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## **SCYM AFSC Representative Report**

SCYM AFSC Representative - Richard Corl - Live Oak Friends Meeting

AFSC Corporation Meeting will be held on April 11<sup>th</sup> -17<sup>th</sup>, 2021. The meeting will be held via Zoom with multiple sessions during the week. A report on the actual proceedings will be done after the meeting has been held.

As reported in the 2020 SCYM, AFSC representatives report, the ten year AFSC Strategic Plan that was completed last June but not officially released at the time has since been published and I am attaching the electronic version for folks to download as desired.

See the proposed agenda for the upcoming meeting below.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard Corl

### **Published Agenda from AFSC:**

To: Members of the Corporation of the American Friends Service Committee

We are pleased to invite you to attend the 2021 Annual Meeting of the American Friends Service Committee's Corporation, taking place over the span of a week, Sunday, April 11th- Saturday April 17th.

This year, we will be meeting virtually and extending an invitation to all Quakers to participate in workshops and other programming developed under the theme "Making New Worlds: Pursuing peace with justice." Two business and worship sessions, and the Third World Coalition and white co-conspirators "dinner" sessions will be open to Corporation members only.

Workshops and programming open to all Quakers

Corporation programming will begin on Sunday, April 11th at 7pm ET with a panel presentation, "Quakers, AFSC, and abolition: Then and Now," featuring historians Marcus Rediker and Katharine Grebner and contemporary Quaker abolitionists.

Workshops will be offered throughout the week, as listed below:

- Monday, April 12th, 8pm ET: FreeThemAll: How we are living into the call to free folks in the context of COVID-19 and beyond. Presenters: Adriana Jasso, Demetrius Titus, Layne Mullett.
- Tuesday, April 13<sup>th</sup>, 8pm ET: Pursuing freedom for Palestine: A campaign for Palestinian children's rights. Presenters: Jennifer Bing and Zeina Hutchison.
- Wednesday, April 14<sup>th</sup>, 4pm ET: Global migrant justice: Manifesting the joint Quaker statement. Presenters: Kristin Kumpf, Marianne Elias, and global migration staff.
- Wednesday, April 14th, 8pm ET: Restorative Justice: What does it look like/feel like in our communities? Presenter: Fatimeh Khan.

- Thursday, April 15<sup>th</sup>, 1:30pm ET: Making new worlds: Creating a society based on care and a solidarity economy...what to divest from/what to invest in? Presenters: Rick Wilson, Dov Baum, and Grace Kindeke. Nyle Fort will speak in a plenary session on Thursday, April 15<sup>th</sup> from 7:30 to 9:30pm ET. Nyle Fort is a minister, activist, and scholar based in Newark, NJ. He has worked in education, criminal justice, and youth development for over a decade in various capacities including: the National Director of Communities Against Militarized Police; Founder and Co-Director of the Organizing Praxis Lab at Princeton University; and lead trainer at Momentum, an activist incubator that builds large-scale social movements in the United States and around the world.

We hope you can attend many of these sessions, as they will inform you deeply about AFSC's work. AFSC will be promoting these events directly to Quakers, and we ask that you help amplify and reinforce the invitation by sharing these opportunities with your monthly and yearly meetings.

Additional programming for Corporation members only On Thursday, April 15<sup>th</sup>, the Third World Coalition will be hosting a session for all BIPOC staff, governance, and alumni from 4-6pm ET. Consecutively, the Friends Relations Committee will be hosting a session for white co-conspirators featuring a topic requested by the TWC. Everyone will receive an invitation to participate in the appropriate session.

Business to be conducted at the Annual Meeting

Business sessions will commence with silent worship on Friday, April 16<sup>th</sup> at 4:30pm ET and continue (with breaks) until 8:30pm ET.

Saturday's business session will begin with programmed worship at 11:30am ET, featuring a message given by Esther Mombo. Esther is a Kenyan Quaker minister and an associate professor in the theology department at St. Paul's University in Limuru, Kenya, where she was previously deputy vice chancellor (Academics). She teaches church history and theologies from women's perspectives and interfaith courses and writes on women's issues, evangelism, HIV/AIDS, Christian-Muslim relations, and poverty in Africa.

Business session will continue from 12:30 to 5:30 p.m. ET (with breaks interspersed).

The annual business of the Corporation includes the appointment of members of the Board of Directors, Corporation, and Standing Nominating Committee, and receiving reports from the Treasurer, General Secretary, Clerk of the Board, and Friends Relations Committee. In addition to this customary business, we will devote much of the remaining time to considering the new ten-year strategic plan, including the organizational development goal related to Quakers.