

RELATED ORGANIZATIONS

Related organizations generally have been established by Friends beyond the organizational structure of Yearly Meetings to speak to special concerns. Most prominent of these are Quaker educational institutions and service organizations.

These organizations relate to a wide variety of concerns and needs and obviously cannot reflect the emphasis of each individual Friend. It is, however, incumbent upon all Friends to be sensitive to avenues of service that have been opened under deep spiritual concern. The organizations described on the next pages are such avenues and are commended for your study and support.

Note that these related organizations determine their own policies, goals and organizational structure.

Name of Related Organization American Friends Service Committee-National (Philadelphia)

Governing Body Board of Directors (up to 40 members.
1 nominated for a 3 year term by each of
10 Regional Executive Committees.
Others - 30 - nominated for 3 year terms
by AFSC Standing Nominating Committee.)

Officers

Honorary Chairman
Chairman
Vice-Chairmen (3)

Executive Secretary
Treasurer

Appointed by AFSC Corporation members at Annual Meeting.

Term of Appointment 1 year

Membership AFSC Corporation - between 120 and 180
members - up to 90 appointed by Yearly Meetings
and remainder by AFSC Standing Nominating
Committee.

Supported by Voluntary contributions and grants

Statement of Purpose

Engage in religious, charitable, social, philanthropic and relief work in the United States and in foreign countries on behalf of the several branches and divisions of the Religious Society of Friends in America. Promote general objects and purposes of these divisions of the Religious Society of Friends.

Specific Areas of Work and Concern

1. Community Relations - Work for better housing, education and employment opportunities for Blacks, American Indians, Chicanos, seasonal farm laborers and other rural and urban poor. Work for bail reform and other measures to safeguard pre-trial justice for minorities and lower-income groups
2. International Affairs - Hold international conferences in Europe, Asia and Africa where people from different countries can communicate on the issues that divide them and search together for solutions to conflict. Maintain representatives at the United Nations in New York and Geneva. Continue Peace Search Projects. Sponsor teacher exchanges and reciprocal seminars to reduce tension between nations.
3. International Service - Provide physical therapy and rehabilitation for war victims. Make quick response to areas of deep human need and suffering. Help to upgrade medical facilities and develop technical skills in under developed areas. Maintain an on-going material aid program, providing clothing, medicine and basic work tools in depressed and underdeveloped areas of the world.
4. Peace Education - Discuss crisis issues with mass media representatives and academic groups. Staff and volunteers work with civic clubs and church groups visiting members of Congress and join local peace organizations in vigils and nonviolent demonstrations. Maintain contacts with peace-concerned groups and individuals around the world. Research and publish military/industrial-complex findings. Furnish leadership when requested for workshop leaders, speakers, etc.
5. Promote and publish specific books, pamphlets and articles relating to the various fields of concern.

Name of Related Organization	American Friends Service Committee - Southeastern Region
Governing Body	Regional Executive Committee consisting of not fewer than 20 or more than 30 members from nine southeastern states: AL, FL, GA, MS, NC, SC, TN, and VA
Membership	Membership of Executive Committee distributed among three classes: 1) Representatives from Yearly Meetings 2) Representative from Program Committees 3) At-large members preferably from areas not actively served by AFSC programs
NCYM-FUM Appointees	2 members to the AFSC-SERO Executive Committee
May send suggested names	To AFSC-SERO Nominating Committee to serve as at-large members of the Executive Committee
Officers	Clerk Co-Clerk Regional Executive Director
Appointed by	Selected from nominations submitted by the standing nominating committee named by the Executive Committee
Term of Appointment	1 year initially beginning in September After one year of service, members can be appointed to two consecutive three year terms. After a one-year sabbatical off the Executive Committee, persons may be reappointed.
Time of Meetings	4 or 5 times each year usually in Atlanta, GA or in Greensboro, NC area. The September meeting will generally be accompanied by a committee-staff retreat including all program committee members. Executive Committee members are asked to serve on a least one of the SERO Standing Committees: Personnel, Nominating, Administrative/Finance, Affirmative Action, Program Development, Program Evaluation.
Supported by	Voluntary contributions of individuals, groups and foundations

Statement of Purpose

Engage in religious, charitable, social, philanthropic, and relief work in the United States and in foreign countries on behalf of the several branches and divisions of the Religious Society of Friends in America. Promote general objects and purposes of these divisions and branches.

The Executive Committee of AFSC-SERO is empowered by the AFSC in nine southeastern states (AL, FL, GA, LA, MS, NC, SC, TN and VA). AFSC policy and practice are centered in traditional Quaker principles with consensus decision making and committee structures constituting fundamental administrative practice.

Representatives from Yearly Meetings have a special role in communicating AFSC programs to the Meetings and bringing Friends Meetings concerns to the attention of the AFSC-SERO Executive Committee.

Specific Areas of Work and Concern

1. Peace Education - Educational programs to increase public understanding of peace issues; action programs enabling concerned persons to work for peace. Programs include speaker tours, world affairs conferences, public witness projects, Congressional visitation, films and literature.
2. Community Relations - Programs to make the privileges and responsibilities of our democratic society available to all citizens particularly those of the black community who have been victimized by this same society. Programs include removing the vestiges of segregated and unequal public education, community development in disadvantaged neighborhoods, family planning, low cost housing for the rural poor.
3. Material Assistance - Supplies for war sufferers; includes preparation and shipping of new and used clothing, knitted articles, sewing supplies, blankets and soap. Program depends largely on the services of a large corps of volunteers.
4. Youth Projects - Opportunities for young people to work and serve in short-term voluntary service projects. Program also includes workshops and conferences on issues important to young people.

Name of Related Organization	Friends Committee on National Legislation - National
Governing Body	Executive Council - General Committee
Positions	Executive Secretary Associate Secretaries Program Secretary Finance Secretary
Appointed by	Nomination of Nominating Committee Recommendation of Executive Council to General Committee
Term of Appointment	1 year

Supported by

Contributions from individuals, Monthly Meetings and Yearly Meetings

Statement of Purpose

Promote brotherhood, love, justice and social concern embodied in Quakerism as essential for earthly survival and human welfare. Seek to interpret this philosophy through professional lobbying techniques to our elected and appointed officials on the national level.

Specific Areas of Work

1. Bring weight of Christian concern to legislative issues concerning militarism, civil rights and international affairs.
2. Keep Friends and others informed of the status of bills in Congress, aspects of these bills and furnish witnesses in committee hearings.
3. Publish the "Washington News Letter" and "Action Bulletin"
4. Conduct a visitation program among the Yearly Meetings.

Name of Related Organization	Friends Committee on National Legislation - Local
Governing Body	Representative Body
Membership	
Appointed Members	9
Appointed by	Representative Body on recommendation of Nominating Committee
Term of Appointment	3 years
Chairperson	
Appointed by	These representatives appoint their own chairperson
Supported by	Yearly Meeting Budget Allocation
Statement of Purpose	
Serve as a support/liaison body with the national FCNL	
Specific Areas of Work	
1. Promote "Washington News Letter" subscriptions.	
2. Seek contributions to national FCNL.	
3. Make arrangements for staff as speakers in our Yearly Meeting.	
4. Inform Yearly Meeting of FCNL activities.	
5. Distribute publications on current legislative issues.	
6. Attend annual meetings of national organization.	

Name of Related Organization Friends World Committee for Consultation - International

Membership

Triennial Representatives	125
Appointed by	45 participating Yearly Meetings
Co-opted Members	Up to 27
Interim Committee	Up to 15
Appointed by	Triennial Meeting
Scheduled meetings	Meet twice between Triennial Sessions

Positions

Chairperson
General Secretary
Associate Secretary

Appointed by Triennial Meeting

Term of Appointment Determined by Yearly Meetings

Supported by Contributions

Statement of Purpose

Encourage and strengthen the spiritual life within the Society of Friends through such measures as the promotion of inter-visitation, study, conferences and a wide sharing of experience on the deepest spiritual level.

Help Friends gain a better understanding of the worldwide character of the Society of Friends and its vocation in the world today.

Promote consultation among Friends of all cultures, countries and languages.

Seek to bring the different groups of Friends into intimate touch with one another on the basis of their common Quaker heritage, with a view to sharing experience and coming to some measure of agreement in regard to their attitude toward modern world problems.

Promote understanding among Friends of all counties and members of other branches of the Christian Church and with members of other religious faiths, and interpret the specific Quaker message to those who seek further religious experience.

Keep under review the Quaker contribution in world affairs and facilitate both the examination and presentation of Quaker thinking and concern.

Specific Areas of Concern

1. Consultation between Missions and Service - Building acquaintance and confidence, staff visits are aimed at improving relations between various Quaker agencies. Establishment of a list of openings for Quaker Service is another proposal which would serve this purpose, helping to break down boundaries in Quaker work; steps are constantly being taken toward trans-national ways of working at Quaker tasks.
2. Isolated Friends - Many Friends in non-Quaker work outside their own countries want to make effective Quaker witness. FWCC correspondence and arranging of visits provide information and inspiration.

Name of Related Organization	Friends World Committee for Consultation - Local
Governing Body	Representative Body
Membership	
Appointed Members	number specified by FWCC, American Section
Appointed by	Representative Body on recommendation of Nominating Committee
Term of Appointment	3 years
Chairperson	
Appointed by	These representatives appoint their own chairperson
Supported by	Budget allocation
Statement of Purpose	
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Keep NC Yearly Meeting informed. 2. Promote the work of the International FWCC. 3. Represent the Yearly Meeting at the meetings of the larger body.

Name of Related Organization	William Penn House
Governing Body	Board of Directors
Membership	
Appointed number	2
Appointed by	Representative Body on recommendation of Nominating Committee
Supported by	Contributions
Statement of Purpose	
	<p>Since 1966 William Penn House, located on East Capital Street, Washington, DC, has made a Quaker witness for peace by offering seminars, sponsoring internships, and providing simple accommodations for travelers.</p>

Specific Areas of Work and Concern

Seminars - William Penn House offers seminars to groups (schools, Meetings, churches or other organizations), a well-rounded program on current issues with leaders and experts who deal daily with matters affecting us all. The seminars give up-to-date information on issues facing our nation and the world.

Internship - A William Penn House internship enables individuals to spend a year in Washington working for a Friends' organization and taking advantage of cultural and educational opportunities found in the nation's capital. College graduates sympathetic to Friends' testimonies and who have an interest in peace may apply.

Name of Related Organization	Guilford College
Governing Body	Board of Trustees
Positions	24 Board Members, one of whom is elected as Chairman at fall meeting; YM Clerk is invited to attend meetings and give oral report.
Term of appointment	3 years
Supported by	Student charges, donations, special grants, and investment income

Statement of Purpose

Provide sound and challenging educational programs leading to the B. A. and B. S. degrees in the context of Quaker values and concerns.

“As a Quaker college, Guilford is fundamentally committed to nurturing a large range of human qualities in addition to those involved in intellectual activities; this fertile link between education and human service underlies all that we attempt to do. Quakerism is a way of life and thought, securely rooted in the Christian tradition. Quakers have traditionally emphasized simplicity of life, regard for the individual, social responsibility, peace and active social concern. Quakerism is also a mode of inquiry, a search for truth by the individual sustained by a sense of corporate guidance based on free and open discussion. From its founding Guilford College has attempted to keep faith with these basic principles. Its purpose has been to develop men and women of humane inclinations and of disciplined and creative minds for lives of leadership, service and self-fulfillment and spiritual growth.”

Guilford College Case Statement

Specific Areas of Work and Concern

Special programs in religion
 21 “Major” academic fields
 Various organized extra curricular activities including various denominational student groups.

Name of Related Organization	Friends Center at Guilford College
Leadership	Director Assistant Director
Membership	
Name of appointment	North Carolina Yearly Meeting representative
Appointed members	1
Appointed by	Representative Body on recommendation of Nominating Committee
Term of appointment	1 year
Supported by	Contributions of individuals, Friends Meetings, USFW Circles and Guilford College

Purpose

Friends Center is a collaborative endeavor of Guilford College and the Religious Society of Friends to promote the strengthening of Friends and their institutions. Friends Center promotes the vitality of the Quaker communities it serves through liaison and program work.

Programs

Guilford College Campus Ministry - Provides regular worship opportunities, small groups, speakers, forums, community services, spiritual guidance, and an annual religious emphasis week.

Distinguished Quaker Visitor Programs - Sponsors three programs annually for the college and wider community, bringing significant Friends and religious figures to NC.

Quaker Leaders Scholars Program (QLSP) - Offers preparation for significant service to Friends in one or more of the following areas: Quaker ministry, teaching in a Friends' institution, working for Quaker peace movement, applying Quaker principles in the field of business, industry, or other professional work.

Quaker Renewal Programs (QRP) - Offers opportunities to learn more about Quaker faith and practices through six week sessions.