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WELCOME!

Welcome to your Friends Church North Carolina Newsletter!

This is a monthly e-newsletter dedicated to keeping you up to date on current events within FCNC.

We strive to highlight topics of interest such as announcements, who/what we support, recent activities, upcoming events etc.

How can you help?

Let us know if you have information that falls into these categories at an FCNC level. Email information, pictures or ideas to our Social Media Coordinator, Jenny Gullion at:

jenny@friendschurchnc.org





A Song of Devotion:
**THE OLD RUGGED
 CROSS**

By: George Bennard
 1873-1958



GEORGE WAS BORN IN YOUNGSTOWN, OH. WHEN HE WAS A CHILD THE FAMILY MOVED TO ALBIA, IOWA. HE SERVED WITH THE SALVATION ARMY IN IOWA FOR SEVERAL YEARS BEFORE HE WAS ORDAINED IN THE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH. HE WROTE WORDS AND TUNE FOR HIS BEST KNOWN HYMN "THE OLD RUGGED CROSS" IN 1913.



**ON A HILL FAR AWAY STOOD AN OLD RUGGED CROSS,
 THE EMBLEM OF SUFFERING AND SHAME;
 AND I LOVE THAT OLD CROSS WHERE THE DEAREST AND BEST
 FOR A WORLD OF LOST SINNERS WAS SLAIN.**

**SO I'LL CHERISH THE OLD RUGGED CROSS,
 TILL MY TROPHIES AT LAST I LAY DOWN;
 I WILL CLING TO THE OLD RUGGED CROSS,
 AND EXCHANGE IT SOME DAY FOR A CROWN.**

**O THAT OLD RUGGED CROSS, SO DESPISED BY THE WORLD,
 HAS A WONDROUS ATTRACTION FOR ME;
 FOR THE DEAR LAMB OF GOD LEFT HIS GLORY ABOVE
 TO BEAR IT TO DARK CALVARY.**

**IN THAT OLD RUGGED CROSS, STAINED WITH BLOOD SO DIVINE,
 A WONDROUS BEAUTY I SEE,
 FOR 'T WAS ON THAT OLD CROSS JESUS SUFFERED AND DIED,
 TO PARDON AND SANCTIFY ME.**

**O THAT OLD RUGGED CROSS I WILL EVER BE TRUE,
 ITS SHAME AND REPROACH GLADLY BEAR;
 THEN HE'LL CALL ME SOME DAY TO MY HOME FAR AWAY,
 WHERE HIS GLORY FOREVER I'LL SHARE.**

**SO I'LL CHERISH THE OLD RUGGED CROSS,
 TILL MY TROPHIES AT LAST I LAY DOWN;
 I WILL CLING TO THE OLD RUGGED CROSS,
 AND EXCHANGE IT SOME DAY FOR A CROWN.**



Upcoming Events:

APRIL 3RD 2026
CENTRE FRIENDS
GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE @6PM

APRIL 5TH 2026
CENTRE FRIENDS
SUNRISE SERVICE & BREAKFAST @7PM

APRIL 24TH -26TH 2026
"BOLD" YOUNG FRIENDS SPRING RETREAT
@ FT CASWELL
REGISTRATION DEADLINE: APRIL 20TH
[CLICK HERE](#) TO REGISTER NOW!

MAY 2ND 2026
USFW SPRING CONFERENCE
CHECKIN STARTS: 9AM
REGISTRATION DEADLINE: APRIL 20TH
(MORE INFORMATION BELOW)

MAY 4TH 2026
QUAKER MEN SPRING FLING
FORBUSH FRIENDS @ 6:02PM

MAY 16TH 2026
CONCORD FRIENDS
BLOOD DRIVE 9:30AM-2:00PM

MAY 31ST 2026
MISSION SUNDAY
MORE INFO BELOW

CHECK OUT THE NEXT
FEW PAGES FOR MORE
INFORMATION ABOUT
THESE EVENTS

latest
NEWS

All men, from 5 -105 are encouraged to attend. Even if your Meeting doesn't have a Quaker Men's group please come and join us for great fellowship. You do not want to miss our guest speaker. It is none other than Ernest T Bass. Don't worry, he has promised not to throw any rocks.

Eddie Kilbourne is a Christian Minister and Co-Pastor at Cornerstone House of Prayer in Big Stone Gap, Virginia. Pastor Eddie and his Father founded Cornerstone in 2001 as a Church of Restoration. He and his wife Cheryl lead worship services and weekly Bible Study. Eddie is a Nationally known Tribute Artist representing Ernest T Bass of The Andy Griffith Show. Eddie believes that good clean comedy is food for the soul and uses a comedic ministry to share Christ. He looks and sounds like the original Ernest T Bass and often has to convince his fans that he isn't the original Ernest T.



If you have any announcements

Let us know at

jenny@friendschurchn.org

Attention Committee Members

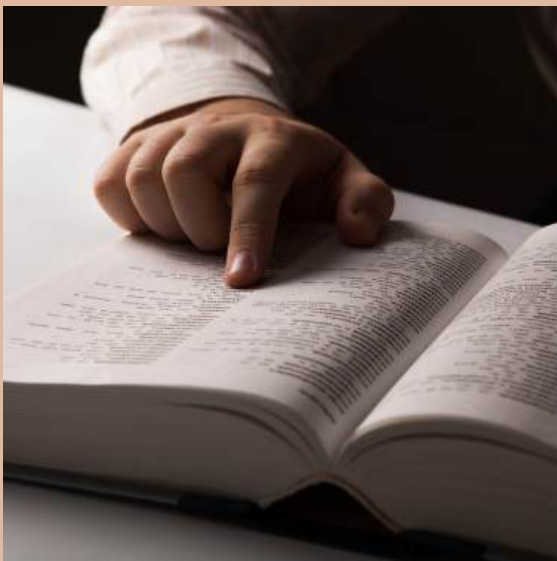
Don't forget to let us know if there is any upcoming dates we should add to our newsletter by the 20th of each month

Announcements:



REMINDER

Directory *still available!*



There was a possible data breach in our directory. Therefore the password has been changed. Please reach out to Paul Routh to learn how to regain access.

paul@friendschurchnc.org

[Log in HERE](#)

Job Posting Part-Time Pastor

Mar Mac Friends Meeting
1954 Old Grantham Road
Goldsboro, NC 27530

Mar Mac Friends Meeting is seeking to fill the position of a Part-Time Pastor. We are an evangelical, conservative Quaker Meeting in rural Wayne County, North Carolina. We are a member of Contentnea Quarterly Meeting, Friends Church of North Carolina and Friends United Meeting.

Primary Functions

- Prepare and lead Sunday Morning worship service
- Provide pastoral leadership to the meeting

Qualifications

- Must have a personal relationship with Jesus Christ, having accepted Him as Savior and Lord and have an understanding and agreement with Friend Church of NC Faith and Practice
- Previous training and/or experience as a pastor
- Recorded as a Quaker minister is desired.

A more detailed job description is available if requested.

If interested please contact:

Connie Seymour, Clerk of Ministry and Counsel
116 Perkins Drive
Goldsboro, NC 27530

919-922-0441 email: connieseymour@msn.com

Rocky River Friends Meeting

1795 Staley Snow Camp Rd.
Siler City, NC 27344

Job Description for Pastor of Rocky River Friends Meeting

Rocky River Friends Meeting Vision/Mission Statement:

- To tell the story of Jesus based on his teachings
- To further the work of Christ in the world
- To encourage and treat all human beings with love, dignity, and respect through humanitarian service and social justice
- To promote peace in the world

Pastor Job Description:

- The pastor's primary concern should be the spiritual well-being and growth of the Meeting's members and prospective members

Desired Qualifications:

- Knowledge and understanding of Quaker history
- A belief in Jesus Christ, having accepted him as Savior and Lord
- An understanding and agreement with FCNC(Friends Church of North Carolina)
- Training and/or experience as a pastor

Responsibilities:

- Leading people to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ
- Responsible for all Sunday morning services bringing Biblical and practical messages to the congregation each week
- Attend and participate in the Meeting's activities other than the Sunday morning service
- Available to perform special services, including weddings and funerals
- Provide support for members as needed and visitation of shut-ins, people in the hospital and in nursing home facilities as well as those in crisis situations
- Participate and support activities of Western Quarterly Meeting and FCNC

*Compensation package will be commiserate with education and experience.

*Persons interested in this position should send resume in PDF to:

dallasavesta@yahoo.com
Dallas Brooks, Clerk of Ministry and Counsel
Rocky River Friends Meeting

DEEP CREEK FRIENDS MEETING
PASTOR JOB DESCRIPTION

Overview

This is a full-time pastor position. The pastor reports to and is subject to the oversight of Ministry & Counsel. The pastor is primarily responsible for the spiritual well-being and growth of the whole church and its prospective members. Bi-vocational applicants are encouraged to apply.

Application Instructions

To apply for the pastor position at Deep Creek Friends Meeting, submit a résumé to:

Angie Brendle

angiebre25@gmail.com

(336) 244-8791

Applicants will receive an email indicating receipt of their application materials. Once materials have been reviewed, applicants should expect an email if they are eligible for an interview(s).

Compensation and Benefits

This is a salaried position. The salary range is \$50,000 to \$58,000. Salary will be determined commensurate with the applicant's qualifications. The pastor will be provided a 6% IRA contribution. Housing is available for the pastor near the meeting. The pastor will receive two weeks of paid vacation per year, which is nontransferable from year to year. The pastor will have opportunities each year to attend Christian conferences/retreats, which are to be paid for by Deep Creek Friends Meeting in accordance with the approved annual budget.

Minimum Qualifications

- Possess a personal relationship with Jesus Christ, having accepted Him as Lord and Savior
- A call to the pastorate and the desire for personal growth and development in that calling
- The ability to clearly articulate the Christian faith for the whole church and prospective members
- An understanding of the Friends Church of North Carolina (FCNC) Faith and Practice, or a willingness to learn
- The ability to establish and maintain an effective working relationship with other staff and Ministry & Counsel

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DEEP CREEK FRIENDS MEETING
PASTOR JOB DESCRIPTION

- Recorded, ordained, or equivalent, and if not, willingness to become recorded as a pastor
- A high school diploma or equivalent
- A valid driver's license in the State of North Carolina
- Pass a background check

Preferred Qualifications

- An educational background in ministry, including but not limited to, seminary courses
- Pastoral experience in the church setting

Basic Responsibilities

- Responsible for all Sunday morning worship services
- Responsible for all Wednesday Night Bible Studies
- Be present at church functions and outings to build and strengthen relationships with members of the congregation
- Be available by phone for contact and ministry needs
- Be available and willing to perform weddings and funeral services
- Participate in visitation of shut-ins, hospital patients, nursing home residents, and others in crisis situations
- Develop ministries that will provide care to a growing church family in times of need
- Provide spiritual direction through listening, prayer, and counsel to members who desire to give attention to their spiritual and personal lives
- Maintain confidentiality of members as they share personal burdens and concerns
- Support and build up existing church leadership through prayer and encouragement while mentoring potential leaders
- Meet once per month with other church ministerial staff
- Attend Ministry & Counsel Meetings each month
- Attend churchwide business meetings
- Prepare and present a Ministry Activity Report each month to Ministry & Counsel

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DEEP CREEK FRIENDS MEETING
DIRECTOR OF STUDENT MINISTRIES JOB DESCRIPTION

Overview

This is a part-time (15–20 hours per week) Director of Student Ministries ("Director") position. The Director reports to the Christian Education Committee. The Director is responsible for providing spiritual leadership, mentorship, and support to the school-aged children (K–12) of Deep Creek Friends Meeting. This position will involve fostering a welcoming environment for young people to grow in their Christian faith and to become committed followers of Jesus Christ who participate in worship, fellowship, and discipleship.

Application Instructions

To apply for the position of a part-time Director of Student Ministries position at Deep Creek Friends Meeting, submit the following:

- 1) A current resume that includes your qualifications and work history;
- 2) A list of three non-family references to speak to your character and work performance;
- 3) A typed statement detailing:
 - a. Your relationship with Jesus Christ;
 - b. Your desire to minister to kindergarten through twelfth student; *and*
 - c. Any other information you deem relevant and want to share.

These materials should be submitted via email to jcbrendle0812@email.campbell.edu AND randrmoran@gmail.com. Once materials have been reviewed, you should expect an email response indicating receipt of your materials. If eligible for an interview(s), you should expect a phone call. Appropriate steps will then be taken to schedule a time and place for the interview(s).

Compensation and Benefits

This is a salaried position. Salary will be \$28,000.00 per year. Additionally, the Director will be provided housing by Deep Creek Friends Meeting, in our student ministries parsonage. The Director will receive 20 hours of vacation time/personal time per year (equivalent to one week per year), which is nontransferable from year to year. Additionally, the Director will have off any days the church is closed for approved holidays or inclement weather. The Director will have opportunities each year to attend Christian conferences/retreats which are to be paid for by Deep Creek Friends Meeting in accordance with the approved annual budget.

Minimum Qualifications

- An active and growing relationship with Jesus Christ
- The ability to articulate clearly the Christian faith
- A call to ministering to students

- The ability to establish and maintain an effective working relationship with other staff and the Christian Education Committee
- A high school diploma or equivalent
- Experience working with youth and children
- 21 years of age
- Must have a valid driver's license in the state of North Carolina
- Must pass a background check

Preferred Qualifications

- An educational background in ministry
- Experience in youth ministry, children's ministry, and/or Christian education
- Experience in planning and executing events and programs
- Experience in public speaking

Basic Responsibilities

- Student Ministry
 - Lead and coordinate weekly meetings for two age groups:
 - Kindergarten through sixth grade
 - Sixth through twelfth grade
 - Develop Bible-based lessons and activities that nurture spiritual growth
 - Provide mentorship to students
 - Provide support for students and their families
 - Encourage student participation in church services, ministries, and outreach
 - Plan and execute a Christmas program each year involving students
 - Plan and execute one student outing per quarter per age group
 - Plan and execute one student service project per quarter per age group
 - Attend Christian Education Committee meetings (one per month)
 - Timely submit articles and relevant activities for publication in the church newsletter
 - Contribute to the growth of the student ministry by maintaining relationship with current students and building connections with prospective students
- Missions and Outreach
 - Organize and/or participate in mission trips and service projects
 - Work with the Christian Education Committee to plan and execute Vacation Bible School
 - Support additional events sponsored by Christian Education Committee including but not limited to Easter events and Trunk n' Treat
- Church Involvement and Collaboration
 - Attend Sunday School and Sunday Worship each week
 - Attend Wednesday Night Bible Study each week
 - Attend church-wide business meetings (one per month)
 - Communicate regularly with the congregation about student meetings, activities, events, and projects
 - Support other church activities and events

Centre Friends Meeting
325 East NC 62
Greensboro, NC 27406
Mailing Address: PO Box 632, Randleman NC 27317
(336) 674-5081

2022 Full-Time Pastor Job Description

PRIMARY FUNCTION

- The Pastor's major concern should be for the spiritual well-being and growth of the whole church and prospective members.

QUALIFICATIONS

- Must have a personal relationship with Jesus Christ, having accepted Him as Savior and Lord and have an understanding and agreement with FCNC Friends Faith & Practice.
- To be recorded or work towards being recorded as a Quaker minister in the Friends Church of North Carolina.
- Good communication and organizational skills are a must.
- While not required, previous training and/or experience as a pastor in a church setting is preferred.
- Will be expected to develop a presence in the community — while living in the area.

RESPONSIBILITIES

- Overall objective is to seek to lead lost souls to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ.
- Responsible for all Sunday morning services as well as having a presence at church functions.
- Available and willing to perform wedding and funeral services.
- Participate in visitation of shut-ins, hospital, nursing homes, and other crisis situations while helping to develop ministries that will provide care to a growing church family in times of need.
- Provide spiritual direction through listening, prayer, and counsel to members who desire to give attention to their spiritual and personal lives.
- Must maintain confidentiality of members as they share personal burdens and concerns.
- Support and build up present leadership in the church through prayer and encouragement while mentoring other potential leaders.
- Maintain a regular office schedule to be available for contact and ministry needs. The position requires great flexibility in time schedule. The pastor should be available for evening and weekend activities. The pastor should take one to two days off each week depending on the needs of the congregation

- Realizing that service to Centre Friends should be first and foremost, it would also be good for our pastor to take part in a variety of activities on the Quarterly Meeting and FCNC levels as well as in the wider body of Friends United Meeting.
- Circumstances may occur which require additional responsibilities.

MINISTRY OF THE WORD

- Must believe in the absolute authority of Scripture and be convinced of the Bible's relevance to the life and faith of the Christian.
- Should allow ample time for prayer, study of Scripture, and meditation in preparation for teaching and preaching ministry.
- Prayerfully seek to bring Biblical and practical messages to the congregation each week.
- Sensitive, during Open Worship, to the Holy Spirit's leading so that there may be opportunity for free expression of the Lord's message through the congregation's voice.

ACCOUNTABILITY

- Pastor will be subject to the oversight of Ministry and Counsel to include an annual evaluation
- Prepare and present a monthly ministry activity report to Ministry & Counsel.

PACKAGE

- Compensation package will be commensurate with the individual's education and experience.
- Parsonage is available.
- Two (2) weeks paid vacation.
- Release days can be approved for outside ministries.
- Travel and meeting expenses for Yearly Meeting activities will be paid by the Meeting.

Please send resume to:

Julie Hatchel, Clerk
Centre Friends Ministry & Counsel
PO Box 632
Randleman, NC 27317
(336) 674-5081
julie@iveyeggleston.com

If your meeting has a position filled please e-mail Paul Routh at paul@friendschurchnc.org or Jenny Gullion at Jenny@friendschurchnc.org so that we can remove the job description from the newsletter and the website. To see a full list of job openings and ministry opportunities [Click Here](#).

FCNC Missions Sunday

The Missions Committee of Friends Church of North Carolina contributes to many ministries, including missionaries, Friends' Meetings in underprivileged areas, and the ministries of Friends United Meeting. What we do depends on you!

Our "Missions Sunday" is the largest fundraiser that we have each year. Not all Meetings have participated in the past. A BIG thanks to those Meetings and Individuals that have supported this fundraiser in the past. This year we are renewing our effort to see participation from all of our Meetings. Even the smallest donations will help. We read about the widow's offering in Mark chapter 12. The widow did not refrain from giving because she only had two small coins; no, we know that that Jesus will bless all that is given to do His work.

Missions Sunday is a special day for Meetings to give attention to our Missions through corporate prayer. We also ask that a special collection be taken to support the Missions of our Yearly Meeting. 100% of the money raised will go to these programs.

You can:

- Pray for the missionaries and ministries.
- Give financial support
- Go on a mission trip, VBS, work group, etc.
- Grow your knowledge with newsletters
- Participate in the FCNC Missions Committee
- Get the word out to other Friends

Ministries supported by FCNC

-Jamaica Yearly Meeting (There are multiple new needs that have risen from hurricane Melissa that devastated Jamaica in Oct 2025. Several Meetings suffered severe damage)
-Matamoros, Mexico Missions
-Belize Friends School, Church and Community Center
-Friends Campus Ministry (Currently ASU, NCSU, UNCW)
-Africa – Friends Theological College, Lugulu Hospital, Turkana and Samburu missions
-Middle East – Ramallah Friends School
-Bob & Hope Carter (Ministries in Africa)
-Mesquakie Friends Church, Iowa
-Kickapoo Friends Center, Oklahoma
-Cuba Friends
-Bolivia-Friends International Bilingual Center
-FUM Ministry Relief Fund
-Quaker Lake Camp
-FEMAP

As mentioned last year, due to the termination of funds from USAID, Lugulu hospital and Ramallah Friends School have been greatly impacted. Lugulu Hospital was forced to cease clinic services to over 2,900 patients and dismiss clinic staff. We would like to continue to be able to give more support to these important programs and help these people in desperate need but we still need your help. Please pray for these programs and the people involved.

When is Missions Sunday?

You can choose any Sunday that works best for your Meeting but we are targeting May 31st for those who would like use a 5th Sunday. Please send checks to FCNC, with Missions on the memo line, mail to the FCNC Yearly Meeting Office, PO Box 4240, Archdale, NC 27263.

NC USFW Spring Conference Registration

Saturday, May 2, 2026

Quaker Lake Camp

Climax, NC



Traci Hjelt Sullivan is the Executive Director of Right Sharing of World Resources. For more than 50 years, RSWR has held a concern for global wealth inequality -- both the burdens of poverty and the burdens of materialism. Since the beginning of 2025, Traci has traveled to each of RSWR's partner countries -- Guatemala, India, Kenya, and Sierra Leone. Women are changing their lives and communities! She looks forward to sharing from her experiences with NC-USFW. Together, women in the U.S. and in RSWR partner countries can witness the abundance of God's love while working toward equity and lives of dignity.

Traci has served Friends organizations throughout her career, including Co-Director of Ben Lomond (CA) Quaker Center, Manager of the FGC Gathering, and Interim Director of Pendle Hill. Her passion for the work of RSWR is fed by her childhood in eastern and southern Africa, and her desire to live more fully into the Simplicity and Equality testimonies

9:00 – 10:00 am Registration and Bookstore with light refreshments
10:00 am – 12 noon Welcome, Music, Program and Business
12:00 noon Luncheon – catered lunch @\$15.00 each

Please send **memorials by April 20 or sooner, 2026** to Mary Anna McCullen, deetsmaryanna@gmail.com
If you can't attend, please watch the live stream video on YouTube- search for Paul Routh.
If you have questions, please contact Sherry Hylton (336) 339-8058 or email sbhylton3@yahoo.com

NC USFW Spring Conference at Quaker Lake
 Please clip and send by **April 20, 2026**

Name(s) _____

Meeting _____

Number of Lunches at \$15.00 each _____ Total \$ _____

Please attach this form with check written to NC USFW and mail to:
 Alicia Sharp
 908 Scottish Rite Dr., Apt 219
 Greensboro, NC 27407

Memorials to be read at Spring Conference on May 2, 2026

Mary Anna McCullen, Historian

"Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted." Matthew 5: 4 NIV

It is time to begin sending in names of our NC USFW members who have passed away since our memorial service at Spring Conference on May 3, 2025. Please send names and date of death of beloved members of your local USFW to me by email at deetsmaryanna@gmail.com or by mail to Mary Anna McCullen, 6100 W. Friendly Ave., Apt. 5005, Greensboro, NC 27410. Names should be submitted by April 20, 2026, or earlier, if possible.

Memorials

Name _____ date of death _____

Name _____ date of death _____

Name _____ date of death _____

Name _____ date of death _____

Submitted by _____, Meeting/church _____

Names are Due to Mary Anna McCullen by/before April 20, 2026

NEW

In Search of...

FCNC Administrative/Communications Coordinator

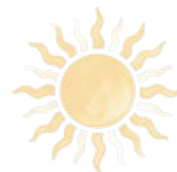
We ask that you share this within your local meetings to help us find the perfect candidate. All requirements for the position are listed in the description.

Resumes are due by **Saturday, April 18th 2026**
 Email Erin Mintmier at: emintmier@gmail.com



Administrative/Communications Coordinator

Reports to: Administrative Oversight Committee As A Whole
 (Resumes must be submitted by Saturday April 18th to Erin Mintmier, at emintmier@gmail.com)



Position Summary

The Administrative/Communications Coordinator serves as the central hub for all Yearly Meeting communications and administrative operations. This role ensures consistent, accurate, and timely messaging across committees, meetings, and external platforms. The Coordinator also provides direct administrative support to Yearly Meeting staff and committees, while representing the Yearly Meeting through professional outreach and communication.

Essential Duties and Responsibilities

- Maintain and update communications lists for all committees, meetings, and Yearly Meeting functions.
- Manage digital platforms, including social media (Facebook, Instagram) and the website, ensuring content is accurate, current, and engaging.
- Draft, edit, and distribute communications such as e-newsletters, paper newsletters, meeting minutes, reminders, advertisements, administrative handbook updates, and other publications.
- Maintain and regularly publish the Yearly Meeting calendar, including web-based updates.
- Manage and maintain the Yearly Meeting directory of contact information for all committees and meetings.
- Attend and provide administrative support at all Yearly Meeting events, including Representative Body, Mid-Year Gathering, and Annual Sessions.
- Serve as liaison with the NCYM Inc. Administrator for budgetary updates, announcements, and other shared communications.
- Maintain regular communication with Yearly Meeting and local meeting leaders.
- Perform additional administrative and communications duties as assigned.

Minimum Qualifications

- A demonstrated faith in Jesus Christ and alignment with Biblical Truth.
- Significant familiarity with Quaker business practices and documentation methods.
- Documented experience in office management, communications, or a related administrative role.
- Strong written and verbal communication skills.
- High attention to detail with ability to manage multiple tasks effectively.
- Ability to work independently with minimal supervision.
- Proficiency in publishing and managing social media content (Facebook, Instagram).
- Commitment to confidentiality and discretion

Schedule & Compensation

- **Hours:** Three-quarter time (approximately 30 hours per week).
- **Employment Type:** W-2 employee.
- **Worksite:** Remote.
- **Compensation:** Annual salary plus reimbursement for approved office supplies, technology costs, and mileage (with documentation and AOC approval).
- **Evaluation:** Annual performance review conducted by the Administrative Oversight Committee.

FUM UPDATE

Kenyan Quakers Hold Peace Summit for Young Friends

Kenya is approximately eighteen months away from the 2027 General Election. This period provides a crucial opportunity for youth leaders to intentionally prepare for peacebuilding, civic responsibility, and faithful witness within our churches and communities.

Friends United Meeting Africa Ministries, in collaboration with Friends Church Kenya, held a Quaker Peace Summit at the Friends Church in Handidi in preparation for the elections. This summit was attended by over thirty participants from different Yearly Meetings in Kenya and was facilitated by key speakers from the Independent Electoral and Boundaries Commission (IEBC) in Kenya. IEBC is an independent regulatory agency responsible for conducting and supervising elections and referendums. Other speakers included Hezron Masitsa, a peacebuilding specialist and Justice and Peace Secretary for the Friends World Committee for Consultation. [CLICK HERE](#) to read the full story



Meet our Missions Cuba



Cuba Friends is a small, vibrant and rapidly-growing group of Friends who are busy ministering to their communities and establishing a vision for outreach to others. Through FUM's Living Letters program, visitors from across our global fellowship make trips to learn from, work alongside and fellowship with Cuban Quakers. With continuing restrictions on travel to Cuba, these trips provide life-sustaining and spirit-nurturing connections for everyone involved. In addition, FUM partners with the Cuban Quaker Peace Institute, a training center for pastors and other leaders, teaching Quaker theology and history, Bible, and peacemaking.

Excerpts from:
Some Fruits of
SOLITUDE

Proverbs, Wisdom & Principles for Better Living
By: William Penn



Quotes on
"Religion":

507- "This World is a form; our bodies are forms; and no visible act of devotion can be without forms. But yet the less form in religion, the better, since God is a spirit: for the more mental our worship, the more adequate to the nature of God; the more silent, the more suitable to the language of a spirit."

508- "Words are for others, not for ourselves: nor for God, who hears not as bodies do; but as spirits should."

511- "Men may tire themselves in a labyrinth of search, and talk of God: but if we would know him indeed, it must be from the impressions we receive of him; and the softer our hearts are, the deeper and livelier those will be upon us."

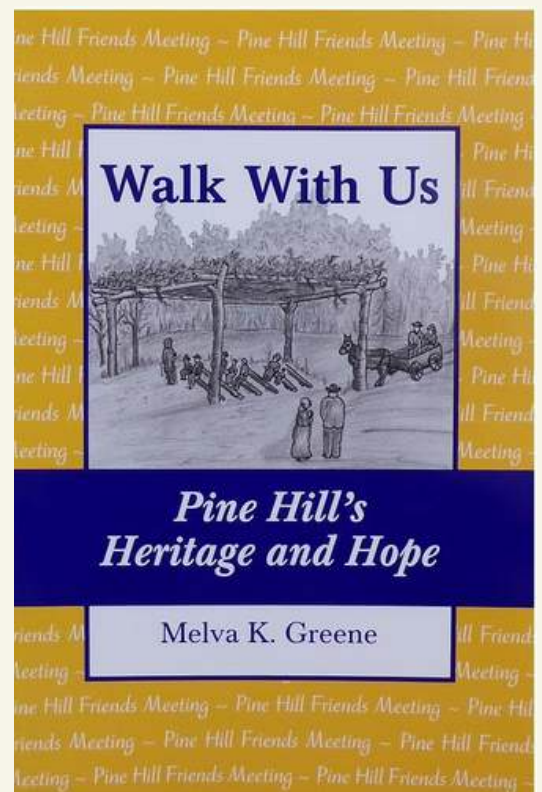
FCNC BOOKSTORE
HIGHLIGHTS

In this portion of the newsletter we will highlight books that can be purchased through the FCNC online bookstore! A link will be provided where you may purchase your own copy and add to your library at home!

Walk With Us:
Pine Hills Heritage and Hope
By: Melva K. Greene

[CLICK HERE TO PURCHASE](#)

Greene writes about the history of Pine Hill Friends Meeting in honor of the 100th anniversary of the Meeting's founding. She speaks of the history as well as the services and notable members.





Quaker Query

...for April

What is a "Quaker Query"?

Quakers use the term Query to refer to a question or series of questions used for reflection and in spiritual exercises. Friends have used Queries as tools for offering spiritual challenges to the community for much of their history.

Consider this...

Believing our bodies to be the temple of God, is thee concerned to attain a high level of physical and mental health? To this end is thy life an example of temperance in all things? Does thee avoid and discourage the use and handling of intoxicants, tobacco, and improper use of drugs?

[-Ohio Yearly Meeting Query Page](#)

Social Media

Comm-Tech Committee Statement

Hello from your FCNC Comm-Tech Committee!

The best way for Friends to stay up to date and aware of news & events is to get connected.

There are 3 great ways to do that:

- 1) subscribe to *Bearing Fruit* (click [HERE](#))
- 2) follow FCNC's Facebook Page (click [HERE](#))
- 3) join FCNC's Facebook group (click [HERE](#))

Social Media isn't for everyone, and we completely understand, so that's where "Bearing Fruit" is a great option.

But what about those in our Meetings who still don't receive the newsletter?

That's where YOU come in!

Pastors, announce to your congregations on Sundays.

Friends, ask your friends if they've seen the newsletter.

Committee leaders, consider printing off copies to hand out to those who are less likely to use technology.

Together, we can get the word out! Thank you for your help

Click here to send me an e-mail
jenny@friendschurchnc.org

Prayer CORNER



How can we pray for you?

Prayer:

Pray for those in danger in the Middle East.

Pray that by some means, all will come to know Christ, and that lives will be spared and Peace will come soon.

Praise:

**PRAISE GOD FOR DELIVERANCE FROM
DARKNESS AND THE SHADOW OF
DEATH.**

**He brought them out of darkness and
the shadow of death and broke apart
the bonds that held them.**

Psalms 107:14 AMP

March RECAP

QLC Easter Egg Hunt

What a wonderful night! Over 125 campers enjoyed crafts, games, a devotion, and the excitement of the starlit Flashlight Egg Hunt!



Concord Friends Easter Egg Hunt

Concord Friends held their Community Egg Hunt on March 28. They had 51 kids in attendance with 35 volunteers and about 125 people in total. The families enjoyed egg hunts, bouncy house, crafts, Bingo, face painting, and delicious hot dogs! The whole congregation involved donating candy and prizes, stuffing eggs and volunteering the day of the hunt.



Marlboro Youth Meeting

Youth Program @ Marlboro on Wednesday evening, March 18th where Terry Linthicum, youth pastor, leads 60 youth in Worship



South Plainfield Friends

Superintendent, Mike Wall, was able to visit with South Plainfield Friends on Sunday, March 22nd 2026. Pictured is Interim Pastor- Alvin Battle and wife, Annette.



Deep Creek Friends Meeting

Deep Creek Friends Meeting held their annual Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, March 21st from 9:00am-11:30am. The theme was "Eggsploring Easter" and involved trunks where the children moved through the Jesus story from birth through the second coming. The kids heard a different part of the story from trunk to trunk and received mementos to help them remember what they had learned. Kids of all ages enjoyed hunting over 2,000 eggs, playing on the playground, participating in candy guessing games, winning prizes, and eating a delicious lunch of subs, chips, drinks, and desserts. For the young and old alike, Garden Route brought their coffee truck and sold wonderful coffees, teas, and frozen hot chocolate. A wonderful time of fellowship, food, and fun was had by all.



Charlie Routh Celebration

Friends and volunteers gathered at the Friends Home in Greensboro to celebrate the remarkable lifelong service of Charlie Routh to the North Carolina Friends Disaster Service. The afternoon was filled with stories, gratitude, and fellowship as many reflected on the countless lives touched through Charlie's dedication to helping others. His extraordinary record of participating in 153 mission trips stands as a powerful testament to a lifetime of compassion, faith, and service—an accomplishment that will likely never be equaled. The gathering was a meaningful time to honor Charlie's legacy and the lasting impact he has made on the Friends Disaster Service community.



QLC Womens Retreat

Over 100 ladies attended the QLC Women's Retreat on March 7. It was a great day of fun, food and fellowship! Thanks to everyone who attended and facilitated classes. Mark your calendar for next year's retreat planned for March 6th

