

Organizations Morningside Supports through its Peace & Social Concerns Committee as of 2/2018

Morningside is committed to contributing a considerable portion of its income to organizations outside of Meeting, both Quaker and non-Quaker. The two essential criteria for selection are that an individual Morningsider is passionately concerned with the organization and its mission (and serves as the Meeting's liaison with the organization) and that Morningside's small donation has a sizable impact on accomplishing the organization's mission.

Local Hands-on Organizations

- **Woodbourne Prison Quaker Worship Group:** The Quaker Worship Group at Woodbourne meets each Sunday, under the care of Morningside Meeting. Morningside supports the group personally—two or three Morningsiders regularly worship with the group—and financially.
- **Alternatives to Violence Project New York (AVPNY):** AVP is a grassroots, volunteer program dedicated to reducing violence in our lives, in our homes, in our schools, in our prisons, in our streets and in our society. (<https://avpny.org>)
- **Huntington House-Sarah Powell:** Huntington House is a residence where homeless women with criminal justice involvement can reunite with their children. (www.csh.org/resources/project-sarah-powell-huntington-place/)
- **Redemption Center** is a traditional housing program for men who have been incarcerated and who are in need of housing and re-entry support.
- **Flushing Interfaith Council** works to build a community that fulfills and surpasses the dream of toleration voiced by the Flushing Remonstrance more than 350 years ago, bringing together members of the diverse faith and cultural traditions in Flushing. Besides being a member of the Council, Morningside supports the work of its Peace and Social Justice Committee. (<https://flushinginterfaithcouncil.wordpress.com>)
- **Brooklyn for Peace:** Through active education on international and domestic issues, Brooklyn for Peace works to empower the community and individuals to be a productive force in securing a future where peace is the first response to conflict. (brooklynpeace.org)
- **Sacred Heart Church School, Camden, NJ:** A Catholic Elementary School for grades Preschool through Eighth, Sacred Heart serves neighborhood children regardless of race, color, or religion, in one of the poorest cities in the United States. (Most are not Catholic.) Contributions (mostly small, like Morningside's) keep tuition affordable for the poorest children and enable the school to offer the kind of programs not often found in inner-city schools. (www.sacredheartsschoolcamden.org)

Wider Quaker Fellowship

- **Friends General Conference (FGC)** is an association of regional Quaker communities in the U.S. and Canada working together to nurture a vital Quaker faith. (www.fgcquaker.org)
- **Friends World Committee for Consultation (FWCC):** FWCC brings Friends of varying traditions and cultural experiences together in worship, communication, and consultation. See also FWCC Section of the Americas. (www.fwcc.world) (www.fwccamericas.org)
- **Friends Committee on National Legislation (FCNL)** is the Quaker lobby in Washington DC. (www.fcnl.org)
- **American Friends Service Committee (AFSC) NE Region:** Morningside is particularly concerned with the Immigrant Rights, Healing Justice, and Prison Watch programs of the AFSC in the New York/New Jersey region. The Meeting's contribution is earmarked for the Liberation Summer Youth Advocacy Training Camp. (www.afsc.org/)
- **Fellowship of Friends of African Descent** is a transnational organization of Quakers of African descent, their family members and friends. The Fellowship seeks to bear witness to the Divine Presence in all through an African oriented experience within the Religious Society of Friends by worship, education, activism and service. (www.friendsofad.org/)
- **Friends for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer Concerns (FLGBTQC)** is a North American Quaker faith community that affirms that of God in all people. At twice-yearly gatherings, LGBTQ Friends draw sustenance from each other and from the Spirit for their work and life in the world. (www.quaker.org/flgbtqc)
- **New York Yearly Meeting ARCH (Aging Resources, Consultation, and Help)** connects older and differently abled f/Friends with the care they need through individual consultations, workshops, and trainings. (www.nyym.org/content/arch)
- **New York Yearly Meeting Sharing Fund** supports the witness work of the Yearly Meeting's witness committees. (www.nyym.org/content/sharing-fund)
- **Quaker United Nations Office (QUNO)** works with people in the UN, multilateral organizations, government delegations, and NGOs to achieve changes in international standards and practice. (www.quno.org)
- **Right Sharing of World Resources (RSWW)** is a Quaker organization that makes grants to jump-start micro-enterprise ventures for female entrepreneurs in developing countries. (www.rswr.org)
- **Quaker House of Fayetteville, NC:** Based in the town where Ft. Bragg is located, Quaker House provides counseling and support to service members who are questioning their role in the military. (www.quakerhouse.org)
- **Ramallah Friends School, Ramallah, Palestine:** Under the care of Friends United Meeting and operated according to Quaker principles, Ramallah Friends School is a first rate school for boys and girls from kindergarten through high school. It will celebrate its 150-year anniversary in 2019. (www.rfs.edu.ps)

- **New York Quarterly Meeting Great Lakes Region (Africa) Education Committee (aka NYQM African Education Committee)** provides funds annually to ensure that the poorest students have the supplies they need to attend Kisangura Primary School and Kisangura Secondary School, two schools in northwestern Tanzania founded by Quakers. The Committee also raises funds to enable the further education of sponsored students who pass the required examinations. (The Committee’s website is currently being reconstructed, but Brooklyn Friends School has established a “sister-school” relationship with Kisangura Primary School, and Googling “Kisangura Schools” will bring up various links.)
- **Bolivian Quaker Education Fund:** Among other things, the Fund provides scholarships for qualified but impoverished Quaker students to pursue post-secondary study in one of the poorest countries in the Americas, which has the third largest population of Quakers in the world. Morningside contributes to the scholarship fund. (www.bqef.org)
- **Samburu Mission, Kenya, East Africa**, which is under the aegis of Friends United Meeting, works primarily with the Samburu, pastoralists who live in Northeast Kenya. The mission is currently using AVP methods to help resolve conflicts between the Samburu and neighboring tribes, which are worsening as drought worsens in the Sahel region of Africa. It also has projects providing education, especially for girls, and medical care. (<https://www.slideshare.net/EdenEGrace/samburu-friends-mission-overview>)

National/ International Organizations

- **National Religious Campaign Against Torture (NRCAT)** mobilizes people of faith to end torture in U.S. policy, practice and culture, including the use of prolonged solitary confinement in U.S. prisons. Morningside is a member. (www.nrcat.org)
- **Center on Conscience & War (CCW)** works to extend and defend the rights of conscientious objectors, including members of the US military who, following a crisis of conscience, seek discharge as COs. (www.centeronconscience.org)
- **Christian Peacemaker Teams (CPT)** places violence-reduction teams in crisis situations and militarized areas around the world at the invitation of local peace and human rights workers. (www.cpt.org)
- **African Great Lakes Initiative (AGLI):** An initiative of the Friends Peace Teams, AGLI strengthens, supports, and promotes peace activities at the grassroots level in the Great Lakes region of East Africa (Burundi, Democratic Republic of Congo, Kenya, Rwanda, Uganda). (www.agli.friendspeaceteams.org)
- **Progresa Guatemala:** Using a combination of scholarships and loans, Progresa supports the higher education of very poor, mostly Maya, students from rural areas at public and private institutions in Guatemala. (www.guatemalaafriends.org)
- **Lambi Fund of Haiti:** Always following the lead of grassroots organizations, the Fund focuses funding on sustainable development, community micro-credit, animal husbandry,

environmental conservation, and organizational and leadership training.

(www.lambifund.org)

- **Hispanic Federation Unidos Disaster Relief and Recovery Program** was established after Hurricane Maria to serve the immediate and long-term needs of the families and communities of Puerto Rico. (www.hispanicfederation.org/unidos/)
- **Coalition of Immokalee Workers (CIW)** Built on a foundation of farm-worker community organizing in Immokalee, Florida, CIW campaigns against human trafficking and gender-based violence at work. It is currently focusing on establishing a nationwide Fair Food Code of Conduct for Farm-Workers and on exposing what is essentially slave labor on farms across the southeastern US. (<https://ciw-online.org>)

Environment

- **Quaker Earthcare Witness** is a network of Friends in North America and other like-minded people who are taking Spirit-led action to address the ecological and social crises of the world from a spiritual perspective, emphasizing Quaker process and testimonies. (www.quakerearthcare.org)
- **Sane Energy Project:** (www.saneenergy.org) Through grass roots activism and community advocacy, the Project aims to replace fracked gas infrastructure with community-led, sustainable energy.