ANNUAL REPORT 2014

American Friends Service Committee
Looking back on 2014, I see a series of crises, vivid images that capture the heart of the work of the American Friends Service Committee—fifty-one days of devastating war in Gaza; thousands of children at our southern border seeking refuge from violence and poverty; young black men tragically killed by the police who should be protecting their communities.

Thankfully, our staff and volunteers across the U.S. and the world met each crisis with unwavering commitment to the values on which AFSC is built. Our work is powerful because it embodies these truths: that pursuing peace through militarism and state-sanctioned violence is futile; that we are all diminished when any person is denied dignity and respect; that—fifty years after the modern Civil Rights Movement—systemic racism must finally be dismantled.

Thank you for investing in our vision, alongside those courageous peace builders who take risks, who pursue the long-term work of healing, who peacefully oppose injustice where they find it, and who take necessary steps—individually and in community—to build a hopeful future.

Your support gives strength to our efforts.

Yours in peace and service,

Shan Cretin
General Secretary, AFSC
“[Muhammad Yunus] said, ‘Small things lead into big things,’ says AFSC intern Jessica Alaniz, who connected with the Nobel laureate at the October 2013 World Summit of Nobel Peace Prize laureates in Warsaw, Poland. “So you can’t expect to change things with one or two steps. You need to work locally and change things where you are.”
Our mission

The American Friends Service Committee is a Quaker organization that promotes lasting peace with justice as a practical expression of faith in action. Drawing on continuing spiritual insights and working with people of many backgrounds, we nurture the seeds of change and respect for human life that transform social relations and systems.
Introduction

Everyone—every single person—has the potential to be a peace builder and a change maker. AFSC creates opportunities for all people—young and old, from any race, religion, nationality, gender, sexual orientation, or background—to unlock this potential within themselves.

As a Quaker organization, we regard no person as our enemy, knowing that miracles are possible when we acknowledge the light of the divine in everyone. We work on a wide range of issues, supporting innovative, locally-led approaches that demonstrate the power of communities to solve problems creatively and nonviolently. Often we serve as a bridge between neighbors, grassroots activists, and policymakers, because we have learned that sustaining local solutions may require system change at a higher level.

Nearly 100 years of experience has taught us that peace must be built on justice, and sustainable peace requires more than simply changing unjust laws. We must rebuild relationships, restore trust, and heal communities fractured by poverty and violence. Peace requires a foundation of justice in which...

- Every person is valued and respected, with access to basic resources such as water, food, and shelter.
- Governments and institutions are fair and accountable.
- Economic development provides jobs with dignity and promotes community well-being.
- Conflicts are addressed without force or coercion, in ways that promote healing and reconciliation.

AFSC works to lay this foundation with visionary community partners in Africa, Asia, Latin America, the Caribbean, the Middle East, and cities across the United States.

Our vision is far-reaching for an organization our size. But so too are our partnerships. With the support of our worldwide network of community allies, our Quaker congregations, and our generous donors, we are changing the way people think about the way to a world at peace. We hope you enjoy this report on our efforts in 2014.
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Transforming conflict

Many Africans are overcoming decades of conflict to create a safe and prosperous future for themselves and their families. The secret to their success: a combined approach that involves healing from the trauma of violence, developing self-employment skills, and rebuilding a sense of community.

This year marked a milestone in the internally displaced community at Hatcliffe Extension, Zimbabwe. More than 120 newly trained carpenters, welders, peanut butter producers, and others celebrated the completion of an AFSC-funded self-employment incubator. In addition to providing a clean workspace with electricity and running water, the new building brought water and sewage lines to the entire community. We are now working to replicate this success with displaced communities in Hopley Farm and Enyandeni, Zimbabwe, where 259 people have received vocational training.

Amidst ongoing civil war in Somalia, more than 3,000 youth participated in AFSC projects, from repairing roads between divided communities, building latrines, and renovating classrooms to trainings in conflict mitigation and vocational skills. We also provided trauma counseling to 289 Somali refugees living in the Dadaab refugee camp in Kenya, where many people continue to face hardships in the wake of traumatic experiences.

Drawing on resources shared in an AFSC-sponsored Dialogue and Exchange Program, the Burundi government enacted two laws, one establishing a truth and reconciliation commission and another on the rights of persons with disabilities. At the same time, AFSC helped 3,315 people participate in community circles promoting trauma healing and economic opportunity, including micro-financing for small businesses. We shared our integrated approach with other agencies through a 20-minute documentary film, “Life after Conflict in Burundi.”

We initiated a new program in Kenya this year, strengthening partnerships with other Quaker organizations, bringing together more than 120 peace activists for a National Peace Conference, and piloting youth-friendly activities such as soccer tournaments to involve more than 300 young people in peace-building efforts.

AFSC also brought the voices of staff and partners, advocating for peace, to policymakers in the U.S. government and at the United Nations.
People across Asia are transforming ethnic and religious relations with support from AFSC. At the same time, our policy work at the national, regional, and international levels is helping to shape how government, business, and local partner organizations prevent and respond to conflict.

Against a backdrop of rising religious intolerance and related violence, AFSC and local partners in Indonesia continued to train hundreds of youth in active nonviolence. Participants organized events where Christians celebrated Ramadan, Muslims participated in an Easter parade, and lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender people were actively welcomed. Following elections, AFSC helped produce and submit a national report on intolerance to the new president.

Thousands of children in Myanmar’s monastic schools have benefited from an innovative, AFSC-supported program focused on helping teachers impart critical thinking skills, tolerance, and respect for the environment. An additional 75 teachers were trained this year, and an exchange visit to Thailand helped 16 principals learn new child-friendly approaches to education. In addition, 44 monks met to discuss their role in preventing community violence amidst ethnic and religious tensions.

In China, AFSC brought U.S. and Chinese foreign policy experts together to discuss collaborative approaches to security. Former defense officials on both sides adopted the terminology “peaceful ends through peaceful means” as they identified specific points for cooperation. In addition, an exchange between Chinese, African, and United Nations (UN) peace builders prompted widespread discussion of China’s opportunities to support peace initiatives in African countries and led to the publication of a series of articles in a high profile policy journal.

In the Democratic People’s Republic of Korea (DPRK or North Korea), AFSC’s partnership with cooperative farms has enhanced both food security and international understanding. Four farms have tested innovative technologies to improve yields, and this year, those approaches are spreading. An AFSC-supported pilot project trained farmers from 24 additional farms in the use of seed tray technology. We also held several workshops for DPRK partners in China, creating further opportunity for international travel and exchange.
Facing extreme violence and poverty in Central America, many families were met with a dilemma: stay or seek asylum in the U.S. AFSC responded to the humanitarian crisis on both sides of the border (see page 19 for more on U.S.-based work). In addition, we continued to support community-led efforts to reduce violence in Haiti.

In Guatemala, AFSC trained 207 young people who in turn led 3,017 others in discussions and workshops, marches and parades, and projects to clean up and reclaim public spaces—important contributions in neighborhoods suffering the effects of violence and decay. Since 2011, our work has expanded to include 12 communities, and we’ve built alliances with several institutions, including the Welfare Secretary and the police academy, which enrolled 66 police officers in an AFSC workshop on conflict transformation. We also worked with Guatemalan officials on an information campaign promoting respect for the human rights of migrants.

AFSC launched a new program in El Salvador this year, partnering with a local youth-led organization to train 35 young people in conflict transformation. Our new international certification program in peace education drew 20 participants from three countries, and a special meeting of 55 government and nonprofit representatives explored links between youth employment, violence, and interventions for peace. A similar gathering in Mexico focused on security, violence, and human rights on the border.

In Haiti, lack of economic opportunity, as well as gender-based and street violence, affect the tens of thousands of people still displaced by the 2010 earthquake. Working with 13 local partners, AFSC helped 11,827 people organize to reduce and prevent violence in their communities. Approximately 500 community and youth leaders participated in peace networks to improve dialogue and build greater conditions of security in urban neighborhoods. We also worked with five local schools to foster a culture of peace and brought representatives from the Dominican Republic and Haiti together to discuss integration of Haitian migrants.
Leading change

From Syria to Israel and the occupied Palestinian territory, military actions in the Middle East have only made matters worse. As news broke of Israel’s bombardment of the Gaza Strip in July, AFSC joined Nobel Peace Prize laureates worldwide in calling for a ceasefire and end to occupation. We also supported Palestinian, Israeli, and U.S. youth (see page 20 for more on U.S.-based work) in stepping forward as leaders for nonviolent change.

Despite ongoing movement restrictions, young Palestinians living in the West Bank, Israel, and Gaza continued to meet, with AFSC support, in person and via social media platforms. Under the theme “No Borders to our Identity,” they developed common positions for nonviolent social change across geographical divides, attracting more than 13,000 Facebook followers to their campaign. They also drafted policy papers to present to leaders in their communities. Although participants in Gaza lost family, friends, and homes during the 51-day attack on Gaza during the summer, work has continued and relationships have deepened.

In Israel, a small but growing number of young people took a courageous stand for peace by conscientiously objecting to military service, often risking rejection by family, friends, and neighbors. AFSC continued to provide opportunities for them to support one another, learn tools of activism, and become involved in movements for social change. We also worked with partners on campaigns against military and civil service and in support of military refusers. These campaigns reached thousands of Jewish, Druze, and Palestinian Israelis through social media.

As the war in Syria entered its fourth year, AFSC continued to work with a small group of Syrians in the north of Syria striving to maintain islands of peace within the wider conflict. These Syrians represent various religious and ethnic groups who believe in nonviolence, outreach, and reconciliation. Syrian peace activists active on the Internet also participated in two AFSC-sponsored exchanges in which people from several Middle Eastern countries discussed social media as a tool for peaceful social change.
Advocacy and diplomacy

Our commitment to peace leads us not only to challenge long-held beliefs about militarism and violence—but also to help build alternatives. Our contributions include facilitating new relationships, connecting policymakers with community members, and forging new paths for dialogue.

Through formal presentations and informal visits, the Quaker United Nations Office helped open the way for international dialogue and collaboration. A series of off-the-record meetings brought Quakers from Burundi together with UN experts to talk about peace and reconciliation. A similar effort brought leading policy experts from European and U.S. nongovernmental organizations together with UN diplomats to discuss prevention of violent conflict. And a delegation of Chinese academics met with UN representatives to share perspectives on peace building and peacekeeping.

AFSC’s Office of Public Policy and Advocacy, based in Washington, D.C., worked with AFSC’s regional experts across the globe to bring the voice of direct experience to bear in a range of policy conversations—from the role of money in politics to the militarization of policing and the impact of U.S. policy in countries such as North Korea and Somalia. We led other faith-based organizations in opposing military aid to Israel and shaped broad coalition responses opposing the new wars in Iraq and Syria. We also launched a new strategy to improve U.S. compliance with the Leahy Law, a U.S. human rights law that prohibits the U.S. Department of State and Department of Defense from providing military assistance to foreign military units that violate human rights. And we created opportunities for immigrant children and their families to meet with White House staff and Congressional offices about the harmful consequences of U.S. detention and deportation policies.

In addition to this ongoing work, AFSC organized short-term Dialogue and Exchange Programs, drawing participants from diverse backgrounds to a common table to share perspectives on specific topics. In 2014, 430 DEP-sponsored participants from 34 countries participated in Dialogue and Exchange Programs in Burundi, China, the Dominican Republic, Indonesia, Jordan, Kenya, Mexico, Myanmar, South Africa, Zimbabwe, and El Salvador.
African American youth killed with impunity. Crowds yelling hateful comments at busloads of immigrant children. Police using military tactics and equipment against protesters. Too often in the United States, we see people denying the humanity of others to justify increasing use of lethal force and incarceration. In 37 cities and towns across the U.S., AFSC worked to reverse that trend.

**IMMIGRANT RIGHTS**

While immigration policy in the U.S. is widely acknowledged to be unjust and ineffective, efforts at humane reform are hampered by extremist voices promoting fear and punishment of migrants.

Thousands of Central American children seeking asylum at our southern border last summer were met with detention and expedited deportation. AFSC programs across the country responded with legal advice and representation, letter-writing campaigns, efforts to reunite children with family members, humanitarian service, and advocacy. At the same time, we continued to address the larger crisis faced by 11 million undocumented immigrants nationwide, providing legal services to more than 1,500 people and offering “Know your rights” trainings to thousands more.

Community campaigns helped persuade five New Jersey counties, one Massachusetts county, and the cities of Boston, Cambridge, and Somerville, Massachusetts and Miami, Florida to end “Secure Communities” collaborations, which have encouraged racial profiling and been a dragnet for mass deportations. Immigrants and allies working with AFSC helped achieve legislation to prevent wage theft in Colorado and Somerville, Massachusetts; drivers’ licenses for all residents in California; an end to exorbitant phone rates in New Jersey detention centers; and a Domestic Workers Bill of Rights in Massachusetts. Our efforts also contributed to greater accountability in use-of-force policies for Customs and Border Protection (CPB) agents, including the Border Patrol.

A ground-breaking initiative now in its third year in Dayton, Ohio, also inspired Greensboro, North Carolina, and Milford, Massachusetts, to develop initiatives to welcome immigrants to their communities.
WAGING PEACE

AFSC advocated for policy changes to reduce militarism and advance alternatives in several contexts this year.

In addition to making public statements calling for an end to violence in Gaza, AFSC advocated for changes to U.S. policies that contribute to the militarization of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, including U.S. military aid to Israel. We also called on global corporations to end activities undermining peace in the region, supported student and activist groups in several successful divestment campaigns, and developed an online investment screening tool.

At the same time, AFSC joined other peace organizations in campaigning for an end to the Authorization for the Use of Military Force (AUMF), a 9/11-era law giving the president vast powers to wage war without congressional approval. We continued to urge a realignment of federal spending priorities, partnering with a politically diverse group of organizations to produce and promote “The Jet that Ate the Pentagon,” a video viewed by more than 120,000 people.

Through our annual If I Had a Trillion Dollars film festival, 208 young people, ages 9–22, shared their vision for what a trillion dollars could do if invested in communities rather than the military. Sixty-seven of them came to Washington, D.C., for a leadership training, met with members of Congress, and marked the Global Day of Action against Military Spending with a public exhibit.

ADDRESSING PRISONS

The U.S. leads the world in mass incarceration. It also often treats prisoners inhumanely. Through direct service, research, and advocacy, AFSC works to change these conditions.

AFSC answered more than 1,600 letters from prisoners this year, advising them of their rights, sharing resources for surviving solitary confinement, and following up on reports of abuse. We also brought vital programming to prisons, from parole readiness trainings in Michigan to the reestablishment of the Friend of a Friend nonviolence mentoring program in Maryland.

First-hand testimony from prisoners subjected to human rights abuses formed the basis of our report to the UN Convention against Torture Committee as it prepared to review U.S. compliance. In a new report, “Death Yards: Continuing Problems with Arizona’s Correctional Health Care,” we also revealed illegal and deadly mistreatment of Arizona inmates by the country’s largest for-profit prison health care provider.

Our advocacy efforts with prison and state officials contributed to several policy changes. New York, New Jersey, and California took steps to reduce the use of solitary confinement, New York reduced racial profiling in “stop and frisk” policing, and West Virginia made parole reforms. A bid to repeal the death penalty in New Hampshire fell one vote short of passing. Former prisoners working with AFSC made presentations, exhibited original art depicting their experiences, launched new enterprises, and mentored others.
OVERTAKING INEQUALITY

Inequality takes many forms, and AFSC brings resources to a number of community-led efforts to end injustices and meet local needs.

When a white police officer shot and killed an unarmed black teenager in Ferguson, Missouri, activists across the country drew world-wide attention to racial injustices. Among them were youth from Ferguson and St. Louis implementing an AFSC-supported peer mediation program. In September, they held their first Freedom School and made plans to form a chapter of Youth Undoing Institutional Racism (YUIR), a program that helps youth examine institutional racism and develop nonviolent strategies for change. In Seattle, where AFSC’s Freedom School began in 2001, youth worked to end policies contributing to the school-to-prison pipeline and launched a campaign to stop construction of a new juvenile detention facility.

Those were not AFSC’s only efforts to address institutionalized racism. In Maine, AFSC continued to support a truth and reconciliation commission addressing the impact of state policies through the 1970s that removed Native children from their homes and placed them with white families. And advocacy by AFSC and the Moral Monday movement helped ensure that 40,000 Georgians would have their voter registrations processed in time for elections.

Economic justice is another major focus of AFSC’s equality work. Chicago taxi drivers recovered $35,000 in fraudulent lease charges with AFSC’s support. They also won city-wide policy changes and began negotiations for membership in the AFL-CIO. Public campaigns by AFSC in Atlanta helped protect people from foreclosures and predatory rental practices, and our documentation of unsafe rental conditions led to reforms in Manchester, New Hampshire. Advocates in Northampton, Massachusetts, celebrated a federal court decision upholding hard-won anti-foreclosure ordinances, and publicity by AFSC’s Street Spirit newspaper in the San Francisco Bay area helped secure assistance for homeless people being evicted from a city landfill.

AFSC also supported efforts to address food insecurity. A new community garden will help feed 30 Miami-area immigrant families. Students from four Los Angeles high schools led urban gardening initiatives, including converting an abandoned lot into a citrus grove. And when our agricultural program in New Mexico trained eight new farmers and helped past graduates start and sustain small farms, it also opened opportunities for two public school systems to obtain fresh local produce.

Across the country, youth stepped forward to improve conditions in their communities. High school students launched socially responsible businesses in Chicago, helped pass a city-wide minimum wage increase in Washington, D.C., and worked on projects to help end child poverty in West Virginia. From spoken word performances in Kansas City, Missouri, to a “Transforming Oppression” fashion show in New Orleans, to a mural on Black-Brown unity in Oakland, California, young people helped shape the dreams of their communities and our country.
2014 financial information

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

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Totals reflect rounding. Financial information for the 12 months ending September 30, 2014. To see the audited financial statement, visit afsc.org/finances. If you have questions about AFSC's finances, please contact Mark Graham, director of communications, at ask@afsc.org.
Friends across the U.S. are helping to extend AFSC’s reach, working closely together with and alongside communities in struggles for justice.

Quaker Justice Ministries, AFSC’s meeting/church liaison program, works on issues such as immigrant justice, prison concerns, and creating just and lasting peace in Israel and the Palestinian territory. Our work is grounded both in spiritual practice and accountability to those most impacted by injustice. This year we shared a faith-based justice ministry model developed by Unitarians that supports spiritual grounding for organizers and encourages companionship with those experiencing oppression. One hundred sixty four Quaker meetings participated in the program this year.

In addition, two Quaker networks were established in 2014 to knit the social justice work of Quaker meetings/churches together: the Quaker Palestine Israel Network and the Quaker Network to End Mass Incarceration. AFSC is participating in both networks.

Quakers are supported by monthly telephone “Calls for Spirited Action,” a regularly updated Acting in Faith blog (afsc.org/friends), and resources for action.

If your meeting or church would like to participate in the Quaker Justice Ministries program, please contact Lucy Duncan or Greg Elliott at friends@afsc.org or (215) 241-7062.
Integrity, peace, and stewardship

Judy and Bill Matchett have supported AFSC’s work for more than 70 years—and they are just two of more than 5,000 people who have given to the Service Committee for twenty years or more. AFSC is grateful to them—and you—for providing such a strong and steadfast foundation for our worldwide work.

DONOR PROFILE

Judy and Bill Matchett

Judy and Bill Matchett’s deeply held Quaker values have led them to a lifetime of service and support for the work of AFSC.

Like their parents, Bill and Judy addressed injustice through social action. Judy’s father volunteered for World War I relief and reconstruction efforts in Europe. Bill’s father worked with German Americans mistreated because of the war, a project that eventually led to the opening of AFSC’s Chicago office. A conscientious objector during World War II, Bill launched a clothing drive while a student at Swarthmore College, going door-to-door to collect items for those in need in Europe. Bill and Judy married after the war and moved to Seattle, where they began a close and long-standing association with their local AFSC office.

Bill served as clerk of the regional board supporting AFSC’s Portland and Seattle offices. Judy coordinated an exchange program giving European high school students the chance to study in the U.S. Both served on the region’s Indian Affairs Committee, Bill as a founding member. And they stayed active in their local monthly meeting—University Friends Meeting—leading and participating in many projects.

Their support for AFSC extends to the charitable gift annuities they have established, which provide them with income while helping to create a stable financial footing for AFSC’s programs.

Judy and Bill say they’ve led good lives rich in experience. Giving to AFSC is one of the ways they show how much they appreciate their good fortune.
Support from foundations and endowments

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An act of kindness

After the bombing of Pearl Harbor in 1941, the U.S. government forced more than 110,000 Japanese-Americans into concentration camps. Among them were Gloria and Guntaro Kubota and their infant daughter Grace. The family had just two suitcases—one filled with infant formula—when they arrived at the camp in Heart Mountain, Wyoming.

When the couple’s son Gordon was born at Heart Mountain in 1944, Gloria received a layette set from AFSC staff for her newborn. It was part of an aid and advocacy effort launched by AFSC in opposition to Japanese-American internment.

Gloria never forgot this small act of kindness. When she died in 2012, she left a bequest to AFSC along with this touching message:

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