

FRIENDS WORLD COMMITTEE FOR CONSULTATION Section of the Americas  
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This has been an exciting and eventful year for FWCC and the Section of the Americas with the announcement of a sounder financial base and the new and expanded programming that is following it, the World Plenary Gathering in South Africa, and new leadership for the Section.

In January the results of a long major development effort was announced and celebrated. Donations, large and small, when added with strong grant awards resulted in almost doubling the goal set for the campaign. The programming, much of which involves partnering with other Quaker organization, is expected to strengthen Quakerism in the Americas in keeping with the campaign theme of "Becoming the Quakers the World Needs."

Robin Mohr left the organization in sound financial shape as she departed from her position of Executive Secretary. Evan Welkin has begun his service as the new Executive Secretary. His experience and training, including being a QLSP student at Guilford College, brings him to the position well prepared and anxious to serve.

Perhaps the highlight of the year has been the World Plenary in South Africa. About 500 Quakers from 53 countries in business, worship, and fellowship at the World Plenary Meeting in Johannesburg, South Africa, and online. There were over 75 sessions with three thematic streams: ubuntu, care for creation, and healing and repairing relationships in light of historic and continuing injustice.

Friends are encouraged to visit the Section website and the world website to learn more about each of these, especially Evan's background and the new programming.

Also, the Fellowship needs to appoint a new FWCC Section of the Americas representative.

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