

FCNC Mid-Year Gathering

Marlboro Friends Meeting

March 18-19, 2022

Friday Evening, 7:00 - March 18, 2022

Ray Luther welcomed all to this session and gave directions and instructions for the evening. Mike Fulp introduced an all male Christian a capella Christian singing group from Wake Forest University who presented a wonderful musical program with a large attendance including many young Friends. After a time of open worship, a coffee house and fellowship was held with an opportunity to purchase CD's and donate to the group. Young Friends were invited to share with the group in the youth room for games and activities.

Saturday, 9:00 AM - March 19, 2022

Brenda McKinney, Presiding Clerk of Friends Church, welcomed all those present and introduced Ray Luther, Pastor of Marlboro Friends, who gave instructions for the day and opened the representative body business session with prayer.

Clerk Brenda announced that an offering today will be taken for Friends Disaster Service. An offering plate has been placed in the vestibule for you to drop your offering into. Please be generous as our group has been down east to work recently and they are going again tomorrow for another week. They will greatly appreciate your help.

Roll Call: Mary Anna McCullen, Recording Clerk, gave the roll call of meetings present. There was a total of 71 Friends present representing 18 meeting.

Regrets were received from Don and Brenda Marshall.

Minutes from October 30, 2021: The Clerk reminded that these have been posted on line for some time for all to read. A copy is also included in your packet today. She asked the body for approval of these minutes as posted. These were **approved**.

Administrative Oversight Committee: Roger Holt, Clerk of AOC, presented a recommendation on the following two items:

1. The Part-time Superintendent should be relieved from the responsibility of attending the Recording Committee meetings as part of his job description duties. This would be removed from the job description. Clerk Brenda asked the body for approval of this and it was **approved**.
2. A recommendation has been made by the Program Planning Committee that the date for FCNC Annual Sessions be changed from August 12-13 to August 26-27 due to Roger Holt's plans that cannot be changed to be out of town on Aug. 12-13. Roger, currently Assistant Presiding Clerk, will be presented for approval at the Annual Sessions to move into the position of Presiding Clerk for 2023. After a lengthy discussion and concerns expressed by Tommy Sluder of the Pastor's Association and youth pastors who already arranged speakers for the youth activities on that weekend, it was decided to keep the date of Aug. 12-13 and excuse Roger Holt from

49 being present during that weekend. The FCNC Annual Sessions will be held on August 12-
 50 13, 2022. This was **approved**.

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 52 Faith and Practice Committee: David Briles reported that new hard copies of the FCNC 2019 Faith and
 53 Practice were available today on the back pew. All approved changes have been made from the last
 54 Annual Sessions. Three copies for each meeting are available to be picked up.
 55 David also stated that hard copies of the FCNC Directory with the updated changes from the last Annual
 56 Sessions are also available. There is one copy for each meeting from which copies can be made as
 57 needed and placed in your meeting's binder. A copy will be placed on line soon and he will send out an
 58 email with a link and password to access it.

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 60 Ministry and Counsel: Mike Fulp, Clerk, reported that the name of Kevin Smitherman has been named
 61 by the nominating committee to fill an opening on the FCNC Recording Committee. Kevin serves on the
 62 Forbush Friends Ministry and Counsel and also is Assistant Presiding Clerk for Yadkin Valley Quarterly
 63 Meeting. Clerk Brenda asked the body for approval of this recommendation and it was **approved**.

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 66 Mike reminded the body that he has books for each pastor and youth pastor. See him during lunch or
 67 take yours back to your pastor if they are not present so their name can be checked off. Mike stated that
 68 Friends need to step up and serve FCNC. We are now coming out of COVID and we need you to serve. If
 69 your Ministry & Counsel recognizes members who have gifts of ministry, please let us know and
 70 encourage them. He also reminded members that there is a great need for members to serve on the
 71 Recording Committee, Nominating committee and Committee on Clerks.

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 73 Clerk, Brenda McKinney read a letter from Colin Saxton, FUM NA Ministries Director expressing
 74 appreciation to FCNC for their support of North American Ministries Fund honoring Billy Britt during
 75 the last few months.

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 77 Missions Committee: Scott Carter, Clerk of the FCNC Missions Committee, highlighted items from a
 78 written report that is included in your packet today. With COVID numbers declining in Jamaica the
 79 economic stress caused by the pandemic has increased the crime rate. Curfews are still a part of life in
 80 Jamaica. Shawn and Katrina McConaughy have finished their service as Program Officers for the
 81 Africa Ministry Office. They have returned to the US and Shawn will serve as Superintendent for
 82 Western Yearly Meeting. The McConaughys will be the speakers at our NC USFW Spring Conference
 83 on May 21, 2022. Bob and Hope Carter continue to serve in many capacities in Kenya and they will be
 84 speaking at the Quaker Men's banquet on May 2, 2022. The missions committee's financial report is on
 85 the back of the report in today's packet.

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 87 Clerk, Brenda reported that travel to Jamaica is still limited again this summer and is now at Level 3.
 88 She and Brent hope to be able to travel there some time in the next few months and hope to be able to
 89 have the Quaker Life Camp next summer. Volunteers will be needed.

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 91 Brenda briefly went over all the reports in your packet and a copy of each one is attached to these
 92 minutes. These include written reports from the following FCNC committees:

93 Ministry and Counsel
 94 Ministry and Counsel Revitalization Committee
 95 Missions Committee
 96 Outreach Commission
 97 Communications and Technology Committee

98 Summary of Epistles from 2021 Annual

99 FUM Board Report, March 2022

100 FWCC

101 FCNC Financial Mid Year Report

102 Information from Kelly Kellum on how to help the people of Ukraine

103 Young Friends and Young Adult Report

104 Friends Campus Ministry (beginning new group at UNCW in fall 2022)

105 QLC Flashlight Egg Hunt, April 2, 2022

106 QLC Golf Tournament, May 14, 2022

107 QLC Summer Sessions dates

108 FCNC Annual Sessions registration form (date changed to Aug. 12-13, 2022)

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111 Intern Coordinator: Terry Linthicum presented the binders placed on the table at the front of the
 112 meeting room to be taken back to each meeting. This contains all the information, applications, etc. for
 113 those who want to participate. Terry asked those present to come to the front as we pray for the FCNC
 114 Intern Program as we are begin. All gathered and Michael Fulp led the group in prayer. He asked all to
 115 please take your copy back to your meetings that answers questions and contains all contact
 116 information. Please use it, make copies of it and go through the information to learn how your meeting
 117 can participate. Any questions, please contact Terry as he is excited and feels God has called him to do
 118 this.

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120 Clerk, Brenda thanked all those who were present today and announced that there will be a 10-minute
 121 break before we begin session # 1 of "Division 2 Vision," led by Dr. David Horner. Following lunch at
 122 noon, we will have session # 2 at 1:15pm.

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126 Brenda McKinney, Presiding Clerk

127 Mary Anna McCullen, Recording Clerk

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