

FPT report to SCYM Representatives Meeting November 19, 2022

Across Friends Peace Teams (FPT), we witness how global violence and injustices inflict trauma on people around the world. As this trauma is transmitted from one generation to the next, it becomes transgenerational trauma. People who inherit trauma may suffer and behave in ways they don't understand. The consequences for themselves and for societies are tragic.

In Friends Peace Teams, we work to dismantle the global engines that perpetuate trauma—racism, economic and political domination, and militarism—and help people heal from trauma individually and communally. Stabilizing and recovering from trauma strengthens our ability to oppose injustice and build peaceful, just communities and societies.

Friends Peace Teams directly challenges and redresses injustices that cause trauma in the first place. We balance personal practice and training with speaking up and taking direct action for social and ecological justice in our homes, communities, and societies.

For details of Friends' work, avail yourself of [FPT's November 2022 Peaceways](#).

Friends Peace Teams is shifting its leadership from a North American-centric group to one with shared leadership stepping to transform itself from the colonial-imperialist culture that it grew from. This is a process of discovery that is moving from the discussion to early implementation now.

FPT is having an in-person gathering in Westtown, Pennsylvania May 4-7, 2023. Several members of each of the working groups plan to attend. If you or your meeting want to host an event with one or more international visitors from mid-April to mid-May, please let Val or Kevin know.

Peace is possible,
Friends Peace Teams representatives Val Liveoak & Kevin King