

Pacific Yearly Meeting
Statistical Clerk

Statistical Report on Membership – As of May 31, 2005

This report summarizes the membership in the Religious Society of Friends within the constituent monthly meetings of Pacific Yearly Meeting at the close of the statistical year that ended May 31, 2005.

We continue with 37 constituent meetings. Twenty-two (22) meetings are in College Park Quarterly Meeting, 11 meetings are Southern California Quarterly Meeting, and four meetings are independent of the quarterly meetings. We have two (2) preparative meetings: Central Coast Preparative Meeting and Live Oak Preparative Meeting both under the care of Santa Cruz Meeting. There are twelve worship groups. They were reported as: Conejo Valley and Whitleaf both under the care of Orange Grove Meeting; Hemet and Las Vagas both under the card of Inland Valley Meeting; Ojai under the care of Santa Barbara Meeting; Friends House (Santa Rosa) under the care of Redwood Forest Meeting; Southern Humboldt under the care of Humboldt Meeting; Maui, Kauai, and Molokai all under the care of Honolulu Meeting; and Lake County and Ukiah (northern California) without being under the care of a meeting.

The following table summarizes the changes the membership over the past six years.

	1999-2000	2000-2001	2001-2002	2002-2003	2003-2004	2004-2005
Beginning of Statistical Year	1,479	1,472	1,480	1,516	1,521	1,534
Increases						
Youth to Adult	-	2	-	2	-	1
Transferred In	24	28	20	32	17	18
Convincement	35	49	64	35	54	47
Decreases						
Died	(23)	(22)	(17)	(26)	(29)	(34)
Transferred Out	(21)	(25)	(16)	(18)	(15)	(14)
Released or Withdrew	(22)	(25)	(15)	(20)	(14)	(22)
Corrections/Adjustments	-	1	-	-	-	(3)
Ending of Statistical Year	1,472	1,480	1,516	1,521	1,534	1,527
Net Gain (Loss)	(7)	8	36	5	13	(7)
Percent Gain (Loss)	-0.47%	0.54%	2.43%	0.33%	0.85%	-0.46%
Six-year Change						3.25%
Annual Rate of Change						0.53%

Overall, we decreased our membership by 7 members (bringing our total to 1,527 members (from 1,534 members). (See the attached Summary of Meeting Responses.) The three meetings with the largest membership are Santa Cruz, Berkeley, and Strawberry Creek (107, 106, and 99 members, respectively). The three meetings with the smallest membership are Pacific Ackworth, Guatemala, and Napa-Sonoma (4, 5, and 6 members, respectively). The three meetings with the greatest percentage increase in membership are Sacramento, San Jose, and Los Angeles (21%, 12%, and 10%, respectively).

Reno and San Francisco released the greatest number of members accounting for half of the released members.

Over the past six years, we experienced the greatest number of deaths this year (34 deaths) with the second greatest number occurring the previous year (29 deaths).

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