

Shotts Memorial and Leadership Development Funds Committee
Annual Report
2020-2021

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 provides financial support to enrich and develop the lives of individuals with a relationship to the Chapel Hill Friends Meeting. The Leadership Development Fund provides grants to benefit the spiritual life of the Meeting through the enhancement of leadership capabilities in individuals.

Friends Fiduciary manages the investments for the Shotts Memorial Fund, and the current principal balance is \$43,888.03. From this fund, we received \$1,375.38 in interest income for the 2020-2021 fiscal year (\$681.20 paid in December, 2020, and \$694.18 paid in June, 2021). Grants from the Leadership Development Fund are given from money carried over from prior years and from annual allocations approved by the Meeting for Worship with attention to business. Both of these funds are in a single account at BB&T. This fiscal year (2020-2021) we dispersed \$597.00 for grants to 8 individuals. Our fund balance in our BB&T account at the end of the fiscal year 2020-2021 was \$3264.96, carried forward to FY2021-22.

Like other committees reporting this year, we have felt the effects of the pandemic. Most notably is in the requests for assistance to participate in the annual FGC Gathering. Since most in-person events were available only as Zoom presentations, the Committee was pleased to offer support to members of our community for participation in a Zoom workshop offered by the North Carolina Botanical Garden on the resilient landscape with consideration of native plant options, and several workshops that focused on effects of the pandemic on Quaker Meetings: what we have learned: Spirit and Community, and steps in preparing to return to in person or blended worship. We also supported on-going research of another member of our faith community in the purchase of some needed books.

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. 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.

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.