

Friends Peace Teams Representatives to South Central Yearly Meeting at Representatives Meeting November 22, 2024

Friends,

We are heartily grateful for South Central Yearly Meeting's (SCYM)'s continued financial and spiritual support through your concern for justice and peace work [Friends Peace Teams \(FPT\)](#) is doing, to this report and sustaining its [\\$325 donation](#) and [additional \\$325](#) to our South and Central American regional team, [Peacebuilding en las Américas, \(PLA\)](#). Because FPT has no full-time staff and is nearly all-volunteer, these donations go directly to justice and peace work on six continents. We had our gathering November 13-16 entirely online this year so no expense reimbursement will be requested from SCYM.

If you are looking for stories of hope and resilience, we implore you to read [Stories – Friends Peace Teams](#), subscribe to a region's news at the bottom of the page, and connect with or give feedback to a peace worker. If you are curious about what sustains our faith in justice and peace in the face of violence and war, consider reading our [PeaceWays](#) today, and look for [YouTube videos](#) of our gathering that will be put up in a couple of weeks. Kevin has been SCYM's FPT rep since 2020. He shares that he has received as much from his participation and volunteering this year as he has in past years. Their practice of Quaker process in discernment and has been uplifting to witness.

South Central Friends are invited to join Val Liveoak and Kevin King, and others, in claiming, or reclaiming their commitment to conscientious objection to war by publicly sharing your statement of conscience on FPT's [Conscientious Objectors](#) page. Val, Kevin, and Paula Keeth have been meeting with another Friend in Philadelphia Yearly Meeting to further their understanding and practice of economic justice. Our current activity is studying [Code Pink's Local Peace Economy](#).

We continue to remind Friends that other SCYM Friends volunteer with FPT including Caroline Marti as an assistant treasurer, and Erica Mitag and Anne Collins as [Sparklers](#) working on [Literacy for Peace](#).

One suggestion for the 2025 South Central Yearly Meeting sessions is to have hosted tables during a period - say during the ice cream social where Friends can visit with Quaker Organizations' representatives and representatives can share more about their experience with our other partners in justice and peace.

In service,
Val Liveoak & Kevin King