Youth Program Coordinator Epistle II

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Dear Friends of Pacific Yearly Meeting,

Greetings from wet (and snowy) Sierra Friends Center in Nevada City! It has been three months since I last wrote to fill you in on the happenings of PYM youth programs and it’s time for another update on what I have been doing and my upcoming plans. I have now been with this job long enough that it is really sinking in how large PYM is – in terms of miles and in terms of a vast array of interests and needs— and how hard it is to connect personally with as many as I wish I could. I am reminded again and again that this journey we are on is a process.

One of the great joys of my ministry is visiting Friends in their homes and local Meetings; we get to know one another better, and amazing, creative things happen. In the coming months, I will be visiting at least seven Meetings, as well as attending Spring Quarterly gatherings and the Sacramento Valley/Northern Sierra cluster meeting. Most of my weekends are already scheduled through May, but I am still available to plan visits with Meetings that are open to a mid-week gathering. My goal is to visit most of the 43 Monthly Meetings and Worship Groups...
in California and Nevada by the end of the calendar year. The order of visits depends on many factors, including who reaches out to me with specific requests. So if you or your Meeting/Worship Group is interested in a visit soon or has a special event, please contact me asap!

At the same time, I have been working diligently with the Youth Program Supervisory Committee and PYM Treasurer to add structure to this often nebulous job. We have finalized a concrete list of goals and objectives for my work, which I would love to share and discuss with you (you can find that document attached to the report to RepCom). We have made great strides in creating a transparent and usable budgeting system. I am always working toward creating a better communication system, utilizing email, Facebook and soon the PYM website. If you haven’t been getting emails from me and want to, let me know and I’ll add you to my list!

Finally, I’m working with teens to organize a gathering over Memorial Day weekend. Unfortunately, the plan to bring College Park teens to the SCQM Joshua Tree campout in January fell through because both the other adult leader and I were very sick, and we were unable to find replacement FAPs on short notice. Teens and adults who would like to help with our next gathering: Call me! Text me! Facebook me! Email me! Walk up and talk to me! ☺️

Thanks so much for your participation in this good work. I am loving the journey and excited to see what is in store for us.

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Upcoming visits and events:
- RepCom (3/5)
- Palo Alto (3/6)
- FAP Workshop at San Francisco MM (3/19)
- Strawberry Creek (3/20)
- Davis (3/27)
- Sacramento Valley Cluster (4/1-3)
- Napa/Sonoma (4/10)
- Tentative FAP Workshop at Orange Grove MM (4/16)
- Claremont (4/17)
- Orange Grove (4/24)
- SCQM Young Friends Retreat (4/28-29)
- SCQM Spring Quarter (4/30)
- CPQM Spring Quarter (5/13-15)
- Reno (5/22)