

# Electronic Survey of Friends (<http://pacificyearlymeeting.org>)

## 1. Your Information

The purpose of this survey is to see how monthly meetings, worship groups, committees, and officers in Pacific Yearly Meeting are actually using new electronic media as a preliminary investigation by the Electronic Subcommittee of PYM's Ministry and Oversight Committee, and also to gauge Friend's usage and concerns about new media. Many Friends have questioned the use by Meetings of these new ways to communicate. As a first step, we'd like to see how these things are currently being used by Friends, Attenders, Committees and Meetings before we make recommendations, with input from Ministry and Oversight, about how (or even if) they can be used in keeping with Friend's practices and testimonies.

If you know of a Friend who doesn't have internet access, please tell them that Meetings will receive copies of this in printed form for them to fill out and return. If you or someone you know would prefer to fill out a printed copy of this survey, please contact [friendsurvey@ix.netcom.com](mailto:friendsurvey@ix.netcom.com). A printed copy of this survey will be mailed to you and instructions for returning it will be included. Also a printed copy of this survey will be sent to each Meeting and Meetings are encouraged to distribute copies and include the instructions for their return.

### 1. What is your gender?

Female

Male

### 2. What is your age?

16 and below

17 to 21

22 to 30

31 to 45

46 to 64

65 and above

### 3. Are you currently a member or attender of a Monthly Meeting or Worship Group?

Member

Attender

What is your Meeting or Worship Group?

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## 2. How do you or your Meeting use the new media?

On this page you'll be asked to respond both personally and also if you've used these new media for your meeting. Please don't answer for the clerk unless you are the clerk! On the other hand, if you personally have used these things for your meeting, please tell us about it when you answer the following questions.

**4. Have you ever personally or for your Meeting participated in chat rooms, online forums, listservers, building or maintaining a website or other community sites such as MySpace or Friendster? Check all that apply! If you or your Meeting have not used a particular service below, then leave that row blank.**

	For me Personally	For my Meeting	As a PYM Representative	As a Monthly Meeting Committee Clerk	As a Monthly Meeting Clerk	As a Quarterly Meeting Clerk	For Monthly Meeting Committee	For Quarterly Meeting Committee	For PYM Clerk or Officer	For PYM Committee
Google Aps Docs	€	€	€	€	€	€	€	€	€	€
Google Aps Calendar	€	€	€	€	€	€	€	€	€	€
Doodle	€	€	€	€	€	€	€	€	€	€
Chat Room	€	€	€	€	€	€	€	€	€	€
Quaker Listserver	€	€	€	€	€	€	€	€	€	€
Non-quaker Listserver	€	€	€	€	€	€	€	€	€	€
QuakerFinder.org	€	€	€	€	€	€	€	€	€	€
Online Forum	€	€	€	€	€	€	€	€	€	€
Email	€	€	€	€	€	€	€	€	€	€
My Space	€	€	€	€	€	€	€	€	€	€
Friendster	€	€	€	€	€	€	€	€	€	€
Facebook	€	€	€	€	€	€	€	€	€	€
LinkedIn	€	€	€	€	€	€	€	€	€	€
Twitter	€	€	€	€	€	€	€	€	€	€
Maintaining a website	€	€	€	€	€	€	€	€	€	€

## 5. What do you think are the reasons that lead many Friends or Meetings to use these services? (Please choose all that apply)

- It's easier than phoning or writing
- It's a quick way to send out or get information from the Meeting
- To gather information
- To inform others about me or the Meeting
- To keep up relationships with distant Friends
- Because of their popularity
- Because this is the wave of the future
- To keep up with my children or Meeting's children or Young Adults
- Other (please specify)

## 6. If your Meeting uses any of the services in question 4, how long has it used them?

- We don't use them
- Less than a year
- 1 to 2 years
- More than 2 years

## 7. Has your Meeting posted a website?

- Yes
- No
- Not Sure

## 8. Has your Meeting had visitors who say they've found your Meeting because they found the address on the internet?

- Yes
- No
- Not sure

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**9. Have you ever found a Meeting address or a Friend by searching for them on the internet?**

Yes

No

## 3. Concerns about the new media?

In this section of the survey we're trying to get some feedback on the major concerns Friends have about using these services. There is an opportunity at the end of the survey to give us your free response so that you can tell us about things we haven't considered!

### 10. What is your feeling about the appropriateness of Friends using the following services

	I think it could be used by Friends in good Quaker order	I think it's questionable whether it could be used in good Quaker order	I don't have any feelings one way or another about Friends use of this service	I have some concerns about using this service	I have great concerns about whether or not Friends could use this service in good order
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## 11. If you have concerns about using any of these services, what kinds of concerns are they?

- Privacy
- Not in keeping with Friends practices
- Not in keeping with our testimonies
- Not in keeping with our testimony of integrity
- Not in keeping with our discernment practices
- Too risky
- Personal Security
- Too quickly done
- Other (please specify)

## 12. Please rate the following statement:

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	N/A
The Internet is a good place and a good medium for exploring Quaker Faith	jn	jn	jn	jn	jn	jn
The Internet is a good place and a good medium for exploring new Friends practices	jn	jn	jn	jn	jn	jn
The Internet should be used by Friends	jn	jn	jn	jn	jn	jn
It's possible to use the Internet in a way that's consistent with Friends testimonies and practices	jn	jn	jn	jn	jn	jn
There is a clear difference in my Meeting between JYM, YF, and adult Friends in the use of the Internet	jn	jn	jn	jn	jn	jn

## 13. Would it be a good idea for your Meeting to hold an adult education or a threshing session on this topic to discuss the results of this survey when the results are available?

- Yes
- No
- Maybe

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**14. Anything else you'd like to share with the PYM Electronic Subcommittee that you'd like us to consider? Any concerns we haven't addressed you'd like us to address? If you'd like us to contact you, please leave your name here. Anonymous surveys are also fine!**

Return Survey to:

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