

Illinois Yearly Meeting

Statement of Financial Position/Balance Sheet

Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2022

	6/12/2022	6/30/2021
Assets		
Cash and Cash Equivalents		
Checking Account	\$41,524.34	\$137,609.55
Friends Fiduciary-Property Improvement Fund	\$41,632.89	\$40,177.82
Friends Fiduciary-Unrestricted Designated	\$282,174.46	\$203,786.14
PayPal	\$0.00	\$116.22
Total Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$365,331.69	\$381,689.73
Accounts Receivable	\$29,874.51	\$ -
Total Assets	\$395,206.20	\$381,689.73
Liabilities		
Current Liabilities		
Accounts Payable	\$4,979.59	\$5,788.03
Payroll Taxes	\$698.00	\$698.00
Total Current Liabilities	\$5,677.59	\$6,486.03
Total Liabilities	\$5,677.59	\$6,486.03
Net Assets		
Unrestricted Undesignated		
General Operating	\$91,245.36	\$60,625.19
Total Unrestricted Undesignated	\$91,245.36	\$60,625.19
Unrestricted Designated		
Special Gifts	\$144,631.40	\$140,430.02
CCH Accessible Addition	\$1,300.00	\$1,300.00
Payroll Reserve	\$43,787.93	\$43,787.93
FWCC World Meetings	\$7,000.00	\$6,000.00
Maintenance Reserve	\$56,890.03	\$80,495.03
Total Unrestricted Designated	\$253,609.36	\$272,012.98
Temporarily Restricted		
Property Improvement	\$44,673.89	\$42,565.53
Total Temporarily Restricted	\$44,673.89	\$42,565.53
Total Net Assets	\$389,528.61	\$375,203.70
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	\$395,206.20	\$381,689.73

Income Statement
Illinois Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends
1 July 2021 to 30 June 2022 as of 12 June 2022

	General Operating	Special Gifts	CCH Addition	Payroll Reserve	FWCC World Mtgs	Maintenance Reserve	Property Improvement	Total
Revenue								
Contributions-Meetings	\$91,115.75	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$91,115.75
Gifts-Indiv	\$32,020.44	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$32,020.44
Gatherings and Retreats	\$16,499.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$16,499.00
Misc Income	\$1,357.31	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,357.31
Bank & Investment Income								
Interest & Investment Income	\$3,627.92	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$653.29	\$4,281.21
Total Bank & Investment Income	\$3,627.92	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$653.29	\$4,281.21
Total Revenue	\$144,620.42	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$653.29	\$145,273.71
Operating Expenses								
Personnel & Office								
Employee-Contractor Direct-Indirect Expenses	\$47,187.58	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$47,187.58
Staff Travel	\$439.99	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$439.99
Office Expenses	\$1,101.75	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,101.75
Total Personnel & Office	\$48,729.32	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$48,729.32
Gatherings and Retreats								
Annual Sessions Event Expenses	\$5,481.88	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$5,481.88
Annual Sessions Virtual Component Expenses	\$4,262.54	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4,262.54
Annual Sessions Cooking & Food	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Annual Sessions Program	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Annual Sessions Childrens Program	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Annual Sessions Site Prep	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Womens Weekend Expenses	\$599.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$599.00
Total Gatherings and Retreats	\$10,343.42	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$10,343.42
Site & Property Expenses								
Annual services-Property Taxes	\$2,073.47	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,073.47
Insurance	\$12,860.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$12,860.00
Appliances-Equipment	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4,535.00	\$0.00	\$4,535.00
Building Projects	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$4,000.00)	\$0.00	(\$4,000.00)
Mowing, Tree Trimming	\$3,900.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,900.00
Repairs & Maintenance	\$2,914.76	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$34,570.00	\$0.00	\$37,484.76
Utilities	\$5,880.51	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$5,880.51
Total Site & Property Expenses	\$27,628.74	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$35,105.00	\$0.00	\$62,733.74
Committee Expenses								
Development Committee	\$305.78	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$305.78
Personnel Committee	\$0.00	\$3,027.50	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,027.50
Publications & Distribution Committee	\$1,928.76	\$1,312.50	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,241.26
YO Committee	(\$85.77)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$85.77)
Total Committee Expenses	\$2,148.77	\$4,340.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$6,488.77
Support to Others								
Friends General Conference	\$4,400.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4,400.00
Friends World Committee for Consultation	\$3,850.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,850.00
American Friends Service Committee	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$500.00
Friends Committee on National Legislation	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$500.00
Friends Peace Teams	\$350.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$350.00
Quaker Earthcare Witness	\$300.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$300.00
Friends for Lesbian & Gay Concerns	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$100.00
Chicago Friends School	\$350.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$350.00
Scattergood School	\$250.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$250.00
Earlham College	\$250.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$250.00
Earlham School of Religion	\$125.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$125.00
Olney Friends School	\$125.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$125.00
Right Sharing of World Resources	\$350.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$350.00
Project Lakota	\$250.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$250.00
Friends Journal	\$250.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$250.00
NRCAT	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$100.00
Black Lives Matter Chicago	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$500.00
Quaker United Nations Office	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$100.00
Total Support to Others	\$12,650.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$950.00
Transfer to Maintenance Reserve	(\$11,500.00)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$11,500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Transfer to FWCC World Meetings	(\$1,000.00)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total Operating Expenses	\$114,000.25	\$4,340.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$1,000.00)	\$23,605.00	\$0.00	\$129,245.25
Operating Income / (Loss)	\$30,620.17	(\$4,340.00)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	(\$23,605.00)	\$653.29	\$16,028.46
Other Income and Expense								
Unrealized Gain/Loss	\$0.00	\$8,541.38	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,455.07	\$9,996.45
Total Other Income and Expense	\$0.00	\$8,541.38	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,455.07	\$9,996.45
Net Income	\$30,620.17	\$4,201.38	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	(\$23,605.00)	\$2,108.36	\$14,324.91

Illinois Yearly Meeting
Monthly Meeting Contributions
1 July 2021 to 30 June 2022 as of 12 June 2022

	Unrestricted	Property Improvement	Total
Blue River Quarterly	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Bloomington-Normal	\$2,520.00	\$0.00	\$2,520.00
Burlington WG	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Clear Creek	\$5,500.00	\$0.00	\$5,500.00
Columbia	\$1,020.00	\$0.00	\$1,020.00
Downers Grove	\$7,900.00	\$0.00	\$7,900.00
Duneland	\$1,820.00	\$0.00	\$1,820.00
Evanston	\$19,745.75	\$0.00	\$19,745.75
57th Street	\$4,680.00	\$0.00	\$4,680.00
Lake Forest	\$17,325.00	\$0.00	\$17,325.00
Northside	\$4,335.00	\$0.00	\$4,335.00
Oak Park	\$5,300.00	\$0.00	\$5,300.00
Oshkosh	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$50.00
Southern Illinois	\$780.00	\$0.00	\$780.00
Spoon River	\$540.00	\$0.00	\$540.00
St Louis	\$9,600.00	\$0.00	\$9,600.00
Urbana Champaign	\$10,000.00	\$0.00	\$10,000.00
Total	\$91,115.75	\$0.00	\$91,115.75

ILYM Draft Budget 2022-2023 for Advance Documents 6/12/2022

	BUDGET FY2023	% Change	ACTUAL 6/12/2022	BUDGET FY2023	ACTUAL 6/30/2021	ACTUAL 6/30/2020	ACTUAL 6/30/2019
Contributions-Meetings	\$95,500	6%	\$91,116	\$90,000	\$90,531	\$88,890	\$88,652
Gifts-Individuals	\$42,000	24%	\$32,020	\$34,000	\$32,413	\$21,747	\$39,483
Bank & Investment Income	\$5,500	0%	\$3,628	\$5,500	\$6,525	\$5,732	\$1,036
Misc. Income	\$0	0%	\$1,357	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Gatherings-Retreats	\$18,000	13%	\$16,499	\$16,000	\$7,829	\$14,661	\$20,288
	\$161,000	11%	\$144,620	\$145,500	\$137,299	\$131,030	\$149,459
1 Personnel & Office	\$67,500	6%	\$48,729	\$63,550	\$48,101	\$53,360	\$64,601
2 YM Travel Support	\$4,000	0%	\$0	\$4,000	\$133	\$3,729	\$3,997
3 Site & Property Expenses							
Annual services-Property Taxes	\$1,500	0%	\$2,073	\$1,500	\$1,078	\$1,217	\$1,840
Mowing, Tree Trimming	\$6,500	0%	\$3,900	\$6,500	\$8,400	\$5,370	\$6,375
Routine Repairs & Maintenance	\$5,500	10%	\$2,915	\$5,000	\$2,816	\$5,500	\$4,923
Urgent Repairs	\$2,000	0%	\$0	\$2,000	\$5,194	\$-	\$146
Insurance	\$13,000	24%	\$12,860	\$10,500	\$10,564	\$9,022	\$6,905
Caretaker Expenses					\$500		
Utilities	\$5,000	100%	\$5,881	\$2,500	\$2,568	\$1,553	\$2,717
Total Site & Property	\$33,500	20%	\$27,629	\$28,000	\$31,120	\$22,662	\$22,906
4 Gatherings-Retreats							
Annual Sessions Event Expenses (oversight: Admin.Coord.)	\$6,500	8%	\$5,482	\$6,000		\$3,091	\$6,237
Annual Sessions Virtual Component Expenses	\$0		\$4,263	\$0		\$0	\$0
Annual Sessions Cooking-Food (oversight: Planning Group)	\$8,500	9%	\$0	\$7,800		\$4,200	\$7,774
Annual Sessions Program Aft/Eve (oversight: Planning Group)	\$2,500	14%	\$0	\$2,200		\$999	\$2,820
Annual Sessions Children's Program (oversight: CRE Cmte.)	\$1,250	25%	\$0	\$1,000		\$375	\$1,467
Annual Sessions Site Prep (oversight: Planning Group)	\$1,250	25%	\$0	\$1,000		\$-	\$1,278
Other Gatherings	\$0		\$599	\$0	\$5,982	\$425	\$1,546
Total Gatherings-Retreats	\$20,000	11%	\$10,343	\$18,000	\$5,982	9,090	21,122
5 Committee Expenses							
Ad hoc	\$-		\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-
Adult Young Friends	\$150	0%	\$0	\$150	\$0	\$-	\$160
Children's Religious Education	\$200	0%	\$0	\$200	\$0	\$77	\$1,298
Development	\$400	-43%	\$306	\$700	\$80	\$664	\$650
Environmental Concerns	\$50	0%	\$0	\$50	\$0	\$-	\$-
Faith & Practice	\$-		\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$168
Finance	\$25	0%	\$0	\$25	\$0	\$48	\$12
Handbook	\$25	0%	\$0	\$25	\$0	\$-	\$-
Maintenance, Planning & Envisioning	\$50	0%	\$0	\$50	\$0	\$-	\$-
Ministry & Advancement	\$50	0%	\$0	\$50	\$0	\$-	\$-
Nominating	\$50	0%	\$0	\$50	\$0	\$-	\$-
Peace Resources	\$50	0%	\$0	\$50	\$0	\$-	\$-
Peace Tax Fund	\$25	0%	\$0	\$25	\$0	\$-	\$-
Personnel	\$25	0%	\$0	\$25	\$0	\$-	\$-
Publications & Distribution	\$3,000	0%	\$1,929	\$3,000	\$1,656	\$3,058	\$2,787
Youth Oversight	\$2,400	0%	(\$86)	\$2,400	\$64	\$1,524	\$2,868
Total Committee Expenses	\$6,500	-4%	\$2,149	\$6,800	\$1,800	\$5,371	\$7,943
6 Support to Others							
Quaker organizations to which ILYM assigns representatives							
Friends General Conference (FGC)	\$4,400	0%	\$4,400	\$4,400	\$4,000	\$4,000	\$4,000
Friends World Committee for Consultation (FWCC)	\$3,850	0%	\$3,850	\$3,850	\$3,500	\$3,500	\$3,500
American Friends Service Committee (AFSC)	\$500	0%	\$500	\$500	\$400	\$400	\$400
Friends Committee on National Legislation (FCNL)	\$500	0%	\$500	\$500	\$400	\$400	\$400
Friends Peace Teams (FPT)	\$350	0%	\$350	\$350	\$300	\$300	\$300
Quaker Earthcare Witness (QEW)	\$300	0%	\$300	\$300	\$250	\$250	\$250
Friends for Lesbian & Gay Concerns (FLGBTQC)	\$100	0%	\$100	\$100	\$50	\$50	\$50
Regional Quaker educational institutions							
Chicago Friends School (CFS)	\$350	0%	\$350	\$350	\$300	\$300	\$300
Scattergood Friends School and Farm	\$250	0%	\$250	\$250	\$200	\$200	\$200
Earlham College	\$250	0%	\$250	\$250	\$200	\$200	\$200
Earlham School of Religion (ESR)	\$125	0%	\$125	\$125	\$100	\$100	\$100
Olney Friends School	\$125	0%	\$125	\$125	\$100	\$100	\$100
Right Sharing of World Resources (RSWR)	\$350	0%	\$350	\$350	\$300	\$300	\$300
Project Lakota	\$250	0%	\$250	\$250	\$200	\$200	\$200
Friends Journal	\$250	0%	\$250	\$250	\$200	\$200	\$200
National Religious Campaign Against Torture (NRCAT)	\$100	0%	\$100	\$100	\$100	\$100	\$100
A Black led anti-racism organization	\$500	0%	\$500	\$500	\$1,000		
Quaker United Nations Office (QUONO)	\$100	0%	\$100	\$100	\$50	\$50	\$50
Total Support to Others	\$12,650	0%	\$12,650	\$12,650	\$11,650	\$10,650	\$10,650
	\$144,150	8%	\$101,500	\$133,000	\$98,787	\$104,862	\$131,219
To Maintenance Reserve	\$15,850	38%	\$11,500	\$11,500	\$11,500	\$11,500	\$11,500
To FWCC World Meetings	\$1,000	0%	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000
Operating Surplus/Deficit to Special Gifts					\$26,012	\$13,668	\$5,740
Total Budgeted Transfers	\$16,850	35%	\$12,500	\$12,500	\$38,512	\$26,168	\$18,240
	\$161,000	11%	\$114,000	\$145,500			
	\$0		\$30,620	\$0	\$-	\$-	\$-

Revised Handbook Report to Annual Sessions, 2022, June 14, 2022
Committee members: Pam Kuhn, Julia Pantoga, Sue Styer

1. Give the Reading Clerk a three-year term limit, which would be renewable. Also add that some other duties may be requested by the Presiding Clerk.
2. The Epistle Committee be chosen by the Nominating Committee just prior to annual sessions and serves only during sessions or until the epistle is complete for that year.
3. Continuing Committee date. Add to Presiding Clerk description. “g) Determine the date, place, and format of Continuing Committee with input from others to avoid as many Quaker conflicts as possible.” Add to Continuing Committee description after first sentence in the introduction. “The Presiding Clerk determines the date, place, and format of the committee meeting avoiding as many Quaker conflicts as possible.”
4. Continuing Committee description. The Continuing Committee description is currently in the Standing Committee section. The Continuing Committee functions as a standing committee in that it continues the business as charged by the yearly meeting and it prepares the business for the yearly meeting at annual sessions. Continuing Committee is different from a standing committee because the members are not chosen by the Nominating Committee and because it shares information across all of the committees during the year. The Handbook Committee recommends that the description be moved to the first section called Organization under the subhead of Illinois Yearly Meeting. We are NOT recommending any change to the description except as noted above.
5. Change section formerly called “Groups” to “ILYM Common Interest Gatherings.” In addition to Adult Young Friends, we will add a description for the women and gender minorities gathering as follows.

Women and Gender Minorities Weekend. The women and gender minorities of Illinois Yearly Meeting gather together each spring. The time provides the opportunity to share journeys, to enlarge our circle of friendship with other Friends, to hold each other in loving support, and to honor each other as we seek to grow in the depth of our being and in Light. We find our voices, sing our songs, and tell our stories, mingling the rich varied stories of young and old and in-between as we reveal together ourselves and our lives. All women and gender minorities are invited to become part of the gathering.
6. Affiliations. The Handbook Committee recommends that we add a section to the Handbook that describes those organizations to which we are affiliated. In this list, we used the definition of “affiliated” to mean those organizations to which we send representatives (page 84 of the 2021 Minute Book.) However, it is not the same list that the Finance Committee uses in the Support to Others (page 28 of the 2021 Minute Book.)

Using the organizations’ websites and other resources we have put together the following descriptions. We recommend making this section fall after the standing committee descriptions and before the annual sessions planning section.

Representatives to Affiliated Organizations

Illinois Yearly Meeting is affiliated with various organizations. Although some of these organizations are not explicitly Quaker, all reflect our values and our association with them has been approved at annual sessions. Sometimes of the affiliated organizations request a certain number of representatives and sometimes ILYM chooses to appoint representatives out of an active interest in the organization. The organizations listed below are not the complete list of affiliated organizations, but are those that ask for representatives. When requested by an affiliated organization, it is the responsibility of Nominating Committee to find representatives to the organizations. If representatives cannot be found, the Nominating Committee should notify the ILYM Presiding Clerk so that the yearly meeting can consider if we want to continue our affiliation with that organization.

Number of Representatives. For some organizations, the number of representatives depends on the size of the yearly meeting, which varies over the years. For other organizations, ILYM appoints a representative because we are interested in updates about their work.

Travel Expense Reimbursement. Many appointments require travel to participate as a representative to the organizations. Unless indicated otherwise in these descriptions, Illinois Yearly reimburses these expenses in accordance with the ILYM Travel Policy (see section 5, Specific Practices and Policies).

Reporting. Representatives provide communication from ILYM to the organization and from the organization to ILYM. Representatives report on the activities of those organizations to the yearly meeting at Annual Sessions (or more frequently when appropriate) and send a written report to the Advanced Documents. There is may be time set aside during annual (i.e. workshops or evening program) for further discussion of an organization's concerns.

Financial support of ILYM. At this time, ILYM makes an annual contribution to support the work of each of the organizations with which it is affiliated. Donation amounts are shown in the minutes in the approved budget.

Friends General Conference (FGC)

Mission Statement. Friends General Conference, with Divine guidance, nurtures the spiritual vitality of the Religious Society of Friends (Quakers) by providing programs and services for Friends, meetings, and seekers.

Description and Additional Information. FGC is an association of sixteen yearly meetings (including ILYM) or regional groups, and thirteen directly affiliated monthly meetings. FGC exists to increase communication among unprogrammed Friends, to bring Friends together across yearly meeting lines, to enrich the spiritual life of the Religious Society of Friends, and to provide resources and services to Friends and Friends meetings. As an affiliate, ILYM representatives serve on the Central Committee.

Number of ILYM representatives and term length. Based on the number of members in ILYM, we appoint four representatives who serve for 3 years.

Expectations of ILYM representatives other than those described at the beginning of this section. Serve on FGC's Central Committee and attend the semi-annual meetings.

Minute Reference. ILYM is one of the FGC founding meetings in 1900 (Check date.)

Friends World Committee for Consultation (FWCC)

Mission Statement. Answering God's call to universal love, FWCC brings Friends of varying traditions and cultural experiences together in worship, communications, and consultation, to express our common heritage and our Quaker message to the world.

Description and Additional Information. Representatives of affiliated yearly meetings conduct the business of FWCC at Section Meetings and World Gatherings, as well as populate FWCC's committees. ILYM is a member of FWCC as well as the FWCC Section of the Americas (FWCC SOA). Further activities and responsibilities of FWCC representatives is reviewed in detail in a representative handbook on the FWCC Section of the Americas website.

Number of ILYM representatives and term length. Based on the number of members in ILYM, FWCC requests that we appoint four representatives who serve for 3 years. We generally appoint three.

Expectations of ILYM representatives other than those described at the beginning of this section. ILYM representatives to FWCC are expected to attend all Section of Americas and World FWCC meetings and gatherings. Additionally, they are expected to serve on FWCC committees as requested by FWCC.

Additional Reimbursement Information. ILYM sets aside funds each year to assist our representatives with travel expenses FWCC for attending World Gatherings (every 3-5 yrs). ILYM representatives may request support from this fund, which is not expected to cover the participant's full costs. Other potential sources of funding for this travel include Monthly Meetings and individual donations. If the entire fund is not used by ILYM reps, the remaining balance will be sent to FWCC to help Friends who otherwise would not be able to attend.

Minute Reference

American Friends Service Committee (AFSC) Corporation

Mission Statement. Guided by the Quaker belief in the divine light of each person, AFSC works with communities and partners worldwide to challenge unjust systems and promote lasting peace.

Description and Additional Information. AFSC is an independent Quaker organization which carries on programs of service, development, justice, and peace, on behalf of several branches of Friends in America. The Corporation of the AFSC is the organizing body that chooses the AFSC Board, which in turn sets the direction of the organization. The Corporation meets annually.

Number of ILYM representatives and term length. Based on the number of members in ILYM, we appoint four representatives who serve for 3 years.

Expectations of ILYM representatives other than those described at the beginning of this section. Representatives are members of the AFSC Corporation. Together with "at large" members, they are responsible for the governance of AFSC. Corporation members attend the annual AFSC Corporation Meeting, National Board Meeting, and Annual Public Meeting.

Minute Reference

Friends Committee on National Legislation (FCNL)

Mission Statement. FCNL is a national, nonpartisan Quaker organization that lobbies Congress for peace, justice, and environmental stewardship. It brings together tens of thousands of people—Quakers and friends—who share a belief in the power of relationship-building to advance the world we seek.

Description and Additional Information. Founded in 1943 and governed by members of the Religious Society of Friends (Quakers), FCNL's multi-faceted approach is powered by the expertise of registered lobbyists in Washington, D.C., the commitment and passion of people

around the country in our advocacy network, the integrity of our positions, and the relationships we cultivate with elected officials and community leaders. Our advocacy flows out of the Quaker belief in the inherent dignity and worth of each person. Working from that clear vision of the better world we want to build, we are persistent in advocating for policies to bring it closer to reality.

Through FCNL's virtual "travel" to yearly meetings, we join in meeting for business and meeting for worship, hear leadings and concerns, and share the broader work of the Religious Society of Friends as it manifests through FCNL's advocacy.

Number of ILYM representatives and term length

Expectations of ILYM representatives other than those described at the beginning of this section. ILYM representatives are expected to attend the FCNL Annual Meeting and Quaker Public Policy Institute. Other Friends may also attend this meeting. Representatives should also be aware of Advocacy Teams within the ILYM geographic area and make these known to Friends.

Minute Reference

Friends for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer Concerns (FLGBTQ)

Mission Statement

FLGBTQ is a Quaker faith community within the Religious Society of Friends. FLGBTQC deeply honors, affirms, and upholds that of God in all people.

Description and Additional Information. FLGBTQ gathers twice a year, at a Mid-Winter gathering and at the FGC Annual Gathering of Friends in the summer. At these times Friends worship together, discern our corporate witness through Meeting for Worship with attention to business, sharing individual journeys, celebrating lives, healing old wounds, and drawing sustenance from the Spirit for work and life in the world. Friends have found faith and voice to speak truth to power and the courage to be open to new revelation.

Number of Representatives and term length: Some yearly meetings send representatives, who are welcomed but not required.

Minute Reference

Friends Peace Teams (FPT)

Mission Statement. Friends Peace Teams is a Spirit-led organization working to develop long-term relationships with communities in conflict around the world to create programs for peace building, healing and reconciliation.

Description and Additional Information. FPT carries a concern for peace to difficult places—geographically, politically, and emotionally. Their intent is to bring people together from different backgrounds, orientations, affiliations, ethnicities, religions, and ages and contribute to healing the effects of trauma and deprivation in their many forms across boundaries.

Number of ILYM representatives and term length: FPT requests three representatives serving 3 years each. The actual number of representatives appointed, and terms of appointment, are discerned by the Nominating Committee of ILYM.

Expectations of ILYM representatives other than those described at the beginning of this section. ILYM representatives to FPT are expected to serve on the Coordinating Council of FPT.

Minute Reference

National Religious Campaign Against Torture (NRCAT)

Mission Statement. NRCAT mobilizes people of faith to end torture in U.S. policy, practice, and culture.

Description and Additional Information. A nationally recognized interfaith membership organization based in Washington, DC, NRCAT is comprised of more than 300 religious organizations and more than 75,000 individuals have participated in our programs and activities. NRCAT's diverse partners share a common commitment to advancing the values of human dignity, human rights and an end to torture, without exception. To achieve its mission, NRCAT engages in grassroots organizing, public education, and state and national policy advocacy.

NRCAT began as a response amongst 150 faith leaders convened by Dr. George Hunsinger, professor at Princeton Theological Seminary, seeking a moral response to harrowing reports of prisoner abuse at Abu Ghraib. From this hunger for a collective moral voice to end U.S.-sponsored torture, NRCAT was founded in 2006.

Today, NRCAT's national membership includes representatives from the Catholic, evangelical Christian, mainline Protestant, Unitarian Universalist, Quaker, Orthodox Christian, Jewish, Muslim, Hindu, Baha'i, Buddhist, and Sikh communities. Members include national denominations and religious groups, regional interfaith and ecumenical organizations, and local congregations.

Number of Representatives and Term Length: This is not a Quaker organization and there is not an expectation of ILYM involvement. However, their mission statement notes membership includes Quakers. The actual number of representatives approved, and terms of appointment, are discerned by the Nominating Committee.

Minute Reference

Olney Friends School (OFS)

Mission Statement. OFS provides a transdisciplinary, college-preparatory curriculum within a supportive community that enables students to develop the skills to care for and thrive in a changing world.

Description and Additional Information. OFS was founded in 1837 by a group of newly settled Ohio Quakers, most of whom migrated north in protest of the institution of slavery in the South. They made plans for a boarding school for both boys and girls, to be modeled on Quaker boarding schools in Philadelphia. This early school, which was simply known as the Friends Boarding School, was located at Mount Pleasant, Ohio, northeast of its current location. The name "Olney" was informally adopted from a poem entitled "Olney Green," written by Louis Taber, a visiting minister from Vermont and teacher at the school in the 1840s. Olney Friends School originally served only students from Quaker families. By the 1960s students from a variety of religious, cultural, and geographic backgrounds began attending the school. In 1978 the school's official name was changed to Olney Friends School.

Number of ILYM representatives and term length. OFS has not requested a representative from ILYM, although they welcome our input. The actual number of representatives approved, and terms of appointment, are discerned by the Nominating Committee.

Minute Reference

Quaker Earthcare Witness (QEW)

Mission Statement. QEW works to inspire Spirit-led action toward ecological sustainability and environmental justice. QEW has grown out of a strong leading among Friends that our future depends on a spiritual transformation in our relationships with each other and the natural world. For over 30 years, it has helped Friends in North America integrate Earthcare into their daily lives.

Description and Additional Information. Business of QEW is conducted by the Steering Committee, on which representatives serve.

Number of Representatives and Term Length: QEW asks for not more than two representatives from yearly meetings to serve on the Steering Committee.

Minute Reference

Scattergood Friends School (SFS)

Mission Statement. SFS challenges students with a college-preparatory curriculum, farm experience, a shared work program, and community living in the spirit of Quaker faith.

Description and Additional Information. Quaker pioneers arriving in Iowa from Ohio longed to create a boarding school where their children could receive a “guarded education,” free from “early knowledge of, or contact with, the evils of the world.” While initial preparations began in 1870, it was 20 years before SFS would open in 1890. According to early notes, “...the aim of the school is to give a substantial English education, suited to fit the average person for the ordinary duties of life, and at the same time prepare students for higher institutions of learning, yet it is still its distinctive purpose to shield the young from hurtful temptations and distracting tendencies during the character-forming period.” The first student body was exclusively Quaker and consisted of 25 pupils, each of whom paid a full tuition of \$100 per year.

In 1929, Scattergood, like the rest of the country, was caught in the wake of the Great Depression. The decision was made to close the school in 1931, with hope it would only be a one-year closure. Unfortunately, Scattergood remained closed until 1938 when the American Friends Service Committee (AFSC) suggested Scattergood be utilized as a hostel for European refugees fleeing the Nazis. The campus was renovated and in 1939, the first refugees arrived. Refugees represented various backgrounds and Scattergood was once again operated in the Quaker spirit with which it was conceived. In addition to taking English classes, those living at Scattergood were also expected to take part in work crews as well as helping to grow and prepare their food. The need for the hostel subsided in 1943 and by 1944 Scattergood Friends School was open once again.

Number of ILYM representatives and term length: SFS does not request a representative from ILYM, although they welcome our input. The actual number of representatives approved, and terms of appointment, are discerned by the Nominating Committee.

Minute Reference

Minute from Oak Park Monthly Meeting

Oak Park Monthly Meeting believes that Friends need a more persistent voice supporting actions to reduce gun violence. Our Peace testimony calls us to not be complacent. We are in unity with FCNL's Gun Violence Prevention Principles.

FCNL's Gun Violence Prevention Principles

Gun violence in the United States is so common that it rarely makes the news. As a nation, we have seemingly accepted that ordinary activities – going to a house of worship, a nightclub, a school – carry the risk of violent death.

But our current levels of gun violence are not inevitable. Policymakers' failure to pass common sense, responsible legislation contributes to appalling rates of gun violence in the United States.

Lawmakers must take every available step to reduce harm and loss of life. Easy access to guns will continue to make it horrifyingly easy to escalate fear, hatred, and rage into slaughter.

We support efforts to reduce gun violence by limiting gun ownership, possession, and use. In particular, a comprehensive gun violence prevention strategy will:

- Address the many forms of gun violence, including mass shootings, accidental shootings, police shootings, domestic and intimate partner violence, and suicide, through context-sensitive approaches
- Advance evidence-based gun violence prevention
- Preserve civil liberties and anti-discrimination protections
- Prioritize systemic changes over individual punishment
- Limit access to equipment that makes mass shootings deadlier
- Implement safety checks for all gun buyers
- Promote and strengthen community engagement by implementing community-based violence intervention and prevention programs

The gun violence epidemic is both a public health crisis and a troubling reflection on our country's spiritual state. As we seek policy solutions, we must also look critically at the culture that enables so many people to kill each other with guns. As Quakers, we believe that there is that of God in every person and that all creation has worth and dignity. We call on Congress to act immediately to protect each sacred life.

We support the stronger House bill and are grateful to those who worked in the Senate to move something forward. This limited progress is not enough.

We hope that creative proposals at the State and National level can emerge (for example, patterning gun ownership requirements and regulations after car ownership requirements and regulations. Should gun owners be required to pass safety tests, register all weapons and have liability insurance?)

We encourage ILYM Friends to make this issue a priority and to find ways to continue to advocate for progress.

Oak Park Monthly Meeting of Friends