

**Pacific Yearly Meeting
68th Annual Session Minutes and Reports**

PLENARY III

The Clerk open the plenary at 3:15 p.m.

Epistle:

D.J. Bloom (Appleseed) read the Epistle of the German Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends, Bonn, October 18-21, 2012. The testimony of equality was featured in the gathering, and a revised version of their Book of Discipline was approved.

Introduction of Visitors:

Shelley Tanenbaum, General Secretary of Quaker Earthcare Witness.
Paddy Coreris, Friends House, Sales and Marketing Director. An informational table about Friends House is set up near the registration table.
Jay Carmona (Strawberry Creek), Divestment Campaigner, here at the invitation of Quaker Earthcare Witness.

The Minutes from Plenary II were read and approved.

Clerk's Remarks:

The Clerk will be using the convention of "friend" when addressing those rising to speak. Friends rising to speak are asked to state their name and meeting when they do so.

Nominating Committee Report:

Elaine Emily (Strawberry Creek), Clerk, read the draft report. The final report will be attached to the minutes for Plenary IX.

Approval was requested for Stephen McNeil to serve as Recording Clerk for PYM 2014.

AS 2014-01: Pacific Yearly Meeting approves the appointment of Stephen McNeil as Recording Clerk.

State of the Society Report by M&O Committee:

David Lederman (Orange County), M&O Committee, read the "State of the Society Report". (Attachment 1)

Treasurer's Report:

Roy Allen (Berkeley), Treasurer, gave the report. Travel reimbursements applications are encouraged so that PYM knows the cost of PYM. (Attachment 3)

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Statistical Report:

Don Bean (Conejo Valley) and Lee Knutsen (Live Oak), Statistical Co-Clerks, summarized the report. Overall membership within Pacific Yearly Meeting has decreased by 25, for a total of 1,321 members, down from 1,346 last year. (Attachment 4)

A question was raised about including the children of members as well as the adult members.

Finance Committee:

Ed Flowers (Appleseed), Clerk, read the report. The final Finance Committee report will be attached to the minutes of Plenary VIII.

Ministry & Oversight requested augmentation to their annual budget of \$100, which would raise the total of their annual budget to \$5,050. Finance Committee recommended this augmentation.

AS Minute 2014-02. Pacific Yearly Meeting approves augmenting the budget of Ministry and Oversight Committee by \$100, raising the total of their annual budget to \$5,050.

The changes in the PYM budget recommended by the Finance Committee have caused some concerns. A Finance Committee meeting will be arranged to consider those concerns. A question was raised about whether this decision is best made by the Finance Committee or a larger group.

Minutes were approved with corrections.

Closing Worship at 4:30.

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Attachment 1. State of the Society Report, Pacific Yearly Meeting, Ministry and Oversight Report, July 15, 2014 State of the Society

How is Truth prospering among us?

We are nurtured by our Meetings for Worship

“Meeting for Worship continues to be the heart, the essence of why we gather as Friends. In silence and vocal ministry, we sense a deepening experience of worship. The presence of several new attenders, who express their deep gratitude for having found Quaker meeting, reminds us of how God is working through us every first day as we gather. One friend shared, “In every meeting we are learning what ministry is.” (Chico)

“Meeting for Worship is our cherished center, yet we occasionally struggle to find deep, spirit led ministry and worshipful silence versus a more casual style resembling worship sharing. We are planning more study and retreats that we pray will lead us to the Spirit, deepen our worship, and season our ministry. We recognize that we are growing and changing, both as individuals and as a community.” (Orange Grove)

“We now close the doors to Meeting for Worship during the first 15 minutes, while the Meeting centers. This more clearly defines our shared worship space, resulting in deeper silence and centering, allowing latecomers to join the Meeting with less disruption. This change has encouraged punctuality, and given those who arrive on time a full hour of devotion. Weekly attendance has increased 15- 20%. We have gently elderd some, to help them make their vocal ministry clearer. We are planning our first combined children’s and adults’ Meeting for Worship.” (Santa Monica)

Our Membership is Aging

Many meetings reported their concerns about the aging of their membership. The impact is that there are fewer Friends with the energy to serve on committees and in some cases Friends have left their meetings as they move into retirement homes. Meetings find themselves reconfiguring their committee structures to accommodate these losses. Several meetings have hosted workshops on “Aging as an Adventure” facilitated by Claire Gorfinkel. They report that these workshops were well received.

We Strive to Build and Enlarge Our Communities

Meetings report a variety of activities to deepen their sense of community and to reach out to newcomers. Examples are book groups, Quakerism 101, adult religious education, pot lucks, sharing Spiritual Journeys, ride facilitation to and from meeting activities, outreach, poetry groups, Friendly Eights, retreats of the whole and of affinity groups, movies, discussion groups, seekers' session, Bible study, and non-violent communication groups.

We Care Deeply For Our Children and Youth

Most meetings would love to increase the number of children and youth in their midst and are seek ways to bring that about. Orange County Meeting has an intergenerational meeting for worship once a month.

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San Jose and Santa Barbara report thriving children's programs. Claremont and Humboldt meetings are reaching out to students at local universities.

We Carry Our Faith into the World

We endeavor to let our lives speak by feeding the hungry, sheltering the homeless, visiting the prisoner. We offer educational support to people in our local communities and many places around the world. We are active in environmental concerns. We engage in peace work and are active in promoting equal rights.

We Continue to Support Lesbian Gay Bisexual Transgender and Queer Concerns

Davis meeting held a second hour program on transgender issues that was facilitated by two young friends.

Claremont Meeting is inspired by a Friends concern for transgender people in the Santa Ana immigration detention center. Together they viewed a film "Trans" which softened their hearts towards transgender children and led them to promote themselves as an inclusive community.

Both Santa Barbara and Delta Meetings have taken same gender marriages under their care.

Our Worship Space is Important to Us

While we recognize that our meeting is a community and not a building, at the same time the building helps us to maintain consistency and equilibrium. Several meetings reported the challenges and stresses brought on by building, remodeling, and landscaping.

We are Uncomfortable with Conflict and the Uneasiness that Arises When we Fail to Reach Unity

Although conflict itself is not new to us, many meetings are now exploring how conflict arises, how to engage with conflict, and how to listen better to one another and the Spirit as they move through the discomfort. We are unhappy that Friends have left our meetings after emotionally charged discussions.

We are Enriched by Our Process of Self-Examination

"Joy, Inspiration, Celebration. These words were central to our hearts, as Delta Friends gathered recently to review our Meeting."

Although we carry many and real concerns, it is clear that our Quaker practice continues to serve us well.

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Attachment 3. Treasurer's Report

Pacific Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends
Treasurer's Report to Annual Session - July 16, 2014

General Account Budget vs. Actual

	FY 2012-13 (ending 9/30/2013)			FY 2013-14	
	Budget	Actual	Transfer to Reserves	Budget	Actual to 7/10/2014
REVENUE					
4100 — Miscellaneous Contributions to PYM	2,000	1,399		2,000	2,239
4101 — Contributions from Member Meetings	118,482	118,268		118,477	111,802
4102 — Miscellaneous Income	0	148		0	42
4104 — Return on Invested Capital	700	1,317		1,000	974
4105 — Transfer from (to) Reserve	17,385			21,000	0
4106 — Transfer from (to) YPC Reserve	4,000	4,000		4,000	4,000
TOTAL REVENUE	142,567	125,131		146,477	119,057
Assessment per member (Calif. and Nev., Guatemala and Hawaii, Mexico City)	\$87, \$41, \$15			\$89, \$39, \$15	
EXPENSES					
GENERAL EXPENSES					
5202 — Clerk's Travel & Discretionary R2713	500	0	500	500	0
5203 — Expenses of the Officers	750	552		750	80
5204 — Website Hosting	250	0		1,500	718
5206 — Young Friends PYM Attendance Assistance	2,000	0		2,000	0
5208 — Travel-Repcom - Mar. & Ann. Sess.	9,000	9,000		11,000	6,608
5209 — Young Friends Officers' Expense	100	0		100	0
5210 — Audit Account R2723	500	0	500	500	0
5212 — Latin America Concerns Outreach R2749	250	0	250	500	0
5213 — PYM Attendance Assistance Fund (M&O)	7,000	5,548		7,000	0
5214 — Holding Corporation Expenses	5	0		20	0
5215 — Western Friend	12,000	12,000		12,000	12,000
5216 — Misc. Operating Expenses	200	140		200	0
SUBTOTAL GENERAL EXPENSES	32,555	27,239	1,250	36,070	19,406
COMMITTEE EXPENSES					
5221 — Ad Hoc Committees	50	28		50	0
5222 — Children's Program	300	180		300	152
5224 — Discipline	1,500	1,017		3,000	1,832
5225 — Finance	1,000	433		1,000	850
5227 — Junior Yearly Meeting	800	0		1,000	517
5228 — Ministry & Oversight	4,950	4,558		4,950	5,192
5229 — Nominating	3,000	2,033		2,500	1,832
5230 — Peace & Social Order	300	0		300	0
5231 — Religious Education for Children	500	0		500	0

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	Budget	Actual	Transfer to Reserves	Budget	Actual to 7/10/2014
5232 — Secretariat	25	0		25	0
5233 — Sites	600	0		300	0
5235 — Unity with Nature	2,000	392		1,000	83
5237 — Committee Supplemental Expense R2714	500	192	308	500	191
5238 — Latin American Concerns	200	274		100	0
SUBTOTAL COMMITTEE EXPENSES	15,725	9,116	308	15,525	10,249
SUPPORT OF FRIENDS ORGANIZATIONS					
5251 — Friends Committee on National Legislation	1,000	1,000		1,000	1,000
5252 — Friends Committee on Legislation of California	500	500		500	500
5254 — FWCC	1,500	1,500		1,500	1,500
5255 — Quaker United Nations Office NY	500	500		500	500
5256 — William Penn House, Washington	200	200		200	200
5260 — AFSC (LA & SF)	2,500	2,500		2,500	2,500
5261 — Friends House Moscow	1,000	1,000		1,000	1,000
5263 — Right Sharing of World Resources	800	800		800	800
5264 — Friends General Conference	500	500		500	500
5266 — Quaker Earthcare Witness	500	500		500	500
SUBTOTAL SUPPORT OF FRIENDS ORGS.	9,000	9,000	0	9,000	9,000
CONFERENCE TRAVEL/PYM DELEGATES					
5271 — Western Friend Board R2748 (3)	1,500	1,735	0	1,500	369
5275 — AFSC (5)	1,200	748		1,200	739
5277 — FCNL (6) & William Penn House (1)	4,000	3,864		6,000	4,020
5278 — FGC Central Committee R2744 (1)	1,000	0	1,000	1,000	0
5279 — FWCC, Section of the Americas R2743 (5)	2,500	1,131		0	
5280 — Friends United Mtg. (Triennial) R2745 (1)	0	0	0	0	244
5281 — Gen. Reunion of Friends Mexico R2746 (1)	0	0	0	0	
5283 — Evangelical Friends Church Southwest (1)	150	0		200	100
5286 — Quaker Earthcare Witness (2)	2,500	1,594		1,000	888
5287 — FWCC World Gathering R2747 (4)	2,000	0	2,000	2,000	0
5288 — Young Friends Travel R2742	500	-498	998	500	589
5289 — Friends Peace Team Board (1)	1,000	502		700	0
SUBTOTAL CONFERENCE TRAVEL/PYM DEL.	16,350	9,076	3,998	14,100	6,946

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	Budget	Actual	Transfer to Reserves	Budget	Actual to 7/10/2014
YOUTH PROGRAM					
8105 — Youth Program Supervisory Committee	1,000	213		1,200	451
8110 — Personnel Costs	56,377	56,211		57,272	47,912
8140 — Insurance	650	617		610	0
8150 — Professional Development	700	821		1,200	163
8160 — Office	2,100	2,239		2,700	1,883
8190 — Administration & Travel	7,725	6,628		9,000	4,417
SUBTOTAL PROGRAMS	68,552	66,729	0	71,982	54,827
TOTAL EXPENSES	142,182	121,160	5,556	146,677	100,427

Expense accounts with a bold face **R27XX** following the account name have that associated reserve fund on the following page. Transfers from these special reserves are negative (-) in the Transfers column. A positive transfer means that funds remaining in the expense account at the end of the year were transferred to the associated reserve. A negative transfer indicates transfers from the reserve. In Conference Travel, (n) is the number of representatives/delegates now appointed.

Contributions to PYM Restricted Funds October 1, 2013-July 10, 2014

2733-Fund for Concerns	747.09
Strawberry Creek Meeting	
Various individuals	
2734-Sharing Fund	330
Palo Alto Meeting	
San Francisco Meeting	
Santa Cruz Meeting	
2736-Unity With Nature Project Fund	200
Berkeley Meeting	
Palo Alto Meeting	

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Attachment 4. Statistical Report, (without slides and slide notes.)

This report summarizes membership information within the monthly meetings of Pacific Yearly Meeting (PYM) for the statistical year ending May 31, 2014.

There are 37 Monthly Meetings. Twenty-four meetings are in College Park Quarterly Meeting (65% of the total), nine meetings are in Southern California Quarterly Meeting (27% of the total), and four meetings are not affiliated with a Quarterly Meeting (Big Island, Honolulu, Guatemala, and Mexico City), which represent 8% of the membership.

There are 16 Worship Groups in total:

CPQM – 8 Worship Groups

- *Sierra Foothills*, under the care of Delta Meeting
- *Southern Humboldt*, under the care of Humboldt Meeting
- *Soledad*, under the care of Live Oak Friends Meeting
- *Friends House, Ukiah, and Lake County*, under the care of Redwood Forest Meeting
- *West Marin*, under the care of San Francisco Meeting
- *Oakland*, under the care of Strawberry Creek Meeting

SCQM – 4 Worship Groups

- *Las Vegas*, under the care of Inland Valley Friends Meeting
- *Conejo Valley* and *Whitleaf*, under the care of Orange Grove Monthly Meeting
- *Ojai*, under the care of Santa Barbara Monthly Meeting

Unaffiliated with Quarterly Meetings – 4 Worship Groups

- *Maui, Kauai, and Molokai* under the care of Honolulu Meeting
- *Oaxaca*, under the care of Mexico City.

The largest Meetings are: Strawberry Creek (99), Berkeley (94), and Palo Alto (94). Seven Meetings have 10 or fewer members.

Overall membership within Pacific Yearly Meeting has decreased by 25, for a total of 1,321, down from 1,346 last year. The decrease in 2013 was 44.

Twenty-seven people joined by conviction, up from 18 last year. Twenty-eight members died, and 20 members were released or withdrew. 17 members transferred into Meetings; 22 transferred out.

Within the past 10 years, Pacific Yearly Meeting membership was at its highest, 1,527 members, in 2005. The lowest is 2014. Total membership was down 1.9% for this statistical year. However, this is the lowest percentage drop since 2010. The ten-year loss is 13.49%.

A 10-year Year-over-Year view of PYM membership changes, and the number and types of changes per Meeting, will be available on the Pacific Yearly Meeting Website.

Respectfully submitted, Don Bean and Lee Knutsen, Statistical Co-Clerks

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Statistical Report - Summary of Meeting Responses
Statistical Year: June 1, 2013 through May 31, 2014

	Number of Members 2013	Gains				Losses				Total Adjustments (Note 1)	Number of Members as of May 31, 2014	Change in Number of Members	Percent Change in Number of Members
		Youth to Member	Transferred from Another Meeting	Joined by Convincement	Total Gains	Loss by Death	Transferred to Another Meeting	Released or Removed	Total Losses				
College Park Quarterly Meeting													
APPLE SEED	18	-	-	-	-	(2)			(2)	-	16	(2)	-11.1%
BERKELEY	94	-	1		1	(1)			(1)	-	94	-	0.0%
CENTRAL COAST	18	-	1		1	(1)			(1)	-	18	-	0.0%
CHICO	22	-	-	1	1		(2)	(1)	(3)	-	20	(2)	-9.1%
DAVIS	34	-	-	2	2		(1)		(1)	-	35	1	2.9%
DELTA	13	-	-							-	13	-	0.0%
FRESNO	9	-	-			(2)			(2)	-	7	(2)	-22.2%
GRASS VALLEY	40	-	-					(1)	(1)	-	39	(1)	-2.5%
HUMBOLDT	12	-	-							-	12	-	0.0%
LIVE OAK	13	-	1	2	3					-	16	3	23.1%
MARIN	13	-	-							2	15	2	15.4%
MENDOCINO	8	-	-	-	-		(1)	-	(1)		7	(1)	-12.5%
MONTEREY PENINSULA	15	-	-							-	15	-	0.0%
NAPA-SONOMA	4	-	-							-	4	-	0.0%
PALO ALTO	97	-	-					(3)	(3)		94	(3)	-3.1%
REDDING	8	-	-	-	-					-	8	-	0.0%
REDWOOD FOREST	72	-	3	1	4	(4)			(4)	-	72	-	0.0%
RENO	16	-	-	-	-					-	16	-	0.0%
SACRAMENTO	44	-	-	2	2					-	46	2	4.5%
SAN FRANCISCO	88	-	3	2	5		(5)	(2)	(7)	-	86	(2)	-2.3%
SAN JOSE	33	-	1		1	(1)	(1)		(2)	-	32	(1)	-3.0%
SANTA CRUZ	70	-	2	2	4	(3)			(3)	-	71	1	1.4%
STRAWBERRY CREEK	99	-	-	3	3		(3)		(3)	-	99	-	0.0%
VISALIA	36	-	-	1	1		(3)	(4)	(7)	-	30	(6)	-16.7%
24 Subtotal	876	-	12	18	28	(14)	(19)	(8)	(41)	2	865	(11)	-1.3%
Southern California Quarterly													
CLAREMONT	44	-	-			(1)		(1)	(2)		42	(2)	-4.5%
INLAND VALLEY	24	-	2	1	3		(1)		(1)	-	26	2	8.3%
LA JOLLA	65	-		1	1	(2)			(2)	-	64	(1)	-1.5%
MARLOMA/LONG BEACH	3	-								-	3	-	0.0%
ORANGE COUNTY	44	-		1	1	(1)		(4)	(5)	-	40	(4)	-9.1%
ORANGE GROVE	72	-	1	3	4	(3)		(1)	(4)	-	72	-	0.0%
SAN DIEGO	22	-	-	-	-	(3)	-	(1)	(4)	-	18	(4)	-18.2%
SANTA BARBARA	40	-	2	1	3	(1)			(1)	-	42	2	5.0%
SANTA MONICA	52	-					(2)	(3)	(5)	(1)	46	(6)	-11.5%
9 Subtotal	366	-	5	7	12	(11)	(3)	(10)	(24)	(1)	353	(13)	-3.6%
Independent													
BIG ISLAND	10	-	-	-	-					-	10	-	0.0%
GUATEMALA	4	-	-	-	-					-	4	-	0.0%
HONOLULU	81	-	-	3	3	(2)		(2)	(4)	-	80	(1)	-1.2%
MEXICO CITY	9	-	-	1	1	(1)	-	-	(1)	-	9	-	0.0%
4 Subtotal	104	-	-	4	4	(3)	-	(2)	(5)	-	103	(1)	-1.0%
TOTALS	1,346	-	17	27	44	(28)	(22)	(20)	(70)	1	1,321	(25)	-1.9%

Note 1: Adjustments include gains and losses that occurred in prior years and were not reported at that time.

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Pacific Yearly Meeting Membership - Year over Year – 10 Year View
2005-2014

	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
Beginning of Statistical Year	1,534	1,527	1,518	1,490	1,453	1,462	1,449	1,417	1,390	1,346
Increases										
Youth to Adult	1	-	2	1	-	5		1	-	-
Transferred In	18	23	19	21	18	25	26	15	11	17
Convincement	47	59	29	25	42	35	22	38	18	27
Decreases										
Died	(34)	(30)	(28)	(31)	(19)	(32)	(30)	(41)	(26)	(28)
Transferred Out	(14)	(21)	(25)	(24)	(9)	(26)	(20)	(15)	(17)	(22)
Released or Withdrew	(22)	(27)	(25)	(31)	(28)	(21)	(28)	(28)	(22)	(20)
Corrections/Adjustments	(3)	(13)	-	2	5	1	(2)	3	(8)	1
End of Statistical Year	1,527	1,518	1,490	1,453	1,462	1,449	1,417	1,390	1,346	1,321
Net Gain (Loss)	(7)	(9)	(28)	(37)	9	(13)	(32)	(27)	(44)	(25)
Percent Gain (Loss)	-0.46%	-0.59%	-1.84%	-2.48%	0.62%	-0.89%	-2.21%	-1.91%	-3.17%	-1.86%
Ten-year Change										-13.49%