

## Friends Peace Teams representatives 2026 report to South Central Yearly Meeting



[Friends Peace Teams](#) is not like the staffed Quaker organizations. It has a couple of employees for the minimum work necessary for the good functioning of the organization. Most of the justice and peace work in Friends Peace Teams is performed by volunteers. SCYM Friends you know involve themselves. Rich Corl volunteers for the [Toward Right Relationships with Native People \(TRR\) program](#), coleading workshops. Paula Keeth volunteers for [TRR](#), researching Quaker Indian Boarding Schools, and for the [Peacebuilding en las Américas \(PLA\)](#) regional team. Val Liveoak spent a career working in Central America with [PLA](#). Erika Mitag and Anne Collins help steward book lists for the [Peace Libraries](#). Kevin King volunteers in the global communications team, the [North America regional team](#), North America meetings on economic justice, helps facilitate [Alternatives to Violence Project for Peace and Justice](#) workshops, and [Conscientious Objection to War](#). Chat us up, we love sharing our experiences.

Peacebuilding *en las Américas* supports volunteers in Latin America to hold Alternatives to Violence Project (AVP), AVP Trauma Resilience Workshops, and Power of Goodness workshops. AVP refers to a series of workshops that enable participants to deal with potentially violent situations in new and creative ways. Power of Goodness workshops inspire participants to act with courage and to bring goodness into the lives around them. The stories are written for children and illustrated by children but people of all ages can participate.

The countries where PLA is working are El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Colombia, Cuba, Ecuador, and Peru. Facilitators also train new apprentices to hold the workshops. They held dozens of workshops for hundreds of participants in 2025. See [PLA and PLA stories](#) for some inspiring testimonials.

Only a couple of programs in FPT have staff, such as [TRR](#) in the US and several of the program partners in the [African Great Lakes Initiative](#). Much of the work in Friends Peace Teams is done by Friends led to do justice & peace work. We start our work with discernment. If you have a ministry that you want support for, Friends Peace Teams can help.

Friends Peace Teams is responsible for peace and justice work on behalf of the Religious Society of Friends, and so also the South Central Yearly Meeting. FPT North America is realizing it has a responsibility to support the work done in North America as well as other parts of the world. To do this, FPT North America is planning to hire a coordinator. To be successful in this, FPT is looking for new donors and sustainers, those who donate on a regular basis. We (Paula, Kevin, and FPT) want your feedback on how FPT is doing from your perspective. Do

you know about the resources available to you through Friends Peace Teams? Is there information or something you want support from Friends Peace Teams for?

For example, FPT can do a [Power of Goodness](#) (POG) event (reading and discussion) at your meeting if you invite the POG team. Please read our [2026 Epistle and 2025 PeaceWays](#) and subscribe to the newsletter for the region(s) or program(s) you want to follow (at the bottom of any [FPT](#) page).



Peace is not the tranquil absence of conflict (a noun, a thing), it is the collaborating with those who differ from us to find just solutions to our conflicts (an active verb, something we all do). That takes all of us, [join us!](#)

2026 SCYM representatives to Friends Peace Teams, Paula Keeth and Kevin King