

## Friends United Meeting Report

The General Board of Friends United Meeting convened in Belize City, in Central America, March 2-9, 2019. General Board representatives from Jamaica were able to attend. Unfortunately, the representatives from Cuba were stymied by politics and unable to attend. General Board members listened to the hopes and plans of the Belize School Board and witnessed their dedication to teens who need a second-chance school. We also admired their willingness to be straightforward about their challenges. The General Board dedicated the multi-purpose room to our Friend, Dale Graves. Dale had the vision and the drive to lift Belize Friends School up from meeting in a crowded house to a space with great possibilities that include a community center and a Friends' church. He and Sylvia have visited BYM and we, who have known him, mourn his recent and sudden passing.

The best way to find out about the scope of this international Quaker organization is to attend the next Triennial in Kisumu, Kenya, from July 12-18, 2020. The best way to prepare for the Triennial is to check out the new website at [www.friendsunitedmeeting.org](http://www.friendsunitedmeeting.org). Under the Program tab is information about the Triennial. Under the Resources tab are links to the online Bookstore and the FUM News Blog. You will also get pop-up link to subscribe to the weekly FUM newsletter.

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