

PEACE AND SOCIAL ORDER COMMITTEE

Qualifications

Individuals with a particular interest in peace and social order issues and who are willing to participate in committee activities to help carry out the tasks described below.

The committee consists of nine members serving three-year overlapping terms, three members to be appointed annually. Ex officio on this committee are one of the PYM representatives to FCNL, and the clerks (or their designates) from Southern California and College Park Quarterly Meetings Peace and Social Order Committees. Representation from JYM and Young Friends is welcomed. The committee appoints one representative to FCL-CA who, if not already a member of P&SO, serves on it *ex officio*.

Job description.

This committee is responsible for the ongoing peace and social action work of the Yearly Meeting. It encourages and assists the Monthly and Quarterly Meetings in undertaking peace and social order activities. It seeks to balance its efforts between the peace concerns and social order concerns and to expressive activities Friends' testimonies on unity, equality, simplicity, peace and community. It brings to the Annual Sessions time the concerns, which may be in the form of Minutes for action.

Tasks

1. Coordinates activity between Friends testimonies, and coordinates activities between Monthly Meetings in the interim between the annual PYM sessions. Plan and make visits with various Monthly Meeting P&SO or their equivalents (Peace & Social Concerns, Peace & Social Action, etc.). One or two members of the PYM-P&SO committee visit with a P&SO in their area. This is done throughout the year with a schedule based on availability and convenience.
2. Appraises and makes recommendations about concerns brought to Yearly Meeting by constituent meetings. The committee meets just prior to Representative Committee (the first Saturday in March) at that location. It considers such concerns submitted to them prior to that Representative Committee meeting otherwise after that they, the committee will as promptly as possible consider such concerns in the most appropriate fashion, discuss it either by e-mail or conference call.
3. Appraises and may recommend requests for interest groups or displays at Yearly Meeting. P&SO will inform the Monthly Meeting P&SO committees that the deadlines for submitting a request for consideration for interest groups or displays at annual session is February 15. This message will be sent to the Monthly Meetings during November.
4. May provide programs during a plenary session at annual gathering. Such decision to provide a program during a plenary session will be made at the committee meeting when it meets immediately prior to Representative Committee.
5. May sponsor interest groups at annual sessions around peace and/or social order concerns and issues. This decision too is to be made that the committee leaving immediately prior to Representative Committee.
6. May prepare and present for approval at annual sessions Minutes on relevant issues, and if such minutes are approved, disseminate them to major newspapers as well as like-minded groups, as Yearly Meeting directs.

7. The P&SO committees of all Monthly Meetings are contacted annually prior to Representative Committee regarding issues of concern. At the March committee meeting, PYM-P&SO will prioritize these issues and for those selected will prepare draft minutes to be considered..

Expectations and Time Involved

In addition to the committee meeting on the Friday preceding Representative Committee other committee meetings are scheduled on an ad hoc fashion depending on circumstances and composition of the committee (where members are located). Other work is conducted via e-mail and conference call. Committee members act as liaisons to the Peace and Social Order Committees of the Monthly and Quarterly Meetings, spend time by phone, e-mail or visitations in that capacity.

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