

Friends Peace Teams report to South Central Yearly Meeting Representative Meeting 2019

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FPT continues to work in areas of conflict and post-conflict around the world. This summer we added the work of Paula Palmer on Right Relationship with Native Peoples to our Peace Ministries program.

Val reminded Friends that FPT's work in Latin America and other places address the root causes of the immigrant crisis on the US Southern border. She thanked FM Austin for becoming a Sustainer of Peacebuilding en las Americas, especially Joanna Vaughn for her support in representing SCYM and reminds Friends of her availability to visit and speak at MMs.

Friends were encouraged to read the new PeaceWays newsletters describing FPT's work on the website www.friendspeaceteams.org/stories/PeaceWays.

As an organization Friends Peace Teams has many needs. We have been searching for a Treasurer with little success so if you know of someone with skills in financial management, please let us know so we can contact them. I also hope that we will nominate another person to serve alongside me as a representative to FPT. If you know of someone who might be interested in Spirit-led peace work, ask them to contact me and South Central Yearly Meeting's nominating committee. This would be a great position for a young adult friend to learn about working in a Quaker organization.

I'm very grateful for South Central Yearly Meeting's continued support.