

FWCC REPORT TO SAYMA June 2023
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FWCC has embarked on a Global Campaign “Becoming the Quakers the World Needs” which was also the theme of the March Section of the Americas meeting, held near Greensboro, NC in March 2023. Both Adrian Mehr and I attended. There were Quakers in attendance from Alaska to Bolivia. All of the sessions were interpreted with the quality of the interpretation, improving because of help through some of the money already donated to the capital campaign to improve skills, with difficulties related to peculiar Quaker word usage. My Worship sharing group contained Friends from all four branches of Quakerism stretched from Philadelphia to Oregon to Bolivia to North Carolina. Getting to know diverse Friends was the highlight for me.

The [Capital campaign](#) (short video) has now raised over \$800,000 of its goal of \$125,000.

- > Tending the Nets: Expanding translation- in process and an [interactive map](#)
- > Quaker Connect: A community building education program to reinvigorate meetings and congregations for the spiritual work we do
- > Visitation - Consultation and travel fund to promote connection and access
- > World office - support for the Plenary (9 years, since the last one) and initial funding for a Justice and Peace Secretary - Now appointed, a Nigerian friend, who will lead the conversation - “around the issue of inequality and historical injustice from a spiritual perspective, promoting increased awareness and addressing the different ways these issues emerge across the world. It is important that this work begins ahead of the World Plenary Meeting in 2024 when Friends will gather to explore the theme of ‘Living the spirit of Ubuntu: Responding with hope to God’s call to cherish creation— and one another” He will also coordinate the ongoing Global Sustainability Network.

SAYMA needs to appoint two delegates to the World Plenary Meeting in South Africa “Living the Spirit of Ubuntu” ([see video](#)). We are allotted one in-person and one hybrid delegate. . It would be excellent if we could find energized Friends who are “living” in this spirit to represent us.

Please contact me if you or your meeting want more information about the campaign or FWCC. We hope to have a South East regional meeting in North Carolina in April. Please consider coming and meeting Friends from 4 of the other yearly meetings in North Carolina and friends from Baltimore, South East and hopefully Jamaica Yearly Meeting.