Minutes and Reports

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Preface

This document is the formal record of Pacific Yearly Meeting’s annual session of 2007. It is divided into three parts. The first consists of the minutes of the PYM’s nine plenary sessions, plus a list of the Action Minutes approved during those sessions. The second part includes those reports and other documents supporting them, which were presented at the plenaries. These sections are keyed to the plenary session in which they were first presented. Finally, there are several reports relevant to PYM, but not formally presented at any of the plenaries such as the list of attenders at PYM.

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This document is the product of many hours of work by many people, the authors of the reports, our Recording Clerks and Presiding Clerk, Joe Franko. This accounts for the various changes in formatting that exists throughout this document. The Clerk’s goal was to capture the spirit of the meetings and not worry about the consistency of style. Ultimately though, your editor has responsibility for the final result, the document having passed through his hands last. So, if you find errors, please inform me.

Respectfully submitted,
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# Pacific Yearly Meeting, 2007: Minutes and Reports

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PLENARY I

The 61st annual session of Pacific Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends (Quakers) opened with worship at 6:45 p.m. on 7th Month 30, 2007, in Orton Hall at the University of Redlands in Redlands, California.

Presiding Clerk Joe Franko recalled traveling among Friends during the past year asking: “What draws you to PYM?” Answers included: fellowship, fun, learning to do business in a worshipful spirit, worship, but mostly building a faith community, standing with each other. This is a spiritual gathering, a safe environment where we can learn to be spiritual beings. This is a place to experience our radical faith, a time to learn the work that the spirit wants us to do in the world.

He paraphrased a well-known Biblical expression: “Wherever two or more are gathered in my name … there will be conflict.” He offered three ground rules:
1. no alcohol, and no drugs that aren’t medically required;
2. each person should be responsible for and accountable to every other; no sex outside committed relationships;
3. pay attention to personal boundaries – everyone’s personal space is different.

Joe Franko also shared minutes from Orange Grove Meeting in 1968 and 1969 that supported sanctuary for four Vietnam war resisters and illustrated the day-to-day challenges Friends encountered in that expression of our radical faith.

Pat Smith, Arrangements Clerk, provided practical information on scheduling of activities and use of the campus facilities.

Joe Franko introduced Recording Clerks Claire Gorfinkel and Jamie Newton, Reading Clerk Ruth Fraser, and Assistant to the Clerk Sue Torrey.

Roll Call

Assistant to the Clerk Sue Torrey called the roll. Friends from the following meetings and worship groups were present:

Apple Seed Monthly Meeting
Berkeley Monthly Meeting
Central Coast Monthly Meeting
Chico Monthly Meeting
Claremont Monthly Meeting
Conejo Valley Worship Group
Davis Monthly Meeting
Friends House Worship Group
Grass Valley Monthly Meeting
Humboldt Monthly Meeting
Inland Valley Monthly Meeting
Lake County Worship Group
La Jolla Monthly Meeting
Las Vegas Worship Group
Live Oak Preparative Meeting
Los Angeles Monthly Meeting
Marloma Long Beach Monthly Meeting
Modesto Worship Group
Monterey Peninsula Monthly Meeting
Oakland Worship Group
Ojai Worship Group
Orange County Monthly Meeting
Orange Grove Monthly Meeting
Pacific Ackworth Worship Group
Palo Alto Monthly Meeting
Redwood Forest Monthly Meeting
Reno Monthly Meeting
Sacramento Monthly Meeting
Guests from other Yearly Meetings and organizations were introduced:

- Ruth Flower from Friends Committee on National Legislation
- Vanessa Julye from Friends General Conference
- Giri Seqoyah from Australia Yearly Meeting
- Andrew Secrest from Berkeley Friends Church
- Robert Broz of El Salvador, Director of the El Salvador Projects sponsored by the Palo Alto Meeting
- Dorothy Russell brought greetings from Rwanda Yearly Meeting
- Patty Carrera from Friends House, Santa Rosa
- Walter Hjelt Sullivan brought greetings from Pendle Hill
- Grace Sullivan
- Anthony Manousos, Editor of Friends Bulletin
- Jacob and Greta Stone, Directors of Ben Lomond Quaker Center
- Ruth Fraser, Friends Committee on National Legislation
- Shan Cretin, Regional Director, Pacific Southwest Region of American Friends Service Committee
- Jim Lindberg, Friends Committee on Legislation
- Dale Richter, Friends Committee on Legislation
- Lisa Rose and Carl Magruder, Sierra Friends Center
- Micki Graham, Earlham School of Religion
- Traci Hjelt Sullivan, Gathering coordinator of Friends General Conference
- Percy Severn, Afghan Girls School
- Annalise Cohn, representing Quaker Camp at Ben Lomond Quaker Center
- Melina Larkin, about to spend six months at Casa de los Amigos in Mexico City

Junior Yearly Meeting Friends brought greetings and news of their activities, including a service project on Wednesday. Adult leadership and Friendly Adult Presences were also introduced. Everyone is invited to the dance Thursday night.

Laura Magnani, clerk of Ministry & Oversight, re-introduced the rainbow game. (Each participating Friend wears a set of ribbons with a color that represents his or her age group. When two Friends converse, they exchange a ribbon each, so that eventually each Friend wears a rainbow of colors.)

Young Friends were introduced: “We’re a little bit older than JYM but we’re still fun.”

Children’s Program Clerk Elizabeth Bills stated that they will offer a program on ‘truth in action.’ Additional volunteers are really needed.

Jim Eusebio, Clerk of the Secretariat, invited everyone to submit articles and announcements to the Daily Miracle. They will publish the draft minutes of Yearly Meeting electronically on the PYM website as soon as possible following plenary sessions.
The Ministry and Oversight Committee has a plain hat. Anyone with a concern and/or a joy or a need to speak with someone from M&O should speak to the M & O member wearing the hat.

Two Friends with recent health crises were held in the light.

Reading Clerk Ruth Fraser read excerpts from the 2006 epistle from Philadelphia Yearly Meeting, on the theme: “Worship – Always Coming Home.” “Powerful images, both sung and spoken, reminded us that we make our journeys step by step, and that many parts make the whole creation: … Many stones can form an arch; singly none, singly none."

The meeting closed at 8:25 p.m. with worship.

These minutes were approved at the start of Plenary IV.

Faithfully submitted,

Claire Gorfinkel, Recording Clerk Joe Franko, Presiding Clerk
Joe Franko, Presiding Clerk, opened Plenary session II with worship at 1:15 p.m. on seventh month 31, 2007. Reading Clerk Ruth Fraser read from the 2006 Epistle of New England Yearly Meeting, where a meeting for yearning focused on profound concerns, and Friends found their way to love and joy to sustain them in forthright engagement with the great challenges of our time.

Ellie Huffman (Monterey Peninsula) of the Ministry and Oversight Committee introduced this session on the year of discernment with a brief review of issues the Ministry and Oversight Committee has brought to the Yearly Meeting in recent years with the aim of responding creatively to needs and changes, to nourish the development of this community of faith. The Committee’s invitation to a year of discernment brought varied responses from our monthly meetings, with themes including spiritual enrichment, peace and justice, and even dismay due to disarray. State of the Meeting reports reflected seeking and revelations, struggles with dilemmas, and pathways toward revitalization.

Two monthly meetings, Orange Grove and Humboldt, were asked to report their responses to the Ministry and Oversight Committee’s queries for the year of discernment.

David Morse (Orange Grove) summarized Orange Grove Meeting’s issues, process, and overall aim of fostering active reflection by Friends on Friendly purposes and activities. There were surprises, such as a discussion on “What bugs you about Quakerism?”, that elicited affirmation of the preciousness of many Quaker practices along with some vexations. A minority of Orange Grove Friends value PYM highly, yet to many the Yearly Meeting is irrelevant, or worse, a diversion of time and energy from monthly meeting needs. Can the Yearly Meeting and the monthly meeting find their way toward mutually beneficial complementarity, with each strengthening the other? Can we preserve traditions that serve us well?

From Jan Turner (Humboldt), we heard that Humboldt Friends devoted many weekly discussions before meetings for worship and some special events to consideration of the queries for the year of discernment. In a monthly meeting with many “workaholics,” the query on the contemplative aspects of Sabbath brought surprisingly muted reactions. The query on the work of Spirit revealed a focus on religious seeking, rather than a fractious competition for attention among urgent causes related to Friends testimonies. Humboldt Friends expect to continue this process of exploration. Consideration of the work of Pacific Yearly Meeting, what Friends love about Yearly Meeting, and the problems of Pacific Yearly Meeting led to many comments and suggestions, including recommendations for more time for exercise and unscheduled activities, more worship, and more focus of interest groups on Quaker practice and belief (and less on political and social issues). In-depth experience with Quaker process, superb clerking, and deep community were among the aspects of our Yearly Meeting that Humboldt Friends especially valued.

Ellie Huffman invited Friends to respond from worship to some of the queries on discernment, after she read excerpts from several state of the meeting reports that addressed the queries. As a faith community, Friends have held open meetings for worship in public places, have searched for ways to love one another more fully and to support each other’s spiritual deepening, and have challenged one another to test their faith – to “get out of the boat and walk.” We were asked if our language of piety may obstruct real progress toward development of a vital faith community that can realistically acknowledge the experiences of the 20th and 21st centuries. We heard affirmation of the value of receptive listening among Friends, as we candidly describe our experiences and experiments with mysticism and Quaker practice, and share our spiritual journeys. The benefits of deeply intimate small-group discussions over
an extended time and of several centuries of Quaker evolution are both evident in our lives as individuals and as a community. As a community of faith, loving and sustaining one another, we are a unit that can change the world. For one friend, the Catholic Worker houses offer a model of community, service, witness, prayer, and mutual support which Friends can aspire to achieve. Friends are just one of many thriving faith communities that have arisen from historic conflicts, many of which pursue their causes with violence sanctified by their faith.

A query on what deepens our faith, draws us together, and encourages participation in corporate witness seemed to take us to our roots. Friends spoke of the vulnerability of disclosing fragile inner thoughts, of profession of beliefs that are not evident as lives speak, and of the unique gifts of childhood years spent among Friends in an atmosphere of respect and acceptance. Several Friends celebrated the close community that develops among our Junior Friends, yearning for a similar intimacy among older Friends and across age groups. “Where are we going with our process of discernment?” we were asked. Have we truly heard what has been brought to us, so that we may absorb it and take the fruits of discernment into our daily lives?

A concern about doing vs. talking was put before us. Can we talk to one another about where the Spirit is leading us to act? There is risk in attempting to speak the truth. Quaker history is a history of struggle, yet as we stick with each other we come together in unity, growing through our differences. This is the community of faith in action.

“What draws me to the Yearly Meeting year after year, and deepens my faith?”, one Friend asked. Her answer: committee service, through which she worked intimately with other Friends, felt safety, and learned to love better.

In closing, we were urged to take what we have heard into our lives, to the depths of our spirits – to let it shine!

The meeting closed at 3:20 p.m. with worship.

Faithfully submitted,

Jamie Newton, Recording Clerk

Joe Franko, Presiding Clerk
Presiding Clerk Joe Franko opened the third plenary session at 3:45 PM.

**Reading Clerk** Ruth Fraser read the epistle from Eastern Baltic Yearly Meeting: forty Friends from such disparate places as Denmark, Sweden, Russia, and Siberia. Their theme was “coming home to Friends.” They felt challenged by speaking at least seven different languages, but they discovered that they all spoke the language of love.

**Visitors** were introduced

Alan Lessik, a member of San Francisco Meeting, is Regional Director of the American Friends Service Committee, Pacific Mountain Region, and member of the board of trustees of San Francisco Friends School.

Micki Graham brought a message from Earlham School of Religion (ESR). Pacific Yearly Meeting has more students at ESR than any other Yearly Meeting. Most of this year’s graduates came from unprogrammed yearly meetings. ESR is a place to grow through a very flexible curriculum which includes lots of different options, and a surprising range of specializations. The community embraces diversity and supports one another in the work of transformation. Sharing curriculum with Bethany Theological Seminary (Church of the Brethren) encourages deep spiritual exploration. Micki described the personal journey that brought her from teaching Biology to the work she now embraces: seeking to bring changes in faith communities and to put faith into practice. Micki suggested: “The Kingdom of God is available to us here at this time. Do God’s work here, and create the peaceable kingdom, here.” She invited Friends to engage with her in the mutual transformation that we must have in order to survive on this planet.

**Nominating Committee**

DJ Bloom reported that the Nominating Committee is offering the following officer nominations for 2008:

- **Presiding Clerk** Joe Franko, Orange Grove
- **Assistant to the Clerk** Sue Torrey, Central Coast
- **Assistant to Treasurer** Karen Lawrance, La Jolla

A preliminary report of their nominations for Committees and representatives to Friends organizations was presented. They also made recommendations for laying down the East/West Committee and the Wider Fellowship Among Friends Committee. The full report will be presented on Friday and attached to these minutes.

Clerk DJ Bloom urged Friends to talk with the Nominating Committee members Darcy Stanley, Margaret Mossman, and others, to let them know what you are willing to do, what you are led to do. Friends expressed desires for all of this information in printed form, while being sensitive to our ecological footprint.
Naming Committee

Jim Anderson of Chico Meeting reported that he, Sally Davis of Redwood Forest Meeting, and Joan Johnson of Conejo Valley were selected by Representative Committee as the naming committee. They brought forward the names of DJ Bloom (Apple Seed), Pat Daggerty (Orange Grove), and Jo Tyler (Orange County) for three-year terms. They recommended Heather Levien (Berkeley) for a two-year term ending in 2009, and Kitty Bergel (Orange County) and Tom Farley (Palo Alto) for one-year terms ending in 2008. They recommended Stratton Jaquette as Clerk for a one-year term ending in 2008.

Finance Committee

Cliff Lester (Orange Grove) reported that the Finance Committee continues to meet between yearly sessions and Representative Committee meeting. There is a cost to that, but there is also a benefit in that it permits the members to also participate in the Yearly Meeting. They used this year of discernment to reflect on their work. They recommend using a particular (inexpensive) teleconferencing service for their meetings, and those of other committees. An account has been set up. Wishing to reduce the amount of paper distributed at Yearly Meeting, they will not hand out the entire budget packet to the plenary. A small number of copies of their report are available, and Friends can request additional copies. [See Attachments 1 & 2]

Assessments per member are continuing to decline, from $36 in fiscal year 2006 to (proposed) $32 in fiscal year 2008. Total expenses for fiscal year 2008 are anticipated to be $61,975 as compared with $42,368 (actual) in fiscal year 2006. Cliff spoke about general expenses, including a new provision for Representative Committee to consider and approve unanticipated expenses. He pointed out that some committees under-spend their budgets. The proposed budget reflects the expectation that committee expenses will remain at last year’s level, but those budgets can be augmented at the request of the committee. Support for Friends organizations remains constant, but the budget for travel to Friends gatherings is increased in anticipation of the next FUM Triennial. He called attention to the ongoing concern for individuals who do not request reimbursement for expenses.

Revenue
PYM’s revenues derive from assessments sent in by member meetings. Gary Wolff, PYM Treasurer, has been diligent about investing PYM’s funds in interest-bearing accounts. Reducing assessments to $32 will result in drawing down reserves by $7,500, which the finance committee considers appropriate.

Delegate travel expenses
There is an ongoing concern about appointing delegates to events with insufficient funds to cover their travel expenses.

Socially Responsible Investment of PYM funds
The Finance Committee recommends investing any monies not immediately needed for PYM operations in Friends Fiduciary Corporation, which has a lot of experience and follows policies of socially responsible investing. They brought a minute for consideration on Thursday:
*Pacific Yearly Meeting authorizes the Treasurer to invest funds in the Friends Fiduciary Corporation.*

**Augmentation request**
At last yearly session, PYM appointed DJ Bloom as representative to the 50th anniversary celebration of the Casa de los Amigos. The Finance Committee is requesting $600 to reimburse his expenses under the line item “Unanticipated Expenses.”

**Insurance**
The Finance Committee is going to set up a subcommittee on insurance to consider the complicated issues of liability insurance for PYM sessions, and whether PYM officers should have Officers and Directors Liability insurance.

Cliff Lester reminded people to sign up for individual copies of the budget. The Finance Committee will hold an open meeting Wednesday evening at 8:30 in the plenary room of Orton Hall for people who wish to meet with them. (The full report of the Finance Committee is attached.) [See *Attachments 1 & 2*]

**Questions**
This is the second year that the Finance Committee has reported no progress on fully funding delegates to other organizations. That goes to the core of our concern for integrity. The Presiding Clerk will work with the Clerk of Finance on this issue.

One Friend suggested setting a limit on the amount of funds to be invested in Friends Fiduciary. The amount might be all of PYM’s funds not currently needed for operating expenses. A Friend asked whether a general statement that the treasurer has authority to invest PYM funds at his/her discretion be sufficient for Friends Fiduciary. Friends Fiduciary has requested a formal minute.

**Site Committee**
Carol Mosher, Co-Clerk, reported that Walker Creek Ranch in Petaluma has been selected as the site for the next PYM session, July 28 to August 2, 2008. PYM met there in 1993. Nancy Rowan, Eva Miller, Dottie Vura-Weis, and Pat Smith also served on the committee. (The full report of the Site Committee is attached.) [See *Attachment 3*]

Presiding Clerk Joe Franko thanked committees for trying to use less paper and being more sensitive to the environment. It was noted that overhead projections were used in lieu of paper copies of reports.

Assistant to the Clerk Sue Torrey read several announcements.

Presiding Clerk Joe Franko closed the meeting with silent worship at 5:00 PM.

These minutes were approved at the start of Plenary IV.

Faithfully submitted,

*Claire Gorfinkel, Recording Clerk*                  *Joe Franko, Presiding Clerk*
PLENARY IV

Presiding Clerk Joe Franko opened the fourth plenary session starting with worship at 1:15 PM.

He named proposed members of the Epistle Committee and requested approval.

PYM 2007-1 Pacific Yearly Meeting approved these Friends as members of the 2007 Epistle Committee: Convenor Robin DuRant (Orange Grove), Kylin Navarro (Santa Cruz), and Ed Flowers (Apple Seed).

Reading Clerk Ruth Fraser read the Children’s Epistle from Australia Yearly Meeting, 2007. Twenty-eight children from 9 months to 10 years of age explored “Finding the Way.” Through lots of questions they learned that there are many paths to many different spiritual destinations. They experienced walking with Buddha, Jesus, and the pilgrims, and they had fun.

Clerk Joe Franko explained that the fifth plenary session “open to the spirit” would build on the query expressed during worship: “… where are you in your spiritual life, right now?”

Minutes from the first and third plenary sessions were read and approved with corrections.

Joe Morris, Clerk of the Unity With Nature Committee, reported that this has been an exciting year for this Yearly Meeting and for the planet. Quakers are increasingly recognizing the connection between Friends’ testimonies on simplicity, community, equality, and integrity and Earthcare, while awakening to the sacred connection between their lives and protection of the planet. He stated that “Never before has an issue been more discussed in our Society.” Most meetings in California have written minutes about caring for the environment.

Joe Morris asked: “What can we do? Even if we all bought locally, used less paper, and changed other individual practices, we know we must still work toward a transformation of our society.” The Unity With Nature Committee has brought forth a minute, which he read. [See Attachment 4]

Presiding Clerk Joe Franko read from PYM’s Faith and Practice, describing the procedure for bringing forth, deliberating on, and reporting back a minute carried by a monthly meeting or a committee.

Friends’ Responses generally expressed support for the Minute. One Friend said: “I could wish for more. But it is easier to learn to walk by taking small steps.” He concluded: “This should be our testimony.”

Another noted that paragraphs four through seven specifically propose actions which we are being called to endorse.

One Friend expressed concern about what seems to be a heavy emphasis on harm reduction. We should be engaged in corporate witness. What are we witnessing? We are called to be the Kingdom of God. Not accepting a ride in a privately owned automobile is one example of living in the Kingdom of God because in that Kingdom there are no privately owned automobiles. We have one witness: that is to the coming of the inner Christ, through a conscious connection to the divine within us.
Other responses included:

This committee was almost ready to lay itself down. The committee has worked hard, following the pattern of John Woolman, seeing that there are changes that need to be made and bringing them to us.

The focus appears to be limited to climate change and actions needed to prevent climate change. Our actions should come from the spiritual need, desire, and obligation to recognize the sacredness of all beings and to treat them with respect.

Do we need to eliminate the word ‘god’ from our vocabulary and focus on the word ‘spirit?’ Some traditions recognize that the spirit inhabits plants, bacteria, stones. We seek a fundamental understanding of our connection to the rest of creation.

This is an interim minute. It asks monthly meetings to discuss and discern it in terms of appropriate witness and action, and for input in the annual gathering 2008.

San Francisco Meeting has recognized that a minute is not the end of this process. Psalm 65 reminds us to care for the earth and make it fruitful.

We believe in continuing revelation. We can come together next year to move forward.

Is this an interim report from a committee or a minute? Have we heard the minute as ministry? Does it transform our lives? How does calling this “a minute that we can unite on” enable spirit to really change our actions?

We look back at the Quaker response to slavery as simple: it was wrong and we worked to change it. Similarly, our children will look back at living sustainably and understand it, but while we are in the middle of this work, it is more complicated.

Clerk Joe Franko sensed support from this Yearly Meeting to approve the minute as an interim measure, along with a profound yearning for something deeper: a testimony. The Committee has done the process correctly, asking meetings to consider this minute.

PYM 2007-2 Pacific Yearly Meeting approved the minute on global climate change brought by the Unity with Nature Committee. [See Attachment 4]

The Presiding Clerk asked the clerk of Unity with Nature to meet with the clerk of the Discipline Committee to work on a testimony.

The sharing in response to this minute was clearly spirit-led and deeply moving. We experienced a yearning to become more faithful to the call to care for all creation. We yearn for Spirit to radically transform our lives. We are frustrated because it seems that all we know how to do is take baby steps: change light bulbs or drive less. Perhaps we have yet to pray hard enough for the transformation we seek.

Peace and Social Order Stephen McNeil, Clerk of the Peace and Social Order Committee, noted that in recent years PYM has approved minutes urging universal health care for California, encouraging Friends to work against torture, and exhorting Friends to become involved in ending the war against Iraq. He summarized actions that have been taken in connection with these concerns. [See Attachment 5]

Stephen McNeil then introduced Vanessa Julye of Friends General Conference, who will host an interest group later this evening on Friends Ministry on Racism. Stephen said: “The seeds of racism are so embedded that sometimes we can’t move. I hope we can move somewhere.”
Vanessa Julye said she is glad to be back at PYM this year, having also enjoyed a week with some Southern California Friends since then. She is in a lively continuing discussion with JYM Friends. She asked them and us: “How many of you have friendships with people of color? How many of you have talked with people of color about Quaker meeting and invited them to attend?” Some of the youth responded “I don’t think they would understand. They belong to other churches. We don’t want to proselytize.” It is important to open the door and let other people know what Quakers stand for, so they may become members.

Vanessa has been working for several years with FGC Committee for Ministry on Racism and with Central Philadelphia Monthly Meeting on issues of racism. She appreciates being here at PYM as a staff visitor from FGC.

The FGC gathering in 1996 exposed Friends to the awareness that people of color were experiencing racism there. FGC’s five-year plan includes trying to eradicate racism in the Society of Friends. In April 2008 they are sponsoring a consultation for Friends of Color in the Midwest. In her travels she has found that there are very few Friends of Color in most meetings, and they feel very isolated. Bringing them together is meaningful. She asked PYM attenders to help publicize The Fellowship of Friends of African Descent, which hosts a gathering every year. It is like a family reunion, uniting both programmed and unprogrammed Friends.

For the past seven years Vanessa Julye and Donna McDaniel have been writing a book about the historical experiences of African American Friends and non-Friends with European American Friends. This has been a tremendous learning experience, and a challenge for both of them to determine how much African American history and how much Quaker history to include. What is common knowledge and what is more unfamiliar? What can we learn from the fact that persons with concerns for racism have been read out of their meetings, and even today some have stood aside when the work on racism was brought forward as a Friends’ concern? Talking about racism is difficult in the wider community and in the Society of Friends.

Vanessa will be talking about the history of racism in the Society of Friends at this evening’s interest group, and she will also encourage dialogue. She also welcomes one-on-one conversations with individuals over meals and/or during breaks.

The minute from the Children’s Program Committee was moved to the beginning of the next session.

These minutes were approved.

Assistant to the Clerk Sue Torrey read several announcements.

Faithfully submitted,

Claire Gorfinkel, Recording Clerk             Joe Franko, Presiding Clerk
PLENARY V

Joe Franko, Presiding Clerk, opened Plenary session V at 3:45 p.m. on eighth month 1, 2007 with continuity of worship from the previous session through the break.

Children’s Program Committee

Elizabeth Bills (La Jolla), Clerk of the Children’s Program Committee, presented the Committee’s report [See Attachment 6]. With just three active members and its Clerk, the Children’s Program Committee has been small but highly effective this year, creating and operating a small school dedicated to nurturing the courage and faith of our children during the week of our annual gathering. Despite vigorous efforts, the Committee has not been able to recruit enough teachers and volunteers for the Program, prompting the Committee to call for reevaluation of the role of the Children’s Program in Yearly Meeting, and of the value the Program has in the minds of PYM Friends.

PYM 2007-3  Pacific Yearly Meeting approved the following minute, which was proposed by the Children’s Program Committee and forwarded with approval by the Finance Committee:

The Children’s Program Committee requests that a position for a paid program director be reestablished at a cost of $660 per year. The Finance Committee has been consulted and supports this proposal, and asks that it be approved by Yearly Meeting. The session budget for Children’s Program, #6223, would be increased by $660 for FY 2008.

Following approval of this minute, we were asked to consider what our Yearly Meeting would be like without a Children’s Program – if parents had to stay away from Yearly Meeting or make other arrangements for their children in order to attend. Would we want a Yearly Meeting like that?

The Presiding Clerk invited Friends to speak from worship on the foundations and directions of our spiritual lives, and on what they need from our monthly meetings, our quarterly meetings, and our Yearly Meeting.

A Friend described the effects on his spiritual life of three books, which he commended to Friends:

- Paul Hawken: Blessed Unrest
- Rebecca Solnit: Gates of Paradise
- Mike Davis: Planet of Slums

Together, these books integrated issues of peace and justice, basic human needs, and inspired, transformative action. Their stirring power within this Friend led him to seek mentoring – ministry and oversight in practice – from a seasoned Friend with extensive experience in Quaker earthcare. We are called to live simply, that others may simply live. PYM is a beautiful support group to enable and sustain our work in the world.

From another Friend, we heard that God spoke to her as she saw the initial report of the Nominating Committee, with so many blank lines representing so many unfilled positions. We are responsible for providing the structure and guidance our children need as they become the next generation of Quaker adults. Let us prioritize our human resources, insuring the survival of PYM with the strength to do what we do well.
From a Friend who felt torn when he needed to leave Junior Yearly Meeting in order to attend his worship-sharing group, we heard longing for the presence of Junior Friends here among us. This Friend, who speaks with difficulty, felt that when he speaks he is heard but not listened to and not understood— that Friends are amazed that he speaks at all. He does not know how to handle this.

“I am closest to God when I allow myself to be vulnerable,” another Friend said. I need to go to that place that seemed so difficult for so long.

One Friend has attended meeting for worship only rarely during a two-year period of great personal change, but has recently committed to serve on her monthly meeting’s Ministry and Oversight Committee, as well as to service at the quarterly and yearly meeting levels and in several Quaker organizations. She feels a need to release herself from “Quaker guilt,” and to include herself in the declaration on her bumper sticker: *God bless the whole world. No exceptions.* She asked, “Is my tendency to put the whole world ahead of myself related to the structure of my faith community?”

When injustice occurs among Friends, we typically react by forming a committee. That is not the answer. What is?

We struggle to understand the meaning of *Spirit.* A Friend shared two insights that were especially helpful to her:

- A poetic expression: *The eyes through which I see God are the same eyes through which God sees me.*
  This settled within her, next to another expression:
- *The soul surrounds the body. We are all within our souls.*

“How do I find the words,” she asked, “for what these ideas mean to me? They defy rational explanation. I love them both, and I am working hard with them.”

The work of the Spirit in my life is about community, a Friend told us—about resolving conflict among the members of three families living in community. How hard it is, in personal life and in our meetings and committees, to stand up and disagree with a person I love. That is the challenge!

Among the things I value most is the opportunity to labor with Friends, we heard from a member of our Nominating Committee. A “no” in response to a request to serve is not disheartening. Laboring together is what enables me to be a Friend— to live my Quakerism. This Friend is grateful.

Two messages from this annual gathering were revisited.

- Our Friend who speaks with difficulty and does not feel that others listen or understand has made a plea for communication. He is doing what he can do; the rest of us need to do the work required to truly hear him, and find ways to respond.
- We have heard yearning for effective action to address global threats— for a wind that will sweep us up and move us forward, into the work of the Spirit. We cannot make that wind blow, but we can open ourselves, become receptive, experience the holy Spirit, and take the steps now that we know we need to take.

Our decision to fund a director of our Children’s Program at $660 per year left a Friend outraged. How cheaply we are letting ourselves off! How hypocritical to create a job at less than the minimum wage because too few of us are willing to work with our children!
This Friend candidly stated her hope that her children will grow up as Quakers, a hope that cries out for seasoned Friends to be with our children, to work with them, and to share ourselves with them. This, too, is an opportunity for spiritual enrichment for us as adults. As we want to spend our time with Quakers at Yearly Meeting, we can realize that our children are not merely people who may become Quakers – they are Quakers now!

A Friend expressed the hope that future Yearly Meeting gatherings will be vegetarian, reflecting ministry we have heard this year, and before.

Our Reading Clerk, Ruth Fraser, read from two epistles. The Epistle of East Africa Yearly Meeting declared its condemnation of Gay Culture and its refusal to team up with any group that “proclaims that immoral conduct.” In the 2007 Epistle of Friends for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer Concerns, we heard themes of integrity, of recognition and transcendence of differences and fears, of faith that that we can realize the Kingdom of God on earth through the power of living truth, of being who we are and who we are called to be.

Several Friends rose to express our appreciation for our lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgendered Friends, expressing concern that other Friends’ groups might not value their participation.

The meeting closed at 5:15 p.m. with worship.

Faithfully submitted,

Jamie Newton, Recording Clerk  
Joe Franko, Presiding Clerk
PLENARY VI

Presiding Clerk Joe Franko opened Plenary VI with silent worship at 1:15 PM on Eighth Month, 2nd day, 2007.

Reading Clerk Ruth Fraser read from the epistle of Intermountain Yearly Meeting 2007, which acknowledged their acute awareness of political realities such as war, torture, and the environmental crisis. They memorialized Friend Tom Fox, and they found that even in the midst of these challenging crises, the ocean of love was rising to meet the ocean of darkness. Keynote speaker Joe Volk, of the Friends Committee on National Legislation, brought a message of hope, reminding the gathering that “truth and love have a power of their own that, over time, always prevails.”

We held the people of Minneapolis in the light, in response to news that a freeway bridge had collapsed there, causing several deaths. We held New England Yearly Meeting in the light as they wrestled with FUM’s personnel policy regarding Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer individuals.

Finance Committee

Finance Committee Clerk Cliff Lester requested approval of the minute brought forward during Plenary III, authorizing the treasurer to invest in Friends Fiduciary Corporation. The minute was approved.

PYM 2007-4  Pacific Yearly Meeting approved the following minute, which was proposed by the Finance Committee: Pacific Yearly Meeting authorizes the Treasurer to invest funds in the Friends Fiduciary Corporation.

Cliff Lester asked for approval of the augmentation, also brought forward during Plenary III, of $600 for DJ Bloom’s travel to the 50th Anniversary celebration of the Casa de los Amigos.

PYM 2007-5  Pacific Yearly Meeting approved a budget augmentation of $600 for DJ Bloom’s travel to the 50th Anniversary celebration of the Casa de los Amigos.

The Nominating Committee has overspent its budget, and has plans for additional expenditures between now and September. An augmentation of $600 was requested, increasing their total budget to $2,100.

PYM 2007-6  Pacific Yearly Meeting approved a budget augmentation of $600 for the Nominating Committee, bringing that Committee’s budget to $2,100.

The Finance Committee brought forth a request to increase the 2008 budget for delegates’ travel to the FWCC Section of the Americas meeting by $700 to a total of $2,500. Five people will be attending, including several young Friends.

PYM 2007-7  Pacific Yearly Meeting approved the Finance Committee’s request to increase the 2008 budget for delegates’ travel to the FWCC Section of the Americas meeting by $700 to a total of $2,500.

The finance committee is requesting an increase in the Peace and Social Order Committee’s budget from $500 to $1,000.
PYM 2007-8  Pacific Yearly Meeting approved the Finance Committee’s request to increase the Peace and Social Order Committee’s budget from $500 to $1,000.

These increases and augmentations are all covered adequately by reserves.

Meeting approved the assessment of $32 for fy2008.

PYM 2007-9  Pacific Yearly Meeting approved the annual assessment of $32.00/member for fiscal year 2008.

One Friend reminded the meeting that a committee was established to examine how we can fully fund travel of delegates to Friends organizations. She asked what is happening with this and where are we going with it? The Presiding Clerk re-affirmed that this will be taken up at the next meeting of the Representative Committee.

PYM 2007-10  Pacific Yearly Meeting approved the 2008 budget as presented by the Finance Committee, with the increases and augmentations approved in this session.

Treasurer’s Report

Treasurer Gary Wolff presented an interim report [See Attachment 7]. PYM’s revenue comes primarily from monthly meeting assessments; funding from that source is very close to anticipated budget. Income from invested capital is significantly higher than anticipated, at $4,855 rather than $1,500. The Treasurer will soon begin investing monies not needed for immediate cash flow in Friends Fiduciary.

Expenses are generally below budget, with some items yet to come in. The Treasurer anticipates that final totals will remain below budget. PYM currently has about $55,000 in committed reserves designated for travel and activities that span multiple years. We have $129,000 in uncommitted reserves.

PYM 2007-11  Pacific Yearly Meeting accepted the Treasurer’s report.

Electronic Subcommittee Policy

Two years ago PYM created an electronic subcommittee to develop a policy for use of the PYM website. No concerns about the policy have been heard since that time.

PYM 2007-12  Pacific Yearly Meeting approved the policy for use of the PYM website proposed by the electronic subcommittee [See Attachment 8].

Nominating Committee

Nominating Committee Clerk Darcy Stanley presented a full list of nominees for PYM officers, committees, delegates, and representatives to Friends’ organizations. [See Attachment 9]. All names will be brought for approval at a subsequent plenary.
Darcy Stanley reported the Committee’s minute for the year of discernment, which is attached to these minutes. In particular, they noted that PYM has no active process for supporting Friends’ leadings. In response, representative positions (for example, to Friends House Moscow and Friends Peace Teams) have been created. “These ‘representative’ Friends do not, in fact, represent PYM to other organizations. If anything, they represent those other organizations to PYM.”

The nominating committee reached unity on a recommendation:  

Nominating Committee requests that Pacific Yearly Meeting approve the laying down of Wider Fellowship Among Friends Committee. This committee has not been functional or effective in recent years and no longer serves a vital purpose to PYM.

They brought forward the following minute, which will be considered for approval at a subsequent plenary session.

Julie Harlow, currently named as “Representative” to Friends House Moscow Board of Directors and Rachel Fretz, currently named as “Representative” to Friends Peace Team Project Board of Directors, are, in fact, ministers with leadings not Representatives of PYM. They are vital members of their respective Boards and it would be inappropriate to replace them with another Friend from PYM at the end of their term. Therefore, Nominating Committee recommends that:

1. These Friends with leadings, and any such ministers who come forward in the future, be under the care of the Leadings Subcommittee of Ministry and Oversight, and that the position of “Representative” to these Boards be laid down;
2. The travel budget currently used for the position of Representative to these Boards be moved to PYM Funds and should continue to be used to support these Friends’ leadings. The Leadings Subcommittee should oversee the use of these funds.
3. The East-West Relations Committee be laid down, as it serves mainly as a personal support committee to Julie Harlow. However, the Leadings Subcommittee should form support committees for Friends with leadings and those Friends committed to supporting Julie Harlow’s work could continue on this support committee.

Clarifying questions and responses

Is it good Quaker process to introduce such a minute without consulting the persons/committees affected? What is the process for supporting a leading? Tomorrow Ministry & Oversight will report that they have created a new Subcommittee on Ministry and Leadings. Its charge will be to work with individuals to clarify their leadings and organize support for them. Formerly there was a fund for concerns under the jurisdiction of Ministry & Oversight, to which individuals with leadings or ministry could apply. Ministry & Oversight will recommend that the new subcommittee have jurisdiction over that fund.
East/West Relations Committee did have the opportunity to consider the Nominating Committee’s recommendation. They have a two-page report which will be posted and available. They note that support for their work is not merely financial or spiritual, but also “nuts and bolts,” and very practical. They note that a leading is not just that of an individual, but reflects others’ concerns for a particular issue.

Rachel Fretz of Friends Peace Team stated that she would be pleased to work under the care of a Subcommittee on Ministry and Leadings. However, the work of Friends Peace Teams is larger than one individual, and having the Representative position laid down appears hasty and inappropriate at this time.

Presiding Clerk Joe Franko pointed out that this issue did come to Representative Committee, which concluded that it was too important to be decided there, which is why it was brought to the Yearly Meeting for consideration. It is important for representatives who attend Representative Committee to share critical issues, such as this one, with their monthly meetings.

The reports from *Friends Bulletin* and FGC Advancement & Outreach were held over for later consideration.

Assistant to the Clerk Sue Torrey read several announcements.

These minutes will be held over for approval at a subsequent plenary.

This meeting concluded at 2:30, to be continued with Meeting for Memorials.

Faithfully submitted,

Claire Gorfinkel, Recording Clerk

Joe Franko, Presiding Clerk
PLENARY VIII

Joe Franko, Presiding Clerk, opened Plenary session VIII at 1:15 p.m. on eighth month 3, 2007, with worship. He asked us to hold in the light Joann Taylor (Santa Monica) and her daughter, Shelley. Shelley died this morning.

Ruth Fraser, Reading Clerk, read from the 2006 Epistle of Lake Erie Yearly Meeting, where Friends heard recommendations on expectant listening, reviewed the structures of their Yearly Meeting, deepened their Quaker experience through worship, activities, and reports of their members’ action in the world, and shared a prayer that they might “continue not only to listen – but to heed.”

Minutes of Plenary Session VI

The minutes of our Plenary Session VI (eighth month 2, 2007) were read and approved after several revisions were made. In response to a statement from an epistle that was referred to in our minutes – “The ocean of darkness was at high tide” – a Friend expressed concern about the use by Quakers of language that associates darkness with evil.

Friends Bulletin

Anthony Manousos, Editor of Friends Bulletin, expressed gratitude to all who have contributed to Friends Bulletin as Board members, authors, volunteers, and subscribers. A search is under way for a new name for Friends Bulletin, and suggestions are invited. Friends Bulletin needs and welcomes financial support.

Friends General Conference Advancement and Outreach Program

Darcy Stanley (Strawberry Creek) and Robin Mohr (San Francisco) attended the Friends General Conference Advancement and Outreach consultation, with representation from 15 yearly meetings. Topics included retention of attenders, attraction of visitors, and integrity of the Friends community – a vital attribute that joins Friends together and draws newcomers to us. Friends were advised to be forthright about encouraging active attenders and the youth of our meetings to consider whether membership may be appropriate, and to create structures and processes in our meetings that are not merely functional, but enhance the beauty and richness of our experiences. Outreach to young people can be strengthened by offering opportunities to do good while hanging out with Friends, and by sharing our truth when we are asked about our beliefs and principles. Robin and Darcy led us in an exercise that was used at the gathering to help Friends establish rapport and share their understanding of Quakerism through a series of challenging questions to be answered concisely.

Friends General Conference representative

Tom Farley (Palo Alto), our representative to Friends General Conference, reported on his attendance at the Friends General Conference Central Committee meeting, with about 200 Friends present. Tom told us that FGC is glad to organize events in a specific geographic area, provided that Friends in that region invite FGC to do so.
PYM 2007-13 Pacific Yearly Meeting approved this minute, proposed by our representative to Friends General Conference, with the understanding that the Presiding Clerk will send our invitation to the appropriate FGC clerks and staff:

*Pacific Yearly Meeting invites Friends General Conference and its committees and programs to consider holding events [such as gatherings, institutes, consultations, conferences, committee meetings, etc.] in the geographic region of Pacific Yearly Meeting.*

**Naming Committee**

PYM 2007-14 For the Naming Committee, Jim Anderson presented for the second time the names of Friends who were recommended to serve on the Nominating Committee, each for a specific term. These recommendations were approved:

DJ Bloom (Apple Seed) Pat Daggerty (Orange Grove), and Jo Tyler (Orange County) for three-year terms; Heather Levien (Berkeley Meeting) for a two-year term ending in 2009, and Kitty Bergel (Orange County) and Tom Farley (Palo Alto) for one-year terms ending in 2008; Stratton Jaquette as Clerk for a one year term ending in 2008.

**Nominating Committee**

Darcy Stanley presented the final report of the Nominating Committee, with a slate of nominees [See Attachment 9].

PYM 2007-15 Pacific Yearly Meeting approved the slate of nominees in the final report of the Nominating Committee.

PYM 2007-16 Pacific Yearly Meeting approved the following minute, which was proposed by the Nominating Committee:

*Nominating believes that Julie Harlow is a Friend with a leading and should appropriately be under the care of M&O. We further believe that East-West Relations Committee is laboring under a leading in tandem with Julie’s work, and therefore their care also belongs under M&O. However, it is premature to lay down this committee and appointment, until the structure for ongoing care is clarified.*

*It is clear to us, that as Nomination Committee, it is not in our charge how to structure the care for these Friends and their common concern. We ask M&O to review and return to Repcomm with recommendations on structure and care, so that all the valuable work that is currently done by these Friends continues to be adequately supported in good Quaker order.*

*As there are 3 line items in our budget with regard to Friends House Moscow and East-West Relations and a bank account in the name of East-West Relations Committee, we further request Finance Committee consider appropriate mechanisms and structures for financial support of these Friends’ work and also report back to us at Repcomm.*
PYM 2007-17 Pacific Yearly Meeting approved the following minute, which was proposed by the Nominating Committee:

Nominating Committee requests that Pacific Yearly Meeting approve the laying down of Wider Fellowship Among Friends Committee. This committee has not been functional or effective in recent years and no longer serves a vital purpose to PYM.

Statistical report

Lee Knutson, Statistical Clerk, presented the statistical report for June 1, 2006 through May 31, 2007, summarizing changes in the adult membership of Pacific Yearly Meeting for that period [See Attachment 10]. PYM’s membership decreased by 28, from 1518 to 1490, and Central Coast Preparative Meeting became a new monthly meeting. The category of youth to adult is under review, because it may be inconsistent with our actual practices with respect to membership of Friends who have been children in our meetings.

American Friends Service Committee

Shan Cretin (Regional Director, Pacific Southwest Region) and Alan Lessik (Regional Director, Pacific Northwest Region) reported on the origins, history, structure, sources of financial support, and current programs of the AFSC in this 90th year of the AFSC’s work. [See Attachment 11] Although AFSC maintains vigorous involvement in international programs, 52% of AFSC’s resources are now devoted toward domestic peace and justice programs within the United States. The AFSC appreciates and needs Friends’ prayers and continuing financial and action support.

First reading of the 2007 PYM Epistle

Robin Durant, for the Epistle Committee, presented the first reading of the 2007 PYM Epistle. Comments were invited, to help the Epistle Committee proceed to a final draft.

The meeting closed at 3:40 p.m. with worship.

Faithfully submitted,

Jamie Newton, Recording Clerk Joe Franko, Presiding Clerk
PLENARY IX

Presiding Clerk Joe Franko opened the meeting with silent worship at 8:45 am on Eighth month, 4, 2007. He announced the death of Helen Neptune, a long time member of San Diego meeting, and asked that we hold her meeting and her family in the light.

Reading clerk Ruth Fraser read from the epistle from Nordic Yearly Meeting 2006: Friends from Sweden, Norway, Denmark and Finland met in this manner for the second time. Light – the Nordic light is intensive, and night almost non-existent – is an important theme for them. Their theme was “Inner and Outer Peace.” We should look for the light

FWCC Report
Donna Smith and Roena Oesting reported. FWCC is the only worldwide Friends organization that embraces all Friends’ traditions. FWCC’s 70th anniversary is coming up this fall at Swarthmore and there will be a Quaker Youth Pilgrimage in 2008. See the website. They are exploring more ecological ways of coming together. Ann Boone, Roena Oesting and Sarah Wolcott will be attending the upcoming Triennial later this month in Ireland. At the last Triennial gathering in Africa, one friend witnessed two men with diametrically opposing views on homosexuality and AIDS meeting together outside the regular sessions, finding common ground and reaching new understanding.

Attending the Triennial is wonderful and also hard work – an opportunity to share with Friends from different worship practices and different beliefs, an opportunity to share the origins and depth of one’s own belief. The next meeting will be in Indiana. You really can’t do this through email.

Ministry and Oversight
Clerk Laura Magnani brought an update on the health of Tony Prete, who addressed last year’s PYM annual session. In cooperation with the Nominating Committee, M&O has moved ahead to establish a subcommittee on Leadings and Ministry; its job description is being finalized. They are concerned with nurturing youth and youth work, including Quaker camps, Woolman Semester, Shalom Project and Koinonia. They are moving in the direction of recommending that PYM hire staff to coordinate and support youth work.

Even in the midst of conscientious sharing about rules and guidelines for the youth, it appears that some of the rules were violated. “It felt as though there was a rift in the fabric of our community, and the task of this hard-working group has been to mend the fabric.” The presence of Vanessa Julye has been a gift to PYM, JYM and the children. She will be available to monthly meetings during the coming year. There is a need to continue holding “affinity groups” and we need to keep honoring that tradition as we work to build the community as a whole.

The ‘Year of Discernment’ was the theme of a plenary and M&O is establishing a sub-committee to review all the responses and materials that came in. “The ultimate goal is to organize ourselves so that Spirit can move among us unimpeded by bureaucracy or habit, and mindful of our impact on the planet. “We are energized and confident that Way is opening for us as a faith community.”

Friends expressed gratitude for the work with the youth over the rule violation; along with a dream that we will all worship and share together, young and old.
AVP Report
Stephen Matchett, Ann Boone, Tara McNHenry and Bob Barns reported. Alternatives to Violence Project California has a ministry in a dozen prisons involving many PYM members, among others. In 2006-07 they hosted 106 workshops in state prisons involving 1,650 participants. They also hosted 24 community workshops with 286 participants. They are building a ‘third leg’ involving staff trainings in the prisons.

Inmates have said: “When I’m in an AVP workshop, I don’t feel that I’m in prison,” and: “This is the first time in 29 years, I’ve had a human relationship.” Through AVP some men who anticipated a life sentence have earned parole, and one will be helping to lead an upcoming workshop at Quaker Center. Everyone who has facilitated, taken, or helped in any way with an AVP workshop was invited to stand – it was a large group of people!

Registrar’s Report
Roena Oesting and Raph Levien reported. The total headcount was 300 (and one service dog); approximately ten percent less than last year. There were five babies and toddlers, 22 children under 12; and 45 youth between 12 and 17. The work of registrars is difficult and hard to fill; the registrars recommend that PYM pay professionals to take on this task. The Presiding Clerk noted that late registrations pose a special burden on the registrars and the facility, and this may be even more difficult next year at Walker Creek. Several Friends spoke in support of the proposal, noting that FWCC has used a highly effective, knowledgeable organization to handle the work of the registrars for their gathering. Members of our monthly meeting may also have the appropriate skills. We have only one registrar appointed for next year. The Yearly Meeting might also consider whether it would be well served by maintaining an office, a secretariat throughout the year. The following sense of the meeting was received:

The Presiding Clerk is authorized to meet with the Finance Committee and others to explore getting additional support for the registrars and follow up as needed, as soon as possible.

Presiding Clerk Joe Franko offered his own closing minute:
What a joy it has been to serve as your Presiding Clerk at our annual sessions this year! Friends spoke in Worship about being on fire! and about being swept away by the Holy Spirit. Your Clerk senses a renewed desire to live our radical faith, unhindered by priests, pastors, or other intermediaries and seek to know more clearly what Spirit requires of us.

The Eyes Wide Open exhibit reminded me and others of our real work in the world. An Epistle from another Yearly Meeting called for exclusion of gays and lesbians and their supporters. With the 2007 Epistle of Friends for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer Concerns (FLGBTQC) the very real differences between Friends could not have been clearer. We value, seek, and encourage diversity while at the same time knowing that our imperfections mean we can always do better! We were blessed by the presence of Vanessa Julye from the Committee for Ministry on Racism for Friends General Conference.

On this last day, I urge you to take what fire and light you have found here back to your Monthly and Quarterly Meetings. Our annual sessions will have been important only if as a result your Meeting catches fire. Urge folks to come to Yearly Meeting and urge your representatives to bring your concerns to Representative Committee in March. The glow of this fire might then enlighten a world that sorely needs Friends to help heal wounds and care for our Earth.
Young Friends Epistle
It was hot. Fewer than twenty young friends attended and they missed others who were committed to jobs and other concerns. They support the proposal for hiring a youth coordinator. They closed with hearts full and knowledge that they are thriving. They named Co-clerks: Hank Coshnear, Redwood Forest and Anna Lisa Chacon, Santa Cruz; Recording clerk: Dyami Caplan, Santa Cruz; Ministry & Oversight Clerk: Melina Larkin, Strawberry Creek and members: Andre Nelson, Redwood Forest; Jay Smith, Live Oak; Adrienne Pasta, Salmon Bay; Xavier Manalo, Berkeley. [See Attachment 12] They brought a forward a minute:

Young friends are excited about the possibility of PYM hiring a youth coordinator and we encourage the Yearly Meeting to move forward with support for our youth through this position.

JYM Epistle
Nate, Maggie, Sequoya and Josiah brought an epistle highlighting their religious and social progression over the course of the week. They encouraged parents and other adults to meet with them and provide guidelines. They appreciated being able to discuss racism in their own lives with Vanessa Julye. They also appreciated opportunities to play with both Young Friends and younger Friends. At a service project they assisted the Church of the Nazarene with painting and preparing food boxes. JYM members led the community night with talent and enthusiasm. JYM continues to nurture their spirituality and growth. JYM officers co-clerks, Nate Secrest, Lake County WG; Maggie Coshnear, Redwood Forest; Gabe Martinez, La Jolla; Recording Clerk Robby Hinson, Palo Alto; Norah Cook, M&O from Davis, M&O Noan Marshall, Michelle Marshall, Mark, Norah Cook. [See Attachment 13]

Early Elementary group Epistle
I like the stories … playing on the computer … paddle volleyball … all of this. They learned about “in-teg-ri-ty:” tell the truth, be your own special self, be faithful even as Horton the Elephant was faithful.

Upper Elementary group Epistle
Thea, Samantha, Sam, Sydney and Anna read that they enjoyed singing songs with the early elementary group and playing Capture the Flag with the teens. They appreciated crafts, hearing stories and going to the pool. [See Attachment 14]

Pre-school Epistle
“I like meeting new people; have a nice day; you just have to be patient; I want to thank God.”

Middle School Epistle
They talked about integrity and truth, and they discussed racism with Vanessa Julye. They enjoyed doing crafts and singing songs and wrestled with finding the right balance between sitting around (like school) vs. doing crafts and other activities.

PYM Epistle
Kylin Navarro thanked PYM on behalf of herself, Ed Flowers and Robin DuRant, members of the Epistle Committee. PYM met following a year of discernment, which involved looking at our practices, traditions and assumptions. They asked Friends of all ages: “Why do you come to Yearly Meeting?” and “What has been most meaningful this year?” The Epistle records many of their responses; it is attached. [See Attachment 15]

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*It is clear to us, that as Nomination Committee, it is not in our charge how to structure the care for these Friends and their common concern. We ask M&O to review and return to Repcomm with recommendations on structure and care, so that all the valuable work that is currently done by these Friends continues to be adequately supported in good Quaker order.*

*As there are 3 line items in our budget with regard to Friends House Moscow and East-West Relations and a bank account in the name of East-West Relations Committee, we further request Finance Committee consider appropriate mechanisms and structures for financial support of these Friends’ work and also report back to us at Repcomm.*
| PYM 2007-17 | Pacific Yearly Meeting approved the following minute, which was proposed by the Nominating Committee:

Nominating Committee requests that Pacific Yearly Meeting approve the laying down of Wider Fellowship Among Friends Committee. This committee has not been functional or effective in recent years and no longer serves a vital purpose to PYM. |
Finance Committee Report  
Pacific Yearly Meeting  
July 31, 2007

We continue to meet for two days between RepCom and PYM to discuss policy issues and construct a proposed budget for the following fiscal year. There is a cost to Finance Committee having the spring retreat, but the alternative is to develop the budget at Yearly Meeting. In the past this meant spending most of Yearly Meeting in meetings of Finance Committee—rather than participating in the Yearly Meeting itself.

Year of Discernment

This year, we also spent some time considering the Year of Discernment and what it might mean to the Finance Committee. In the spirit of the year of discernment, we considered the work of the finance committee.

Finance Committee size and number of meetings

Given the work load and the complexity of the tasks, the size of the committee seems appropriate to the tasks. Some work via teleconference would be possible, but it is tiring (and stressful?) after an hour or so. Teleconferencing is more difficult for something like developing a budget when we may refer to several documents in a short period of time.

Teleconferencing

Several committees have used teleconferencing as a means of saving the expense and carbon footprint of getting together physically. We encourage others to do so also and, to that end, we set up an easy-to-use service which can be billed directly to our bank account or credit/debit card. The Treasurer will establish an account for each committee and officer and forward information to them on how to use the service. We want to emphasize that other providers should not be used as that would increase the work of the Treasurer. This information will be included in the Finance Committee letter to clerks, officers and delegates in the fall.

The Finance Committee agreed to hold a meeting by teleconferencing the week before Yearly Meeting to cover last minute adjustments to the budget and any other items of business which might come up.

Presentations to Yearly Meeting

In order to reduce the amount of paper consumed by lengthy reports and budgets at Yearly Meeting, we will try an experiment this year. There will be no handouts of this report or the budget information in plenary. We will project the figures on a screen and explain the budget and the major areas of decisions we made in constructing it. There will be 20 copies of the budget details in the hall outside the plenary room as well as a signup sheet if more copies are desired. We will arrange for Secretariat to print more copies as requested and have them available by the next plenary. If you don’t sign up, don’t take a copy as you will be depriving someone else of their copy.

We note also that the reports to Yearly Meeting will appear on the website along with the minutes of plenary sessions.
The Proposed Budget for FY2008

The good news first – assessments will come down for the second year in a row!

![Member Assessment Graph](attachment:2)

Refer now to the attached tables of revenues and expenses: [See Attachment 2]
FY06 Actual and Budget are shown as well as FY07 & FY08 Budgets. We feel that the incompleteness of the Actual YTD for FY07 tends to be confusing and unhelpful.
The following comments explain some of our thinking in constructing this budget. More details can be explained in our meeting with you tomorrow.

**Expenses**

**General Expenses**
General Expenses were augmented by $2,000 to cover unanticipated expenses related to a contribution to the Youth Summer Camp at Quaker Center in Ben Lomond. We do not intend to budget for unanticipated expenses. They will be augmented as decisions are made by RepCom and/or PYM. Other minor changes in the Clerk’s Travel & Discretionary account and the expenses for PYM minutes were offsetting.

**Committee Expenses**
We have made a concerted effort to reduce the budget for committee expenses whenever they have been consistently under spent. Note that the total for FY06 Actual was about $7,000 less than the budget. This has been typical over the last few years. Where there has been increased committee activity as with Nominating and Unity with Nature, we have increased the budget. Others, including Finance, have been reduced based on our review of past actuals. If it turns out that a committee’s budget will have to exceed the amount in this budget, an augmentation may be requested from RepCom or PYM.

**Support of Friends Organizations**
We leave the budget unchanged from FY07.

**Conference Travel/PYM Delegates**
There is a slight reduction overall. Specific situations to be noted:

- Friends Bulletin Board’s reserves exceed the cap so the amount budgeted has been reduced somewhat.
- This budget adds $850 to FUM Triennial Reserves which will total $2,955 in time for the next triennial meeting. The amount required will depend on how many people are sent as delegates.
- FWCC Triennial meeting reserves will reach $5,100 by the end of FY08.

**Total Expenses**

Total expenses decrease almost $7,000 from FY07’s budget. Note, however, that the figure is still $20,000 greater than the actual FY06. Budgeting presents a dilemma because committees and delegates to affiliated organizations typically spend only a portion of their allocated budget. In some cases work is not being completed (some committees are inactive). In other cases, individuals do not request reimbursement, but rather absorb expenses personally. In budgeting, the hope of Finance Committee is for the amount budgeted to be realistic and yet be sufficient to reimburse actual expenses for individuals who could not afford to bear the costs personally.

**Revenues**

The major source of revenues is contributions from member Meetings which derives from a $/member assessment. Our Treasurer has been diligent in keeping cash in interest bearing accounts this year and we estimate an increase in return on invested capital to $6,000. At an assessment of $32/member, there will be an estimated drawdown of reserves of $7500 in this budget. The Finance Committee feels that this is an appropriate level given the amount of reserves in hand.

**Delegate Travel Expenses**

The Finance Committee is concerned that there has been no movement on the subject of appropriate levels of expenses for delegate travel which we raised in 2004. Yearly Meeting appointed a committee which does not appear to be functioning. The problem of whether we should be appointing delegates with insufficient budgets to fund their travel expenses remains.

**Socially Responsible Investment of PYM funds**

The Finance Committee recommends that PYM invest any moneys not immediately needed for operations in the Friends Fiduciary Corporation (FFC). For about 100 years, FFC has invested money for Friends organizations in much the same way as a mutual fund does. They follow Friends values in their investing strategy which assures that our money will be invested in a socially responsible manner.

Finance Committee asks for the following minute from PYM:

*Pacific Yearly Meeting authorizes the Treasurer to invest funds in the Friends Fiduciary Corporation.* [See PYM 2007-4]
Augmentation
At last Yearly Meeting, PYM appointed DJ Bloom as our representative to the 50th anniversary event for the Casa de los Amigos. A budget augmentation for this unanticipated expense at that time or at RepCom should have been requested at RepCom in March. Finance Committee now requests PYM for an augmentation of $600 for FY2007 in a newly created account called “5216 – Unanticipated Expenses”.

Insurance
Our liability insurance needs seem to be a very complicated affair. The Finance Committee and the Treasurer feel they need help in sorting through the requirements and options. We ask Yearly Meeting members to speak to the Presiding Clerk if they’d be interested in volunteering for an ad hoc insurance committee under the Finance Committee. This committee would consider appropriate types and levels of insurance for PYM, i.e. Officers & Directors Liability and General Liability. If one or more members were familiar with the insurance business, that would be helpful.

Submitted by Cliff Lester
Clerk of the Finance Committee
## Proposed Budget FY2008

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SITE COMMITTEE REPORT TO PACIFIC YEARLY MEETING
Tues. July 31, 2007

Members: Mariana Ruybalid (Berkeley); Co-Clerk, Carol Mosher (Berkeley); Co-Clerk, Liz Baker (Berkeley), Nancy Rowan (Santa Barbara), Eva Miller (Orange Grove) Ad hoc members: Current and immediate past Arrangements Clerks: Pat Smith ( Claremont), Marilee Eusebio (Davis), Jan Tappan (Orange Grove)

At the March 3, 2007 Representative Committee Meeting, Site Committee recommended that Pacific Yearly Meeting be held at Walker Creek Ranch in 2008 (July 28 - Aug. 2). This is a facility owned by Marin County Office of Education where science camps are conducted, and it is also rented to conference groups. It is located at 1700 Marshall-Petaluma Rd, Petaluma, CA 94952. Website: www.walkercreekranch.org If all goes well, PYM will also meet there in 2009.

The recommendation was accepted by Representative Committee.

We thought that our work was done, but when the contract arrived, the cost estimate had gone up and the semi-private rooms seemed too expensive. We looked again at other options: staying at U. Redlands a 3rd year, or going to Sonoma State University in Rohnert Park. In the end, we approached Walker Creek Ranch and were offered a lower price on the semi-private rooms, provided that we brought our own bedding. After much discussion, we again unified on going ahead with Walker Creek Ranch.

As you know, a perfect site for PYM has not materialized. We are somewhat familiar with Walker Creek Ranch because PYM was held there in 1993. The things we like about Walker Creek are:

2. We will be the only group on site; all buildings can be used except private staff dwellings
3. Camping on premises. No campfires permitted except in amphitheater pit.
4. Food includes non-vegetarian and vegetarian/vegan choices. Dietician will respond to special needs. We are permitted to bring food in. Individuals can save money by opting out of a meal. Kitchen facilities in the semi-private lodges.
7. The dining hall has been expanded since PYM in ‘93. If we have 250 registered (not including commuters) they’ve agreed to provide a larger plenary space, probably a tent plenary. (The 2 largest meeting rooms each have 200 capacity)
8. Staff is enthusiastic and responsive.

Difficulties we are anticipating:

1. Single and double rooms are scarce even in the semi-private lodges. Those needing this kind of room may choose to commute from nearby towns such as Marshall, Tomales, or Dillon Beach to the west, or Petaluma or Novato to the east. Group rates can be arranged at a selected motel.
2. Public transportation along Marshall-Petaluma Rd. is non-existent. PYM may arrange a shuttle bus or shuttle vans from Petaluma or Novato, and/or from a bay area rapid transit (BART) station in Oakland or Berkeley.

Other sites contacted and considered in addition to U. Redlands and Sonoma State include: (1) Mt. Madonna (2) Asilomar (3) CSU-Monterey Bay (4) Stanford U. (5) St. Mary’s College-Moraga (6) Mills College-Oakland (7) Westmont College-Santa Barbara (8) U. of Pacific-Stockton. These were either not chosen or not possible, for various reasons.
RESPONDING TO GLOBAL CLIMATE CHANGE: Draft of a Minute
Presented to PYM Gathering, 2007

Friends have come to recognize that caring for the Earth is a true spiritual concern. In the most recent *Faith and Practice*, we are asked to "live according to principles of right relationship and right action within the larger whole. Be aware of the influence humans have on the health and viability of life on earth."

Throughout Pacific Yearly Meeting, a growing number of individuals and meetings have taken specific steps to raise awareness and alter behavior in these regards.

We now are facing global climate change, a phenomenon no longer seriously in doubt within the scientific community. As a result of choices we have made, the Earth is growing ever hotter, exacerbating weather extremes, habitat destruction, species extinction, and the dislocation of human lives. We recognize that resource scarcity brings greatest risk to the most vulnerable people. It can also aggravate the conditions for war.

These changes, we can no longer escape entirely. Yet some of the harm may be avoided if we act responsibly soon. In the face of these awesome challenges, we turn away from either apathy or despair toward way opening in the Light. We acknowledge the need to awaken to our sacred connection to life on this Earth.

We call for Friends to examine and decrease our individual impacts, where possible, so that Earth's resources are sustained or replenished. Such commitment will likely entail major adjustments in our purchases, diets, transportation, and livelihoods.

While many individual Friends have progressed toward a more sustainable lifestyle, we must now move toward a corporate witness in our meetings, joining with and helping each other and also like-minded groups, in our common concerns.

We ask all to stay continually informed about this evolving planetary crisis to discern future actions that will become needed. We appeal to all Friends to make this a standing priority in our families, meetings, and communities.

We ask monthly meetings in the coming year to discuss and discern this minute in terms of their appropriate witness and action and for input at the gathering of the Pacific Yearly Meeting in 2008.

We submit the actions below, ones implemented in various meetings within PYM, to exemplify some possible first steps in creating a sustainable way of life on a healthier planet:

* Reducing personal greenhouse gases at least 10% in the coming year through decreased driving, flying, and home energy use, and using efficient alternatives, for those able to do so.
* Being a resource, encouraging, and learning from others to reduce fossil-fuel consumption.
* Engaging in collective discernment in our meetings to understand and adjust to climate change, allowing spirit to work among us.
* Networking among meetings and other like-minded groups, both religious and secular, to share resources and expertise.
* Laboring with those shaping public opinion and policy to support Earthcare. From local to state, national, and international levels, advocating measures to protect Earth's resources and lessen the occasion for war.
* Through personal participation and public policy, working to promote environmental justice and assist the most vulnerable.
STAND WITH US
A MODEST PROPOSAL

For more than five years now a few Americans have been standing at the corner of Larkin Street and Golden Gate Avenue advocating nonviolent solutions to the world's problems. We come every Thursday from noon to 1:00. During this time we have watched the war in Iraq begin and get bloodier and bloodier and opposition to it grow. Today, finally, a solid majority of the American public says END THE WAR NOW—and yet the war continues. Polls show a majority in the range of 70 percent saying BRING THE TROOPS HOME NOW. That's an awful lot of people—more than 200,000,000 Americans.

With so much opposition to the war, why do only a few dozen stand with us? What would happen if one percent of the people against the war—that is to say, 2,000,000 people—came peacefully to federal buildings and city squares and military installations all across the country and demanded an end to the war? Could the war continue or would the will of the people prevail? Could this be a significant step toward the creation of a nonviolent response to the problems of terrorism and war?

When we think about a nonviolent future for our country and the world, we see the necessity of building this kind of people power. We also see our weekly vigil—and the hundreds of similar vigils all across the country—as a tiny, hopeful beginning. We invite you to stand with us and to bring your family, friends and neighbors to stand with us too.

HOW MANY PEOPLE STANDING VIGIL WILL IT TAKE TO END THE WAR?

LEAFETS FOR FRIENDS
Please vigi with us on Thursdays and invite friends, neighbors and co-workers to join us. You are welcome to take leaflets to give to those who might be interested. Help us work to build a nonviolent world.

STAND WITH US AGAINST ALL WAR
We have stood on this corner of the San Francisco Federal Building every Thursday since October 2001. We come to say NO to war and to speak up for nonviolence. All in agreement are invited to vigi with us. Let us stand against all war and pray for all victims of war.

This vigil was started by two Quaker groups—American Friends Service Committee and San Francisco Friends Meeting. They have been joined by Buddhist Peace Fellowship and Episcopal Peace Fellowship. Participants come from a range of backgrounds. Some of us are silent, praying or meditating. Others do not keep silence and are happy to speak with you.

CONTACT INFORMATION
American Friends Service Committee
65 Ninth St., San Francisco, CA 94103, 415 565-0201,
www.afsc.org/

Buddhist Peace Fellowship
P.O. Box 3470, Berkeley, CA 94703 or see www.bpt.org/

Episcopal Peace Fellowship
415 824-0288 or see http://www.episcopalpeacefellowship.org/

San Francisco Friends Meeting
65 Ninth St., San Francisco, CA 94103, 415 431-7440
sfquakers.org/

To contact the vigil: sfvigil@mac.com

NONVIOLENT VIGIL FOR PEACE & JUSTICE
Children’s Program Committee report to Pacific Yearly Meeting
August 1, 2007

With three active members and one clerk, the Children’s Program Committee has been small but mighty. The Children’s Program Committee met in person only once. All of the other meetings took place by phone conference. We found that this worked quite well. Our meetings were congenial and productive. The Children’s Program Committee has taken on the tasks of teacher recruitment, formulation of curriculum, formulation of policies, shopping for snacks and supplies, and general logistical coordination. In addition, the committee members have been supporting the teachers at PYM, handling the children’s paperwork, distributing the snacks, and delivering supplies to teachers.

Establishing and running this small school for a week is a big job, and it is a job that the members of the Children’s Program Committee take very seriously. Nurturing the children of Pacific Yearly Meeting is important work. We strive to find ways to engage the children while instructing them about our Quaker faith. We hope to inspire them to have the courage to take their faith out with them into their world.

Despite our efforts, we were not able to recruit enough teachers to cover our needs. Many Friends have stepped forward to volunteer at PYM, yet there are still many empty slots on the sign-up schedule. This has been a source of concern to the Children’s Program Committee. It has caused us to wonder what is the role of the Children’s Program in yearly meeting? Is the program regarded as child care or is it seen as an opportunity to bring our young Friends into our Quaker community? Why is it hard to recruit Friends to work on the Children’s Program Committee? Does PYM have the resources to provide a full Children’s Program at Yearly Meeting? Does the wider community regard this work to be worthy?

Friends engage in many endeavors. Many of us are committed to working for justice in our prisons, seeking an end to war, and helping the hungry and homeless. It is the hope of the Children’s Program Committee that Friends will regard those who are committed to the children in the same light. And it is our further hope that many more will be led to engage in the important work of nurturing our future Quakers.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Sharples Bills
Clerk
This is an interim report for Fiscal Year 2006-2007 (October 1, 2006 through September 30, 2007). The actual amounts are as of July 31, 2007. A detailed report is attached.

Budget amounts are based on the actions approved at Representative Committee in March 2007. Note that the final report for FY 2006-2007 is due to Representative Committee in March 2008.

Revenue

Revenue from 4101-Contributions from Monthly Meetings ($51,374.00) is very close to Budget ($51,486). However, the five meetings have not yet fully paid their share of the assessments. The Treasurer plans to contact those meetings to discuss the various situations. The affected meetings are:

- Big Island (two years) $936.00
- Los Angeles (three years) $1,026.00
- Marin $442.00
- Mexico City (part of two years) $110.00
- San Francisco $2,918.00

Income from 4104-Return on Invested Capital ($4,885.44) is considerably more than Budget ($1,500). This is due to interest rates on our money market accounts being more than expected as well as keeping cash invested when not immediately needed for disbursement.

Expenses

Expenses are below Budget with one exception. The Budget for Nominating Committee ($1,500) is not adequate for the number of meetings the committee held. The Finance Committee plans to request an augmentation of this budget item.

Disbursement of funds for Support of Friends Organizations (Accounts 5251 through 5266) totaling $8,100 will be made soon.

Assets and Liabilities/Reserves

Our total Assets stand at $221,754.92. This includes $178,313.83 in Invested Capital. We have a loan of $20,000 from the PYM Session Account. The Finance Committee has requested that we establish an investment account with Friends Fiduciary Corporation. The plan would be to move over time our Invested Capital between PAX World Money Market (to support needed cash flow) and Friends Fiduciary for funds that we expect not to need for some time.

Gary Wolff, Treasurer
August 2, 2007
# PYM General Account

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### Explanatory Note for Items on Pages 1 & 2

Expense accounts with a bold face R27XX following the account name have that associated reserve fund on page 4. 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 number now appointed and (m) is number whom full reimbursement is possible with current budget.

Note 1: FUM contribution diverted to expenses of additional delegate(s) in FY06 per RepCom 2005-04.
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| **LIABILITIES AND RESERVES** |                                |                       |                      |                      |                                |                       |
| * 2701 — Accounts Payable    | 0.00                          | 0.00                  | 0.00                |                                | 0.00                  |
| 2702 — Loan Payable-PYM Session Acct | 0.00                          | 0.00                  | 20,000.00           |                                | 20,000.00             |
| 4    | 2712 — Student Conscience Fund          | 17,790.47             | 17,835.56            | 17,843.11            |                                | 17,843.11             |
| 7a   | 2713 — Clerk’s Travel & Discretion (5202) Reserve | 1,393.91              | 1,803.70             | 937.92               | 613.20/324.72                  |                       |
| 7a   | 2714 — Committee Supplemental (5237) Reserve | 1,128.80              | 1,364.51             | 1,134.89             |                                | 1,134.89             |
| 5    | 2721 — Pre-Publishing Reserve (Faith and Practice) | 0.00                  | 0.00                 | 0.00                 |                                | 0.00                 |
| 5    | 2721.1 — Publishing Stock (Faith and Practice) | 16,562.56             | 16,562.56            | 11,870.56            | 483.00/11,366.56               |                       |
| 7a   | 2722 — Equipment Purchase (5207) Reserve | 721.48                | 971.48               | 1,221.48             |                                | 1,221.48             |
| 7a   | 2723 — Account Audit (5210) Reserve     | 1,490.00              | 1,790.00             | 1,090.00             |                                | 1,090.00             |
| 2731  | Brinton Visitor Reserve (M&O)            | 3,014.44              | 3,764.44             | 4,214.44             | 350.00/4,564.44                |                       |
| 2733  | Fund for Concerns (M&O)                  | 5,282.86              | 5,082.86             | 4,385.36             | 480.00/4,865.36                |                       |
| 2734  | Sharing Fund (M&O)                       | 1,110.85              | 530.85               | 680.85               | 210.00/860.85                  |                       |
| 6    | 2735 — FGC Scholarship                   | 18,270.00             | 18,270.00            | 14,595.00            | 50.00/14,645.00                |                       |
| 7a   | 2736 — Unity with Nature Project Reserve | 674.85                | 824.85               | 1,074.85             | 250.00/205.00                  | 1,197.85             |
| 7a   | 2741 — Wider Fellowship Travel (5236) Reserve | 608.01                | 708.01               | 708.01               |                                | 708.01               |
| 7a   | 2742 — Young Friends Travel (5288) Reserve | 2,488.00              | 489.90               | 766.80               |                                | 766.80               |
| 7a   | 2743 — FWCC, Sec. of Amer. Travel (5279) Reserve | 200.00                | 0.00                 | 72.80                |                                | 72.80                |
| 7a   | 2744 — FGC Travel (5278) Reserve        | 517.34                | 517.34               | 917.34               | 192.40/724.94                  |                       |
| 7b   | 2745 — FUM Travel (5280) Reserve        | 1,984.88              | 1,754.88             | 2,104.88             |                                | 2,104.88             |
| 7b   | 2746 — Gen. Reunion Fr. Mex. Travel (5281) Reserve | 350.00                | 500.00               | 550.00               |                                | 550.00               |
| 7b   | 2747 — FWCC Triennial Travel (5287) Reserve | 1,700.00              | 3,400.00             | 5,100.00             |                                | 5,100.00             |
| 7a   | 2748 — Friends Bulletin Travel (5271) Reserve | 1,000.00              | 1,000.00             | 2,299.00             |                                | 2,299.00             |
| 7a   | 2749 — Latin American Concerns (5212) Reserve | 1,600.00              | 446.49               | 446.49               |                                | 446.49               |
| 2750  | PYM Attendance Assistance Fund          | 613.24                | 763.24               | 913.24               | 150.00/1,063.24                |                       |
| 8    | 2752 — Uncommitted Reserves             | 73,796.64             | 85,078.27            | 100,970.13           | 28,538.97/684.40               | 128,822.70           |
| **TOTAL LIABILITIES AND RESERVES** |                                  | 152,298.13            | 163,458.74           | 193,905.95           | 30,028.97/2,178.00            | 221,754.92           |

For Explanatory Notes, See Page 4.
Explanatory Notes for Assets, Liabilities, and Reserves

* When expenses are submitted and paid after the close of the fiscal year, they are reported as Accounts Payable. Since this report is on a Cash Basis, the amount shows as zero. The actual amount is $24,36.

1. Citizens Fund Money Market ($140,021.20), Wells Fargo CD ....8910 ($14,885.84), Wells Fargo CD ....3418 ($11,463.70).

2. Accounts receivable is one loan from the Student Conscience loan fund.

3. Faith and Practice Inventory: The AFSC bookstore made two payments this fiscal year to date.

4. 2712-Student Conscience Fund balance of $17,843.11 needs to be reconciled against loan payments received over the past few years.

5. Reserve for pre-publication expenses of next PYM Faith and Practice, per PYM 2004-09.

6. Reserve fund for young people to participate in FGC; it began in 2000 at $20,460.00. FGC allocates the funds. In 2006, $3,750 was dispersed and included grants for 2004, 2005, and 2006.

7a.) Reserve Funds are tied to current year expense line items:

- 2713-Clerks Travel & Discretionary cap is $2000;
- 2722-Equipment Purchase cap is $1500; and
- 2741-Wider Fellowship Travel Reserve cap is $500 (ref PYMRC-7);
- 2742-Young Friends Travel Reserve cap is $2,500 (ref PYM 92-4);
- 2743-FWCC Section of the Americas Travel Reserve cap is $500;
- 2744-FGC Central Committee Travel Reserve cap is $500;
- 2745-FUM Travel Reserve cap is $1500; and
- 2746-General Reunion of Friends, Mexico Travel Reserve cap is $500 (ref PYM 2005-06).

7b.) Travel reserves: PYM has agreed to put aside a portion of the costs for delegate travel each year when events occur other than every year:

- 5281-Gen. Reunion of Friends Mexico meets every 18 months.
- 5280-Friends United Meeting and 5287-FWCC Triennial meet every 3 years.

8. These are the only funds available for general PYM use. Beginning FY 1994-1995, the Registrar's (Session) Checking account, including expenses and income connected with the annual sessions, is reported separately (see page 5).

Status East-West Relations Committee Financial Position
(as reported by Bill Bauriedel, Treasurer, EWRC)

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**PACIFIC YEARLY MEETING**
University of Redlands, Redlands, California
Attachment 7, Treasurer’s Report
From Plenary VI, Eight Month, 2, 2007
PACIFIC YEARLY MEETING
WEB-SITE POLICY
Approved by Ministry and Oversight Committee
6/03/06

Purposes

The purpose of the official PYM Web-site is to:
- Introduce the general public to Friends in general and the PYM-affiliated Quarterly Meetings, Meetings, and Worship Groups,
- Inform the PYM constituency, local communities, other Friends meetings, and the world at large, about events in the life of our Yearly Meeting, and
- Further the work of Pacific Yearly Meeting.

Policies

1. Web-site Coordinator

PYM shall appoint a Web-site Coordinator(s), charged with developing and maintaining the web-site. The term of service shall be three years.

Only the Coordinator may actually place and remove material on the Web-site. The Coordinator is permitted to publish any material that serves the Purposes of the Web-site and is consistent with the other policies described below. In case of uncertainty about the appropriateness of material proposed for the Web-site, the Coordinator shall consult with the Clerk of the Electronic Sub-Committee, PYM Ministry and Oversight Committee and/or the Presiding Clerk of PYM as necessary.

Guidelines for the Web-site Coordinator: Faith and Practice and the mission of Pacific Yearly Meeting should serve as a guideline for what goes on the web site. If the material comes from Faith and Practice there should be no problem with publishing it. If it comes from the work of a committee or officer or a Meeting in the Yearly Meeting, or is work we have taken on in the world, it can be published on the web site. Otherwise it might be better placed on another web site. The web site should reflect who we are as a community and not Friends in general.

Whatever is placed on the Web-site should be dated when entered.

2. Privacy

The Web-site shall not reveal contact information about any person unless that person explicitly requests that such information be published. Contact information shall mean any information that would allow a third party to contact any person by phone, mail address, e-mail, or by any other means. Blind links may be established to provide contact points for information that requires further communication.

The Web-site may display names and easily recognizable photographs of persons as long as permission to do so is obtained from the persons involved.

3. Friends Practices and Beliefs

The Web-site may contain statements about Friends practices and beliefs, as long as any such statement reflects the viewpoint or practices of a significant number of Friends, or is an important statement about Friends, either from the past or in the present. Such statements do not necessarily
have to represent an adopted position of this Yearly Meeting, or even the views of any Quarterly Meeting or Member or Attender of a Monthly Meeting or Worship Group in this Yearly Meeting.

In cases where a statement might be mistakenly construed that it represents the considered opinion of this Yearly Meeting, when in fact it does not, an explicit notice that the statement does not necessarily reflect the views of the Yearly Meeting will be displayed near the statement.

However, generally, for statements that are clearly attributed to some other organization, to an historical figure, or to a specific individual writer, it can usually be assumed by context that the statement does not necessarily represent the views of this Yearly Meeting.

From time to time, the Yearly Meeting may formally agree to publish a statement that does reflect a viewpoint that has been considered and approved by the Yearly Meeting. Such statements will be marked as such.

4. Yearly Meeting

Any PYM officer, PYM committee, or PYM representative may submit material related to its charge for publication on the Web-site. Such materials should serve the purposes of the Web-site and be consistent with these policies.

The Coordinator is not expected to automatically place these materials on the Web-site. Requests for such placement should be made to the Coordinator in good time.

5. Individual Meetings in this Yearly Meeting

Any constituent Quarterly Meeting, Monthly Meeting, or Worship Group under PYM's care may submit material for publication. Such material should serve the purposes of the Web-site and be consistent with these policies.

6. Outside Organizations

With the approval of the Electronic Sub-Committee the Coordinator may use linkages to outside organizations with which the Yearly Meeting has a strong and comfortable relationship (such as any of the organizations to which PYM makes financial contributions or designates persons to represent it). On occasion materials from such outside organizations may be published with the agreement of the Clerk of the Electronic Sub-Committee. Such material should serve the purposes of the Web-site and be consistent with these policies and the guidelines

7. Procedure for Submitting Material to the Web-site

All requests for publication of material on the Web-site should be submitted to the Coordinator. The submitter must ensure that the material being submitted is consistent with all of the guidelines outlined in this document including Section 2 - Privacy. It is also the responsibility of the submitter to inform the Coordinator when the submitter’s materials should be changed or removed. Nevertheless, the Coordinator may remove submitted material at any time. The submitter is responsible for the accuracy of the material submitted.

8. Accessibility

Information on the web site should be accessible to people with disabilities. To the maximum extent possible content posted to the site should conform with the W3C accessibility guidelines. In addition material should be formatted in ways that allow
quick viewing by visitors with average computer skills who connect to the web with a telephone using commonly installed software.

Material falling short of either of these goals can be published if the Coordinator believes some benefit outweighs the inconvenience this material may cause some visitors.
PYM Officers

Presiding Clerk (one-year term)
2008 Joe Franko, Orange Grove (2006)

Assistant to the Clerk (one-year term)
2008 Sue Torrey, Central Coast (2006)

Arrangements Clerks (two-year terms)
2008 Marilee Eusebio, Davis (2007)
2009 Carol Mosher, Berkeley (2007)

Historian / Archivist (three-year term)

Reading Clerk (one-year term)
2008 Susan Stanley, Berkeley (2007)

Recording Clerks (two-year terms)
2008 Claire Gorfinkel, Orange Grove (2006)
2009 Jamie Newton, Palo Alto (2005)

Registrars (two-year terms)
2008 Raph Levien, Berkeley (2006)
2009 ______________________

Statistical Clerk (three-year term)
2010 Lee Knutsen, Palo Alto (2005)

Treasurer (three-year term, 10/1 – 9/30)
2008 Gary Wolff, Orange Grove (2005)

Assistant to Treasurer (one-year term)
2008 Karen Lawrance, La Jolla (2007)

PYM Committees

Ministry and Oversight Committee (9 members, 3-year terms)
2008 Jan Tappan, Orange Grove (2007)
2008 Ellie Huffman, Mont Pen (2002)

2009 Paul Harris, Redwood Forest (2006)

2010 Carl Magruder, Grass Valley (2007)
2010 Robin DuRant, Orange Grove (2007)

Children’s Program Committee
(6 members, 3-year terms)
2008 Joe Magruder, Berkeley, Co-clerk (2005)
2008 Ramon Castellblanch, Berkeley (2005)

2009 Elizabeth Bills, La Jolla, Co-clerk (2005)

2010 Sherri Sisson, Orange County (2007)

Discipline Committee
(6 members, 3-year terms)
2008 Robin DuRant, Orange Grove (2005)
2008 Brian Vura-Weis, Inland Valley (2006) clerk

2009 Marilee Eusebio, Davis (2006)
2009 ______________________

2010 Burton Housman, La Jolla (2007)
2010 Eric Moon, Berkeley (2007)

East West Relation Committee
2008 Deborah Marks, Straw Creek (2005)
2008 Dharma Yamaguchi, Straw Creek (2005)


2010 Carl Anderson, St Creek, Clerk (2001)
Ex Officio: PYM representatives to Friends House Moscow Board.

Finance Committee
(6 members, 3-year terms)
2008 Cliff Lester, Orange Grove (2005)

2009 David Barrows, San Diego, Clerk (2006)

2010 Kitty Bergel, Orange County (2004)
Ex Officio: Treasurer(s), Statistical Clerk
Holding Corporation Committee
(6 members, 3-year terms)
2008 Sherri Sisson, Orange County (2005)
2008 Mary Miché, Lake County (2005)
2009 Cliff Lester, Orange Grove (2006)
2010 Shan Cretin, Santa Monica (2007)
2010 David Barrows, San Diego (2005)

Junior Yearly Meeting Committee
(9 members, 3-year terms)
2008 Jeanette Norton, Orange County, Co-Clerk (2006)
2009 Evan Nelson, La Jolla (2006)
2009 Andrew Seacrest, Lake County (2006)
2009 Anne Bleile-Krater, Fresno (2006)
2010 Melina Larkin, Strawberry Creek (2006)
2010 Melissa Lovett-Adair, Central Coast (2007)
2010 Sue Rios, La Jolla (2007)

Latin American Concerns Committee
(9-9 members)
2008 Linda Dunn, Inland Valley
2009 Ken Barratt, La Jolla (2006)
2010 Dottie Vura-Weisz, Inland Valley, Clerk (2007)
2010 Donna Smith, Redwood Forest (2007)
2010 Marian Newton, Palo Alto (2007)
(plus three members appointed by: Guatemala MM, Mexico City MM, El Salvador Project)

Peace and Social Order Committee
(9 members, 3-year terms)
2008 Lenore Diane, Santa Cruz (2005)
2008 Peggy Toledano, Orange County (2007)
2009 Anthony Manusos, Santa Monica (2006)
2010 Ruth Fraser, San Francisco (2007)
2010 Sarah Race House, Orange Grove, Clerk (2007)

Religious Education for Children Committee
(9 members, 3-year terms)
2008
2009
2010 Robyn Robbins, Redwood Forest (2007)
2010

Secretariat Committee
(3 members, 3-year terms)
2008 Tom Yamaguchi, Straw Creek (2005)
2009 Don Bean, Conejo Valley (2006), clerk
2010 Eric Moon, Berkeley (2007)
Ex Officio: Asst. to Presiding Clerk

Site Committee (6 members 3-year terms)
2008 Mariana Ruybalid, Berkeley (2005)
2009 Jim Updegraff, Sacramento (2007)
2009 Eva Miller, Orange Grove (2006)
2010 Pat Smith, Claremont (2007)

Unity with Nature Committee
(9 members, 3-year terms)
2008 Lenore Diane, Santa Cruz (2005)
2008 Shelley Tanenbaum, Str Creek (2006)
2009 Joe Morris, Santa Monica, Clerk (2006)
2009 Madeline Schleimer, Orange Grove (2007)
2009 Clara East, Visalia (2007)
2010 Barbara Moulton, Redwood Forest (2007)
2010
2010
Wider Fellowship Among Friends
Committee (3 members, 3-year terms)
2008 Jan Tappan, Orange Grove (2005)
Ex Officio: Rep’s to Friends’ organizations marked with asterisk below. Nominating Com. recommends this committee be laid down.

PYM Representatives,
Nominations, and Observers to
Other Organizations 1 representative, unless stated otherwise

American Friends Service Committee
(AFSC) (5 members, 3-year terms)
2008 Kitty Bergel, Orange County (2007)
2008 ________________________________
2009 ________________________________
2010 ________________________________

*Evangelical Friends Church Southwest
2008 Emelyn Buskirk, Santa Cruz (2005)

Friends Bulletin Board of Directors
(3 members, 3-year terms)
2009 Rob Roy Woodman, Davis (2005)

Friends House Moscow Board of Directors
2008 Julie Harlow, Davis (1995)

Friends Committee on Legislation of California
(FCL)
1 representative, appointed by PYM Peace and Social Order Committee

Friends’ Committee On National Legislation (FCNL)
(6 representatives, 3-year terms)
2008
2008 Carolyn Stephenson, Honolulu (2005)
2009 ________________________________
2010 Steve Birdlebough, Redwood Forest (2007)
2010 Sarah Rose House, Orange Grove (2007)

Quaker Earthcare Witness
(formerly FCUN) -- 2 reps, 2-year terms, appointed by Unity with Nature Committee

*FGC Central Committee Representative
(1 representative, 3-year term)

Friends Peace Team Project Board of Directors
(2 representatives, 3-year terms)
2010 Rachel Frentz, Santa Monica (2002)

*Friends United Meeting (FUM)
(1 Observer, 3-year term)
2008 Kate Newlin, Straw Creek (2005)

*FWCC Section of the Americas
(5 representatives, 3-year terms)
2008 Roena Oesting, La Jolla (2002) convener
2008 Sara Wolcott, Strawberry Creek (2006)
2010 Robin Mohr, San Francisco (2007)
2010 Alyssa Nelson Davis/La Jolla (2006)

*Reunion General de los Amigos en Mexico
(2-year term, attends every 18 months)
2009 Darcy Stanley, St. Creek (2007)

William Penn House (1-year term)
2008 We recommend this position be decided by the FCNL Representatives among themselves.
Statistical Report on Membership as of May 31, 2007

This report summarizes the membership in the Religious Society of Friends within the constituent monthly meetings of Pacific Yearly Meeting at the close of the statistical year that ended May 31, 2007. All meetings reported this year.

This year we have 38 constituent meetings, as Central Coast Preparative Meeting has become a Monthly Meeting. Twenty-three meetings are in College Park Quarterly Meeting, 11 meetings are in Southern California Quarterly Meeting, and four meetings are not affiliated with a quarterly meeting.

There are 13 worship groups and one preparative Meeting. They are:

- Conejo Valley and Whitleaf Worship Groups, both under the care of Orange Grove Meeting
- Las Vegas Worship Group, under the care of Inland Valley Meeting
- Ojai Worship Group, under the care of Santa Barbara Meeting
- Friends House (Santa Rosa), Ukiah, and Lake County Worship Groups, all under the care of Redwood Forest Meeting
- Sierra Foothills Worship Group, under the care of Delta Monthly Meeting
- Oakland Worship Group, under the care of Strawberry Creek Meeting
- West Marin Worship Group, under the care of San Francisco Meeting
- Southern Humboldt Worship Group, under the care of Humboldt Meeting
- Maui, Kauai, and Molokai Worship Groups, all under the care of Honolulu Meeting
- Live Oak Preparative Meeting, under the care of Santa Cruz Meeting

Four meetings have over 100 members. They are Santa Cruz (106 members), Berkeley (103 members), Palo Alto (102 members), and Strawberry Creek (101 members). Four meetings have 10 or fewer members. They are Pacific Ackworth (3 members), Guatemala (6 members), Napa-Sonoma (8 members), and Redding (9 members).

Four meetings experienced growth of 10% or more. They are Napa-Sonoma (33%), Los Angeles (22%), Guatemala (20%), and Humboldt (11%).

However, our overall membership has decreased by 28 members, bringing our total to 1,490 members (from 1,518 members. See attached Summary).

College Park Quarterly Meeting represents 64% of the total membership and decreased membership by -0.8%. Southern California Quarterly Meeting represents (29%) of the total membership and decreased membership by -1.8%. The Independent Meetings represent 7% of the total membership and decreased membership by -10%.

The following table summarizes the changes in membership over the past seven years.

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Seven-Year Change
Annual Rate of Change

Lee Knutsen and Gary Wolff, Statistical Clerks
## Pacific Yearly Meeting

**Statistical Report - Summary of Meeting Responses**

**Statistical Year:** June 1, 2006 through May 31, 2007

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**Note 2:** Central Coast Preparative became Monthly Meeting May, 2007, but membership transfers from Santa Cruz did not occur before end of Statistical year.
First Regional Offices...

* Warning to continue Quaker relief and reconstruction efforts in Europe and Russia. Monthly and Yearly meetings petitioned for AFSC offices and recognition.

1926 New England Executive Office
1928 Pacific Branch Office
1932 Indiana Regional Office

Midwest Office

Recognition of Quaker War Relief Efforts

In 1947 the British Friends Service Council & American Friends Service Committee accepted the Nobel Peace Prize on behalf of all Quakers for relief and reconstruction work during and after World War II.

Responding to Famine in Russia 1922

* These bags of flour were donated by Pasadena citizens in 1922 for Russian famine relief through the AFSC. The flour was shipped by way of the Panama Canal to New York, and then on to Russia.

World War II Brings New Demands...

US entry into the war was followed on February 19, 1942 by Executive Order 9066 authorizing internment of Japanese Americans. AFSC responded by reorganizing West Coast offices.
From War Relief to Peace & Justice

* As early as 1931 AFSC was engaged in social issues in the US, focusing on interracial service, civil relief, the Japanese exclusion laws of 1924, and Native American affairs.

* Beyond Russia, a close advisor to Martin Luther King Jr. on nonviolent witness, was trained as an activist at an AFSC program in the 1950s.

* In the 1960's AFSC actively supported CO's, war resisters, and the use of civil disobedience against the Vietnam War.

**AFSC's Worldwide Work Today**

- Total US Domestic Programs 52%
- Peace & Justice 21%
- Immigration & Criminal Justice 29%
- Fundraising & Management 19%
- International Programs 29%

**AFSC's Sources of Support Today**

- Contributions 67%
- Bequest Income 24%
- Gifts in Kind Less than 1%
On AFSC’s 90th Anniversary

The world needs Quaker witness today as much or more than it did in 1917. AFSC is the face of Quakers in many places, and we are strongly committed to reflecting the diversity of the communities we serve. We seek to be engaged in the same issues that beset Friends Meetings, as we seek to be engaged in the world while remaining true to our Quaker values.

We thank you for your support—your time on AFSC committees, your service as staff and volunteers, your financial contributions, and your prayers.

Staying Connected to our Quaker Roots

* Interest groups and tabling at yearly & quarterly meetings
* Newsletters, podcasts, e-mail calendars of events
* Recruiting Quaker volunteers and committee members
* Reinvigorating our relationship with AFSC Liaisons in meetings and churches
* Working with meeting on shared interests and events
* Improved distribution of newsletters & literature
* Support from Friends for AFSC programs that resonate
PYM 2007
Young Friends Epistle

This year’s gathering took place at the University of Redlands, in Redlands California, and it was hot... seriously it was really hot. The high temperatures encouraged use of the university’s pool as much as possible. Something we struggled with this gathering were our small numbers. Many of those who we feel a deep connection with are not present. Less than 20 Young Friends filtered slowly in over the week. We hypothesize this may be because of jobs, lack of time, or forgetting what it is to be here together. We struggled with how to remind each other of the proclaimed joy we find while being among friends.

However, despite our small numbers we were mighty. We spent time with JYM playing Capture the Flag and running Respectful Relationships, where there was a sharing of information in a safe environment, as well as participating in a meeting for healing and hanging out in the lounge. This time we spent together was meaningful and extraordinary. Our connection with JYM caused us to jump at the idea of a youth coordinator that would support in doing the logistical planning of gatherings throughout the year as well as PYM, and we are in full support.

A main issue that we discussed during the week were our relationship with the PYM guidelines and the actual integrity of the rules within our community.

At the annual community night there were a lot of talented young friends that participated in various skits. Our final and only meeting for worship proved to be profound as friends spoke about memories of people at past PYM’s and their hopes for the future. We ended the evening with possible up and coming young friends, participating equally in an ice cream banquet that quickly exploded into a big sticky mess.

Though it’s been a challenging year we managed to leave with our hearts full, our spirits lightened and the knowledge that both young friends and JYM are thriving entities.
To Friends everywhere;

The epistle for JYM 2007 at Redlands covers the week in chronological order, mostly to highlight our gradual religious and social progression. On the first day of the week, the community building games and meetings we participated in greatly increased our cohesiveness as a group. The JYM participants seemed to support the quick integration of youth from different age groups and regions of California. Very quickly to show our desire to communicate with the parents and make them feel like a weighty member of the community, we established several business meetings in which the parents and sponsors could participate. Understandably, they showed a large desire to have a set of guides and rules under which the JYM community could find structure. Together, we addressed the concerns raised by the parents and sponsors.

Our Tuesday interest group presented by Vanessa Julye covering racism involved in Quaker history and modern Quakerism was met with much enthusiasm as well as active participation. Our conversation soon focused on the racism the youth saw in their own lives and schools which we believed was not recognized. We also expressed a strong desire to continue the focus group were it left off. Respectful Relationships further focused our group honesty and mutual respect for everyone.

Our Wednesday business meeting discussed an incident in which one of our rules had been broken by members of JYM. We established a consensus which we could apply to future transgressions, and the honesty and cooperation of the parties involved lightened our path.

The slight gloom presented by this heavy subject was offset by a spectacular game of Capture the Flag involving JYM, Young Friends, Upper Elementary and Middle School programs. In fact, the participants enjoyed playing so much that we ended up playing a second game with the Upper Elementary group and JYM the next day.

Wednesday evening involved doing service work at the Church of the Nazarene. During our time there we helped to paint a house, prepared grocery bags for the less fortunate, and served dinner to the community.

As a group we attended the meeting for memorials. Later that night we hosted an inter-generational dance, which despite being somewhat smaller than we had hoped was still loads of fun for everyone involved.

During that day, members of JYM expressed their opinion that the group during the week had not established a strong enough spiritual connection, but was very soon remedied at a very active and emotional meeting for healing.

The Thursday massage interest group, judging by the participants enthusiasm, was a very beneficial activity in the view of the Quaker youths.

The PYM Talent Night, also sometimes known as the “talent-free zone”, was hosted and organized by two JYM members, Nate and Robbie. It included an entire section of horrible banjo jokes from Jacob Stone, as well as numerous jokes from Nate and Robbie during the set up time between acts. This year, many of the acts were performed by younger aged friends, although there were still a good number of acts from the older PYM community. The acts ranged from numerous songs (many of which included audience participation) to exciting Poi dancing with awesome glow thingies, also known as “glowy Poi things”.

Nominations in the evening was a quickly progressing one by Quaker standards, made easier by the large number of teens graduating into the Young Friends program, and a desire to avoid the marathon session the year before. Finding consensus on this issue, many felt was evidence of the social awareness of the JYM youths involved.

Despite some minor confrontations, JYM continues to nurture peoples motivation and spiritual growth. We utilized our obstacles to strengthen and enrich the sense of spirituality and spiritual community. A good time was had by all throughout the final night, as well as the rest of the week.
Epistle of the Upper Elementary Group, Pacific Yearly Meeting, 2007

Each morning we enjoyed singing songs like George Fox, Home on the Range, and Puff the Magic Dragon with the lower elementary group.

For games outside, we played parachute, Frisbee, or paddleball. Inside, we worked with our weekly theme of integrity by playing the Lying Game. Our favorite game was Capture The Flag (with the teens.)

The crafts we enjoyed were name necklaces with letter beads spelling our names. We made unique clothes pin nature dolls. Beadie babies, which are creatures made out of beads strung on lanyards, were almost everyone’s favorite craft.

At the memorial service we colored stain glass coloring sheets and wove lanyards and other amusements. We appreciated Sandy and Tom Farley and Eric Sabelman coming to our group and telling stories. We also loved going to the pool almost every afternoon.

Last and least we wrote this epistle with a well-organized committee. We tried to incorporate everything, but we only had so much space and time to record our Friendly activities.

Equally Written By:
Thea
Samantha
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To Friends Everywhere:

Pacific Yearly Meeting met in August this year at the University of Redlands in California. This yearly meeting followed a year of discernment. Using queries posed by Ministry and Oversight, during this year we looked at our practices, traditions, and assumptions. This reflection has both challenged us in our response to the world’s ills and reaffirmed that the Spirit is active within and among us. Our discernment is not finished.

It has also allowed us to look at our epistle with fresh eyes, and try a different approach. We are trying to avoid pious language and the self-consciously poetic. We collected from Friends of all ages some thoughts about our time together. We asked Friends two questions:

1. Why do you come to Yearly Meeting?
2. What has been particularly meaningful for you this week?”

What has been meaningful:

Meeting for worship this morning was most meaningful for me. I was heartened and surprised by the degree to which the Spirit was moving people to minister in Christian terms. . . . Quakerism’s original message was what was, or was not, authentically Christian.

I was comforted to find that so many friends came together in an interest group to explore a post-theist orientation to being Quaker—struggling with language to express their love of Spirit that is not dependent on any single religious tradition.

Worship sharing is most meaningful because you bare your soul and you know it’s contained within that group. You build trust and get to know each other. You find out that people are amazing. You build, within that group, a sense of community.

There is a shift in monthly meetings and PYM toward the spiritual (away from the strictly social action), a move towards the more personal in ministry. The Unity with Nature minute asked us to make significant changes in our lives in response to global warming.

I think in the year of reflection we had a “quietist period.” Turning inward to discern, we did so, diminishing our awareness and response to the larger issue of Iraq and elsewhere. I find that surprising, given our peace testimony. Our look inward has been valuable, but it came at a price.

I have been aware this week of how much gay, lesbian, transgender Friends carry much of the work and bring great spiritual richness to our gathering.

As a gay man, to hear of a Meeting which is, at least in name, Quaker deciding they will have nothing to do with any organization accepting gay and lesbian people saddens me greatly. What happened to our equality testimony? What happened to seeking that of God in everyone?
When we were sitting together trying to write our epistle, we were having a hard
time understanding each other, but in the last 15 minutes the adults left and we
got a draft.

I observed that the Junior Yearly Meeting Plenary is more centered than the adult
plenary. The JYMers are less invested in their own opinions, and don’t wax
elocuently.

This morning in worship I was reminded through the rich vocal ministry of many
Friends, that we need to keep open minds, open hearts, and open arms. We don’t
know from whom we may receive the blessings of the Spirit.

Why we come to Yearly Meeting:

I come to PYM to be a part of a supportive community where I’m free to express
my own opinions and be myself without judgment.

I come to find out what Friends are thinking now and what is our response to
what is happening in the world.

I particularly enjoy the community and the authenticity of the people involved,
because in normal conversation the social boundaries and limits strictly govern a
person’s conduct socially. Here social relationships are not governed by
convention, but governed by the individual person.

I like playing with Legos. I do it with the group and sometimes by myself.

I like swimming and playing with my friends.

I like taking care of dogs, cats, dinosaurs, and pterodactyls—and my family.

We speak with many voices. The questions we have raised continue to be
provocative. We have work to do: to become closer across age lines, to craft our
 corporate witness about earth care, to explore our testimony on equality, to
worship without cell phones ringing, to care for our children who are “already
Quakers, not just future Quakers,” to be the beloved community.

We worship, and work and play with our friends. We come, Friend, to walk with
you.

Yours in Friendship,
Joe Franko
Presiding Clerk
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*Memorial Minutes were received and have been submitted to the PVM Archivist.
Report to: Pacific Yearly Meeting, July 28, 2007, for session July 30-August 4

From: Carl Anderson, Clerk, East - West Relations Committee

Friends House Moscow

FHM continues its work in Russia: trauma healing, training in conflict resolution, and humanitarian work. Regarding the catastrophe in Chechnya, it isn’t currently possible to work in Chechnya itself, but there is an attempt to meet needs of those who have fled into other parts of Russia.

Donations continue to be greatly appreciated. For us in PYM, the best way to donate is to make checks (tax-deductible) to “Friends House Moscow Support Association” and mail them c/o Julie Harlow, 1163 Auburn Drive, Davis, CA 95616. You can also obtain newsletters from Julie, and websites are maintained in English (http://www.quaker.org/fhm) and in Russian.

Proposals of Nominating Committee; Our Response

PYM’s Nominating Committee has been considering the structure of Yearly Meeting, especially committees and representatives. In their report to Representative Committee on March 3, 2007, they recommended the following in relation to Friends House Moscow and to East - West Relations Committee:

1. Julie Harlow should be under the care of a [proposed] Leadings Subcommittee of Ministry and Oversight, and the position of “Representative” to Friends House Moscow should be laid down.

2. The travel budget used for the Representative to Friends House Moscow should be moved to PYM Funds and used to support Julie Harlow’s leading. The Leadings Subcommittee should oversee the use of these funds.

3. The East-West Relations Committee would be laid down. Those Friends committed to supporting Julie Harlow’s leading could continue on her support committee.

EWRC met on April 29, 2007, and Nominating’s report was a major item on our agenda. The heart of our response is:

We commend PYM in moving ahead with recognizing leadings as long as it does not decrease the support and funding of this work.

Members of the committee wish to continue to carry the concern for Friends House Moscow, but we don’t have to be a formal standing committee of PYM to do this. We could be under a Leadings Subcommittee of Ministry and Oversight, provided that some specifics are handled OK.

Nominating Committee referred to EWRC as a “personal support committee” for Julie. This isn’t quite accurate. Rather, we are a committee to support the leading of an effective Friends House Moscow. For personal support, Julie has her own committee, based in Davis. East-West couldn’t do much without Julie, of course!

Regarding support, one key element is interest groups. As a standing committee, we have presented an interest group at most PYM sessions for many years. We are doing so this year; the
preliminary schedule is on Wednesday. Julie will be presenting. The ability to present interest groups is a key element of PYM support.

A second key element is keeping our bank account. It is unusual for Yearly Meeting committees to have their own bank accounts. However, in our case, having this bank account has allowed us to conveniently transfer $20,000 since 10/1/2006 - and more than $65,000 over 5 years - to Friends House Moscow and its Support Association. This is net after expenses! Furthermore, the bank account allows us to fully reimburse Julie and other board members for their travels. In their report, Nominating Committee notes, “We also struggle with the charge of naming representatives to positions which require that Friends travel … without being fully funded by the Yearly Meeting.” With our own bank account, EWRC gets around this problem. Due to the bureaucracy of banking, we wish to keep the name “East - West Relations Committee” on the account. We wish to continue to make decisions about use of funds in this account.

Friends House Moscow has a policy of term limits for their board, rather like PYM’s. Julie had reached the allowed maximum, after which normally she would have left the board. But she is the leading fundraiser in North America, and wishes to continue, so a special category was added to the FHM Board: “Funding Affiliates’ Appointees.” We presume that under a new PYM arrangement, this would continue, and Julie can continue to serve. Bill Bauriedel (Palo Alto Meeting) has also joined the board.

The PYM budget has had 3 line-items related to our work: a $1000 donation to FHM; a $1200 allocation toward travel costs for the PYM representatives to attend the annual board meeting; and $300 for EWRC expenses. (Amounts per 2006-07 fiscal year.) We very much appreciate each of them, even though we don’t use all the funds in most years. In particular, our committee budget is set up to allow us to have a member from Southern California, although no one from the South has been on our committee in the past several years. We could live without a budget item for committee expenses, relying on our own account and on M&O’s budget if necessary.

The travel minute for Julie Harlow, approved by the 2003 session, has helped with her visits to Friends in other parts of the US, which were extensive in 2004 and 2005.

A Leadings Subcommittee might wish to meet occasionally with those carrying this concern. Carl is available without major difficulty. However, Julie has returned to full-time employment and consequently has very limited availability for meetings. This situation may improve somewhat in future years. Carl has been attending Representative Committee; this may or may not be worth while in the future.
$10,000 in Matching Funds Now Available!

Pledge or donate now and your gift will be matched dollar for dollar. Donations must be received by September 15, 2007

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I want to contribute to scholarships to enable any qualified, motivated student to attend the Woolman Semester. For that purpose, I am making the following pledge(s) to the Woolman Semester scholarship fund:

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Thank you for your support!

If you have questions, please contact the Sierra Friends Center Executive Director, Bob Runyan, at: 530-273-3183 or bob@woolman.org. Pledge forms should be mailed to: Bob Runyan, Sierra Friends Center, 13075 Woolman Lane, Nevada City, CA 95959; or faxed to 530-273-9028.