

**PACIFIC YEARLY MEETING FINANCE COMMITTEE**  
**Report to Representative Committee, March 4-5, 2016**

**Survey of PYM Members**

In order to gather information from members of Pacific Yearly Meeting, Finance Committee developed a questionnaire inquiring about attendance at annual session, reasons for attending or not attending, and questions about distribution of PYM funds, e.g., travel subsidies, support for Quaker organizations, support for delegates and representatives, etc. About 250 responses have been received from members of College Park Quarterly Meeting. Unfortunately, due to technical glitch the survey has not yet been distributed to members of Southern California Quarterly Meeting. Thus, we have no definitive results yet. Eventually it is hoped that survey results can guide future decisions.

**Requests for Augmentation of budget, 2015-2016**

- General Reunion of Friends Mexico, line 5281, requests budget be changed from \$0 to \$500. (The Reunion meets every 18 months, so annual budget should be two-thirds cost of travel to a gathering.)
- Travel to Rep. Com, line 5208, increase from \$11,000 to \$12,500
- PYM Attendance Assistance Fund, line 5213, increase from \$8,000 to \$9,000
- Committee Supplemental Expenses, line 5237, increase from \$300 to \$1300 (Unexpected expenses depleted account and its reserve, line R2714)
- Young Friends Officers' Expense, line 5209, increase from \$100 to \$200

**Proposal re: PYM Delegates, Representatives, and Observers**

- PYM policy is fully fund travel expenses of all delegates, representative, and observers named by Yearly Meeting, but in a given year only a portion of those Friends named actually travel and attend their gathering.
- Nominating Committee finds it increasingly difficult to find Friends willing and able to serve in positions.
- M&O Committee has been discerning how PYM is served by the delegates, representatives, and observers we send to other organizations. Is this the work we should be doing.
- M&O, Nominating, and Finance Committees are jointly proposing the number of delegates, representatives, and observes be reduced.
- For Western Friend (Friends Bulleting Board of Directors), PYM would continue to name and fund three persons.
- For FWCC, Section of the Americas, PYM would name and fund two representatives and two alternates (who would be available to attend gathering if one or both of the named delegates were unable to attend); travel expenses for two delegates would be fully funded.
- For American Friends Service Committee Corporation, PYM would name two representatives and two alternates.
- For Friends Committee on National Legislation, PYM would name two representatives and two alternates.
- For Quaker Earthcare Witness, PYM will continue to name and fund two delegates.

- For William Penn House, FGC Central Committee, Friends United Meeting, General Reunion of Friends Mexico, Evangelical Church Southwest, and Friends Peace Team Board, PYM will for the present continue to name and fund one position.