

FWCC Section of the Americas

2020-2021 Report

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The 2021 Section Meeting Themes:

Here ... for just such a time as this. [Esther 4:14]

To deliver pastoral care to one another [1 Thess. 5:11]

To make new wineskins for new wine [Matt. 9:17]

To offer to the world that which we have [Acts 3:6]

The entire 2021 Section Meeting was held remotely via Zoom and was spread out over 10 days. There were more than 300 participants. This was made possible by a great deal of forethought by the Section office and a dedicated team of technology assistants. The technology allowed a greater participation from Latin American Friends. There were even individual Friends from Colombia and Venezuela.

Throughout the Section meeting, the leadership and talent by Latin American Young Adult Friends shone brightly. The Traveling Ministry Corps has helped Latin American Friends cross Yearly Meeting and regional boundaries, strengthening their fellowship and witness.

The Traveling Ministry Corp Program Group anticipates changes to its format and is not accepting new candidates.

Spanish and English were well integrated in all the business and other sessions through the production of all documents in both languages and interpretation, both consecutive and simultaneous. I serve as a member of the Bilingual Resources Group.

In the regional meeting of the Southern and Northern High Plains which included representatives from central Canada to Texas, there were more representatives present than normal. We discussed possible topics for a regional activity. The topic of Quaker boarding schools and their impact on Native Americans was suggested. I was asked whether Hominy Friends Meeting was connected to a boarding school for native children. While there was a day school for a short time, I am not aware of such a connection. I feel strongly that the tribal citizens affiliated with GPYM would need to be involved in further exploration of this topic.

In 2020 I completed the translation of the revised Clerks Handbook into Spanish helping to provide linguistic equity within the Section and greater possibilities for leadership.

Submitted respectfully,

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