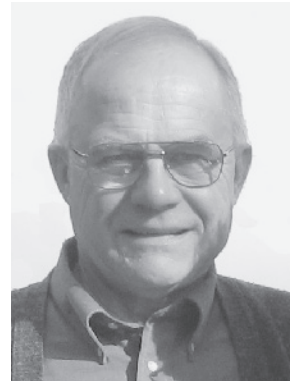




Dear Friends,

The staff members of Friends United Meeting and Friends Theological College (FTC) are very pleased to introduce you to **Lon Fendall who will be serving FTC as academic consultant** in the coming years. Lon retired in January from his teaching role at George Fox University in Newberg, Oregon, where he was also director of Global Studies and the Peace and Justice Center. Lon has made frequent trips to East Africa (Congo, Rwanda and Burundi) to facilitate leadership training to promote peace. You may know him from his years at Wilmington College, his work on the peace curriculum for Kenyan high schools or from his most recent book, co-authored with Bruce Bishop and Jan Wood, *Practicing Discernment Together*.



A little over a year ago, on one of Lon's trips to East Africa, he made a visit to Friends Theological College. I had asked him to stop there, if he had the chance, to get acquainted with FTC so that maybe he could help us find a principal among his many acquaintances in the academic world of Friends. The most amazing thing happened on that visit! Lon said as he sat on a bench visiting with students he felt strongly that God was calling him there to serve. So began the process of discerning the suitability of that match. We were well on our way to making a long-term appointment when his daughter unexpectedly passed away, leaving three school-age children for Lon and his wife Raelene to care for. Now that they have taken on the role of parents for those children, they are not free to move to Kenya as full-time missionaries. However, Lon has made more trips to Kenya since and has been working with Ann Riggs to plan and implement staff development activities and curriculum improvements. The resulting feedback assures us that Lon will be highly respected and appreciated by staff and students in this role.

After returning from a day of field work with some FTC students, Lon wrote recently: *"A highlight of my time here was going with an FTC mission team for their ministry at Shivagala Youth Quarterly Meeting. This was a great chance to see the results of FTC work in the excellent preaching, teaching, worship leading and counseling these men and women were able to do. As I said to them on the way back, there's no substitute for riding knee to knee with five others in the back of the FUM truck, bouncing along, eating chunks of sugar cane, laughing and talking."*

Our plan for Lon's future involvement includes as many as four trips per year so Lon can continue sharing his expertise and ministry at FTC. We invite your participation and support of Lon's work with your prayers and your donation to help with his traveling and living expenses while he is in Kenya. Our annual budget will be \$12,000. Please make your check payable to Friends United Meeting and write Lon Fendall's name on the memo line; **100 percent of your donation will be placed in his ministry fund. The students and staff of FTC will be very grateful for your support!**

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