

Report from LEYM Representatives to American Friends Service Committee Corporation

In this past year, AFSC has been working on restructuring, with over 50 contributing groups helping in the planning the next decade for AFSC. The approved 2020-2030 AFSC Strategic Plan is available for review here: <https://bit.ly/AFSCStrategicPlan> Three areas were identified as most essential: a just peace, just economies, and just migrations.

- **Just Peace** concentrates on divesting in militarism, dismantling incarceration, and advancing civil liberties.
- **Just Economies** concentrates on moving to shared prosperity and promoting alternative economies.
- **Just Migration** concentrates on demilitarized borders and helping migrants to build supportive communities.

Across all these three goals will be added a concern for climate justice. The methods suggested are changing systems by working with established networks, governmental advocacy, research and analysis of trends, and community organizing. AFSC is committed to anti-racism, feminism, and youth needs. This will also involve increasing revenue and bolstering financial and risk management.

Additionally, AFSC wishes to engage more Quakers in its work. A webpage has been set up to provide quick access to engagement opportunities and information: <https://www.afsc.org/friends-engage> The goal is to offer effective learning programs and feedback loops to continue improving the connections. Tools for Quakers to do social work and to strengthen relationships with served communities are being developed. One successful project launched this past year was the Quaker Social Change Ministry Program (QSCM) which provides recorded learning content and a getting started manual. Access it all via <https://www.afsc.org/quakersocialchange> For more information on how to start a QSCM group in your meeting or church, please contact Lucy Duncan at lduncan@afsc.org

For the second year in a row due to COVID-19, AFSC met online for their annual meeting. The 2021 AFSC annual meeting program, *Making New Worlds: Pursuing peace with justice* was open to all Quakers this year and focused on different aspects of abolition. Friends are invited to explore all the recorded sessions here: <https://www.afsc.org/corpprogram>

A youth initiative is planned for 18–25 year-olds to be involved in leadership development in 2022. The AFSC restructuring spurred by the new Strategic Plan is still in progress and seasoning is continuing.

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