

Proposal to donate money to the Friends World Committee Global Campaign

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I. Overview

Some of this bequest money needs to support our participation in the world of Friends. Friends World Committee for Consultation is part of a global campaign now that will finance some projects that will enhance the spiritual life of the Meeting, as well as connect us to the spiritual life of our larger Quaker community.

There is an exciting pilot project for monthly meetings called Quaker Connect, which will provide a networking structure for potential change makers within congregations so they will have support and feedback and a framework for adding to the life of their Meeting. There's also an interactive map to help people find Friends here and around the world. As well, there's support for consultations and gatherings, which have benefited FMC Friends in the past. This all connects us to Quakers beyond our Meeting, which enlarges our view of the world and our place in it.

● **Why this project now, and how will it engage with or benefit the FMC community?**

The Global Campaign for Friends World Committee for Consultation has been launched and will be on for a few years. By supporting it financially it may be more visible to the Meeting and thus the programs better used.

● **How will this project deepen the spiritual life of FMC and reflect its testimonies?**

I have participated in a preliminary workshop about the Quaker Connect principles, and I feel it's got real potential for participants to analyze and understand our place in our community and to help us to engage more deeply with the people and conditions that surround us. Rather than waiting for people to find us, and then adapt to our culture, this project can open up new ideas and new connections with the wider community.

● **How much is being requested, and what do you hope these funds will accomplish?**

I hope that \$15,000 could be donated to the Campaign. This year NEYM has decided to stop all contributions to other organizations, which would have been \$14-15,000 for the FWCC annual fund. This precluded considering a donation to the Global Campaign.

Will you personally oversee execution or will it involve another organization or non-FMC persons? Over how many years will the funding be used?

FWCC Section of the Americas is gathering the funding. The projects are for a more-or-less five year window.

- **Is this a local proposal, elsewhere in the U.S., or international? Or for FMC itself?**

This is an international proposal with (potentially) a local component.

- **Who will carry out this project, both short-term and long-term if applicable? What are the roles, who will be doing them, and will there be adequate support?**

FWCC Section of the Americas.

II. Use of Funds

- **Does this proposal advise keeping some or all of the bequest for FMC's capital or budget use?**

This proposal is for only a small portion of the bequest.

(I have thoughts about using money as well for the physical property of the Meeting – which has been deteriorating, both the landscaping and the interior finishes. It all needs a revamp! As well, we could use an updated HVAC system that could help in air filtering and efficiency, important for both pandemics and the climate crisis. Have these projects been suggested?)

- **Is this the only funding for this project?**

no

- **Is it ongoing after these funds are depleted?**

This is part of a larger effort.

- **Is this funding for a start-up, a program already up and running, or is this for an expansion?**

A program on its way.

- **If being given to an existing program, what portion of that budget will this represent?**

\$15,000 would be about 1.2% of the \$1,250,000 goal.

- **Are community members welcome to become involved and how?**

I think community members would benefit from various aspects of the Global Campaign and I'm hoping some person or persons would be interested in working with the Quaker Connect project.

III. Budget

\$10,000-\$15,000 as a donation.

For more description:

<https://fwccamericas.org/becoming/>

for the whole campaign: Becoming the Quakers that the World Needs

for Quaker Connect: https://fwccamericas.org/docs/2023_becoming_quaker-connect.pdf