

# Report to SCYM Representatives Meeting from Peace and Justice

Nov 18, 2022

Peace and Justice met by Zoom on Aug 18, Sept 20, and Nov 1 to find consensus on several different topics. This year, Yearly Meeting offered us a new task and re-started a traditional one. First is research on SCYM's role in Native American boarding schools, and second is to organize a process to review disbursements to the standing list of groups SCYM donates to every year. Our report is focused on the second issue, which is the review of the standing list of donations. Research on Indian boarding schools is ongoing and will be addressed when information is more well-developed.

At our Nov 1 meeting, we formulated a draft plan for inclusion on the standing list and fair disbursement of donations. In follow-up emails, we refined the plan to the state we present today.

1. We suggest that in a timely manner, the Finance Committee will present to Peace & Justice the total amount to be used for donations each year. Typically, that amount has been \$6600 in established donations and \$200 for Peace & Justice to disburse on an emergency or ad hoc basis as needs emerge. The amounts could vary based on the anticipated budget set by the Finance Committee.
2. Peace & Justice will annually review the list of recipients from the previous year's budget and discern changes to the list that may be appropriate based on current and anticipated needs and resources. If the need arises Peace & Justice may increase or decrease the amounts given to each group, request more funds from SCYM, and add to or remove groups from the list if it seems appropriate at that time.
3. We see the foundational goals these donations represent as 1) to weave strong and effective relationships between the Yearly Meeting and groups and projects that support our Quaker values, and 2) to support critical work that nurtures Quakerism, Quaker people, and our Testimonies. Therefore, we propose that each group we donate to will have one or more member(s) of SCYM who act as an active liaison between the group and SCYM. The current practice for most Quaker groups is that representatives take some role on that group's governing body and bring reports on their work to Yearly Meeting. For groups not structured in the same way, the liaison could be a less formal role but keep Yearly apprised of activities of the group in personal and meaningful ways beyond what could be found on a group's website. A current example is the Ugandan Safe Transport Project approved to the list in 2022. We request that these informal roles would be filled by the Nominating Committee to show that even though they may be informal they are serious positions fulfilling an important need for the Meeting.

In this transitional year when the process is not fully developed and not all information is available to Peace & Justice to make decisions based on an accepted procedure, Peace & Justice makes this recommendation to Representatives Meeting.

17 Different groups are included on the standing list of donation recipients, with varying donation levels. We propose that all standing groups remain on the list.

Peace & Justice proposes to add one further group to the standing list: Quaker Voluntary Service, which fills a significant unmet need for youth among Quaker groups to provide service experience and leadership training through Quaker foundations. At this time of great uncertainty and rapid change, youth need this grounding more than ever before. More information on QVS is available if it would be

helpful. We request that QVS receive \$300 this year and in the future. In order to fund this donation, we suggest that each of the 17 groups on the standing list receive a 5% reduction in their donation amount.

### **NOTES for Peace & Justice**

(we need to check our calculations when we have all information)

(Val or someone on Peace & Justice is prepared to talk about QVS if requested)

(Gladys will find out if two standing groups, Texas Impact and Louisiana Conference of Churches, have standard donation amounts that must be paid. If that's the case we accommodate that amount in our calculation so the percentage may be slightly higher or lower than 5%)

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Wed, Nov 16 at 6:45 AM

Thanks, Gladys. It has not been paid yet, finance committee talked about it, I don't know that an answer came out of that. I believe it's fixable, we just need to go through the right procedures to do that so I can be authorized to write the check and so we know what we're expected to do going forward.

Louisiana Conference of Churches message from Pam Arnold

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To: Gladys tiffany

Wed, Nov 16 2022 at 9:04 PM

Hi, Gladys.

Jim Johnson, from Baton Rouge Meeting, and Robin Morris, from New Orleans, share the representation although Jim is the primary person for contacting. So email things to him with cc to Robin.

The Conference is made up mostly of the big Christian churches in Louisiana. Very Christ-centered. It has been my understanding that our membership over the years has mostly been to acknowledge to the other faiths that there are Quakers in Louisiana. In all my years at BRFM (since fall of 1982), I have never known of us to actually participate in more than one or two campaigns endorsed by this conference. SCYM pays \$250 annually for our assessment.

What donations are y'all dealing with? How much \$\$\$ are you talking about?

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Hope this helps. Let me know if you need anything else.

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