

# Carolina Woman

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

*Mary Anna McCullen*

*“Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God’s will is – his good, pleasing and perfect will.”*  
Romans 12:2, NIV

As I am writing this we have just returned from the Friends United Meeting Triennial Sessions on the campus of Wilmington College, Wilmington, Ohio where over 350 Friends from around the world gathered with enthusiasm and excitement as we explored the theme, **“Transforming Lives”** based on the above scripture. The speaker for the

USFWI/Quaker Men’s Banquet, Becky Barber, told us how the Belize Boys School transformed lives of boys in Belize. One of her teachers spoke about a young man who had a dream of becoming an airline pilot. He graduated from their school and was able to pass the test required for further education. Today, he is attending pilot training school and hoping to graduate soon, instead of just becoming another gang member and product of the slums. This is what our mission in Belize City is all about, transforming lives. What would happen to many of these students if we do not support this school? Plans are to admit girls to the school this fall and it will become Belize Friends School.

Friday morning at the FUM business session as we celebrated global ministries we heard from Becky Barber of Belize Boys School, Joyce Ajlouny of Ramallah Friends School, John Muhanji and Eden Grace of the African Ministries Office, Ann Riggs & Lon Fendall of Friend Theological College, Isaiah Bikokwa of Samburu, John Moru from Turkana, Chrispinus Sifuna from the Friends Church Peace Team, Lindi Friends School and a progress report by Lloyd Stangeland of SEEDS. What a sight and inspiration it was to see all these representatives of FUM Global Ministries lined up across the stage as they were enthusiastically received. As the morning session ended I overheard someone say, “This is what it is all about, this is why I came”.

At the banquet Pat Shrock, USFWI President, reported that a note of concern was received from our USFWI Treasurer, Adis Beeson, that although we were 53% into the financial year, only 37% of the needed funds had been received. As we look at the NCUSFW Greensheet Projects for the remainder of the year, we have opportunities to support many of these and other projects such as the Eliza Armstrong Cox Scholarship, USFWI Keys to the Kingdom, United Thank Offering, and Christian Service. I hope we will consider these important opportunities to transform lives as we give our offerings and prayers through our local USFW groups. Thank you for all that you do.

Mary Anna McCullen  
NCUSFW President

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## A NOTE FROM JAN

While at the beach this summer with my family, I found myself in a rare moment of sitting alone with my book on the beach. For that quiet hour I sat alone, well kind of alone, all around me were families and beach combers, hardly what I would call a quiet place and yet surprisingly I felt a stillness. It reminded me of our theme for this upcoming year, "Be still and know". Solitude is sometimes hard to find but even in the chaos of our world it is possible to find the stillness if you seek it. Our theme this year offers us the challenge to look for the "still" in our lives and the clarity that comes with it.

*Jan Pugh Dough*

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## ADULT MISSIONARY EDUCATION

*Pat Core*

It is a delight to give an update on requests from the Spring Conference. The balance of \$6000.00 needed by Audrey Afanda to continue her education has been given. She is now registered and ready to begin her second year at Guilford. FUM's Summer Mission Project (Kids for Kids) goal was to raise \$10,000.00 for Friends Theological College in Kenya. As of August, \$10,593 has been collected toward the purchase of goats and materials for pen, food storage, and other necessary provisions for keeping the animals safe. Your response to both of these needs is greatly appreciated.

Over the past few months I have had the privilege of seeing and hearing several Friends missionaries speak. In each meeting, the speakers shared with enthusiasm their call to ministry and experiences that followed their commitment to serve. All expressed joy in knowing that they are helping others as evident by frequent requests for prayer, hugs and tugs by children and youth, improved health conditions, and a more stable life style among those being served. With the joys also come challenges which include encouraging families to support their children, providing children and youth with wholesome activities that will keep them away from drugs, alcohol, and other negative influences as well as working with a limited budget.

When questioned about their most urgent needs, the number one response was constant prayer and thought. Keeping in touch by way of cards, notes, e-mails, even invitations to visit can be most encouraging. Of course, it is through financial support that missionaries are able to carry out their work. Those God has chosen to do His work need the support of our prayers, talents, time and resources.

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## BIRTHDAYS OF WORKERS AND THEIR FAMILIES

### September

10 James Grace  
12 Ramzi Khalaf  
23 Nader Khalaf  
25 Katie Barber

### October

8 Joseph Wood (1995)

### November

5 Ann Riggs  
10 Brad Wood  
20 Becky Barber  
23 Grace Eden

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## CHILDREN AND YOUTH EDUCATION

*Janie Edgerton*

It is a pleasure to announce that five children have completed the requirements for their reading certificates. All five children are from Holly Springs Friends Meeting. It is not too late for others to send in the forms to me. Please continue to encourage the young people in your meetings to read and participate in this program.

In the July-August issue of *The Advocate*, Deb Moyer writes about the experiences of teens in her meeting who participated in a work trip to Belize. In addition to the physical labor and sightseeing, they were able to interact with students at the Belize Boys School. They found in one-on-one sharing there were many shared dreams and interests. These students and the American boys found common ground and a basis for friendship.

Wouldn't it be wonderful if everyone in the world could find the worth and dignity of those of other races and nationalities?

Should the opportunity arise for a young person in your meeting to participate in a Quaker Youth Pilgrimage, please encourage and support this experience. Joining with Quaker youth from FUM and FGC and traveling to visit other Quaker youth in countries such as England, Ireland etc. can be very enlightening. A number of years ago our oldest son was able to take this journey. Upon visiting a site in Germany, the group was met by several elderly Germans who hugged them and wept. They said that Quakers had fed them and their families after World War One, which kept alive. It made a lasting impression and helped him to appreciate his Quaker faith more.

Please contact me if you have stories of how a mission trip has influenced young people in your meeting.

Janie Edgerton  
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## CHRISTIAN SERVICE

*Betty Hall*

As Chairman of Christian Service for the past three years, I would like to thank all of you who have sent stamps, labels, knitted items and other things to be used by American Friends Service Committees in their humanitarian efforts. The new chairman will enjoy being a part of the board of NCUSFW and will keep you updated with the Friends Humanitarian Response Program now located at 529 D College Road, Greensboro, NC. The Director, Ann Lennon, is most interested in getting volunteer help working with immigrants in this area, feel free to contact her.

Sincerely,  
Betty Hall

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## LITERATURE

*Sherry Hylton*

This summer has been an eventful one for our family. Our daughter, Allie, has worked as a counselor at Quaker Lake and has received many blessings from all of the young people she has met this summer. It humbles us to see how far she has progressed on her walk with God, but humbles us even more to know he chose us to be her parents. My husband and I have had a lot of time this summer to "ponder" as he broke his pelvis in a horse riding accident back in mid-June. After surgery we spent a solid month *together* 24/7 due to the fact that he could do nothing alone. During those weeks, I have thought many times that if we can't "*be still*" on our own, perhaps God will help us. My husband is doing well now, and we really have enjoyed our "togetherness". I would like to apologize for any delay there may have been in getting your "reading certificates" or "book orders" back to you but I have been a little discombobulated.

I do hope you have enjoyed reading the books you bought previously. If you did not purchase Max Lucado's, Out Live Your Life, I encourage you to get a copy and read it. The subtitle is "You Were Made to Make a Difference". Being home more than normal this summer I have seen more TV and I feel even more aware of what is happening in our world. It scares me, not so much for my generation, but for my grandchild's. This book may give you that "nudge" you need to turn an intention into a reality.

I pray that God will bless you with a productive "autumn" and that you will enjoy His many blessings of cooler weather and changing colors.

*"Pure and genuine religion in the sight of God the Father means caring for orphans and widows in their distress and refusing to let the world corrupt you."* James 1:27 NLT

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## PEACE AND CHRISTIAN SOCIAL CONCERNS

*Brenda McKinney*

*"People who work for peace in a peaceful way plant a good crop of right-living."* James 3:18 NCV

James knew the power of planting a seed in fertile soil. Planting seeds of hope and encouragement can be said about the Jamaica Vacation Bible School ministry. For twenty years under the leadership of Myra Brady and others, including Mildred Byrd, Rebecca Hurley, Peggy Long and Dacia Osborne, the VBS team has spread the gospel message to thousands of Jamaican children. They were assisted by Jamaican helpers who distributed craft items, maintained order and served refreshments. The team was dismayed that after they left, there was not a lasting presence, not much in the way of Sunday School or youth activities. Curriculum brought from the states was often left untouched. The Christian Education Committee felt that by training the Jamaicans, they could themselves become effective teachers and leaders. The VBS team set about assigning tasks such as leading the singing and doing object lessons, leading up to the actual teaching. Training for the Jamaicans is held each spring in Jamaica and many have become "certified Bible Teachers." Last year we had the privilege of observing former students totally conduct VBS, while we only encouraged and saw firsthand how seeds planted years ago had

blossomed. We now have four VBS sites that are led entirely by Jamaicans and they are doing an excellent job.

In a country racked by violence and poverty, it is a blessing to be able to demonstrate to children the most peaceful way of living in God's love. The message seems even more meaningful coming from the Jamaicans themselves who endure these hardships. These young people and their pastors have asked for more involvement from North Carolina and that has led to the creation of a long range plan for pastoral training and leadership development.

I recently retired. I had no thoughts of retiring until my son, a financial advisor, assured me I could and that he wanted me to care for his two-month old and two-year old sons. Leaving an excellent salary and benefits, terrific co-workers and a career I dearly loved was not easy. My first reaction was that I would pay for a nanny. But it is not the same he said. My children recall affectionately the time spent with their grandparents and want the same for their children. My best friend discouraged me; she thought I would be bored, too "tied down", and miss doing what I have loved for 28 years. Surprisingly my co-workers were the most encouraging. No, they were not happy to be rid of me, but recalled fondly how their parents and in-laws helped rear their children so they could pursue full-time careers. Of course God had the final say, and so now I am the encourager, the planting of good seeds, to nurture and faithfully grow children into a blessing to God and others.

Wherever you are, wherever you travel, you have the opportunity to plant seeds of encouragement, peace and love deep in another's heart and to nurture it with prayer and understanding. Let us all be mindful of how a few complimentary words can uplift, encourage, and motivate others.

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## SCHOLARSHIP

*Lee Van Hughes*

Please remember to reward your members with the Eliza Armstrong Cox Fellowship Life Membership. Also contribute to the "Scholarship Fund". Encourage young friends in your meeting to apply for scholarships between January 1 and March 12, 2012. Current recipients who wish to reapply must complete an updated, one page form as well and send a college transcript. New applicants will need to complete an application form, write a brief personal letter, and send three recommendations. All forms are now online at <http://ncym-fum.org/cooperatinghtml>.

Thank you!  
Lee Van Hughes

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## STEWARDSHIP

*Nancy Daughtrey*

Times are tough and may get even tougher. Some people probably don't want to hear anything about stewardship. I'm sure we all know people like that. They say things like, "I'm having a hard time looking after myself much less someone else." That's because they have the wrong idea about stewardship. They think it is all about "money." While it is true that giving is a part of stewardship, it is certainly not all. We can all give of our time and talents and most of the things we can do won't cost us a cent. Have you cooked a little extra and shared it with someone who might not have anything to eat today? Have you helped serve food in a homeless shelter, worked with the Salvation Army, volunteered

in your local hospital, offered to keep a tired mother's children so she could have a few hours to rest or go out with her husband? There is also plenty that can be done in our local Meetings to take the pressure off of someone else. This is just a very short list of things that can be done and come under the heading of "stewardship." I'm sure that we can all come up with a lot of other helpful and creative ideas that will be a blessing to someone else.

As always we need to pray and ask the Lord to help us as we try to help others. As the song says, "Make me a blessing to someone today."

Nancy Daughtrey  
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### **A Reminder from our Recording and Corresponding Secretary**

As members of your USFW pass away, please send the name of the member to Linda McBane at [lmcbane@bellsouth.net](mailto:lmcbane@bellsouth.net). Formal written memorials are not needed.

The names are read aloud at the Spring Conference. Names are needed for those who have passed away since May 5, 2011.

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## **UPCOMING 2011 GREENSHEET PROJECTS**

<b>Sept</b>	<p><b>*Membership Apportionment</b> \$5.00 per active member, \$2.50 per resident member <b>**Yearly Meeting Offering</b>-Eliza Armstrong Cox Scholarship</p>
<b>Oct</b>	<p><b>*Keys to the Kingdom USW 2011</b> 1-Belize: School Feeding Program 2-Triennial Travel Assistance 3-Jamaica Leadership Training project 4-Kenya: Kaimosi Hospital and Adopt a Nurse Program</p>
<b>Nov</b>	<p><b>*United Thank Offering USFWI 2011</b> 1-Advocate Subsidy 2-Kenya: Turkana/Samburu-Mission Support 3-Kenya: Kaimosi Hospital Incinerator</p>

*\*USFWI Projects*

*\*\*NC USFWI Projects*

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**TREASURER'S REPORT***Janet Robbins*

North Carolina United Society of Friends Women

2011 Greensheet Projects - Funds Received / Disbursed Jan 5,2011 - August 15, 2011

Month	Project	Cum YTD
Jan	Eliza Armstrong Cox Fellowship Scholarship Fund	1,993.00
	International Students Scholarship Fund	1,373.00
Feb	Peace and Social Concerns USFWI 2011	
	1- Kenya - Peace Curriculum	1,412.00
	2- Ramallah - Eli and Sybil Jones Scholarship	1,095.00
	3- RSWR: Samson Abadu Support	758.00
	AFSC - Friends Humanitarian Response Program	527.00
March	Four Funds USFW 2011 Undesignated	580.00
	1- Love: Ramallah/ Joyce Ajlouny	1,374.00
	2- Faith: Kenya/ Eden Grace	1,799.00
	3- Hope: Belize/ Becky Barber	1,415.00
	4- Joy: ACFIA Indian Centers- White,Wood,Kendall	1,554.00
April	MOWA Choctaw - NCYM	2,846.00
	Friends Disaster Service - NCYM	3,167.00
May	Friends Homes Assistance Fund	1,788.00
	Spring Conference - Quaker Lake -NCYM	4,023.00
June	NC USFW Projects	2,305.00
July	Mexico Missions - NCYM	1,824.00
	Children / Youth USFWI 2011	
	1- ACFIA Children and Youth Activities	912.00
	2- Ramallah- Amari Play Center	912.00
	3- Kenya - Turkana Girls' Education	309.00
August	Annual Gathering Offering - Friends Center Guilford College	945.00
Sept	80% Membership Apportionment to USFWI	240.00
	20% Membership Apportionment to Scholarship Fund	60.00
	Yearly Meeting Offering - Eliza Armstrong Cox Scholarship	99.50
Oct	Keys to the Kingdom USFWI 2011	
	1- Belize: School Feeding Program	36.00
	2- Triennial Travel Assistance	30.00
	3- Jamaica Leadership Training Project	67.00
	4- Kenya: Kaimosi Hospital and Adopt a Nurse	66.00
Nov	United Thank Offering USFWI 2011	
	1- Advocate Subsidy	97.00
	2- Kenya: Turkana/ Samburu Missions Support	304.00
	3- Kaimosi Hospital Incinerator	148.00
Dec	Christian Service USFWI 2011	
	1- Capital Improvement Partnering Program	50.00
	2- Belize Friends School Scholarship Program	310.00
	3- Kenya:Kasimbi Friends Feeding Program	178.00
	4- Field Staff Vehicle Replacement	256.00

<b>Other Contributions</b>		
	Adopt a Nurse	600.00
	Ann Riggs	160.00
	Audrey Afanda Tuition for Guilford	2,350.00
	Church Women United	25.00
	Friends Theological College	860.00
	Jamaica Bible School	250.00
	Kids to Kids	1,250.00
	Samburu	480.00
	Eliza Armstrong Cox Fellowship ( 50% USFW, 50% Scholarship)	700.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>Funds Received and Disbursed</b>	<b>41,527.50</b>

Thank you for your contributions and especially for the money to support the Kids to Kids program. Also, your tuition support for Audrey Afanda, daughter of John Muhanji, allowed her to register for classes at Guilford College. We are so pleased that Audrey will be singing at the Annual Gathering at Quaker Lake on August 27<sup>th</sup>.

Respectfully submitted,  
Janet Robbins, Treasurer

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