

## Friends Peace Teams (FPT) representatives 2025 report to LEYM

This has been an active year for our peace workers in active combat countries in Myanmar-Burma, Israel-Palestine, Democratic Republic of Congo, and Ukraine, serving refugees from Sudan, and in repressive regimes in other countries or who have suffered from war, conflict, and internal violence. Val says, "I think the most engaging part of the current work of Friends Peace Teams is the effort to operate in a decolonized manner. I believe that we need to develop strong, long-term, ongoing, and trusting relationships with partners around the world to see where our privilege is being expressed so that we can seek ways of letting it go.

"It is, I think, an outgrowth of both the Quaker testimony of equality and the Alternatives to Violence Project (AVP). The inequalities of concentrating power and wealth in the North, and consistent exploitation of resources and people in the Global South, call out for changes that our current technological wonders of communication can facilitate. At the same time, our relationships still need to be made more clear and honest to foster true equality." As FPT is working to De-Colonize itself. We are developing a North American Team doing FPT style Peace Work.

We are still 99% volunteers and we offer anyone, ESPECIALLY QUAKERS, an opportunity to join us in working to support Justice and Peace wherever it is needed. We are currently developing: **PEACE LIBRARIES**, **AVP** (Alternatives to Violence Project) **WORKSHOPS**, **TRAUMA RESILIENCE WORKSHOPS**, **EFFORTS TO SUPPORT ECONOMIC JUSTICE**, and many workshops through **"Toward Right Relationships with Native People."**

PLEASE Tell your meeting about the work of Friends Peace Teams. Everyone is invited to join in this work.

We thank you if you are already supporting FPT, and invite all meetings to add us to your donations list.

Don Buckingham and Cassie Cammann thank you for the yearly meeting's continued financial support of Friends Peace Teams.

We ask you to engage with us and read our [FPT April 2025 Epistle](https://friendspeaceteams.org/peaceways/) (<https://friendspeaceteams.org/peaceways/>)

Peace is possible!