Discipline Committee Report to PYM Representative Committee, March 1, 2014
Submitted by Carolyn Stephenson, Clerk, Discipline Committee

Discipline Committee met October 18-19, 2013 and January 31-February 1, 2014 in Los Altos, California. Present were: Liz Baker, Stratton Jaquette, Carolyn Stephenson, Jan Tappan, and DJ Bloom.

Minute on revision of Faith and Practice

With the understanding that our faith recognizes that we are brought continuing revelation, Discipline Committee agreed that our light so far leads us to conclude that it is time to ask Pacific Yearly Meeting for a revision of Faith and Practice.

The preponderance of evidence after 13 years of Discipline Committee receiving inputs, questions, and concerns, along with changes to the organization and structure within the Yearly Meeting, brings us to the conclusion that the current Faith and Practice is not adequately serving the needs of the Yearly and Monthly Meetings.

Discipline Committee asks Representative Committee to approve bringing to Pacific Yearly Meeting the recommendation to approve the following minute:

    Pacific Yearly Meeting approves beginning on the next revision of our Faith and Practice.

Interest group: “Faith and Practice as a Living Document”

Discipline Committee requests time for an interest group entitled “Faith and Practice as a Living Document.” Description: We envision discussion on what parts of Faith and Practice you use most often, that are most meaningful, valuable, to you. We will ask Friends to picture themselves 5-10 years from now: what should Faith and Practice look like and how do you see yourself or your meeting using it then?

We request that this be scheduled after the introduction of the Discipline Committee’s proposed minute, and before decision-making on this, thus allowing time for people to meet with Discipline Committee to consider the issues related to this.