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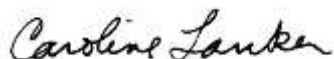
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From the Editor

How does one begin to describe the work of an organization with the broad reach of Friends Peace Teams? The format we have used for years, featuring one or two projects from each initiative in each issue, did not begin to give an **idea of the scope of Friends Peace Teams' work..**

In this issue, we provide a more comprehensive list of projects that Friends Peace Teams was involved in during 2017. We also include some financial data, of the type that has been available on our website for some time.

With such a list as we have here, it is impossible to delve deeply into any one topic. In the Fall 2017 issue of PeaceWays, we wrote deeper accounts of many of the projects in most of the countries in which Friends Peace Teams **worked in 2017. If you didn't see that issue, it is available on the Friends Peace Teams website, FriendsPeaceTeams.org.**



Friends Peace Teams

Friends Peace Teams (FPT) is a Spirit-led organization working around the world to develop long-term relationships with communities in conflict to create programs for peacebuilding, **healing and reconciliation. FPT's programs** build on extensive Quaker experience combining practical and spiritual aspects of conflict resolution.

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The Friends Peace Teams Council

Faithful Friends from dozens of yearly meetings in the US and Australia serve on the FPT Council. It is the body in our organization that provides infrastructure, accounting, general governance as well as guidance for our three initiatives. As FPT is a not-for-profit corporation 501(c)3 registered in New York State, the Council approves the annual reports sent to the IRS and to the NY State Charities Bureau as well as an annual audit by a CPA firm. In addition to the officers of the corporation, Clerk, Associate Clerk and Treasurer, Friends also serve on committees such as Finance, Personnel, Communications, Fundraising, Nominating, and Naming. We invite you to join us; there are many creative opportunities for service with us.

In the right order of Friends, we attend to business in the manner of Friends, and we periodically read aloud Minute 2013.05.15:

"We are a Meeting for Worship with a concern for peace building, grounded in Friends' practice and attentive to Spirit-led discernment. We hold ourselves and each other accountable for loving expression, seeking Divine Assistance, speaking from the 'I' and not repeating what has already been said."

Over the past year we have been working on formidable transitions. Now in our 24th year, we have new leadership in AGLI and in PLA. The founders of FPT and our early leaders have moved on to new leadings of the Spirit, and new Friends have volunteered for service with us. Change is always a challenge. We are doing our best to revisit our roots, to preserve what works well for us, and to seek and embrace new practices under the guidance of the Spirit that will provide grounding for all our volunteers. Our goal is to provide a solid base of operations so that those in the field engaged in peacebuilding around the world need not have any concerns other than doing the good work that they have been led to do.

Please hold us all in the Light.



Tom Martin, Clerk of the FPT Council

Peacebuilding en Las Américas

“We are making significant advances with AVP in our country; we feel very enthusiastic as a team for all we have been able to accomplish. We are very grateful to PLA for its wonderful support in contributing to peace in our country.” Salomón Medina, AVP National Coordinator, El Salvador

About Us

Peacebuilding en las Américas (PLA) provides accompaniment, project financing, Alternatives to Violence Project (AVP) training, and skill-building to communities and organizations in Guatemala, Honduras, El Salvador, and Colombia, places where the violent legacies of civil war and systemic violence perpetuate social inequality and injustice. PLA works to develop long-term relationships to create programs for peacebuilding, healing and reconciliation.

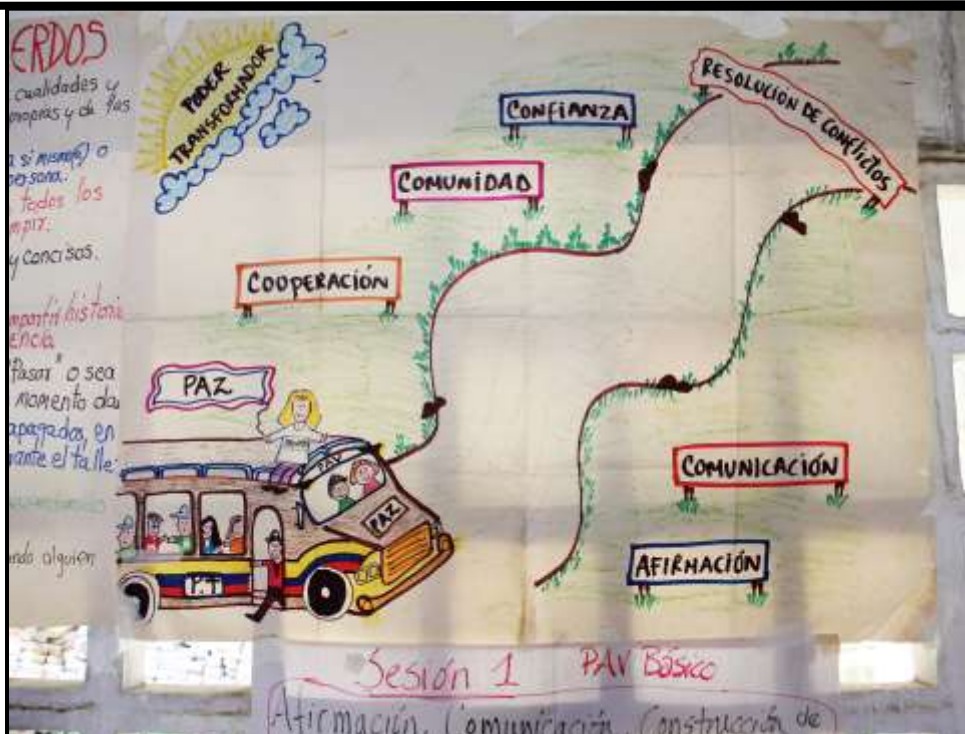
2017 Highlights

- PLA’s partners trained 33 new facilitators across Honduras, El Salvador, and Colombia.
- PLA facilitated monthly calls with national Coordinators to share achievements and discuss strategies for addressing challenges.
- AVP in Guatemala reached 500 national civil police officers. AVP facilitators completed 16 workshops (six Basic, four Advanced, and six Mini-Workshops) with officers, chaplains, and trainees, approximately half of whom were women.
- AVP in Honduras celebrated three years of working with incarcerated men in the El Porvenir Prison in La Ceiba. To date, there are 11 inside facilitators and over 30% of the incarcerated men have taken an AVP workshop.
- AVP in Honduras participated in the Municipal Committee on the Prevention of Violence in La Ceiba and trained civil society leaders.
- AVP in Honduras completed five years working with indigenous Tolupan women and two years working with Afro-descendent Garifuna women who face illegal transnational development projects on their ancestral lands.
- AVP in El Salvador reached at-risk youth and community leaders in gang-controlled urban neighborhoods.

- AVP in El Salvador celebrated three years of trauma healing with war survivors. Facilitators completed three Basic, an Advanced, and two Trauma Healing workshops with Co-Madres members across the country.
- AVP in El Salvador trained 70 community church leaders who work with at-risk children and youth. 86% of the trained leaders are women.
- AVP in Colombia offered workshops with ex-combatants and community members in areas of the disarmament and demobilization effort.
- AVP in Colombia facilitated trauma-healing with parents and educators in the war-torn community of Granada.



A workshop in Honduras with *Mariposas Libres* (“Free Butterflies”), an organization of Garifuna women.



A poster used in an AVP workshop – Colombia

- PLA facilitators spread AVP to Argentina, Belize, Chile, Panama, and Peru in collaboration with the Mercy Sisters and Associates of the Americas.
- PLA strengthened relationships between its Working Group and partners through visitation. Fazilee Buechel and Shirley Way facilitated four workshops in El Salvador. Initiative Coordinator Mónica Maher visited partners in all four countries.
- PLA *Friendraising* Tour in northeast U.S. extended education and donor relations at the United Nations, Friends meetings, churches, and **organizations.** □



A trust walk exercise in an AVP Basic workshop with Tolupan women in Locomapa, Honduras

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Friends Peace Teams in Asia West Pacific

“We learned to discern: to stop, open to and feel the regenerative, transforming power of life, listen inwardly to our best sense of what’s right, here in this moment, then share that with others locally and globally, and listen to and take seriously their questions, insights and feedback, and finally to respond genuinely and honestly to the best of our ability.” Subhash Kattel, reflecting on Friends Peace Teams’ Asia West Pacific Initiative (AWP) approach to the Gorkha Earthquake relief work in Nepal

About Us

Friends Peace Teams in Asia West Pacific (AWP) builds trust over time through commitment to long-term relationships in little-traveled areas in conflict. Friendships with our partners put us in touch with local customs, so we are able to understand if and when outside help may actually help. We conduct workshops, based on the Alternatives to Violence Project (AVP) model, in empowerment, resilience, developmental play, conscience, liberation and discernment, which transmit tools and practices for creating cultures of peace.

2017 Highlights

- AWP offered continuing support to villagers in Nepal affected by the 2015 earthquake, in cooperation with the Community Self-Reliance Centre (CSRC) Nepal and guided by the discerned needs by the recipients of the aid. Many Quaker Meetings around the world and American Friends Service Committee directed aid through Friends Peace Teams and CSRC.
- AWP again joined with CSRC Nepal to offer support for victims of the massive floods that struck 23 August 2017, causing landslides and devastating those still recovering from the 2015 earthquake.
- In 2017, AWP sponsored a trip to the United States by Nepalese AVP facilitator Jamuna Shrestha, to visit communities of Bhutanese resettled to the US from Nepal, where they had lived as

refugees after being expelled from Bhutan in 1991. Jamuna introduced AVP to them, which was very well received. Participants of one AVP workshop said later that they had thought everyone in the US thought of nothing but money, but their workshop reminded them of the deeper meaning of life. Jamuna also attended the FPT annual meeting in May and Friends General Conference Annual Gathering, where she facilitated a Trauma Resiliency Workshop.

- The AVP International Gathering in November 2017 in Nepal was an important event for AWP, attended by 169 people from 39 countries. We were able to make connections to support one another—finding Indians living in the Philippines to support AVP in India, connecting AVP facilitators working in Pakistan, connecting Asians and Central-Eastern Europeans. The relationships will provide support for many years to come, and AVP-Nepal grew in strength and national stature. **Jamuna Shrestha’s home, newly rebuilt (after the earthquake), became a gathering site for travelers to the gathering.**



Nadine Hoover from the US, Kins Aparece from the Philippines, and Subhash Kattel from Nepal meeting with earthquake and flood survivors in the Sindhupalchok District of Nepal.

- Peace Place Pati, in central Java, Indonesia, hosted a Compassionate Listening workshop and the 4th Annual International Training for Peace, which included sessions on AVP Basic Empowerment, Trauma Resiliency, Transformative Mediation, Restorative Mediation Practice, and AVP-based Developmental Play for Young Children. Participants came from Sumatra, Java, Papua, Nepal, U.S., and Australia. After the training sessions, the participants could observe the preschool, after-school, and parenting programs at Peace Place.
- Volunteers at Peace Place Pati produced a website and video for Peace Place. View them at peaceplacepati.wixsite.com/peace.
- Nadine Hoover and Australian Valerie Joy visited the Philippines for AWP, met with university and high school students, educators, and activists on education and nonviolence. They facilitated AVP and Resiliency workshops in several places.
- AWP peace team members and the leaders of two preschools in Indonesia joined together to go to the remote Mentawai Islands of West Sumatra to offer an AVP Basic Empowerment Workshop and set up a preschool.
- With support and encouragement from AWP, several Indonesian peace workers are pursuing higher education in order to further their work. In particular, the preschools which have been established based on the AVP and Developmental Play principles introduced by AWP need to have qualified teachers; in Barak Induk, North Sumatra, three preschool teachers completed degrees in Early Childhood Education.
- The keynote address at the FPT PeaceQuest 2017 in Wellesley, MA was given by Nadine Hoover, AWP Coordinator.
- Joglo Preschool has accepted a deaf child and is supporting his mother to start a Support Group for Parents of Deaf Children. If anyone knows of good material that could be shared with them, they would appreciate it. They are also interested in anyone who has done AVP with deaf **participants.** □



Preschool teachers in Pati, Central Java learn nonviolent approaches to working with children.

Friends Peace Teams' Asia West Pacific initiative (AWP)

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Adios, Jenna Morales

Jenna Morales, the AWP Communications Specialist 2013-2017, transitioned out of her role to return to teaching in the Fall of 2017. We will miss her steady and inspired commitment to the communications work. She gave AWP five years of service, and we thank her! □

African Great Lakes Initiative (AGLI)

About AGLI

The African Great Lakes Initiative (AGLI) strengthens, supports, and promotes peace activities at the grassroots level in the Great Lakes region of Africa (Burundi, the Democratic Republic of Congo, Kenya, Rwanda, and Uganda). To this end, AGLI responds to requests from local religious and non-governmental organizations that focus on conflict management, peace building, trauma healing, and reconciliation. AGLI sponsors Peace Teams composed of members from local partners.

AGLI Programs

Alternatives to Violence Project (AVP): This program consists of three-day experiential workshops that teach participants non-violent means of resolving conflicts. There are three levels—basic, advanced, and training for facilitators.

Healing and Rebuilding Our Communities (HROC) (pronounced HE-rock): HROC is a three-day experiential workshop modeled on AVP that deals with personal and community trauma caused by the violent conflicts in the region. There is a basic workshop with a follow-up day and then a community celebration. Advanced AVP workshops and training for **community “healing companions”** are also offered.

Workcamps: Each year in June/July AGLI sponsors workcamps in Rwanda, Burundi, Uganda, and/or Kenya.

Extended Service Volunteers (ESV): Extended Service Volunteers are placements of three months or more for individuals who wish to be involved more extensively in one of AGLI programs. Some serve for one year or more.

Friends Women’s Association (FWA)
Kamenge Clinic: This clinic is a medical facility in Kamenge, one of the poorest slums in Bujumbura, Burundi. The staff includes a doctor and nurse and focuses on HIV+ women from the neighborhood while also giving basic medical treatment to the general population.

Bududa Learning Center: Bududa is a remote, poor community in eastern Uganda surrounded by Mount Elgon. The Bududa Vocational Institute teaches skills: carpentry, masonry, tailoring, nursery school teaching, and computer skills plus life skills such as health, **math, and English. There is also a women’s micro-credit program connected to the Bududa Learning Center.**

Student/orphan sponsorships: AGLI supports three student/orphan sponsorship programs:

- Children of Peace in Bududa, Uganda for 150 orphaned and neglected children
- Secondary school student sponsorships in Rwanda

Children’s Peace Libraries: Children’s libraries in five locations in Rwanda bring both ready access to books and peace education, such as mediation training, to local children.

Transformative Mediation: This program trains people to become mediators. The basic premise is that the conflict is due to broken relationships that need to be repaired. Consequently, the disputants themselves, rather than the mediator, suggest the resolution that all parties must agree upon.

Speaking tours: Two or three times per year AGLI brings our African partners to report on their grassroots peacemaking work to American, English, and/or Canadian audiences.

2017 Highlights

- At Kamenge Clinic in Burundi, 2100 people received pre- and post-HIV test counseling and were tested for HIV; 58% of them were women, 142 people tested HIV positive, and 190 patients receiving antiretroviral treatment were followed at the Ntaseka clinic in 2017.
- The HROC-Burundi organization conducted 170 workshops, with a total participation of 2,308 persons. There were 11 Dialogues for Peaceful Coexistence in Bujumbura, 11 HROC Basic workshops with vulnerable youth, eight HROC Basic with university students, 18 HROC Basic in secondary schools, three HROC Basic with local organizations, four Conflict Management workshops with university students, 25 HROC follow-ups, one Nonviolent Communication with facilitators, a study trip in Kibimba with university students, two community celebrations, and one case study on Dialogue for Peaceful Coexistence.
- Transforming Communities for Social Change (TCSC) in Kenya hosted a Christmas party for children in the violence-prone Mt. Elgon area of Kenya. The children played games, a meal was served, and school supplies were distributed. TCSC conducted 42 HROC basic workshop, 62 AVP Basic workshops, 29 AVP Advanced workshops, five AVP trainings for teachers (ToT), four midwife **trainings, one children's celebration, 30 peace clubs** in Kenya, 79 citizen reporting trainings, 37 Peace dialogues, 24 listening sessions, and four mediation workshops.
- In the past year, AGLI and its partners have collaborated with other Quaker and non-Quaker organizations to extend the reach of our programs. HROC-Burundi started working with Catholic Relief Services doing HROC trainings. Quaker Service Norway will support both HROC-Burundi and FWA. Canadian Friends Service Committee is continuing to support FWA in several areas. HROC-Rwanda received a generous funding pledge for HROC workshops. Mennonite

Central Committee will support Children's Peace Libraries to conduct peer mediation workshops and will pay two librarians. AGLI-TRUST UK is supporting TCSC.

- **Children's Peace Libraries in Rwanda:** The **five Children's Peace Libraries at Kigali, Gicumbi, Rubavu, Kanzenze, and Musanze** conducted 24 peer mediation basic workshops for 480 children, who are now peer mediators. The five libraries acquired 1680 new books and 12 computers were donated to the Gicumbi library by George School in



Pennsylvania. The five libraries were visited by 3789 children; 890 of them borrowed books.

- HROC in Rwanda: There were 27 HROC Basic workshops, 13 Advanced HROC workshops, four HROC Training for Teachers (ToT), three HROC Basic Workshops with Hiv+ persons, one Healing and Preventing Violence (HPV), one HROC-International Training,. Construction of the HROC Musanze center continues and 25 high school and university students are recipients of the **scholarship programs.** □

African Great Lakes Initiative (AGLI)

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International Training for Healing and Rebuilding Our Communities (HROC)

Healing and Rebuilding Our Community Center in Rwanda will conduct a three-week seminar in August 2018, to train facilitators in the HROC program.

Date: July 8 to 28, 2018.

Location: HROC Center, Musanze, Rwanda

Objective: The workshop will bring together up to twenty participants for professional training to become facilitators of the HROC program. By the end of the HROC training, the participants will be able to co-facilitate a three-day basic HROC workshop.

Deadline for registration: June 1, 2018 or until full.

For further information and a registration form contact: David Bucura, E-mail:

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Completion of an AVP workshop with CoMadres, El Salvador

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PeaceQuest 2018

What is Quaker Peacebuilding?

All Peacebuilders are invited to join Friends Peace Teams for a day of reflection, dialog and discernment.

Saturday, April 21, 2018
8:30 AM – 5:00 PM

Nashville Friends Meeting
530 26th Ave N, Nashville, TN 37209

Keynote address:

“Embracing Our Roots and Discerning Our Way Forward”

by Val Liveoak

Co-founder of Friends Peace Teams and emerita coordinator of Peacebuilding *en las Américas* initiative of Friends Peace Teams

Registration fee: \$20 for adults; no charge for children; lunch is included; pay at the event

Scholarships are available.

To register contact Jack Willis:

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Anne Hutchinson

African Great Lakes Initiative (AGLI) Publicist

Anne joined FPT as the AGLI publicist in 2017. She is a longtime peace educator and advocate with extensive experience in teaching and social services work. Among the areas in which she has worked are homelessness prevention, literacy education, and substance abuse and mental illness treatment. Anne is active in several Friends organizations, including the Friends World Committee for Consultation.

She holds a bachelor's degree in Near East Studies and a Master's degree in Human Services, and she is currently pursuing theological studies. She has broad knowledge of intercultural communication and interfaith dialogue. Anne is excited to be part of Friends Peace Teams' African Great Lakes Initiative.

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Allie Prescott

Peacebuilding en Las Américas (PLA) Communications Specialist

Allie is an educator, photographer, storyteller, and peace advocate currently based in Los Angeles, CA. As the Communications Specialist for PLA since 2016, she has traveled and interviewed facilitators and participants in PLA's programs to learn and share the impact of the Alternatives to Violence Project (AVP). She is an AVP Facilitator who has offered AVP workshops in Los Angeles and across Latin America.

After graduating with a B.A. degree in International Relations from George Washington University, she traveled, worked, and volunteered in schools and social justice organizations internationally. Additionally, she helped Central American immigrants seeking asylum in the United States document their stories. Allie currently works as an arts instructor with inner-city youth in the Los Angeles Unified School District. □

Ways You Can Help

All of our programs are made possible by people like you

In addition to making a donation (always welcome) to our peace activities, there are several ways in which you can help Friends Peace Teams:

Become A Sustainer. Sustainers are individuals or organizations that pledge to raise \$500 annually either for one of our initiatives or for the Friends Peace Teams' General Fund.

Travel to learn and participate in our work. Each of our initiatives offers volunteers opportunities to travel to the areas in which we work, to visit our partners, to attend international peace and nonviolence training, and to attend workcamps in the African Great Lakes region. Trained Alternatives to Violence Project (AVP) facilitators are especially invited to join us in our travel and work.

Volunteer your skills from home. Our Initiatives are often looking for help from supporters with special skills, including translation and accounting.

Join an Initiative Working Group. Each of the Initiatives is supported and guided by a working group of volunteers.

Join the Friends Peace Teams Council. The Council seeks representatives from each of the Friends Yearly Meetings plus others to serve on committees such as finance, personnel, communications, or fundraising.

Host an educational and/or fundraising event for one Initiative or all of Friends Peace Teams. Each Initiative can provide speakers or videos for events, and sponsors speaking tours of FPT members and representatives of our partner organizations.

Donate airline miles to help with Friends Peace Teams' travel needs.

More information about volunteering can be found on the FPT website, at friendspeaceteams.org/support-our-work. For specific information about particular programs, contact any Initiative or the FPT office. Email is a good way to reach us.

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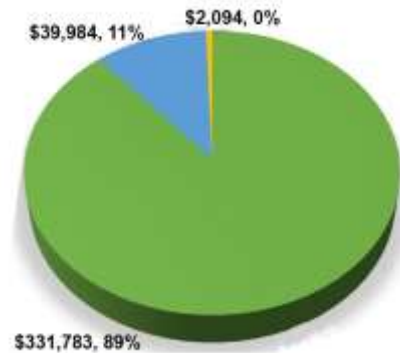
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Friends Peace Teams Expenses

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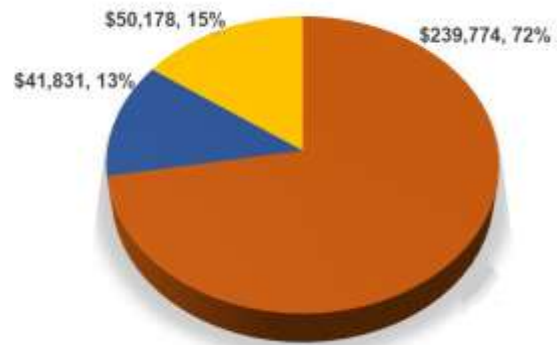
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Children's Christmas Party on Mt. Elgon – Kenya. See p. 8

Please contribute to the Friends Peace Teams Initiatives and to the general fund of FPT. Undesignated donations to FPT go to the general fund to provide shared administrative support to the initiatives, publish PeaceWays, and maintain the FPT website. Checks in U.S. dollars should be made out to **"Friends Peace Teams"** and mailed to **1001 Park Ave., St. Louis, MO 63104-3720 USA**. Checks may be designated for the Initiatives in the memo line. Donations can be made online at www.FriendsPeaceTeams.org. Donations to the Asia West Pacific initiative may also be made in Australia; see the AWP website, www.fpt-awp.org.