

Friends Peace Teams Report to SCYM, September, 2020

Friends Peace Teams has enlarged its outreach and efforts in the last year and a half.

We took on **Toward Right Relationship with Native People**, an experiential educational program about the effects of European colonization on this continent and its people. The program is led by two women, one white and one indigenous, and has presented at many Friends events. We are also in the process of being joined by **Literacy for Peace and Justice** which has been under the care of New England Yearly Meeting. **The Power of Goodness** has been a project of FPT's Peace Ministries Committee, and continues to seek stories of nonviolent responses to conflicts and to translate these stories along with study guides for use in schools and religious education for all age groups.

Our the **African Great Lakes Initiative—AGLI**, the **Asia West Pacific Initiative—AWP**, and **Peacebuilding en las Americas—PLA** continue their good work through the Covid epidemic and related 'epidemics' of increased domestic violence, food insecurity, and government repression suffered by many of our partners. Some countries have been virtually locked-down during the pandemic, some more open, but all have suffered many human losses—and not only those due to the virus. The details of how each program has responded, from opening Peace Libraries while schools are closed, to delivering words of hope along with baskets of food and hygiene supplies, to exploring offering Alternatives to Violence Program workshops online are inspiring, and I encourage Friends to look at the reports on this work found at www.friendspeacetams.org. A workshop on the response of PLA's partners to the pandemics will be offered on Friday.

I appreciate SCYM's support of FPT and of my work with them. I hope more Friends will take this time to learn more about our work, and become active with it as supporters, volunteers or to hold us and our partners in the Light/in prayer. If any Friends are involved with peace work that may be outgrowing their Meeting's oversight and support, perhaps it may become a part of Friends Peace Teams—contact the Peace Ministries Committee at <peaceministries@friendspeacetams.org>