

PMC Benevolences for May 2021



American Friends Service Committee (AFSC)

The American Friends Service Committee's (AFSC) goal is to promote lasting peace and justice as a practical expression of Faith in Action. As people of faith, the Quakers see God in every person.

Presently, AFSC's key issues are:

1. International peacemaking--including in Israel/Palestine
2. Creating strength in inclusive communities--including joy in diversity
3. Complex immigration issues--related humanitarian issues
4. Incarceration issues--through direct work with people, advocacy at the state and federal level, and support for those returning to the community after incarceration
5. Economic issues
6. Justice in Palestine and Israel

AFSC uses advocacy, lobbying efforts, outreach to community members, public campaigns, education and outreach programs, and several other methods to meet their goals.

AFSC is a good choice for those of you who wish to offer financial support to help promote peace, reconciliation, and social justice.

(Offering envelopes are available in HUB)

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Remember Niger Coalition

The Remember Niger Coalition was established as a nonprofit organization in 2009 by a group of people who heard and responded to God's call to help establish more Christian schools in Niger. Their mission is to unify people and mobilize resources to expand high-quality education opportunities; and, in so doing, answer God's call to help 'the least of these.' Kara Vanderkamp, Executive Director, recently returned from a 3-month trip to Niger and sent the following report:

I want to thank PMC for their support of Remember Niger Coalition. The trip to Niger was a very exciting and encouraging time of visiting schools and partners and catching up with students and teachers. We implemented a new health and wellness pilot program. In several cases, our team was able to provide treatment and relief to the children. Planning meetings took place for a special project for 2021: the building of Kollo Girls School. They will partner with Hosanna Institute of Sahel to build 3 classrooms for preschool and kindergarten. Eventually, the school will provide Christian education to girls in preschool through high school by adding consecutive grades each year. Please pray for health and safety for the students and teachers in Niger. Pray also for God's continued guidance for plans and projects for 2021.

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