

9 Oct 2021, Hillsboro, NH

Dear Friends,

Some of you may have not received the news that I expect to travel back to Kenya this coming week on 12th October, arriving in Nairobi on the 13th.

This time there are 5 major focuses to the ministry:

- 1. Planning for a possible dispensary in Busoga region of Uganda**
Helping Uganda Yearly Meeting develop their plan for a possible dispensary that will use the skills of Stella Awino, the nurse that Quakers have helped train the last two years.
- 2. Africa Quaker Archives**
Work with the Quaker Religious Education Collaborative-Africa (QREC-A) collecting more oral histories of early Quakers in Kenya and to help each other to help collect materials for the new archives using the method they developed.
- 3. Organize a training for Tanzanian women to make sanitary pads**
Take some samples from North Carolina USFW and arrange for Nairobi women to teach Tanzanian USFW how to make their own pads, which will help girls stay in school and live into their full potential.
- 4. Organize a conference with Kenyan women pastors**
Create a venue for women pastors within the United Society of Friends Women (USFWK) network, to explore financial self-sustainability through finding additional modes of income.
- 5. Host online conference connecting Kenyan and Latin American Quaker women pastors**
Respond to a request from Bolivian Quaker women to learn from Kenyan women about organizing themselves in often male-dominated churches and yearly meetings. This will be done via Zoom, hosted by FWCC, Section of the Americas. on 30th October.

I also have responded to a special request from Friends Theological College and will be taking a large bag full of graduation gowns for their ceremonies on 29th of October. Thanks to those of you who have donated the 50 gowns.

Do hold me in prayer and if you missed the financial appeal letter sent out by my support committee, you can send donations to:

Weare Monthly Meeting
c/o Ann Ludders Treasurer
388 Western Ave, D-1
Henniker, NH 03242

In gratitude,
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