

The Mary and Claude Shotts/Leadership Development Funds Committee - Annual Report 2023

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. It should be noted that these funds are available to standing committees in the Meeting to support honoraria awarded to outside speakers who may be here for special events and programs open to the Meeting community.

Friends Fiduciary manages the investments for the Shotts Memorial Fund, and the current principal balance is \$37,907.32 which is slightly higher than last year's figure. Grants from the Leadership Development Fund are given from money carried over from prior years and, if requested, from annual allocations approved by the Meeting for Worship with attention to business. Both of these funds are in a single account at Truist, previously known as BB&T. For the fiscal year covered by this report (2022-2023), we dispersed \$2175 in toto. These grants included support for three Friends to attend Pendle Hill workshops or ongoing programming. Two grants were also given for attendance at separate racial justice workshops.

We encourage Friends to stay alert to opportunities, including those with fees charged, that may be of interest to you. Financial support is NOT need-based but is the Meeting's opportunity to support the spiritual and leadership development of our Meeting family.

Profuse thanks are offered to Asta Crowe and Lynn Drake for their caring stewardship, as co-clerks, of this committee during the height of the pandemic. And thanks also to Catherine Alguire for her many years of service to the committee.

Jan Hutton, Clerk, on behalf of members Asta Crowe, Lynn Drake, Ken Grogan, Susan Inglis, and Roberto Quercia.