Gloria Simmons, Recording Clerk

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