

## Friends Women Annual Report January 2020

Friends Women continues to grow spiritually and physically in memberships as we support missionaries and mission fields with our project funds. We also support RMYM women and their friends through our women's retreats. We presently have five active Friends Women's groups. Our mission as Friends Women is: **uniting women in Jesus Christ, while raising money and awareness for our EFM and other mission fields.**


Our project funds for 2019 provided \$1000 to Quaker Ridge to help with their water project and \$648 for Bhutan to purchase water filters. The funding for our yearly projects comes from the \$20.00 we ask each member of a Friends Women's group to pay as dues each year. Our Project for 2020 is going to Bangladesh to fund their Widow and Orphan Support.

The 2019-2020 school year Friends Women Scholarship was given to Isaac Wright, from Colorado Spring Friends Church. He is a member of First Friends Church of Colorado Springs and a freshman at Barclay College. We encourage you to inform your High School Seniors and graduates to submit an application for the Scholarship if they are seeking to serve others through missions. The scholarship application and reference letter form can be downloaded from the RMYM.org website

In September we had over 90 enthusiastic ladies attend the 2019 Women's Retreat. Lori Widenberg, our speaker, invited us to "Come to the Table". First Friends Church of Colorado Springs hosted the retreat with Sheree Pauly as the chairwoman. It was a great time of refreshing, relaxing and restoration for Friends women, their friends and family members. The 2020 Retreat will be hosted by Neighborhood Friends. The "Guided by the Light" women's retreat is scheduled for September 18 – 20, 2020 at Quaker Ridge Camp.

We will be distributing our newsletter, Quaker Nugget, to our members and churches, as an electronic newsletter on the RMYM FW website. Laurie Mortimore, our editor, is hoping to include original articles and pictures that keep us informed about the activities and ministries of our local groups, the various ways we raise funds for our local projects and the activities local groups engage in to support and encourage the women within our local churches. We encourage you to submit your own pictures and articles to our editor for publication in our newsletter at [Clamort.lm@gmail.com](mailto:Clamort.lm@gmail.com). **Our goal as RMYM Friends Women is to keep women connected with each another and with missions and missionaries.**

Karen Fulbright developed our own link to the RMYM website. Our reports and resources are now available to download from the website including our Retreat Guidelines and our Friends Women brochure. We want to officially thank Karen Fulbright for developing the RMYM FW page <https://rmym.org/resources/friends-women-2/> and for keeping our information up to date. Our Friends Women Brochure for our churches to use in introducing Friends Women to their visitors is available to download. Also, the FW Scholarship information and application forms, our new Retreat Planning Guidelines, the Reading list for 2020, and our report forms are available to download. The 2020 Retreat brochure will be available to download in January.

We also have a RMYM Friends Women Facebook page **Facebook!**  Please like us on Facebook and comment on our articles, activities and pictures. If you have any pictures or articles for our Facebook page or newsletter, please post them on your personal Facebook page and tag Karen Cordova, Judy Van Meter and Laurie Mortimore so we can include them on our FW page and the Quaker Nugget. We invite you to send pictures and articles to editor Karen Cordova at [karen.bea@comcast.net](mailto:karen.bea@comcast.net)

This year we have a national Friends Women Program Book as a PDF file on our RMYM WEB Site. You may download it for your local groups to use or for a monthly devotional for individual ladies in your churches.

Respectfully Submitted,

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RMYM FW President