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To: Clerks of Monthly and Preparative Meetings, and Conveners of Worship Groups in PYM

CC: Meeting Representatives to PYM

From: Pacific YM Discipline Committee

Dear Friends All,

At our 2014 Annual Session of Pacific Yearly Meeting, unity was reached to begin the next revision of PYM's book of discipline, Faith and Practice. As we begin our work, Discipline Committee feels clear that input will be crucial from all corners of our Yearly Meeting. We appreciate Delta Meeting for taking the initiative to send us its review of the current Advices and Queries. We're aware Apple Seed Meeting is engaged in its own study, reviewing and discussing a section of the book each month. We urge all Meetings and individuals throughout PYM to review our book of discipline and to respond to Discipline Committee with the results of your considerations. We are also contacting the PYM Young Adult Friends and Junior Yearly Meeting groups to get their input, and we hope your Meeting's discernment will include your full range of Friends as well.

At this particular time, we begin by posing the following specific questions and ask for responses by April 30, 2015. We realize your study of the entire book will likely be a long process, therefore Discipline Committee's communications and requests for input will be ongoing. We understand that unity is achieved in its own time frame; we're also very tender to the concern that this revision should take less than the decade the last one took.

- 1) How does your Meeting utilize Faith and Practice?
- 2) Unity - What are the nuts and bolts of how your Meeting reaches unity in your business process? What is the role of your committees in the process? How does this compare to what is currently written in Faith and Practice?
- 3) Where does your Meeting have difficulty with the current Faith and Practice? Where does your meeting have comfort with the current Faith and Practice?

We request that responses come back either by hard copy or by email with an attached a word document, sent to the Clerk of Discipline Committee, DJ Bloom. When you send us your response, please include this information as well:

- o What process did you use to answer these queries?
- o How many Friends from your Meeting were involved in this process? Please include the ages or range of ages of the Friends involved.
- o Do you have suggestions on how Discipline Committee can garner input from Friends in PYM throughout this revision?

Yours in the Light,

DJ Bloom, Clerk of PYM Discipline Committee

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