

Living Out Love Locally ▶ Globally

by Loren Van Tassel



I am a shy introvert raised in rural Oregon surrounded by fields and forests inhabited by coyotes. How did I become friends with international students at GFU?

The story began in my childhood. Various people invested in me during many years.

*“Naught have I gotten but what I **received**; grace hath bestowed it since I have believed...”* (from James M. Gray’s hymn “Only a Sinner”)

I received *information* during missionary stories for children in the little Free Methodist Church at St. Helens, Oregon, told by LaVita Harrington about Africa and India and China.

I received *friendship* during university days from Hong Kong student Peter Koo; from a Buddhist girl classmate at OSU from Thailand; from roommate Yuet Ming at UW; at Chinese Christian Fellowship in the Seattle U-District.

I received *encouragement* when Roger Hinrichs, and I started “Campus International House” near the University of Washington campus, where we rented rooms to students from India, Taiwan, Middle East, Japan. (It is still functioning today after nearly 50 years.)

I received *experience* when my wife, Sylvia, and our four kids lived in Hong Kong for 23 years, learning from and living with “the best people on earth”—resilient, diligent Chinese men and women who became responsible teachers and pastors and civil servants and parents.

I received *acceptance* when we taught English at a university in China for three years. The administration liked us. Dear colleagues, some of them communists, became close friends. Some Christians there maintain contact with us today.

I received *challenge* when international students at GFU confided in me about their struggle with Bible Survey (not even knowing there is an OT and a NT). Thomas Peng and Ron Stansell and Phil Smith guided me in developing *Intro to Biblical Knowledge* for inter-



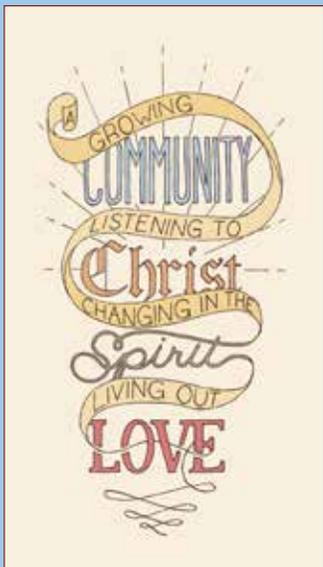
national students who have no Bible background. For 13 semesters I’ve had the great privilege of getting to know scores of these students from (for example) Vietnam, Afghanistan, Middle East, and mainly China.

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Your NFC

a weekly newsletter for the people of the Newberg Friends Church community

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Every week I receive *blessings* as students and visiting scholars sit around tables in my Newberg house on Saturday evenings after potluck suppers, discussing Bible texts and wrestling with concepts and a worldview that seem strange to atheists and other searchers.

I'm constantly amazed that I received this calling to interact with these dear friends from around the world.

To serve the present age, my calling to fulfill: Oh, may it all my powers engage to do my Master's will! (from Charles Wesley's hymn "A Charge to Keep I Have")

Am I up to the task? "Practice [does *not*] make perfect!" I'm still a shy introvert. I tire quickly during superficial chit chat. I'd rather wash the dishes! But sometimes while I'm facilitating group Bible discussions, the Lord prompts me and others, and people move forward in their journey with God. At other times I don't listen well. It's humbling at my age to realize I'm still totally dependent on the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ.

I must beware of trying to manipulate people. It's God's work to call people to himself; we walk alongside. And I must beware of the fantasy that I'm essential to this ministry. He will call others to take the lead as I age. He has distributed various gifts in the body of Christ. Many others are already doing their part these days. We are in this together. Is he calling you to join us? International students need American friends while they are with us these few short years at George Fox University.



New Members



We welcome **John and Gail Hutchinson** to membership at Newberg Friends Church!

You are invited!



On Thursday, June 25, from 10 to 11 a.m., at Friendsview's auditorium, former Friends missionaries to Bolivia and Peru will present a program sponsored by the Friendsview Retirement Community education committee. The NFC community is invited. Many of the presenters are NFC members.

Twenty-seven Friendsview residents, past and present, lived and worked in Bolivia and Peru during the years 1935 to 2000. Seventeen are current Friendsview community members. The High Andes were a unique and special missionary focus for Northwest Yearly Meeting during those years.

Eight Friendsview members — Quentin Nordyke, Ron and Carolyn Stansell, Linnea Stahlnecker, Betty Comfort, Alice Maurer, Duane Comfort and Sheryl Fendall — will share history, cultural readings, and reflections.

READ AHEAD FOR SUNDAY
1 Timothy 5:23; Ephesians 5:15-20



Pastoral Team

Michelle Akins
children and family ministries

Steve Fawver
spiritual health and care

Cindy Johnson
seniors ministries

Gregg Koskela
lead pastor

Eric Muhr
youth ministries

Elizabeth Sherwood
administration

Nolan Staples
worship ministries

Support Staff

Denise Lyman
bookkeeper/receptionist

Sherry Macy
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Arnie Mitchell
buildings manager

Dan Ritter
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all publications items
to Sherry Macy.

What's Ahead

SUNDAY

9am | worship gathering
9am | Exploring Friends | Barclay C | Come explore what Friends (Quakers) believe and our historic roots.
9am | Sunday school for children and adults — for classroom information, find "Educational Opportunities" at each entrance, each "Info Center," at the welcome center, or ask a greeter to help you.
10-10:45am • Community Time | on the lawn, weather permitting
• blood pressure checks | Room 234
10:15-10:45am | library staffed
10:45am | worship gathering
10:45am | Sunday school for adults – Agape class
6pm | congregational business meeting | 6pm | NFC sanctuary

Monday, June 15

Intercessory prayer | 9am | Barclay C
Strong For Life | 10:30am | Barclay B

Wednesday, June 17

Strong For Life | 10:30am | Barclay B

Friday, June 19

Strong For Life | 10:30am | Barclay B

Saturday, June 20

Men's prayer meeting | 8am | Friendsview Creekside, 2nd floor, TV room

Sunday, June 21

Read ahead: John 8:1-11

Plan Ahead

June 22 | VBS orientation | 7pm | social hall | please attend this or June 24
June 24 | VBS orientation | 7pm | social hall | please attend this or June 22
June 25 | VBS registration team orientation | 7pm | Barclay C
June 29-July 2 | vacation Bible school
July 3 | NFC office closed for July Fourth holiday
July 5 | summer Sunday school begins
July 6 | JOY breakfast | 8am | J's Restaurant | for seniors 55 and older
July 12 | Outdoor Worship
July 12 | Taize gathering | 6pm

NFC's Calendar on the Web!

To the members of NFC:

Thank you for supporting the ministries and outreach of Newberg Friends Church. Because of your faithfulness and sensitivity to our mission, the proposed budget for the 2015-2016 fiscal year maintains and builds upon our core ministries. Following are some highlights for the current fiscal year that will end June 30, 2015:

Income highlights –

- The NFC stewards challenged our congregation to give regularly and faithfully in light of a projected shortfall of \$60,000 for our upcoming 2015-2016 fiscal year. The congregation responded warmly and generously to those messages. \$588,448 in general fund contributions were received as of the end of April 2015. This projects out to \$691,448 by fiscal year-end, which – if realized – would mean a 4.8% increase (\$31,448) in giving above what was expected, and a 6.8% increase (\$44,524) in actual giving as compared to last fiscal year (2013-2014).
- In addition to general fund giving, the congregation gave more than \$110,000 in designated gifts to NFC, including several large one-time gifts above \$10,000 that were set aside for special projects or future use.

Expense highlights –

- We have continued our pledge to support the ministries of Northwest Yearly Meeting by giving 15% of our general fund gifts. We expect these contributions to total almost \$100,000 by year end.
- From our designated funds, more than \$60,000 has been contributed toward global, local, and other specific projects that primarily minister to those outside of NFC. The general fund budget has continued to include amounts that support Love INC, Faith In Action, FISH, and Iglesia de los Amigos.
- The NFC staff has spent conservatively. Our projected year-end general expenses are \$40,000 less than projected year-end general income, and have built up our cash reserves.
- We continue to be debt-free. Through our operating budget and maintenance reserve accounts we were adequately prepared for property maintenance expenses that developed this year, including sidewalk and sewer repairs. The next anticipated expenses are in bell tower repairs: replacement of roof shingles (July) and repair of brick façade (TBD).
- Funding of the new lift was largely from new designated gifts and the use of memorial funds. Only about \$7,500 of fundraising for that project remains.

The 2015-2016 budget proposal was developed through the joint efforts of stewards, elders and staff. The foundation of the income side of the budget is a 2% projected increase (\$13,552) in giving to the general fund as compared to the current fiscal year, for a projected giving of \$705,000. This is both a conservative projection and also a challenge to the congregation to continue and improve upon the positive giving trend that was established this year. While we are excited to propose this balanced budget, it is also important to note that the stewards chose to use \$20,000 of a one-time gift to balance the budget, similar to the one-time gift the stewards and elders relied upon a year ago to present a balanced budget for our current fiscal year.

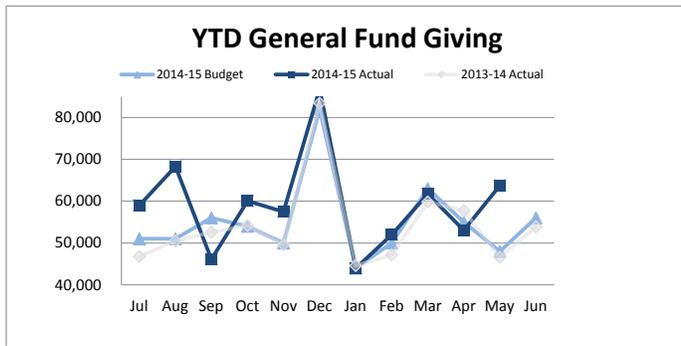
The proposed expenses represent a 5.3% increase (\$39,150) as compared to the 2014-2015 budget. Budget increases reflect an ongoing commitment to local and global partners along with the addition of a much needed youth intern to help support our growing youth program.

Thank you for your continued support.

— Dave Hampton, NFC treasurer

— Richard Brown, clerk of NFC stewards

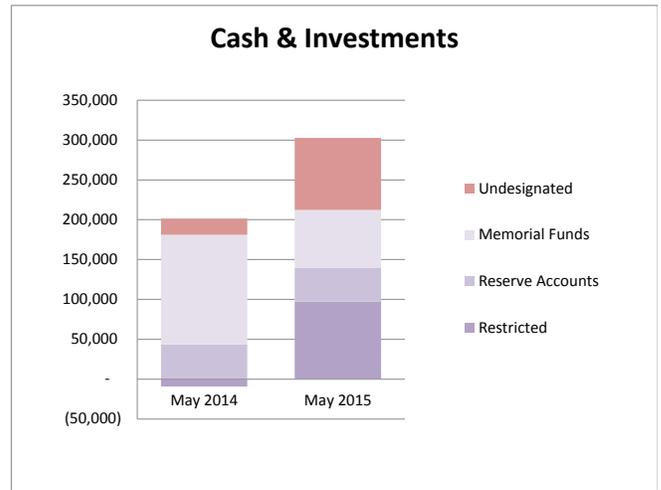
Financial Recap for May 2015



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	Beginning	Income	Expense	Balance
Global Outreach	12,018	32,198	43,369	847
Outside Ministries	5,043	11,002	11,077	4,968
Compassionate Care	7,800	5,701	4,176	9,325
NFC Ministries	8,144	6,319	4,941	9,522
Scholarships	5,349	2,959	820	7,488
Facilities	(66,561)	5,885	(58,064)	(2,612)
Other Funds	15,208	55,860	3,535	67,533
Memorial Funds	137,335	25,717	90,086	72,966
Totals	124,336	145,641	99,940	170,037

	Actual	Budget	Ahead/ (Behind)
Income	723,870	671,575	52,295
Expense	(669,256)	(671,550)	2,294
Net	54,614	25	54,589



A complete financial report can be found on the bulletin board in the library.

Remember JUNE 22!

(Tilikum and VBS registrations are both due by June 22.)

- **Tilikum registrations** can be found at the welcome center or the info tower by the nursery or in the NFC office. [Michelle](#) is also able to email the info directly to you. We will need approximately five volunteers age 16 or older to be a counselor at Tilikum, spending time with our kids at camp for the week, July 20-24. Please contact [Michelle](#) if you would like to volunteer.
- **VBS registration** is online this year: [Click Here!](#) Hard copies of the form are available at the welcome center if needed. Please pass this link on to friends and neighbors who might want to attend VBS.
- **VBS volunteer registrations** are also online. [ALL volunteers must register](#), even if you've let [Michelle](#) know you want to help. We need lots of Safari Guides (youth age 11 and older and adults) to lead children to the different stations of VBS, and we'll need a crew of nursery workers for the babies and toddlers of our volunteers. Safari decorations and sign makers are also needed! Please contact [Michelle Akins](#) directly if you are able to create a VBS banner for our sanctuary.

...and remember JUNE 22!



First Lady Lou
(The Story of Lou Hoover)

A One-Woman Play in Two Acts
By Rebecca Christian

A live theater production featuring Jane Fellows.

Friday, June 19 • 7:30 pm

Wood-Mar Auditorium

George Fox University • 414 N. Meridian • Newberg, Oregon

\$15 General Admission • \$10 Seniors/GFU Community • \$5 Students

"Talk Back" session to follow, with Jane Fellows and Leslie Hoover-Lauble (great granddaughter of Herbert and Lou Hoover); moderated by Rachel Thomas, GFU Archivist.



Sponsored by the Friends Association for Higher Education, meeting at George Fox University, June 18-21:
<http://quakerfahe.com/>



Specific Ministry Needs

Diaper Ministry - Joyful Servant
Size 3 & 6 diapers, wipes

Clothes Closet - 7th Day Adventist

Men's dress shirts, men's jeans or Levi's

Newberg Community Shelter
Summer shelter hosts, double boiler, chef knives, cutting boards, zester & peeler

Kitchen Set Up- 2nd Street
Pots and pans, casserole dishes, mixing bowls, utensils, storage containers

Kid's Clothes Closet - Church of Christ
Toddler clothing, especially sizes 3-5. Jeans and pants in good condition for all ages except infant

YEARLY MEETING 2015

Join us for a family reunion of Friends from around the Northwest!

All ages will gather Sunday, July 19, through Thursday, July 23, on the George Fox University campus in Newberg, OR. Whether you come for just a banquet, evening service, the closing celebration, or the whole week, plan now to make Friends and Yearly Meeting 2015 part of your summer activities!

View details and register online at www.nwfriends.org/ym-sessions

Sunday Evening, July 19

- Banquets for grade school-age and up
- Friends Men and Women Banquets
- Keynote address from Becky Ankeny, superintendent, 7 p.m.

Monday-Thursday, July 20-23

- Meetings for worship and business
- Challenging workshops
- Youth gathering to discern, worship, and celebrate at the beach
- Greenleaf Friends Academy Reception
- Ken Redford will be our speaker, he has served in pastoral ministry with Meridian Friends Church for 21 years

CLOSING CELEBRATION – Thursday, July 23, 5 p.m.

The week will conclude with a banquet on Thursday night, featuring a celebration of the work done by local churches making an impact in their community, and the recording of new ministers. Join us for this fun event!

See the brochure at your church display table for schedule and workshop descriptions.
Get full information, pricing, and registration online at www.nwfriends.org/ym-sessions.

REGISTER ONLINE
www.nwfriends.org/ym-sessions

Need Sheet

Needed:

- I'm looking for someone who may have a spare room, couch, etc., that I could live in for the rest of the summer. I am a student at George Fox and will be returning to on-campus living in the fall. Move in ASAP, leave the end of August. Newberg or surrounding areas. I can provide \$100-150 for rent or childcare, housework, or any other chore in exchange for your kindness. I would really appreciate anything you could do for me. Please call or text me at 907-304-1832.
- Tilikum is recruiting for two new year-round staff positions—marketing director and development director. [Click here](#) to read the position announcement.
- Wanted to borrow for WorldVenture's Family Missions Camps - director's-style chair, small megaphone, sombrero, an old-fashioned ink well or replica, 3-5 glass spice bottles with stopper lids, and an old-looking hand-held candle lantern. Also need a few empty cereal and cracker boxes. Contact Linda B at 503-550-2536 or wvcamps@worldventure.net.
- Two-bedroom rental, max budget \$995 per month (including water, sewer, garbage). Contact Jamie Boros at jayann_24@hotmail.com.

Available:

- Chehalem Youth and Family Services (CYFS) is accepting applications for full- and part-time employment with \$100 hiring bonus for several positions. Join a team of caring, talented employees that go to great lengths to give their best for these kids! To see some of the things that CYFS does in Newberg for youth [watch this video](#). For more information, [please visit our website](#) for specific employment opportunities.
- Free upright piano. You haul. Contact Elizabeth at elizabeth@newbergfriends.org.

For Sale:

- Three large pieces of furniture for sale (downsizing). Can send photos if interested in any of the three. You need to make arrangements to move the furniture. 1) Solid oak china cabinet, 56 & ½" wide by 18 & ¼" deep; 78 ¾" high. Comes in two sections, glass top exposes china. Light in middle-top. Bottom section has space for storage. \$225 or best offer. 2) Mission-style display cabinet, solid oak. Comes in two sections that sit side-by-side, each section is lighted. Each section 20" wide by 18 & ¾" deep. 71 ¼" high. \$200 or best offer. 3) Mission-style solid-oak computer cabinet. 43" wide; 23 ½" deep; 66" high. Very solid; heavy piece of furniture. Has bottom shelf for printer, file drawer on bottom right. Several shelves; small compartments at top for storage. Inside of 2 large doors that close the cabinet—one has cork board; the other, white marker board. \$250 or best offer. Please contact Ron and Nancy Woodward at rontoo227@gmail.com or call 971-218-5280. Prices are negotiable.
- 9-ft heavy duty pontoon boat "outcast," like new, used twice, stored inside. Paid \$699, will sell for \$450. Call Marvin Hampton at 503-538-3578.

To place a one-time free ad— • e-mail: sherry@newbergfriends.org

• mail: NFC, P.O. Box 487, attn. Sherry

• bring a written ad to the NFC office at 600 E. 3rd Street

deadline: June 24 • no phone-in ads; please resubmit repeated ads

online at newbergfriends.org/resources/need-sheet/