

Faith and Practice Revision Under Review by Monthly Meetings

Meetings are asked to reach unity on their reflections on the proposed revisions below, and to send this seasoned material to the Faith and Practice Revision Committee by **October 15, 2018**. If no unity is met, a description of the feeling of the meetings is welcome.

Please email tracked changes, a scan of written edits, or meeting response to: PYM.FPRevision@gmail.com

All that is provided here will be new to the Pacific Yearly Meeting's book of Faith and Practice.

Youth Programs Coordination Position Description

Youth Programs Coordinator and Youth Programs Coordinating Committee

One of the most important concerns of this vital cell ought to be for the spiritual nurture of the children and youth of the meeting. ... When do our Quaker families begin to train their children in the significance of silent worship and communion? We are in a world beset with noises... If ever the spirit needed to be calmed and deepened with the reality of God, it is now. ... But the slow formation of spiritual ideals and counter attractions which build the soul and shape the character come only through patient and painstaking nurture. -- "The Vital Cell," Rufus M Jones, 1941

For many years PYM has been concerned with involving young Friends in the life of the Meeting: helping them to stay connected between sessions, and helping Meetings that have children, teenagers, and young adults meet these Friends' needs.

The Youth Programs Coordinating Committee hires and provides ongoing supervision of the Youth Programs Coordinator, an employee of Pacific Yearly Meeting, and participates actively in envisioning and supporting programs and activities. This committee also stewards the use of interest income from the Bob Vogel Endowment.

The Youth Programs Coordinator builds the capacity of youth and adults to run their own programs and serves as a resource for Meetings (local/Monthly, worship groups, Quarterly, Yearly) and Quaker organizations within PYM. In working with individuals, groups, and committees of all ages, from time to time the Coordinator and the YPC Committee act as a catalyst for new programs and activities. The YPC does not typically take charge of running programs and activities themselves.