

## **Cielo Grande Quarterly Meeting Adult Program Committee Report to 2022 RM**

Re: SCYM Annual Sessions 2023

We agreed several months ago to recommend that our theme be, "Refreshment for the Long Haul".

After considering a few possible speakers, we determined to recommend inviting Greg Casillas, a member of FM San Antonio to be our Keynote Speaker. Please see below his take on what he could present and his background for addressing the theme.

We reviewed the SCYM Planning Committee's proposed program for the virtual and in-person sessions.

Paula Keeth and Val Liveoak will work together with Greg to develop queries for 3 Worship Sharing in Home Groups sessions.

Howard Hawhee will look at pulling together a small group to solicit workshop proposals, schedule them, and arrange for the necessary logistics.

Respectfully submitted, Val Liveoak, convenor.

From: **Gregory Casillas** <[geeinsa@gmail.com](mailto:geeinsa@gmail.com)>

My take on "Refreshment for the Long Haul" is this, "If we are not charged, it is difficult to recharge others. How do we practice self care for the challenges that we face, nourish others with supportive language, and what do we do on a daily basis to support our Quaker Values (SPICES) in a way that is not ethnocentric?"

*Greg Casillas is the Assistant Director at Thrive Youth Center. Thrive's mission is to provide a safe and supportive center for homeless LGBTQ youth 18 - 24 years old so they may become productive, skilled, educated, and successful adults with the ability, opportunity, and possibility of achieving their dreams.*

*Greg has experienced many challenges in life from drug and alcohol addiction, to being diagnosed with HIV and learning how to "live" with all of them. Greg has enjoyed the experiences of Quakerism since his time living in Monteverde, Costa Rica and being an active friend of Friends. Upon moving to San Antonio, Greg decided to fully embrace his calling and became a member of the Friends Meeting in San Antonio.*

*Prior to living in San Antonio, Greg lived in Costa Rica for 17 years. He is a yoga teacher, a sports enthusiast, likes to cook and is looking forward to a long career serving the community. Greg and his husband John are "Dads" to three dogs, 8 cats and an opossum named Mabel and her daughter Mabeline.*