

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Applicant is a US based non-profit organization

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Affirmation: Neither the individual applicant nor entity is classified as a terrorist organization or is on a sanctioned list.

Describing our organization and my role

Africa Quaker Archives,(AQA) started in January, 2019 through a dynamic partnership between the Quaker Religious Education Collaborative (QREC) and Friends Theological College (FTC) in Kaimosi, Kenya. QREC conducts oral interviews of African role models that are transcribed for AQA. FTC collects and houses the written record of African Quaker history including the transcribed interviews. Linet Mmbone serves as Librarian and now Archivist for FTC. Marian Baker is a member of New England YM, secretary for the Africa Quaker Archives Committee. She conducts some of the oral interviews of QREC, due to her over 50 years working with East Africa Friends.

PROJECT INFORMATION

Name of Project- Internship of Linet Mmbone , AQA librarian at Swarthmore

Project Budget (see attached that totals \$2470). Amount requested is \$2000.

Project Start Date. August 23, 2023 to September 12, 2023

PROJECT SUMMARY

One lesser known part of Quaker history and of interest to all is the History of Friends in Africa, especially when written by Africans. (Most Quakers in the world are located in Kenya.)

The leading for the Africa Quaker Archives arose among African Quakers who yearned to know their history as Friends, and to document stories of faith and witness in a form that can be passed on to future generations. Quaker Religious Education Collaborative (QREC and FTC partnered to start the Africa Quaker Archives (AQA)in Kaimosi, Kenya, in 2019.

In January 2020, Mary Crauderueff from Haverford Quaker Collection came to volunteer at Friends Theological College (FTC) in Kaimosi for a month, to assist their two librarians in setting up the new African Quaker Archives. The assistant librarian, Linet Mmbone showed the most interest in working on this project. While Mary was in Kenya, we discovered Jane Matasio, a Quaker from Nairobi who'd written her Master's Thesis on How Friends in Kenya could create their archives. Since then, Jane gives skilled advice to the Africa Quaker Archives Committee, and helps teach Friends in Kenya how to keep accurate records and collect the materials most valuable for archives.

In 2021 during Covid, we were grateful to Friends Historical Association for their financial assistance to us for creating the architectural plan to build a major extension to FTC's library to house the new Africa Quaker Archives (AQA) in at FTC in Kaimosi, Kenya.

AQA's mission is to collect and make accessible archival manuscript, printed, visual, and oral histories related to the church work and lives of African Quakers, (including women and Youth leaders).

AQA's vision is to be a center of academic excellence with a focus on the African Quaker voice and story.

AQA's Goals are to:

- a) Provide support for churches to understand policy and procedure of records management and to provide safe keeping of important historical documents.
- b) Provide access to these materials for church members and scholars from around the world.
(including FTC that hopes to develop master level programs soon)
- c) Publicize the holdings of archives, seek to support publishing of scholarship using the archives.
(Linnet is in the process of setting up an AQA What's ap group to keep active interested persons informed about AQA progress.)
- d) Safely store written transcriptions of oral interviews of important Quakers conducted by QREC Sunday School teachers

When Friends Historical Library of Swarthmore College offered AQA to invite Linnet Mmbone to spend a week to 10 days as an intern, AQA and QREC Steering Committees agreed to try to send Linnet to Swarthmore. We also want to have her visit Haverford College Quaker Library, and Earlham College Friends Collection for shorter visits to gain broader understanding of how to manage the Africa Quaker Archives. We are gathering some donations from individuals to enable this to happen, but we respectfully request assistance from Friends Historical Association towards the travel involved.

Budget for Linet Internship in
USA

<u>Category</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Source</u>
Travel	Kaimosi-Nairobi RT	\$ 30.00	Kenyans
	Visa to enter USA	\$ 300.00	Kenyans
	Flight-Nairobi-Boston RT	\$ 1,500.00	FHA Grant
	Amtrak Boston-Phila.RT	\$ 130.00	New England Friends
	Flight- Phila-Dayton RT	\$ 500.00	FHA Grant
Lodging	Visit Quaker homes		Local Quakers
Food	For journeys	\$ 60.00	New England Friends
Misc.		<u>\$ 50.00</u>	Other Donating Friends
	TOTAL	\$ 2,470.00	

We expect to contact individual Friends or meetings who want Linet to visit them who could offer housing and meals for this visiting Quaker and have had several offers already.

The total Amount requested is \$2000.