

BENEVOLENCES FOR CHAPEL HILL FRIENDS MEETING

MISSION:

The Chapel Hill Friends Meeting selects benevolences to support each year. This process starts in time to allow full participation and timely discernment before our budget preparation for the current fiscal year.

Meeting benevolences reflect the embrace of our Meeting and are not directed by individual preferences for giving. It is recognized that individuals within our Meeting have their own discretion to donate to their favorite charities. The purpose of Meeting benevolences is to provide support to organizations that are widely accepted as expressing our corporate values and commitments.

The Peace and Justice Committee will seek to maintain the following criteria for selecting new benevolences:

- Quaker organizations
- Local organizations that reflect our Meeting's values and that are widely embraced by activities in the Meeting
- Organizations that are well known to CHFM and have been presented to the Meeting (for example through: forums, announcements, individual/group involvement shared with the Meeting, participation on boards).

Each organization benefiting from a benevolent donation from the Meeting will be reviewed in detail every 3 years.

Peace and Justice will arrange a Benevolences subcommittee each year, with a rotating membership consisting of two members of Peace and Justice and two members of the Meeting at-large, appointed by Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business. This subcommittee will:

- Accept and thresh new benevolence nominations
- Accept and thresh requests to have benevolences removed
- Discern based on the information provided, the organization's financial state, alignment with corporate values of CHFM and the amount allocated to benevolences.

PROCESS:

August: Each year the Peace and Justice Committee will form a Benevolences sub-committee consisting of two members of Peace and Justice and two members of the Meeting at-large, appointed by Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business.

September: The Benevolences sub-committee will accept the nomination of organizations. Submissions will be provided using the form attached. This process will be publicized and the form made available on the Meeting website. In the first year of this process a forum will also be held at this time to introduce the process. Peace and Justice may repeat this in subsequent years based on need.

December: The period for accepting new benevolences for the current fiscal year shall end.

January: The Benevolence subcommittee will report on the nominated benevolences and prepare a statement noting the suggested amounts. The Peace and Justice Committee will hold a forum in January to review the principles for selecting benevolences and for assessing the Meeting's direction in naming benevolences. Prior to the forum a list of the recommended benevolences and suggested amounts will be published on the Meeting website.

- The forum will include the opportunity for Meeting members/attenders to discuss those benevolences which have been recommended
- Peace and Justice will make its final recommendation based on the information gathered above no later than mid-March. Peace and Justice will then make its recommendation to MWAB at the 3rd month MWAB.

WHOM TO CONTACT: Queries regarding this process or regarding benevolences in general should be addressed to peaceandjustice@chapelhillfriends.org

CHAPEL HILL FRIENDS MEETING – FORM FOR CONSIDERING BENEVOLENCES

ADDING A NEW BENEVOLENCE:

1) DATE

2) NAME

3) I would like to suggest that the following organization be considered to receive benevolences from CHFM:

4) Please describe briefly (no more than a paragraph) what this organization does:

5) It would be helpful for us to know if you attended the forum presented by Peace and Justice in September on the Benevolence process.

(please selected Yes or No from the dropdown)

6) I have read the document about selecting benevolences.

(please selected Yes or No from the dropdown)

7) CHECK ALL THAT APPLY:

I support this organization because

- It is a Quaker organization;
- It reflects our Meeting's values and commitments
- It is well known to the Meeting through forums, member and attender engagement, etc.

8) Describe how the CHFM has become aware of this organization over the last year. Examples include: Have there

been forums about the organization's work? Individual participation on the board of the organization? Meeting committee participation? Other Meeting engagement with the organization? Have such involvements been shared with the Meeting?

REMOVING AN EXISTING BENEVOLENCE

- 9) I would like to suggest that the following organization be removed from the CHFM's list of benevolences. Explain why, indicating for instance criteria that are no longer being satisfied (e.g. no longer a Quaker organization, no longer fits Meeting values and commitments).

Queries regarding this form or regarding benevolences in general should be addressed to peaceandjustice@chapelhillfriends.org. Submit this form to Peace and Justice no later than December 15th.