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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 Poem of Devotion:

WHEN GOD IS QUIET

By: Anonymous

"AND HE SAID, "GO OUT AND STAND ON THE MOUNT BEFORE THE LORD." AND BEHOLD, THE LORD PASSED BY, AND A GREAT AND STRONG WIND TORE THE MOUNTAINS AND BROKE IN PIECES THE ROCKS BEFORE THE LORD, BUT THE LORD WAS NOT IN THE WIND. AND AFTER THE WIND AN EARTHQUAKE, BUT THE LORD WAS NOT IN THE EARTHQUAKE. ¹² AND AFTER THE EARTHQUAKE A FIRE, BUT THE LORD WAS NOT IN THE FIRE. AND AFTER THE FIRE THE SOUND OF A LOW WHISPER"
-1 KINGS 19:11-12

IN THE QUIET, WHERE GOD'S WHISPER FADES,
A CANVAS UNFOLDS LIFE'S INTRICATE SHADES.
WHEN WORDS UNSPOKEN FILL THE QUIET AIR,
IN THE SACRED SILENCE, WISDOM WEAVES ITS TALE.

IN THE HUSH, LESSONS WOVEN IN QUIET,
IN THE QUIET OF DIVINE STILLNESS, WISDOM UNVEILS ITS NARRATIVE.
IN THE SILENCE, WHEN GOD STAYS QUIET,
HIDDEN WONDERS REVEAL THEMSELVES AS LIFE UNFOLDS.

THROUGH THE QUIET, SEEDS OF STRENGTH SOWN.
IN THE CALM, FORTITUDE IS APPARENT.
SILENT GUIDANCE, A BEACON IN THE NIGHT,
WHEN GOD IS QUIET, EMBRACE THE INNER LIGHT.

AMIDST THE HUSH, FIND ANSWERS WITHIN.
UNRAVELING MYSTERIES: WHERE TO BEGIN?
IN THE QUIET, ECHOES OF PURPOSE RESOUND.
LIFE-CHANGING WHISPERS, IN SILENCE, WERE FOUND.

WHEN GOD IS QUIET, A SACRED EMBRACE,
IN THE SERENE STILLNESS, FIND GRACE.
WHISPERS OF TRANSFORMATION FILL THE QUIET AIR.
LIFE'S SHIFTS ARE TRULY UNMATCHED.





Upcoming Events:

**CELEBRATION OF LIFE SERVICE
FOR CHARLIE ROUTH
JUNE 13TH 2026 @11AM
CENTRE FRIENDS MEETING**

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

**CONCORD FRIENDS VBS
JUNE 14TH -18TH 2026
5:30PM - 8:00PM
MORE INFO BELOW**

**NCFDS TRIP
JUNE 14TH -19TH 2026
MORE INFO BELOW**

IT IS WITH GREAT SADNESS THAT WE SHARE THE PASSING OF OUR DEAR FRIEND, MENTOR, AND FELLOW SERVANT, CHARLIE ROUTH, WHO PASSED AWAY TUESDAY, JUNE 2ND.



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NEWS

CHARLIE WAS A TREMENDOUS PART OF THE NORTH CAROLINA FRIENDS DISASTER SERVICE FAMILY AND TOUCHED THE LIVES OF EVERYONE WHO HAD THE PRIVILEGE TO SERVE BESIDE HIM. AS THE OLDEST MEMBER OF OUR TEAM, CHARLIE FAITHFULLY PARTICIPATED IN AN INCREDIBLE 153 DISASTER TRIPS, OFFERING NOT ONLY HIS TIME AND TALENTS BUT ALSO HIS WISDOM, ENCOURAGEMENT, AND UNWAVERING SPIRIT OF SERVICE.

HE WAS A MENTOR TO MANY, A FRIEND TO ALL, AND AN EXAMPLE OF COMPASSION, HUMILITY, AND DEDICATION. CHARLIE'S IMPACT ON THIS MINISTRY AND THE COUNTLESS LIVES HE HELPED RESTORE WILL NEVER BE FORGOTTEN.

WE ARE DEEPLY GRATEFUL FOR CHARLIE'S LIFE, SERVICE, AND FRIENDSHIP. WE ASK THAT YOU KEEP HIS FAMILY, FRIENDS, AND ALL WHO LOVED HIM IN YOUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS DURING THIS DIFFICULT TIME.

CHARLIE WILL BE DEEPLY MISSED, BUT HIS LEGACY OF KINDNESS, FAITH AND SERVICE WILL CONTINUE TO INSPIRE US ALL.

If you have any announcements

Let us know at

jenny@friendschurchn.org

Attention Committee Members

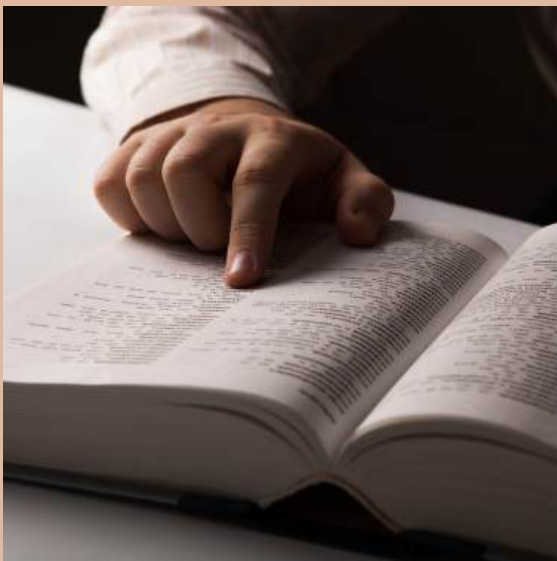
Don't forget to let us know if there is any upcoming dates we should add to our newsletter by the 20th of each month

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

Pastor Found

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

NORTH CAROLINA FRIENDS DISASTER SERVICE

AN OUTREACH MINISTRY OF N.C. FRIENDS

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Co-Coordinator
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Sophia N.C. 27350
Phone 336-736-0845

David Robinette Jr,
Co-Coordinator
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Allen Gibson,
Co-Coordinator
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Apex N.C. 27539
Phone 919-656-9030

Western N.C. Disaster Relief June 14th - 19th, 2026 Spruce Pine, North Carolina

Hey everyone! We are heading to Spruce Pine to help local families rebuild after the damage caused by Hurricane Helene.

Whether you're a pro at construction, drywall, flooring, electrical, or plumbing or if you have a willing heart and want to lend a hand with cleanup and support there is a special place for you on this trip! Every helping hand makes a huge difference in restoring homes and hope to this community. We'll be working alongside the Baptists on Missions Disaster Group and staying at the Spruce Pine Rebuild Center.

Just a reminder to bring your own personal toiletries and bed linens.

New Background Check Procedure: We are implementing a new background check procedure for all our volunteers. If you're planning on attending, please **text, call, email, or smoke signal (if not too windy)** Gary Dodson (gdodson@northstate.net) as soon as possible and he will send you the web link to complete it.

Lodging: Baptists on Missions - Spruce Pine Rebuild Center
308 Harris St. 28777, Spruce Pine N.C.

Kickoff Dinner: Plan to meet Sunday afternoon June 14th at 5:00 PM at Western Sizzlin, Hwy NC-226, Spruce Pine NC 28777 for a group meal together.

Please share this information with everyone at your meeting/church. Thank you so much for your continued support of the North Carolina Friends Disaster Service.

Join Us for VBS!



June
14th - 18th

Concord Friends Meeting

5000 Old Randleman Rd
Greensboro, NC 27406

Free Dinner starts at 5:30

VBS 6:00-8:00



HELLO FRIENDS,

TECHNOLOGY IS A POWERFUL TOOL IN OUR WITNESS WORK IN SOLIDARITY WITH PALESTINIANS AND ALL PEACEMAKERS IN PALESTINE/ISRAEL. INDEED, MANY OF US CAME TO THIS WORK BECAUSE OUR HEARTS HAVE BEEN BROKEN BY THE LIVE-STREAMED ATROCITIES WE CONTINUE TO WITNESS ON SOCIAL AND ALTERNATIVE MEDIA.

BUT TECH CAN ALSO BE PROBLEMATIC, SUMMED UP IN THE THREE C'S: CREEPY SURVEILLANCE OF OUR DEVICES, EVEN DOXXING ACTIVISTS; CORPORATE EXPLOITATION, LIKE READING OUR E-MAILS TO TARGET ADS AT US; AND THE COMPLICIT PARTNERSHIP OF TECH COMPANIES AS MILITARY CONTRACTORS FOR THE U.S. AND ISRAELI GOVERNMENTS.

HOW CAN WE BOYCOTT COMPLICIT TECH COMPANIES (AS PALESTINIAN LEADERS IN THE MOVEMENT FOR RACIAL EQUALITY IN PALESTINE/ISRAEL HAVE ASKED US TO DO)? WHAT REASONABLE ALTERNATIVES ARE OUT THERE? HOW CAN WE USE TECHNOLOGY SAFELY IN OUR ACTIVISM AND WITNESS WORK?

JOIN THIS TECH & PALESTINE SOLIDARITY ONLINE WORKSHOP ON SATURDAY, JUNE 20 AT NOON ET (NYC TIME), HOSTED BY QUAKERS FOR PEACE IN PALESTINE/ISRAEL AND FEATURING TRIBE-X, A COMMUNITY-LED DIGITAL JUSTICE COLLECTIVE HELPING ACTIVISTS DECOLONIZE THEIR TECH. REGISTER HERE: [CLICK HERE](#)



TECH & PALESTINE SOLIDARITY

June 20 at Noon ET (NYC)

Location: Zoom:
<https://cutt.ly/UtMUKgeo>



How to Use Technology Safely in Our Activism & Boycott Complicit Corporations.
Protect your digital privacy. Avoid surveillance. Identify the tech giants enabling occupation.
Led by Tribe-X, a community-led digital justice collective helping activists decolonise their tech, protect their privacy, and migrate away from complicit corporations.

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Quakers
For Peace in Palestine/Israel

FUM COLLECTING FOOD SUPPLIES FOR CUBAN FRIENDS



Friends United Meeting is currently collecting food items to send to Cuban Friends in June. These donations will be transported through legal channels and delivered directly to Cuba Yearly Meeting, supporting pastors, families, and local Meetings, all of whom continue to face severe shortages of basic goods. For this June shipment, our primary focus is food, responding to the urgent need expressed by Cuban Friends.

In FUM's last shipment to Cuba, portable power stations were sent to help Cuban Friends navigate the ongoing energy crisis. Frequent and prolonged blackouts make daily life extremely difficult for churches, pastors, and families. These power stations provide a reliable source of electricity for essential needs—charging phones, running small appliances, supporting ministry activities, and offering light and stability during outages. According to Cuba Yearly Meeting Clerk Jorge Luis, this latest shipment made it possible for every Friends church in Cuba to have a power station—a remarkable milestone for us.

[CLICK HERE](#) for full article

&

[CLICK HERE](#) to find a list you shop from and donate!

FUM NORTH AMERICAN MINISTRIES SURVEYS

We want to know what is going on with you. Friends United Meeting's North American Ministries would like to have a better perspective and understanding of the cares and concerns you all are facing. Your eyes and hands and feet and more importantly your hearts are in places the members of the NAM committee cannot be and cannot know without your help.

This year FUM began communicating a consistent message, "Encourage One Another in Love." That message is being threaded into the fabric of our work, ministry, and mission with intentionality. Encouragement takes relationship and understanding. To help us understand and know what is on your minds we have created two surveys. You can access them using the links below.

One is a personal spiritual status assessment:

[CLICK HERE](#)

The other is a Meeting spiritual status assessment:

[CLICK HERE](#)

The information we gather will be used to identify priorities for areas of need and concern which will then be used to guide North American Ministries. We want to be able to effectively walk alongside and encourage one another in love, as is written in 1 Thessalonians 5:11.

MICHAEL SHERMAN
COORDINATOR NORTH AMERICAN AND CARIBBEAN MINISTRIES

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.

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.

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

FUM is Collecting Food Supplies for Cuban Friends



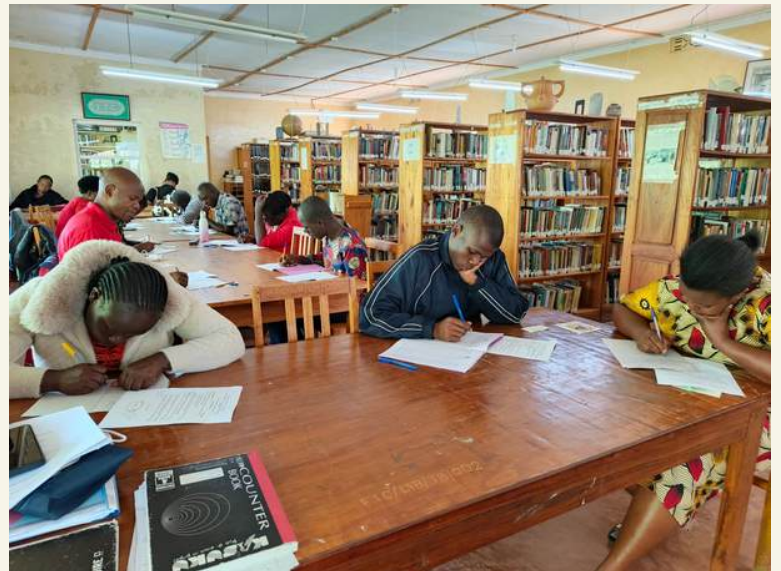
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[CLICK HERE](#) to read the full story



Meet our Missions Friends Theological College



Friends Theological College(FTC) is dedicated to the training of Friends pastors, as well as to the academic progress, personal development, and spiritual growth of the students whom God is calling to other ministries.

Founded as Friends Bible Institute in 1942, College trains both men and women to pastor and to lead. The College's principal, Robert J. Wafula, serves at the center of this vibrant, exciting community of learners. Together, the FTC community seeks to integrate faith, scripture, and theology in training the present and future leaders of Quaker churches in East Africa; and to foster in individual hearts and lives the process of maturing in Christ. [CLICK HERE](#) to read more

Excerpts from:
Some Fruits of
SOLITUDE

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



Quotes on
"Religion":

515- "Open thou my lips, and then, said the Royal Prophet, My mouth shall praise God. But not 'till then.'"

516- "The preparation of the heart, as well as answer of the tongue, is of the Lord: and to have it, our prayers must be powerful, and our worship grateful."

517- "Let us choose, therefore, to commune where there is the warmest sense of religion; where Devotion exceeds formality, and practice most corresponds with profession; and where there is at least as much charity as zeal: for where this society is to be found, there shall we find the church of God."

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!

Friends Worship Today:
Contemporary Concepts and Practices
By: Seth B. Hinshaw

[CLICK HERE TO PURCHASE](#)

An excerpt from the text says, 'Worship is at the heart of the Society of Friends. When lives are transformed, when the world is transformed, personal encounters with God through worship are at the center of the process. In this examination of the concepts and practices of worship among Friends today, Seth Hinshaw helps modern Friends come in touch with their vital center.'

Friends Worship
Today

*Contemporary
Concepts and Practices*

Seth B. Hinshaw



Quaker Query

...for June

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...

"Does thee attend to the correction and guidance offered to thee by the Seed in thy heart? Does thee seek assistance from more seasoned Friends when spiritual need arises? Does thee seek to be obedient to the promptings of love and truth which thee may feel in thy hearts? Does thee seek to humbly submit to the challenges and travails of life, striving not in thy own will but only as led, confident in the dominion of the Lord over all, courageous in His name?"

[-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
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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:

FOR COMFORT



Matthew 11:28

**"Come to me, all who labor
and are heavy laden,
and I will give you rest."**

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USFW Spring Conference

The North Carolina USFW held their Spring Conference on Saturday, May 1, at Quaker Lake Camp in Climax, North Carolina. The theme celebrated was “Love in Many Languages.” Women from Friends Church Baltimore shared music in Swahili and English. Lucy Azenga-Sikinyi, also from Baltimore, shared devotions from I Corinthians 13. The speaker, Tracy Hjelt Sullivan, Executive Director of Right Sharing of World Resources, shared stories and slides of women in Kenya and India who have benefited from grants and the women’s groups they have formed. Bennie Burton, Scholarship Chair, announced the twelve recipients of the Eliza Armstrong Cox Scholarship—four new applicants and eight returning students. She complimented the recipients on their academic achievements, their leadership and service in their Monthly Meetings, and their spiritual growth. The gathering was a beautiful time of food, fellowship, and inspiration for the eighty attendees.



2026 Stoking the Fire Cancelled

“The future can’t be predicted, but it can be envisioned and brought lovingly into being. Systems can’t be controlled, but they can be designed and redesigned. We can’t surge forward with certainty into a world of no surprises, but we can expect surprises and learn from them and even profit from them.”
— Brené Brown, *Strong Ground: The Lessons of Daring Leadership, the Tenacity of Paradox, and the Wisdom of the Human Spirit*

Due to low registration, we have decided to lay down Stoking the Fire for this year. This gathering has been rich in the past, and it is disappointing to let the possibility of gathering again on Pentecost go.

If you have attended in the past and chose not to come this year, we would love to know why. FUM wants to be able to effectively walk alongside and encourage Friends in love. Your eyes and hands and feet—and most importantly, your hearts—are in places that FUM staff and the members of the North American Ministries Committee cannot know without your help.

To help FUM understand what is on Friends’ hearts, here are two surveys we've created:

[A personal spiritual status assessment](#)

[A Meeting/Church spiritual status assessment:](#)

The information we gather will be used to identify priorities for ministry among North American Friends. Please help us lovingly bring into being new ways of ministering to you.

Also, if you’re looking for a Friendly fellowship opportunity that does not require travel, check out the next installment in our Encourage One Another In Love Zoom series. See more information below.



Visit with Concord Friends

Superintendent, Mike Wall, was able to visit with Concord Friends on May 24th 2026



Cindy Creed leads the Worship



There were 4 graduates recognized



Pastor Greg Creed preached about our Identity in Christ