Friends Church of North Carolina
Mid-Year Representative Body Meeting
March 21, 2026
Cedar Square Friends Meeting

Representative Body Meeting started at 10:00 AM. Presiding clerk, Roger Holt, welcomed all.

Devotions/Prayer were lead by: Pastor Mike Fulp Jr.

Spoke from John 1 about Jesus finding Nathaniel—calling him to follow; a short episode from The Chosen series was shown regarding this very Scripture passage. "I heard your cry" Pastor Mike explained that there are a lot of Nathaniels out there…asking "does God hear me?" We need to go and meet these people…pray.

Roll call: Recording Clerk, Christine Blamer, conducted the roll call. (See sheet) There were 60 Friends present representing 18 Meetings and 1 visitor present.

Regrets: David Hobson (Rocky River); Bracky Rogers (White plains); Viola Brett; Holly Griffin; Ginger Holt (Deep Creek); John Voncannon (Back Creek)

Reading/Approval of Minutes from Representative Body Meeting October 25, 2025:
These were posted on the FCNC website for view prior this Meeting. Therefore they were not read aloud. Roger Holt asked if there were any corrections needed to the minutes. There were a few corrections. Corrected Minutes were then approved by the Body.

Old Business:

New position: Administrative Communications Co-ordinator—
Erin Mintmier presented, for approval, a revised description of what is expected for this new position which replaces the current Social Media Coordinator position. The changes involved more hands-on involvement with the various Meetings and some some adjustments to the schedule and compensation package regarding mileage. (See attachment).
Roger Holt presented the revised description before the Body for approval…It was approved.

New Business:

SPICE Brochure—Rusty Parsons
Rusty Parsons and Michael Fulp Jr are putting together a "SPICE" brochure that will contain testimonies about the 5 letters of the Quaker acronym SPICE— S: Simplicity P: Peace; Integrity; C: community; E: Equality…A little history in the brochure will explain how these "letters" came to be in 1940 after a split. The brochure will also include our FCNC website, the "Bearing Fruit" newsletter link, our theme, "To know God and make Him known", and the FCNC acronym "FOCUS"—Friends Obedient to Christ and United to Serve. The brochure is to be used for Friends themselves and for others in the community who want to know more about who FCNC Quakers are.

Superintendent Report—Mike Wall

Internship Program—

Mike visited Barclay College to possibly recruit two college students majoring in ministry for future ministry in FCNC. FCNC needs to develop younger leaders who understand the world we live in. Using Barclay College as an ongoing source for possible youth ministers or children's ministers in FCNC would be a way of new growth in young leadership. Two recruits came and visited with Terry Linthicum from Marlboro Friends and Director of our Youth leadership intern program, and John Voncannon from Back Creek Friends. It is the hope that

these two recruits come back in May and enter the Youth Internship program to train with the possibility of them coming back next year to be Youth leaders in FCNC. However, two things are needed: 1) money to reimburse for the current visit; 2) fund the summer program for them.

Presiding clerk, Roger Holt took additional questions regarding funding of these two interns. After much discussion, Roger presented before the Body approval for Mike Wall, Terry Linthicum and John Voncannon to work out the details. This was approved.

FUM Update: Brenda McKinney

Spoke on the financial difficulties FUM has had due to some recording mistakes but have now gotten that straightened out. Currently, FUM is only 60% funded. Therefore, there will a "Spring Appeal." Three appeals…$10,000 each, and this will be matched up to $30,000. In order to cut costs for the future, they have suspended the publication of Quaker Life. There have also been some cuts to benefits, personnel, and international travel. There have also been changes in the governance board and project planning guidelines.
The FUM Board is also in discussions about the use of the Billy Britt Endowment funds for North American Ministries. There is $47,000 in the fund right now. Roger Holt asked the Body to consider increasing the funding to FUM when we meet in Fall
Brenda also passed along a message from Scott Carter, Missions Director….He would like everyone to consider making the 5th Sunday in May of each year as "Missions Sunday."

Other Concerns:

It has been approved through the AOC that Rusty Parsons continue his visitations to monthly meetings and approved to continue to pay him for mileage.

Brent McKinney: Outreach Commission looks after 4 trust funds. He went over available balances for the different trust funds and uses. The question came up about possibly contributing some of FCNC trust funds into the Billy Britt Endowment fund. It was approved that the Outreach Commission look into the criteria necessary for the availability of funds we have verses the criteria necessary for the Billy Britt funds and come back to Annual Sessions in November with their findings.

Approved for Missions Committee to look into setting up a Missions Sunday to contribute the Billy Britt Endowment fund.

Other Announcements:

Steven Ackley, Pastor of Discipleship at Calvary-Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, will be conducting our workshop this afternoon called….."Forming Young Leaders"

Roger ended with Prayer at 11:25am

Respectfully submitted,

Roger Holt, Presiding Clerk
Christine Blamer, Recording Clerk