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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Sherry Hylton

“Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely, I am with you always, to the very end of the age.” Matthew 28:19-20

This last article that I will write as your President, was harder to compose than I expected. I certainly am not a writer, but during the past three years, I have come to be more eager to express my thoughts.

The scripture that I began with today seems to aptly describe how I feel about every woman who is a part of USFW. You ladies are following God's instructions. This organization may be the greatest group I have ever been a part of whose purpose is to glorify God. I have been more than honored to be in the position of your President. I could never thank you enough for the support you have given me.

Being in this position has also given me insight into many other areas of our Quaker sector. I was born Baptist and did not begin my Quaker journey until I was a very young teenager. I did, however, marry a birthright Quaker whose family has been Quaker for generations, so I am deeply enthralled. Since I'm at the end of my journey in this position, I want to share some scripture that I personally feel we could all apply.

“There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit distributes them. There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord. There are different kinds of working, but in all of them and in everyone it is the same God at work.” 1st Corinthians 12:4-6

So, ladies, let us not ever forget that even though we consider ourselves to be Quakers, we are first and foremost Christians, disciples of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. What we do, and the decisions we make, should always be based on identities of Christians.

Finally, I want to put in my personal plug for one ongoing project. I can truly say that my eyes have been opened to so many ministries that I did not realize USFW was involved in. It is phenomenal, and I am so proud to be a part of them. Those of you who know me personally, know I have a strong connection to Quaker Lake Camp, for many reasons. I could compose a list

for you to confirm why I believe QLC is one of our greatest sources for outreach. (You can contact me personally for that.) I am not sure how many of you know, but there is a plan in place to build an

“Airnasium” at camp. It will provide a space for numerous activities to happen that cannot at the present time, due to weather and other obstacles. I know a plan is in place to give anyone interested, close up visits to provide more information to you. Please consider this, and trust me when I say, you can be a part of an incredible outreach program, if you choose to help.

Okay, I am finished sharing my opinions with you. Once again, thank you for accepting me and supporting the incredible ministries that USFW supports. Remember, God gives us all gifts, we just have to choose to use them to honor Him.

Birthdays of Workers and their families

September	October	November
10 Jeannine Mosarsaa	5 Robert Wafula	2 Peter Loten'gan
14 Kathryn Kouns	11 Maddox Isaiah Chyma	5 Brad Wood
16 Athina Major	27 Brandi Chyma	28 Goshen Israel Ayodi
28 Sapphire Major	28 Esther Khaluhi	30 Karla Jay

The March-April Advocate 2026 has the workers' location, address, email address, and family members



SCHOLARSHIP

Bennie Burton

USFW members, consider awarding the Eliza Armstrong Cox Fellowship Life membership to support our scholarships. Also, it is important **to begin talking to the high school seniors in your congregation about applying for the Cox Scholarship between January 1 thru March 15, 2027.** Students are eligible to receive a scholarship for a maximum of four years and must be a participating member of a meeting that actively participates in NC USFW. **Scholarship applications are on the following website, www: friendschurchnc.org/usfw.**

USFW NC recently acknowledged the importance of increasing the resources in the scholarship fund. USFW circles are collecting L (love), H (hope), E (education), one-dollar bills. Your circle will need to mail a check for the dollars collected by April 1, 2027. Our more traditional way to fund the E A Cox scholarship is by awarding members with the Eliza Armstrong Cox Lifetime Fellowship membership.

Thank you to all the USFW groups in North Carolina that continue to fund this scholarship.

Donations of appreciation, memorials, honorariums, etc., can also be ways to replenish the funds of the Eliza Armstrong Cox Scholarship.

ELIZA ARMSTRONG COX LIFETIME FELLOWSHIP MEMBERSHIP

Eliza Armstrong Cox Lifetime Fellowship membership is an honor and a recognition for service and dedication to the meeting and NC USFW. Circles will submit \$25.00 for each nomination (\$12.50 goes to USFWI and \$12.50 goes to the Eliza Armstrong Cox **Scholarship** Fund). A certificate signed by the USFWI President as well as the NC USFW President is sent to the Circle that submitted the name(s) for recognition. Nominations can be made at any time of the year but members are recognized at the Annual Gathering in the fall each year.

Member(s) to be recognized: _____

Meeting: _____

Name & Address of person(s) to receive certificate(s): _____

Date: _____

Enclose \$25.00 **per nominee** payable to NC USFW and send to the NC USFW Treasurer with your check. Thank you for your support of the Eliza Armstrong Cox Scholarship Fund.

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**Eliza Armstrong Cox
1850-1935
Founder of USFW
United Society of Friends Women**

PEACE AND SOCIAL CONCERNS

Esther Creed

When we plant trees, we usually put stakes down until they are rooted enough to stand on their own. Trees have a tendency to lean during strong winds.

In the book of Samuel, we read about David and Jonathan. Jonathan was loyal to David, no limits, no conditions, no bargains, no reservations. He loved David and encouraged him.

When we become Christians, we need friends that are rooted and grounded so they can nurture us in our journey. A friend that has a real genuine and deep commitment to God. Friendship is a sheltering tree. We have examples in the Bible. Barnabas stayed by Paul when others ran. Elijah was ready to quit and even turned in his resignation but God refused to accept it. God gave him food, rest and a “sheltering tree” named Elisha. There are so many people in the Bible that were blessed by a “sheltering tree”.

Let’s ask ourselves this question, “Are we a ‘sheltering tree’ for others?”

How can you be deepening your own roots? – Do something special for a friend this week; maybe send a card to a friend and let them know you cherish their friendship, or a phone call, or even a hug.

PEACE PEACE WONDERFUL PEACE

CHILDREN AND YOUTH EDUCATION*Pat Core***“Listening”**

A few weeks ago, our children’s Sunday School lesson was about a young man who became a king at the age of eight. His father, Amon, was the king until his untimely death. However, King Amon and many of those before him were not God-fearing leaders. They chose to worship idols and were not obedient to the Lord. Josiah, the young king, did what was right in the eyes of the Lord and followed completely the ways of righteousness. All of Josiah’s life demonstrated his focus on the word of God. His life is a powerful example of what happens when we show our love for God by listening to His Word and doing what is right in God’s eyes. When Josiah publicly promised to listen and follow God’s Word, the people followed his example. They all went through a spiritual awakening because they listened.

Generally, there are many sounds that fill our ears. There are voices or noises of one kind or another all around us. Some of these are loud, others are polite and ask us to listen, and still others are just plain sneaky. Above all the clamor of the world is the still small voice of God. As Christians we are called to listen and to follow His Word. It must be pleasing to God when we cut out the noise of the world to listen to Him. Our example of obedience to listen when God speaks through His Word will demonstrate to all around us that we love God.

Listening is a skill that is developed through practice. For some young and older ones this skill is hard work. What better way to build children’s faith than reading and/or listening to stories from the Bible. What better way to strengthen and extend our knowledge than having an awareness of God’s presence in our own life. Let’s continue to sharpen our skills so that we might be a shining example for others.

LITERATURE*Sarah Cox***Winter, Spring, Summer, Fall**

The seasons of the year was something I taught my kindergarteners as part of our calendar lessons. We would say a little rhyme and at the end, they could complete the rhyme with the name of their favorite season.

“Winter, Spring, Summer, Fall.
I like _____ best of all!”

Whether it is a season of the year or a season of our life, something makes that season special or memorable. During that season you have seen or felt God’s presence and blessings.

I have seen and felt so many blessings during the last six years of this season of my life. You, the members of NCUSFW, have made these last six years special and memorable. As I end my time of serving as the literacy secretary, I want to thank you for your help, your encouragement, your prayers and your friendship. Psalm 128:2 says that “blessings and prosperity will be the fruits of your labor.” My work as literacy secretary has surely blessed me over and over and my prosperity has come in the richness of friendships that I have gained.

I have enjoyed sharing our books with so many of you. I hope you will continue to read and encourage others to join you!

Read to learn.

Read to grow as a Christian and a person.

Read to be blessed and to bless others through our scholarships.

I thank God for making each of you a part of this season of my life.

May God bless and keep you,

Sarah Cox

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The 2026-2027 USFW International Reading List books!

There is also an annotated list in the May-June 2026 Advocate

Fiction

The Call of Living Water by Alexis M. Melvin

These Tangled Threads by Sarah Loudin Thomas

My Beloved by Jan Karon

The Frontier Chrysalis by Barbara Schell Luetke

Growth & Challenge

Feasting on God's Word by Kristi McLelland

The Miracles Among Us by Dr. Marc Siegel

Can You Just Sit With Me? by Natasha Smith

The Faith to Flourish by Christine Caine

Biography

Remember My Story by Claire Sarnowski with Sarah Durand

Even If by Bart Millard & Shannon Millard

Still Here by Mary Beth Chapman & Steven Curtis Chapman

Charity Cook – A liberated Woman by Algie I. Newlin

By and About Quakers

Welcome Friends by Anton Flores-Maisonet

Simple Joy by Marlene Morrison Pedigo

A Tender Time – Quaker Voices on the End of Life by Patricia M Nesbitt & Kristin Camitta Zimet

Margaret Fells "Women Speaking Justifies" by Paul N. Anderson





STEWARDSHIP

Brenda McKinney

To God Be the Glory

Recently someone shared with me a YouTube comedy clip about Vacation Bible School (VBS) from a director's perspective. One thing that really resonated with me was "and those songs keep rolling around in my head over and over - from 7 years ago!" Having just completed VBS with our friends in Baltimore, I can tell you those songs are definitely "rolling around in my head" -To God be the Glory, Leaning on the Everlasting Arms, I Will Not be Afraid, etc. That's the point though. We play those songs 36 times because we want the children to remember those truths! And they really enjoy them.

We talk about stewardship of our talents as well as money. Using those talents is what we are to do, but we also need to be sharing those talents, abilities and experiences by mentoring younger generations. This year was the first for Friends Church Baltimore to conduct a VBS. During the planning, I asked who will be doing the teaching? And the answer was you are. So I did and it was wonderful! The children were very attentive and eager to learn and everyone was very pleased and appreciative. We had a skit and a concert the last day and the children sang enthusiastically. I asked each student what they learned during the week and after each child spoke, the audience clapped, very encouraging to the youth. The most important result is that after it was all over, my main helper said "I can do this next year!" Praise the Lord!

This is one of the major benefits of our VBS program in Jamaica, training younger people to be able to take responsibility in more leadership roles. That's how Anthony Moodie became the young pastor and leader he is today. This year we are blessed to have four young Jamaican teens to work with us along with Anthony and his wife Myra.

One of the worst things that can happen in any church or organization is to ignore the talents and gifts of our younger generations. I have seen instances where older people hold on to their responsibilities and do not consider mentoring the younger generation and helping them as they mature and learn along the way. I too have been guilty of "it's quicker and easier if I just do it myself" or if we want it done right, we just do it ourselves. We have all made mistakes but hopefully we learned from them. This is experience. Let us be willing with prayer and guidance from the Holy Spirit to give our younger people the chance to learn and become our next leaders.

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USFWI UNITED SOCIETY OF FRIENDS WOMEN INTERNATIONAL

Board members

Seated in front is Cynthia Steele. Standing (l to r) are Karen Bauer, Deb Moyer, Elizabeth Mulimi, Jan Dough, Alicia Sharp, Rita Mintmier, Karen Mendenhall, Etta Florence Winslow, Sarabeth Marcinko, and Lynn Mills

Not pictured: Jan McVay, Nancy McCormick, Una Bryan and Deb Moyer

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NORTH CAROLINA UNITED SOCIETY OF FRIENDS WOMEN
2026 CHECK TRANSMITTAL FORM

MEETING: _____	TREASURER NAME _____	
	E-MAIL _____	PHONE # _____
DATE: _____	CHECK # _____	AMOUNT: _____

JAN	Four Funds-Hope	Ramallah: Rania Maayeh	\$
	Peace & Christian Social Concerns	Cuba: Quaker Institute of Peace	\$
	NC Project	Scholarship Fund NCUSFW-EAC	\$
	NC Project	Scholarship Fund FTC	\$
FEB	Children & Youth	Kenya: Turkana/Samburu: Shepherd Boys Education	\$
	Christian Service	Native American: Mesquakie Friends Center	\$
	NC Project	FEMAP-Friends Emergency Materials A P	\$
MAR	Peace & Christian Social Concerns	E. Africa Friends Church Peace Team	\$
	Children & Youth	Ramallah: Eli & Sybil Jones Scholarship Fund	\$
	Keys to the Kingdom	USFWI Triennial Program & Travel Subsidy	\$
	NC Project	Matamoros, Mexico Missions	\$
APRIL	Four Funds-Joy	Kenya: Getry Agizah	\$
	United Thank Offering	Kenya: E-Learning via Friends Theological College	\$
	NC Project	Friends Homes Quaker Assistance Fund	\$
MAY	Children & Youth	Ramallah: Special Needs Children at Friends	\$
	Keys to the Kingdom	Latino Funds Ministry	\$
	Keys to the Kingdom	The Advocate Subsidy	
	NC Project	Spring Conference Offering - Quaker Lake	\$
JUNE	United Thank Offering	Kenya: Turkana Ministry Staff & Pastors	\$
	Christian Service	Belize: Church Food Pantry/Grocery Bag Project	\$
	NC Project	Friends Disaster Service-NCYM	\$
JULY	Four Funds-Faith	Kenya: Robert Wafula	\$
	Peace & Christian Social Concerns	Kenya: RSWR Kenya Staff Support	\$
AUG	Children & Youth	Belize: Friends School Feeding Program	\$
	United Thank Offering	Kenya: Samburu Ministry Staff & Pastors	\$
	NC Project	Annual Gathering Offering:	\$
		1- Friends Center: Guilford College	\$
		2- Campus Ministry -FCNC	\$
SEPT	United Thank Offering	Jamaica: Pastoral Care	\$
	Keys to the Kingdom	FUM Solidarity Fund	\$
	Peace & Christian Social Concerns	Belize: Leadership Team Support	\$
	NC Project	Membership # _____ at \$10 each	\$
		Apportionment to USFWI (\$8) NC Scholarship (\$2)	
OCT	Children & Youth	Kenya: Turkana/Samburu: Girls' Secondary	\$
	Christian Service	Kenya: Lugulu Hospital Adopt-A-Bed	\$
	NC Project	NCUSFW Scholarship Fund ASC	\$
NOV	Four Funds-Love	Belize: Director	\$
	Christian Service	Native American: Kickapoo Friends Center	\$
DEC	NC Project	NCUSFW Projects	\$

Any time	Members Recognized at the Annual Gathering	MEMBERSHIP TO: ELIZA ARMSTRONG COX FELLOWSHIP \$25.00 (\$12.50 goes to USFWI, \$12.50 stays with NCUSFW)	\$
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NC UNITED SOCIETY OF FRIENDS WOMEN AS OF JULY 31, 2026

JAN	Four Funds-Hope	Ramallah: Raina Maayeh	\$ 1,495.00
	Peace & Christian Social Concerns	Cuba: Quaker Institute of Peace	\$ 975.00
	NC Projects	Scholarship Fund NCUSFW EAC	\$ 970.00
	NC Projects	Scholarship Fund FTC	\$ 1,504.00
FEB	Children & Youth	Turkana /Samburu: Shepherd Boys Education	\$ 1,506.00
	Christian Service	Native American: Mesquakie Friends Center	\$ 1,334.50
	NC Projects	FEMAP-Friends Emergency Material Program	\$ 1,796.00
MAR	Children & Youth	Ramallah: Eli & Sybil Jones Scholarship Fund	\$ 1,430.00
	Keys to the Kingdom	USFWI Triennial Program & Travel Subsidy	\$ 675.00
	Peace & Christian Social Concerns	E. Africa Friends Church Peace Team	\$ 1,100.00
	NC Projects	Matamoros, Mexico Missions	\$ 980.00
APRIL	Four Funds-Joy	Kenya: Getry Agizah	\$ 1,412.00
	United Thank Offering	Kenya: E-Learning via Friends Theological College	\$ 1,242.00
	NC Projects	Friends Homes Quaker Assistance Fund	\$ 1,176.00
MAY	Children & Youth	Ramallah: Special Needs Children at Friends School	\$ 1,384.00
	Keys to the Kingdom	Latino Fund Ministry	\$ 1,005.00
	Keys to the Kingdom	The Advocate Subsidy	\$ 820.00
	NC Projects	Spring Conference Offering - Quaker Lake	\$ 3,622.00
JUNE	United Thank Offering	Kenya: Turkana Ministry Staff & Pastors	\$ 1,547.00
	Christian Service	Belize: Church Food Pantry/Grocery Bag Program	\$ 1,364.50
	NC Projects	Friends Disaster Service-NCYM	\$ 1,896.00
JULY	Four Funds-Faith	Kenya: Robert Wafula	\$ 1,960.00
	Peace & Christian Social Concerns	Kenya: RSWR Staff Support	\$ 1,025.00
	NC Projects	Membership at \$10 each	
	USFWI	Apportionment to USFWI (\$8)	\$ 720.00
		Apportionment to NC Scholarship Fund(\$2)	\$ 180.00
AUG	Children & Youth	Belize: Friends School Feeding Program	\$ 219.00
	United Thank Offering	Kenya: Samburu Ministry Staff & Pastors	\$ 240.00
	NC Projects	Annual Gathering Offering:	
		1- Friends Center: Guilford College	\$ 115.00
		2- Campus Ministry -FCNC	\$ 90.00
SEPT	United Thank Offering	Jamaica: Pastoral Care	\$ 25.00
	Keys to the Kingdom	FUM Solidarity Fund	\$ 25.00
	Peace & Christian Social Concerns	Belize: Leadership Team Support	\$ 65.00
OCT	Children & Youth	Turkana /Samburu: Girls' Secondary Education	\$ 4.00
	Christian Service	Kenya: Lugulu Hospital Adopt-A-Bed	\$ 67.50
	NC Projects	NCUSFW Scholarship Fund	\$ -
NOV	Four Funds-Love	Belize: Friends Ministries Director	\$ 130.00
	Christian Service	Native American: Kickapoo Friends Center	\$ 162.50
DEC	NC Projects	NCUSFW Projects	\$ 20.00
		Total Green Sheet Projects	\$ 34,282.00

Alicia Sharp, Treasurer "Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another" 1 John 4:11

NC UNITED SOCIETY OF FRIENDS WOMEN **2026 GREENSHEET PROJECTS**

JAN	Four Funds-Hope Peace & Christian Social Concerns NC Project NC Project	Ramallah: Rania Maayeh Cuba: Quaker Institute of Peace Scholarship Fund NCUSFW-EAC Scholarship Fund FTC
FEB	Children & Youth Christian Service NC Project	Kenya: Turkana/Samburu: Shepherd Boys Education Native American: Mesquakie Friends Center FEMAP-Friends Emergency Materials Assistance Program
MAR	Peace & Christian Social Concerns Children & Youth Keys to the Kingdom NC Project	E. Africa Friends Church Peace Team Ramallah: Eli & Sybil Jones Scholarship Fund USFWI Triennial Program & Travel Subsidy Matamoros, Mexico Missions
APRIL	Four Funds-Joy United Thank Offering NC Project	Kenya: Getry Agizah Kenya: E-Learning via Friends Theological College Friends Homes Quaker Assistance Fund
MAY	Children & Youth Keys to the Kingdom Keys to the Kingdom NC Project	Ramallah: Special Needs Children at Friends School Latino Funds Ministry The Advocate Subsidy Spring Conference Offering - Quaker Lake
JUNE	United Thank Offering Christian Service NC Project	Kenya: Turkana Ministry Staff & Pastors Belize: Church Food Pantry / Grocery Bag Project Friends Disaster Service-NCYM
JULY	Four Funds-Faith Peace & Christian Social Concerns NC Project	Kenya: Robert Wafula Kenya: RSWR Kenya Staff Support
AUG	Children & Youth United Thank Offering NC Project	Belize: Friends School Feeding Program Kenya: Samburu Ministry Staff & Pastors Annual Gathering Offering: 1- Friends Center: Guilford College 2- Campus Ministry -FCNC
SEPT	United Thank Offering Keys to the Kingdom Peace & Christian Social Concerns NC Project	Jamaica: Pastoral Care FUM FUM Solidarity Fund Belize: Leadership Team Support Membership # _____ at \$10 each Apportionment to USFWI (\$8) NC Scholarship (\$2)
OCT	Children & Youth Christian Service NC Project	Kenya: Turkana/Samburu: Girls' Secondary Education Kenya: Lugulu Hospital Adopt-A-Bed NCUSFW Scholarship Fund NCUSFW-EAC
NOV	Four Funds-Love Christian Service	Belize: Director Native American: Kickapoo Friends Center
DEC	NC Project	NCUSFW Projects