

1 Acknowledgment of 2020 World Pandemic Impact on FCNC

2 It is important to note that this gathering of Friends was strikingly different from previous  
3 years. In late February of this year a world-wide pandemic impacted the United States. The  
4 coronavirus, referred to as COVID-19, originated in China and rapidly became a pandemic  
5 spreading around the world and across the United States, infecting and killing thousands. Little  
6 was known about how to deal with this deadly virus. In North Carolina and other states,  
7 businesses, schools, places of worship, and large public gatherings were suspended to help limit  
8 the spread of this virus. Airlines closed and millions of people lost their jobs. Staple items  
9 including food, paper products, and disinfectants have been difficult to find at times. To  
10 protect themselves, people were encouraged to stay home as much as possible, to wear masks  
11 and gloves in public, and to keep a distance of six feet between themselves and others.  
12 Technology made it possible for many people to work from home, to hold meetings online, and  
13 for some education to continue. Life as we had known it was totally disrupted.

14 During this pandemic Friends improvised ways to worship while sanctuaries were closed.  
15 Pastors began and continue to record messages and send them out via social media and online  
16 streaming, and by making them available on the FCNC webpage and Meetings' webpages. Some  
17 Meetings began having drive-in services in their parking lots with members remaining in their  
18 vehicles, parked six feet apart. As sanctuaries have begun to re-open, restrictions remain in  
19 place which include wearing face masks, pews marked for recommended distance seating,  
20 limited singing, offering plates conveniently placed rather than passed, hand sanitizers  
21 available, and handshaking suspended.

22 FCNC's midyear gathering was cancelled. Committees met by computer or telephone as  
23 possible. Plans for the Annual Sessions were amended as time passed, hoping it would not  
24 have to be canceled. After much prayer and careful planning, it was decided that Annual  
25 Sessions would be held, but with modifications and precautions in place. The sessions would be  
26 abbreviated, with attendance limited to one representative per Meeting, unless there were  
27 others scheduled to give reports. FCNC members were encouraged to view the proceedings  
28 from home via their computers. Time was allowed throughout the sessions for those viewing at  
29 home to question, comment, and approve proposals. Those attending the session in person  
30 were asked to abide by the established guidelines for being in public: wear masks and maintain  
31 social distancing (6 feet separations) during the gatherings. Representatives attending were  
32 asked to sign COVID -19 Agreement Sheets stating the possible danger of the virus in such a  
33 group gathering, and releasing the host Meeting from any liability. Furniture was spread apart  
34 to maintain proper distancing, and commercially pre-packaged individual boxed meals were  
35 served on both days. Although the circumstances were far from usual, the Holy Spirit was  
36 present and prevailed in the hearts of Friends. Periods of worship set the tone for the sessions  
37 and business was conducted in an orderly fashion with much being accomplished. The Spirit  
38 was in our midst. We were blessed.

39 Respectfully submitted: Gloria Simmons, Recording Clerk

1 FCNC 2020 THIRD ANNUAL SESSIONS MINUTES

2 CONCORD FRIENDS MEETING AUGUST 7<sup>TH</sup> AND 8<sup>TH</sup> , 2020

3 **Friday, August 7, 2020**

4 *Monica Williams* addressed housekeeping details and thanked everyone for their patience and  
5 attention to COVID-19 requirements. She reminded everyone to sign in if they had not already  
6 done so.

7 *Presiding Clerk, Brenda McKinney*, brought the meeting to order, with an opening Minute. She  
8 asked that everyone remember Harold & Janet Salmons who had contracted the coronavirus;  
9 George Strickland, who has had a rough year physically; Billy and Viola Britt; and those who had  
10 lost loved ones in the past year. After praying, Brenda thanked all who were present in person  
11 and those who were attending by way of social media for their participation and began the  
12 business session.

13 **Proposed agenda: Approved.**

14 **Roll call:** A total of 17 Meetings were represented in person, with another being represented  
15 online, yielding participation by 18 Meetings of 28. Attendance over the two days totaled 46  
16 members in person and online, with 11+ visitors in person and online.

17 **Minutes of October 12, 2019 Budget** were presented with Brenda McKinney sharing two  
18 clarification corrections which Gloria Simmons had made prior to this meeting. **The body**  
19 **approved the minutes as amended.** Amended minutes will be forwarded to Paul Routh for  
20 posting on the web page. Brenda thanked Gloria for her work as Recording Clerk.

21 Presented for approval were the following: New Business Committee: Mary Anna Mc Cullen  
22 and Mike Fulp, Sr. **Approved**; Minutes Editing Committee: Geraldine H. Brannon. **Approved**;  
23 Reading Clerk: Roger Holt. **Approved.** An additional Editing Committee member may be  
24 added, as well as an Assistant Reading Clerk. Volunteers are needed.

25 **Ministry and Counsel Report:** *Mike Fulp, Sr.*, reviewed items previously approved: *Roger*  
26 *Greene* to serve as recording clerk for Ministry and Counsel; two new members to serve on  
27 Recording Committee, Rusty Parsons and Ray Luther. Rusty Parsons and Jeff Barnes will  
28 contact each quarter and request that the quarter appoint one person to serve on the  
29 nominating committee for Ministry and Counsel. Two additional members for the  
30 Revitalization Committee were approved. They are Jeff Barnes and Rusty Parsons.

31 The Recording Committee previously approved and submitted to Ministry and Counsel the  
32 name of Jeff Barnes for approval for recording. Jeff completed the required program of study in  
33 one year. During this time, he has pastored at Kernersville Friends Meeting. Ministry and  
34 Counsel approved and presented Jeff Barnes to the FCNC representative body for approval for  
35 pastoral recording. **Approved by representatives present and online.**

1 *Mike Fulp, Sr.*, reported that Sterling Brown has requested to go under the care of the  
2 Recording Committee. The Ministry and Counsel approved and had also received approval from  
3 Friends in several meetings. The representative body's approval is needed. While waiting for  
4 online responses, Mike expressed that COVID-19 has been hard on all of us. He spoke about the  
5 Revitalization Committee (formerly the Small Church Fund) and the many good ideas that have  
6 been suggested. He asked that each Meeting think about its strengths and weaknesses, and  
7 how the Revitalization Committee might be of assistance. He pointed out that all Meetings are  
8 not the same; one shoe does not fit all. He said ideas for Church growth are welcomed. "If we  
9 don't do it, who will?" With all responses submitted, **the body Approved Sterling Brown go**  
10 **under care of the Recording Committee.**

11 Kendra Bradley, representative from Quaker House, was acknowledged and welcomed.

12 **Committee on Clerks:** *David Millikan* reported that Brenda McKinney agreed to continue as  
13 FCNC Presiding Clerk with Roger Holt agreeing to serve as Assistant Presiding Clerk. David also  
14 reported that Recording Clerk and Assistant Recording Clerk positions remain to be filled.

15 **Nominating Committee:** *Greg Creed* shared that he filled his mother's place on this committee  
16 when she stepped down to care for his dad. Members of this committee are Chairperson Greg  
17 Creed, Brenda Marshall, Ann Turner, and Beulah Gullion. This committee has reviewed FCNC  
18 committees and believe Christian Education, Evangelism, Literature, Missions, Program, and  
19 Trustees of Real Estate have proper representation for 2020. The committee requested that  
20 Makaylah Matthews serve on Christian Education Committee. **Approved.** The committee was  
21 asked to find seven members for the Trustees of Trust Funds committee. The Nominating  
22 Committee requested the approval for the following persons to serve as Trustees of Trust  
23 Funds: Chris Funk (Forbush), Gwen Taylor (Archdale), Bud Andrews (Goldsboro), and Mark  
24 Carter (Concord). **Approved.**

25 *Greg Creed* suggested that committee member counts be revised to the minimum needed. He  
26 suggested that each Quarter's Nominating Committee find people from their own quarter to fill  
27 positions. Some discussion followed. *Mike Fulp, Sr.*, referenced a Structure Evaluation Group in  
28 the past with 5 members who served on special projects and were released when the project  
29 was completed. *Brenda McKinney* stated that changes to committee structures requires  
30 changes to the Faith and Practice. The process would be lengthy, require specific steps. and  
31 would require the approval of the Administrative Oversight Committee. When asked where she  
32 came upon such information, she referenced the Administrative Handbook and the Faith and  
33 Practice. *Roger Greene* shared that during FCNC's organizational process the desire was that  
34 quarters have equal representation. He suggested that AOC look into this matter with the  
35 Nominating Committee.

36 **Administrative Oversight Committee:** *Roger Holt* began by quoting Jeremiah 29:11. "For I  
37 know the plans I have for you" declares the Lord. "Plans to prosper you and not to harm you;  
38 Plans to give you hope and a future." He said these words give us hope during these trying

1 times in our nation. Much of our plans have had to be placed on hold, but FCNC members have  
2 taken great strides to continue to minister and be God’s Light in our communities. Roger  
3 presented four recommendations for approval: **#1.** Mike Wall continue as part-time  
4 superintendent. **Approved #2.** AOC be allowed to review and recommend use and disposition  
5 of undesignated funds coming to FCNC from sale of assets, facilitating increased flexibility and  
6 best use of resources. **Approved #3.** “AOC asks to meet with Faith and Practice Committee to  
7 modify rules governing committee make up, numbers on committees, and selection of  
8 committee chairs, without changing the substance or intent of Faith and Practice.” **Approved**  
9 **#4.** AOC suggests that FCNC rejoin FWCC (Friends World Committee on Consultation) to give us  
10 a voice as evangelicals in the wider context of Friends. Comments offered by Mary Anna  
11 McCullen, Eric Morrison, and Brenda McKinney favored rejoining FWCC. **Approved rejoining**  
12 **FWCC.**

13 **Outreach Commission Report:** *Brent McKinney* gave an informative report, using detailed  
14 slides. The Commission is “under the oversight of the Representative Body with its purpose  
15 being to assist in the organization, spiritual life and financial needs of new meetings, existing  
16 meetings and small meetings; give support with loans or gifts for a new building, salary for the  
17 minister and program needs; offer financial assistance to students studying in the area of  
18 Christian Vocations; promote evangelism efforts in local meetings and be concerned with the  
19 growth of the meetings.”

20 *Brent* provided information about stipulations in covenants of how money is to be directed,  
21 particularly the General Funds, the Barker Funds, and the Alley Kemp Funds. He noted that  
22 Revitalization is no longer under Outreach Commission.

23 During the past year, Outreach Expenditures were as follows:

24 Evangelism: Friends Campus Ministry - \$3000; Archdale Friends Sound System - \$580;

25 Revitalization Committee - \$6441

26 Church Extension: FCNC Superintendent - \$20,500

27 Vocations - Barker Funds : Ministers’ Association - \$1600

28 Balances as of July 31, 2020 were as follows:

29 Church Vocations : General Fund - \$6,609.93 , Barker Funds - \$21, 710.41

30 Church Extension: \$122,395.17

31 Evangelism: \$6591.27

32 Revitalization: \$7841.00

33 *Brent* elaborated on procedures for administration of Church Extension Funds regarding grants,  
34 applications for assistance, and eligibility. Requests shall be made in writing, accompanied by a  
35 completed FCNC “Application for Grant”, and directed to the Outreach Commission  
36 chairperson, Brent McKinney. Application forms, with stipulations on back side, are available in  
37 packets and online. Requests will be reviewed by the Commission and a response given to the  
38 applicant. He is willing to discuss details with anyone who would like to meet with him.

1 Much discussion followed Brent's presentation, with many questions being asked. Once again,  
2 he reminded those present that the J.R. Williams Fund is no longer available; it is now directed  
3 to Quaker Lake. Many comments offered were related to planting new Meetings and costs  
4 today versus costs in the past. *Mike Wall* said "COVID got in the way of planting new Meetings  
5 this year, but we have to plant new Meetings. We have to get to where the jobs are if we are  
6 to grow." A suggestion was offered that we set aside funds or set a limit for fund not to go  
7 below. Brent responded that funds should stay about where they are now, but we could  
8 consider setting an amount particular funds would not drop below.

9 On behalf of the Outreach Commission, *Brent* asked for approval for the procedures delineated  
10 for requesting grants, **and** for a minimal amount in funds for Church Extension be established to  
11 provide a cushion for funding new Meetings in accordance with covenant wording, the  
12 Administrative Handbook, etc. **These two proposals were Approved.**

13 *Brenda McKinney* directed attention to a table near the entrance with two offering plates,  
14 labeled Jamaica and Quaker Lake. She reported Jamaica is experiencing shortages of food and  
15 medical supplies. Their state government has mandated wearing masks. The people were  
16 asked for input regarding reopening resorts, and the people said, "No." They are afraid tourists  
17 will bring the virus with them. Food, and especially fruit, is really expensive there. The people  
18 are having a really hard time. They have just completed 40 days of prayer and diligent fasting  
19 for their yearly meeting. She requested that we pray for our Friends in Jamaica.

20 *Brenda* thanked *Monica Williams* and *Jan Dough* for all their work and planning for these  
21 sessions and named all the Program Committee members.

22 *Paul Routh* reported 20 people were watching online, but only 11 had identified themselves.

23 **Evening Meal Break:** *David Millikan* gave thanks for our evening meal. *Monica Williams* gave  
24 directions for being served.

25 **Recording of Jeff Barnes:** *Brent McKinney* welcomed everyone in attendance for this special  
26 celebration. He gave special note to those of *Jeff Barnes'* family and *Kernersville Friends*  
27 members in attendance. *Jeff*, having completed the recording program and the transformation  
28 process, is now prepared for the higher level of work for the Kingdom as a recorded minister.  
29 He prayed for God's blessings on *Jeff* and this service. *Hugh Spaulding* said the process of  
30 recording one in ministry is a practical way of acknowledging gifts God has given. *Hugh* noted  
31 that *Jeff* is serving at *Kernersville Friends*. He noted the support of *Jeff's* personal family and his  
32 church friends for this occasion and asked them to stand. He opened the floor for comments on  
33 *Jeff's* behalf. *Jeff's mother* spoke of how she had wanted certain things for him. She  
34 emphasized, "Mamas don't choose; God chooses." She expressed how happy she is that God  
35 had led *Jeff* to speak for Him. *Priscilla Linville*, Clerk of Ministry and Counsel at *Kernersville*  
36 *Friends*, compared *Jeff* to the Energizer Bunny, always busy and always with new ideas. She  
37 expressed how thankful the Meeting is to have *Jeff* as their pastor. Several others shared  
38 comments on behalf of *Jeff*, including *Jake Penley*, *Jeff's* father-in-law, *Mike Wall*, and *Roger*

1 Holt. Brenda McKinney called Jeff and his wife to the front, read the minute of approval for Jeff,  
2 and he was recorded. Jake Penley presented to Jeff a set of Pulpit Commentaries donated by  
3 Esther Creed in memory of her husband, Archie Creed. Esther gave them to the Recording  
4 Committee and told them to put them to good use. The Recording Committee decided this was  
5 a great way to put the commentaries to good use. Ministers present were called forward and a  
6 prayer of dedication was offered up for Jeff.

7 **Music by Steve Wood:** Steve congratulated Jeff and said he considered it a treat to be present  
8 here. He added, "it is a treat to be wherever God calls us. There is no place anywhere near this  
9 place, nor like this place, so this must be the place to be." The audience enjoyed several  
10 selections by Steve. He thanked Robin, the minister of music at Concord for her assistance.  
11 Songs presented included, "Halleluiah, Thank You Jesus" and "On the Way to Paradise."

12 **Evening Worship:** Jeff Barnes brought a message entitled "Defiant Faith". His text was Psalm  
13 23. He said, "We're not all in the same boat, even though we're in the same storm, and the  
14 enemy wants to keep us there." In the course of his message, Jeff said, "Jesus was not really  
15 meek and mild... THE Bible is our rod and staff to use to defeat our enemies... Sheep are not  
16 very smart because there's always one that gets caught in the briars, but the Shepherd comes  
17 along and scoops it up... God wants to walk with us through the valley." Jeff had a table set  
18 and used it and its contents for props as he expounded on Psalm 23. He asked, "Why would  
19 God prepare a table in the presence of our enemies? We invite friends to dine with us, not our  
20 enemies." Symbols on the table included: a jug of water-the water of life can quench our thirst;  
21 glasses – we're to drink of the water of life; bread, eat of the bread of life; grapes – bear the  
22 fruit of the Spirit. Jesus sits at the table with us... Jesus and me are more powerful than all the  
23 enemies around us...We sit at the table with Jesus because we have a relationship with Him...  
24 We need to sit back and accept that Jesus wants to take us where we never thought we would  
25 be... Satan tries to take us out of that relationship. He sits at the table and tries to get us to turn  
26 our back on Jesus as he plants seeds of doubt...He's there to steal your joy and destroy  
27 everything in your life." Jeff closed with prayer.

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29 **Saturday Morning, August 8, 2020**

30 **Morning Praise:** Brian Gullion presented a message based on John 4:19-24. Jesus said there is  
31 coming a day, and that day is now. There is coming an hour and that hour is now. A good  
32 message amidst all the confusion in our world today is that Jesus is here among us now. Jesus  
33 revealed Himself to a woman who gave Him water. He told her about the living water, and she  
34 left excited to tell others. We need to get in the Spirit. We lack the excitement of telling  
35 people about Jesus. If we were excited, others we tell might come to church and hear the  
36 Word. God is looking for the faithful. He is calling us to a higher plane. People came to Jesus  
37 because of what the woman told them. They heard and they believed. Our job is to provide  
38 and share the living water of Jesus. Brian closed with prayer.

1 Before the business session resumed, Monica Williams offered us some humor. She asked,  
2 “What do you call a song that’s sung in a car? A cartune. She addressed housekeeping matters  
3 and encouraged everyone to wear masks.

4 *Brenda McKinney* requested that all online viewers identify themselves. She called the meeting  
5 to order, resuming the business session from Friday afternoon.

6 **Christian Education Committee:** *Paul Routh* gave a Young Friends Activities Report. Because of  
7 COVID-19, some planned events had to be cancelled. He reported on the Youth Fall Event held  
8 in November 2019. Seventy-one chaperones and attendees from 10 of our 28 churches were  
9 there. The youth were asked what they wanted in their church/meeting. A Youth Leader  
10 Conference was held January 17-19, 2020 at Ridgecrest with 11 leaders from 8 Meetings  
11 participating. The object was to build bonds among youth leaders. In March (6-9) 2020, youth  
12 and leaders from 11 Meetings met at Ridgecrest to participate in an event titled, Unbreakable.”  
13 At each event bonding occurred, friendships were knit or strengthened, and individuals felt a  
14 closeness of the Lord among them. Paul shared views of beautiful scenery from the Ridgecrest  
15 events.

16 **Finance Committee Report:** *Jimmy Spaulding*, Finance chairperson, thanked David Briles for his  
17 work on the treasurer’s report. As of July 31, 64% of Financial Obligations (askings) have been  
18 collected. Jimmy shared a quarterly report of status of finances. Jimmy has prepared a letter of  
19 request for sponsorships to support the costs of superintendent and social media coordinator  
20 positions. A goal of \$40,000 was set to support these positions, with only \$30,000 raised to  
21 date. As of July 31, two Meetings have paid their Financial Obligations (askings) in full. Total  
22 obligations for the year are \$155,974.50 with \$99,280.24 having been collected. Jimmy  
23 reminded everyone that the FCNC Budget Day will be September 19 at Archdale Meeting. On  
24 October 24 Representative Body will meet at Rocky River Meeting.

25 *Jenny Gullion* reported on her position as Social Media Coordinator. She said, “It has been a  
26 wild year, but much good has been happening.” She shared the Committee for Technology  
27 Purpose Statement. She feels a responsibility for helping people understand who Quakers are  
28 and what they are about. She is available to help all FCNC Meetings develop or improve a social  
29 media presence. She reported that 832 people saw one Archdale Meeting post; 1000+ people  
30 saw one of the inspirational posts; 700+ viewed one of Mike Wall’s posts; and, FCNC Facebook  
31 page has 286 followers. She would love to feature a different church each week.

32 *Paul Routh* projected images on the screen for all to see as he demonstrated navigating a  
33 website. He said websites are for talking about us and our events with outside folks. Jenny’s  
34 report for NCYM, Inc. will be posted on the website.

35 **Missions Report:** *Brenda McKinney* shared the Missions Report from Beth Saunders. The two  
36 ministries depending most on Friends in North Carolina are Mexico and Jamaica. In January, a  
37 FCNC mission team joined another team to work on the meetinghouse in Matamoros, Mexico.

1 Jamaican Friends are meeting together with social distancing. Turkana Friends Mission is  
2 providing help to people suffering from job losses, famine, and flooding. Bob and Hope Carter  
3 have returned to the USA from Kenya. Meg Williams is reaching out to students via zoom and  
4 car visits. Belize Friends School loaned smart phones to six students so they could finish school  
5 and graduate.

6 Following a short break, business resumed with Brenda reading a note of thank you sent from  
7 the Friends Emergency Assistance Program. Beckey Jones thanked FCNC on behalf of FEMAP.

8 Brenda reminded folks of handouts available in their packages and online.

9 **Superintendent's Report:** *Mike Wall* apologized for the absence of the Odre Nuevo de Los  
10 Amigos (New Wineskin Friends Meeting.) He forgot to notify them about the meeting, and  
11 when he did notify them. They could not attend. Mike said he struggled for weeks trying to  
12 figure out what to report, and his report is in the packets and online. He said that God appoints  
13 church leaders to build up the body. FCNC has devoted pastors. It is God's design to use  
14 imperfect people to lead His flock. If members enhance their pastors, they will enhance you.  
15 Assistance is available through the Outreach Commission. Mike added that he provided some  
16 of the bright spots of his work in his report. He responded to questions and requests for a  
17 period of time before presenting a concern.

18 *Mike* shared a letter from Thomasville Meeting indicating their withdrawal from FCNC. He  
19 asked that AOC hold off on accepting their withdrawal. He suggested meeting with them and  
20 offering to waive their FCNC financial obligations for one year; in hopes that with  
21 encouragement and support they could resolve their financial issues and get back on their feet.

22 **The meeting approved this plan.**

23 **Friends Campus Ministry:** *Eric Morrison, Beulah Gullion, and Kristen Misenheimer* spoke on  
24 behalf of FCM. FCNC now has a presence at Greensboro as well as Raleigh. Beulah Gullion is at  
25 Guilford College and Kristen Misenheimer is at Raleigh. Carrie Lineberry Ritter is coordinator.  
26 Finances are good right now. Expenses have been less due to COVID. Beulah and Kristen are  
27 excited about the possibilities they see at their sites and have great hopes for each of their  
28 locations. Beulah said that FCM has an online presence on campus at Guilford but finding a  
29 meeting place is an issue. They meet on Monday nights, but she does not always know in  
30 advance where they will meet. Kristen said letting people know of your presence is important.  
31 Fliers are a good way to let people know. She has beach retreats planned for the fall. See fliers  
32 for details. Kristen addressed the expenses involved in keeping the programs alive. Beulah and  
33 Kristen agreed that they need much prayer. Brenda led in prayer for the campus ministries.

34 A video from Katy Moran about Kaleo Academy at Barclay College was shown featuring a  
35 project to train youth mentors. The program is the only training program for evangelical  
36 Friends. The cost is \$625 plus transportation for one week of workshop. The video was from  
37 last year when 45 participants were there from Mexico, Bangladesh, and Nepal. Katy may be



1 contacted at [katy.moran@barclaycollege](mailto:katy.moran@barclaycollege) . Eric Morrison’s suggestion that FCNC consider  
2 sending youth for Kaleo Academy or bringing the training to FCNC will be considered.

3 **Quaker House:** *Kendra Bradley* reported about work at the Quaker House in Fayetteville. She  
4 encouraged folks to check out the table she had set up near the entrance, and to take  
5 information home to share. At Quaker House counseling is available to members of the military  
6 and members of the Quaker House family. They serve those on active duty, with dishonorable  
7 discharges, and conscientious objectors. Counselors don’t charge individuals’ insurance  
8 companies in order to protect their privacy. She said to see the green sheet on the table  
9 regarding counselor training. Quaker House counselors work to build relationship with  
10 government leaders. Early in COVID, they helped get a female rape victim, stationed in South  
11 Korea, back home to the USA. She had been interviewed repeatedly and was on the verge of a  
12 breakdown.

13 **Quaker Lake:** *Heather Varner* reported that this has been a hard year due to so many event  
14 cancellations because of COVID-19. They have had to face things they were not prepared for.  
15 They have learned to say, “as soon as we can”. They had applied a lot of cost saving measures  
16 that have helped their situation. They felt fortunate they had had good years earlier, so they  
17 had some reserves from which to draw. Loss of rental money has been a huge loss. The golf  
18 tournament held in July was a huge encouragement; raising over \$36,000 it provided a day of  
19 hope. They have great plans for 2021 and are trying to be smart as they prepare. They need to  
20 raise \$30,000 and have some projects planned for trying to reach their goal. The passing of Neal  
21 Thomas, who was the director of Quaker Lake for many years, was really sad for the staff. One  
22 fund raiser project they tried was preparing care packages with videos, puzzles, and other  
23 things kids would like, but it got expensive and did not really pan out. The workers are trying to  
24 put together a lip dub video. Heather said it has been a hard year, but they have been very  
25 blessed.

26 **FUM:** *Brenda McKinney* reported that she and Etta Florence Winslow are representatives for  
27 FUM. Ministries are suffering in Belize. Floods and locusts have been devastating in Kenya.  
28 Some medical supplies to Africa have helped. Care packages and food packages are being  
29 collected for them.

### 30 **Announcements:**

- 31 • Brenda: Memorial Service after lunch then adjourn; need statistical reports from  
32 Meetings ASAP; Summary epistles will be given in October; Billy Britt’s memoirs are on  
33 table with copies of Joy’s music.
- 34 • Eric Morrison: Jean Crouse’s funeral will be on Sunday at New Garden cemetery.
- 35 • Mike Wall: Harold and Janet Salmons are improving.
- 36 • Michael Fulp: So proud of the pastors’ association. It seemed COVID would make it fall  
37 apart, but pastors are still staying in contact and want the association to move forward.

- 1 • Revitalization Committee members are willing to share if you want them to come to  
2 your Meeting. See: Mike Wall, Jake Penley, Hugh Spaulding, Jeff Barnes, or Rusty  
3 Parsons)

- 4 • **LUNCH**

5 **Memorial Service:** *Mike Fulp, Sr.*, gave a welcome and led in prayer. Mitch Sea read from  
6 Ecclesiastes (3:11) and Philippians (3:5) and shared some thoughts. God allows men to set the  
7 world in their hearts so they can see that the world does not satisfy. We need to remember  
8 that those who accepted Christ are in heaven. He shared an excerpt from William Penn, “The  
9 truest end to life is to learn that life never ends. Death is no more than a turning of us over  
10 from time to eternity. We cannot love to live if we cannot bear to die.” Roger Holt read the  
11 names of those Friends who went before us during the past year. A period of open worship was  
12 followed with a song by Monica Williams, then, *Beulah Gullion* closed the service with prayer.

13 **Annual Sessions Message:** *David Briles* said we are ploughing new grounds. He used scriptures  
14 from 1<sup>st</sup> Thessalonians (1:3) and 1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians (1:13). He reported that we had received \$684  
15 in offerings, David and Brenda will continue in their positions, but we still need a Recording  
16 Clerk and an Assistant Recording Clerk. He said he had attended several annual sessions, and  
17 often left feeling that if there was a light at the end of the tunnel, it was probably a train; and  
18 he knew the tunnel was not big enough for the train and him too. He also spoke of looking at a  
19 picture of a chair, and imagining sitting in it, trying to figure out if the sun was rising or setting.  
20 We have FCNC because we have a SON, Jesus Christ. The message was **Approved** as presented.

21 **Last minute announcement:** USFW Fall Conference will be held at Marlboro Friends on  
22 September 26 with registration beginning at 9:00. Books will be available.

23 **Reminders:** Budget Day – September 19 at Archdale Friends

24 Representative Body – October 24 at Rocky River Friends

25 Mid-Year Conference -- April 10 in Yadkin Valley Quarter

26 The meeting adjourned.

27 Respectfully Submitted:

28 Presiding Clerk, Brenda McKinney

29 Recording Clerk, Gloria Simmons

- 30 • A special “Thank you” to Geraldine Brannon for editing the minutes.