

SCYM Representative Report
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This has been a challenging year for all because of COVID-19, and it has been challenging for FWCC Section of the Americas as well. Starting in March of this year, committee meetings went completely virtual, including the Executive Committee, and the Traveling Ministers Corps was unable to travel. With the current pandemic, international travel is out of the question. Upcoming face-to-face committee meetings are now going to be virtual; and the decision was made recently by the Executive Committee that even the Section of the Americas meeting planned for March, 2021, is going to be virtual.

While there is sadness in these decisions, it's not been without its benefits. The Traveling Ministers Corps has creatively engaged in new ways to minister to Friends, online Worship Groups have sprung up in unexpected ways, for example, and this Friend participates in one of those on a weekly basis, connecting with Friends literally all over the world through this worship group. Friends are optimistic that more representatives will be able to participate in the Section Meeting in 2021 because of the affordability and accessibility of an online meeting.

Personally, I have moved from the Representative Engagement Committee to the Finance Committee, where I serve as co-clerk.

FWCC Section of the Americas remains firm in its commitment to bring Friends of all nationalities and backgrounds together in community, worship, and fellowship.

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