

# Resources and Program Descriptions

2023

## Western Friends article by David Albert

<https://westernfriend.org/death-penalty-lgbtq-uganda>

*According to an article in the Western Friend by David Albert of the Olympia Washington Meeting, The Bulungi Shade Tree Friends Meeting is the only unprogrammed, welcoming, and affirming Friends Meeting in East Africa. One worship group leader was killed and nine were tortured.*

## The Guardian article on Ugandan legislation

<https://www.theguardian.com/world/2023/mar/21/ugandan-mps-pass-bill-imposing-death-penalty-homosexuality>

New York Times article

[https://www.nytimes.com/2023/03/22/world/africa/uganda-lgbtq-anti-gay-law.html?unlocked\\_article\\_code=b5z\\_uOt-0kHKm9yhkaOOJo2XjT5TQs3XLNyfo15ZUPrA-AG6Kqgns1mUy8yGGxLtM6CyGBfGdHlIFzHAFepb6O75bAaWhe98nyrVey2Wkp-IWiaXvmZ\\_zQJpB8rufOxXVKJvcG-qtUaqar\\_YyyOxlXvsJJaD6Ybyl97kEjiw-GSHIHsiX56bbOILY8SuxyUKXU5jY-hgcJ70zTE\\_I1\\_qSp4V\\_ZbYlLvSYBojPr0YIJTcO0ZvLBL6tciTSry0YORBUtt-3tUPBD3pka6KXi3dhyTSgCqzGlg9Tel-RG9c0-pC7l6KgYRW9bq2MfdVodwEmX95SfmS\\_j24pLsW9jDzuXD3UDVpp\\_lz&smid=url-share](https://www.nytimes.com/2023/03/22/world/africa/uganda-lgbtq-anti-gay-law.html?unlocked_article_code=b5z_uOt-0kHKm9yhkaOOJo2XjT5TQs3XLNyfo15ZUPrA-AG6Kqgns1mUy8yGGxLtM6CyGBfGdHlIFzHAFepb6O75bAaWhe98nyrVey2Wkp-IWiaXvmZ_zQJpB8rufOxXVKJvcG-qtUaqar_YyyOxlXvsJJaD6Ybyl97kEjiw-GSHIHsiX56bbOILY8SuxyUKXU5jY-hgcJ70zTE_I1_qSp4V_ZbYlLvSYBojPr0YIJTcO0ZvLBL6tciTSry0YORBUtt-3tUPBD3pka6KXi3dhyTSgCqzGlg9Tel-RG9c0-pC7l6KgYRW9bq2MfdVodwEmX95SfmS_j24pLsW9jDzuXD3UDVpp_lz&smid=url-share)

## Two projects that Quakers are involved with in Uganda as of Feb 26, 2023

*These projects are managed by Ugandans in Uganda. The fund raising is handled by the Olympia Monthly Meeting (in Washington state) through the Meeting Treasurer. Olympia Monthly Meeting members Kathleen O'Shaunessy & Gabi Clayton are the contact persons. (See website link below)*

## Friends Ugandan Safe Transport Fund (FUST)

The original name was changed from Friends New Underground Railroad to Friends Ugandan Safe Transport Fund. Friends became involved when the project was created in April 2014. As of Feb 2023 FUST has assisted almost 3,000 LGBTQ+ people escape Uganda.

The situation for the workers, known as Conductors, is critical. Because of the risks it is difficult to get/keep conductors. One was killed, two left to care for their own families, and one was

tortured. One of the conductor's own child attempted suicide by poison and two of the conductor's young daughters were raped recently. A Ugandan agency called "Rape Hurts Foundation" has been very helpful. (Link below)

Olympia Monthly Meeting is encouraging the Conductors not to continue getting new clients but to get their own families stable. But of course, if someone shows up at their door they still try to help. At present, if the donation is marked for FUST it will go towards getting LGBTQ people out of the country and part of the funds will be used to assist the Conductors and their families to survive their critical situations and become stable so they can again help the LGBTQ+ refugees leave Uganda.

### **Preschool**

Pre Covid there were approximately 40 students, 3 to 6 years old, both male & female

Presently the school is shutdown because of Covid. Donations are used for food to the poorest of the poor families and/or for the Director's medical and family expenses.

**FUST:** <https://www.friendsugandansafetransport.org/background/>

**Rape Hurts Foundation:** <https://www.rapehurtsfoundation.org> (These funds do not go through the Olympia Monthly Meeting. Donations to this agency can be made directly via their website.)

### **Checks to: Olympia Monthly Meeting**

Memo: FUST or Pre-School (If Memo is blank the donation goes to Olympia Monthly Meeting.)

Address: 3201 Boston Harbor Road NE, Olympia, WA 98506-2800

### **Checks to: Kathleen O'Shaunessy**

Memo: FUST or Pre-School or As Needed in Uganda

Address: 5037 Oyster Bay NW, Olympia, WA 98502

***Please note that we are limited in the amount of detail we can give due to the extreme risks the Conductors and their families take. The situations they face every day are life threatening.***