

Shotts Memorial and Leadership Development Funds Committee Annual Report 2019-2020

The Mary and Claude Shotts/Leadership Development Funds Committee oversees two funds to support the leadings of Friends, both members and attenders, to enrich and deepen their capacity for leadership within the Meeting, the local community, and the Religious Society of Friends. The Mary and Claude Shotts Memorial Fund, established in 1973 from funds donated by members of the Shotts family, provides financial support to enrich and develop the lives of individuals with a relationship to the Chapel Hill Friends Meeting. Grants from this fund are distributed from the interest earned on principal.

The Leadership Development Fund, established in 1982, provides grants to benefit the spiritual life of the Meeting through the enhancement of leadership capabilities in individuals. Grants from this fund are distributed from money carried over from prior years and from annual allocations approved by the monthly meeting.

Friends Fiduciary manages the investments for the Shotts Memorial Fund, and the current principal balance is \$36,791.45. From this fund, we received \$1,337 in interest income for the 2019-20 fiscal year. We dispersed \$615.00 for three grants. Our fund balance in our BB&T account at the end of the fiscal year 2019-20 was \$2,239.40, carried forward to FY2020-21.

This past year we have supported three friends through the Shotts Memorial/Leadership Development Funds. Chris Stanley attended a clerking workshop at Pendle Hill, Claire Bates purchased art supplies for use as part of her "climate health" concert events, and Jan Hutton participated in online training for developing a set of skills and strategies that support positive dialogue, relationships, and understanding between groups or individuals. Our usual offers to support Meeting participants in attendance at the Annual Meeting of Piedmont Friends Yearly Meeting and at the Friends General Conference Gathering and a proposed trip to Bolivia have fallen victim to the COVID pandemic. Many organizations that now offer virtual events have generously asked participants to "pay what you are able."

The Mary and Claude Shotts/Leadership Development Funds Committee encourages all Friends to continue to look for opportunities to expand their spiritual and leadership development skills. Current travel and face-to-face interactions may be limited but this is a time when other relevant offerings are available virtually. Funding is also available to support Meeting standing committees that are considering special programming or training opportunities. The process to apply for financial support from the Shotts Memorial/Leadership Development Funds is on our committee page on the Meeting's website.

We appreciate the service and wisdom of Monteze Snyder who completed her term in June 2019 and welcome Jan Hutton who is returning to her service as a new member of the Shotts Memorial/Leadership Development Funds Committee.

The current members of the Committee are Catherine Alguire, Asta Crowe (co-clerk), Lynn Drake (co-clerk), Ken Grogan, Jan Hutton, Susan Inglis, and Roberto Quercia.