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Minutes and Reports

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Preface

This document is the formal record of Pacific Yearly Meeting’s annual session of 2008. It is divided into three parts. The first consists of the minutes of the PYM’s ten 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 Religious Education Committee and the list of attenders at PYM.

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Respectfully submitted,
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PLENARY I

Presiding Clerk Joe Franko opened the 62nd gathering of Pacific Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends at 6:55 PM on the 28th day of the Seventh Month, 2008.

Clerk Joe Franko presented a request from the nominating committee to approve Rick Troth as reading clerk and Stratton Jaquette as a member of the Holding Corporation. This is a first reading, allowing them to start this evening.

Rick Troth, Reading Clerk, shared a message from Iowa Yearly Meeting, Conservative: “Sometimes we are questioned about the reasons for our continued exchange of these traditional epistles. As we listen to them read, we actually feel strengthened and supported by them, and the knowledge that others face the same struggles and challenges.” He read from the 2007 epistle of North Carolina Yearly Meeting (Conservative), whose theme was “The Ties That Bind,” in terms of right relationship with all creation, from generation to generation and from location to location throughout the world. He read from the epistle of the 347th Annual Session of New England Yearly Meeting, in August 2007, whose theme was “Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary,” as the continuing crises of war and environmental destruction weighed heavily upon them. With loving concern they also addressed the personnel policy of Friends United Meeting, concluding that “the Holy One loves all people equally, regardless of sexual orientation.”

Claudia Lyons, our host at Walker Creek Ranch, enthusiastically welcomed PYM to the site. During the school year, the Ranch provides outdoor education for children from all over California; during summers it is a conference center. Fire danger is critical – no fires are permitted anywhere.

Clerk Joe Franko reminded Friends to wait to be recognized, and then speak to the Clerk. The Clerk is not ignoring someone, but trying to ensure that all opinions are shared. Speak briefly and clearly. Our agreement with each other is that while we are here, we will refrain from alcohol and non-prescription drugs and from sex outside of committed relationships. “It comes down to respect and boundaries.” This week, and our meeting for business, is about community.

Roll Call of Meetings

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
- Honolulu 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
- Marin Monthly Meeting
- Mendocino Monthly Meeting
- Mexico City Monthly Meeting
- Modesto Worship Group
Introduction of Guests and Visitors

Kristen Richardson, Chatham-Summit Monthly Meeting, New York YM and AFSC Philadelphia
Vanessa Julye, Friends General Conference and Philadelphia YM
Paul Sherman, Westbury Monthly Meeting, New York YM
Kathy Hyzy, Multnomah Monthly Meeting, North Pacific YM, introduced as editor of Western Friends (formerly Friends Bulletin)
Felix Ostrow, University Monthly Meeting, Seattle, North Pacific YM
Ruah Swennerfelt, Burlington Monthly Meeting, New England YM, Quaker Earthcare Witness
Nancy McLauchlan, FWCC, Bridge City Monthly Meeting, North Pacific YM
Andrew Secrest, Berkeley Friends Church

Marilee Eusebio, Arrangements Clerk, invited Friends to seek her out if they need assistance.

Elizabeth Bills and Joe Magruder, Co-clerks of the Children’s Program Committee, look forward to taking advantage of the educational facilities of Walker Creek Ranch. Young people will attend the first 15 minutes of meeting for worship. Even with dedicated staff, volunteers are always needed.

Anna-Lisa Chacon, Clerk of Young Friends, announced that the Young Friends’ schedule will be posted. She invited everyone to bring their questions to her. Melissa Lovett-Adair announced an orientation for parents and Junior Yearly Meeting members immediately following this evening’s plenary.

Don Bean, Clerk of the Secretariat, invited Friends to seek him out with needs for printing or secretariat support. There is a drop-off box for “Daily Miracle” submissions in the plenary tent. Instead of distributing minutes to each Monthly Meeting on paper, they will be using CDs; if that does not work for a particular Meeting, paper copies will be made available.

Stephen Matchett, Clerk of Friends Bulletin Corporation which publishes the recently renamed Western Friend (formerly Friends Bulletin) introduced Kathy Hyzy, the new editor. Kathy encouraged everyone to meet her and share their writing and other creative talents. She shared a report from Anthony Manousos regarding his wife Kathleen’s recent cancer diagnosis, and encouraged everyone to hold them in the light. Stephen encouraged Friends to check out Kathy’s yearly meeting blog at the new Western Friend website: http://www.westernfriend.org.
Clerk Joe Franko read two minutes from Representative Committee which will come before the Yearly Meeting. They include RepCom 2008-1 on supporting our youth and funding a Youth Coordinator and RepCom 2008-7 on fully funding all representatives, delegates, and liaisons to other organizations. He encouraged Friends to think about these matters and come to plenary prepared to consider them.

Clerk Joe Franko reminded Friends that the issues of slavery and holding slaves were a source of struggle for Friends for many years. He then shared two minutes regarding same-gender marriages. In Seventh Month, 2008, Orange Grove Meeting affirmed its previous unity in opposition to any and all efforts to undermine marriage equality in California, specifically California Proposition 8. Also in Seventh Month, 2008, Apple Seed Meeting affirmed its support for marriage equality as a basic human right for all adult couples, whether same or opposite gender, based on historic Quaker testimonies on equality, community, and integrity, and its opposition to Proposition 8.

Clerk Joe Franko concluded: Once again we find ourselves ahead, being called by the Spirit, to raise up everyone in equality. Falling in love opens one to the world, and to things that undergird Quakers, such as accepting change as part of our continuing growth. In love we are able to center more, to go deeper. Can we fall in love with each other again, be open with each other, and be supportive of each other? Can we call each other to a higher standard? Please join this week in talking about important issues with openness to each other and to change.

*The minutes of Plenary I were read and approved.*

Faithfully submitted,

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

Joe Franko, Presiding Clerk, opened Plenary II with worship at 1:15 p.m. on Seventh Month, 29, 2008. Reading Clerk Rick Troth read from the 2007 epistle from Ohio Valley Yearly Meeting, with the theme of growing our faith to transform the world, renewed emphasis on an active role for youth in the Yearly Meeting, and heightened awareness of the spiritual and environmental benefits of increased reliance on locally grown food. These Friends recognized that the Quaker witness for peace rests on a foundation of peace within us and among us, and that the purpose of discernment is trusting that God will transform our lives and through us the world.

Rick Troth also read from the 2007 epistle of Ohio Yearly Meeting Conservative, where Friends searched for God’s guidance as they through labored through diversity toward unity. Many individual affiliate members from throughout the world have joined the monthly meetings of Ohio Yearly Meeting Conservative, a development that inspires Friends to discover the meaning of becoming a global Yearly Meeting ministry.

PYM 2008-1 The Meeting approved the nominations of Rick Troth (Apple Seed) to serve as Reading Clerk for 2008 and Stratton Jaquette (Palo Alto) to serve on the PYM Holding Corporation through 2009. These nominations were first brought to Plenary Session I of this annual session.

PYM 2008-2 The Meeting approved these Friends to serve as our 2008 Epistle Committee: John DeValcourt (Santa Cruz), Mary Ann Percy (La Jolla), and Kate Newlin (Strawberry Creek). These nominations were brought to us by Laura Magnani for the Ministry and Oversight Committee.

Nominating Committee – Initial Report

Stratton Jaquette, Clerk of the Nominating Committee, offered a slate of nominations [See final approved slate on Attachment 1] for our consideration and approval at a later session. In addition to the slate of nominations that was distributed to Friends, Laura Magnani was nominated to serve as Clerk of the Ministry and Oversight Committee. A form was distributed for Friends to use to indicate to the Nominating Committee how they are willing to serve Pacific Yearly Meeting. Stratton emphasized that numerous committees have been restricted by the Nominating Committee’s inability to fill some committee positions and/or by other practical difficulties.

Naming Committee Report

Liz Baker, for the Naming Committee, proposed three Friends to serve on the Nominating Committee:
- Stratton Jaquette, Palo Alto, 2009 (continuing as Clerk)
- Ellie Huffman, Monterey Peninsula, 2009
- Linda Rowell, Chico, 2011

These nominations will be returned to us for approval at a later session.
Finance Committee – Initial Report

David Barrows (La Jolla), Clerk of the Finance Committee, presented the Finance Committee’s initial report [See final approved version, Attachments 2 – 5].

PYM 2008-3  The Meeting approved the Finance Committee’s recommendation to augment the Nominating Committee’s budget by $1,500.

PYM 2008-4  The Meeting approved the Finance Committee’s recommendation to raise the cap on the reserve fund allocations for representatives:
  representative to FWCC Section of the Americas ($1500),
  representative to FWC Triennial ($2500), and
  representative to Reunion General de los Amigos en Mexico ($1000).

The Committee recommended maintaining the per-member assessment at $32.00, and David Barrows explained the basis for this recommendation. A preview of the budget for the coming year was given orally. Full funding of the expenses incurred by PYM representatives and delegates is included in the budget, in accord with the decision made by our Representative Committee this year, so that there will be no obstacle to service by less affluent Friends. All Friends who incur reimbursable expenses are encouraged to submit those expenses, including Friends who do not feel a need for reimbursement, so that the Yearly Meeting will have an accurate understanding of the costs of our work in the world.

The Presiding Clerk urged Friends with questions and input on the budget to meet with the Finance Committee as the final budget is being prepared.

Friends World Committee for Consultation

Roena Oesting, La Jolla, Convenor of PYM’s Representatives to FWCC, along with four other Representatives, acquainted us with the purposes and some of the current work of FWCC, which fosters communication and community among Friends from across the entire broad spectrum of worldwide Quakerism. Experiences at FWCC gatherings and in service through FWCC have informed and inspired our Representatives, making them ever more dedicated and enthusiastic about the work of the FWCC. They hope other Friends will also avail themselves of direct experience with FWCC. Quaker Youth Pilgrimages were described with particular emphasis, and we learned that two PYM Friends have participated in recent pilgrimages. [See Attachments 6 & 7]. Nancy McLauchlan of the FWCC staff invited PYM Friends to attend the 2009 annual meeting of FWCC Section of the Americas, March 19-22, 2009, in Canby, Oregon.

Faithfully submitted,

Jamie Newton, Recording Clerk          Joe Franko, Presiding Clerk

These minutes were approved in Plenary IV.
PLENARY III

Laura Magnani, Clerk of Ministry and Oversight Committee, opened Plenary III at 2:30 PM, Seventh Month, 29, 2008, by recalling the Spirit moving among us in the morning worship: “I could feel her breath on my skin.” Spirit brings comfort, presence, and – like the wind – Spirit stirs things up. A year-long discernment process led to the theme of this plenary: “What does it mean to be a faith community? How do we experience it? How can we be in unity?” With guidance from our Faith and Practice, she asked us to explore integrity and community among us and how they lead us into the world. She introduced four panelists who would speak from their personal experience.

Robin DuRant (Orange Grove) said we cannot have community without integrity. Words such as laws, rules, constitutions, contracts, responsibility, standards and obligations govern our community; we have varying reactions to them. She shared several quotes (by George Fox, John Woolman, John Bright, and Parker Palmer, among others) from Faith & Practice.

For Bob Barns (Grass Valley), early Quaker connections opened his horizons. Forty years later he encountered Right Sharing of World Resources and Alternatives to Violence and they changed his concept of what constitutes community. He became more uneasy with Yearly Meeting, saying: “I live in a constant tension between Quaker testimonies and the attractions of society.” He concluded with Shakespeare’s “To thine own self be true.”

Darcy Stanley (Strawberry Creek) joined the Koinonia Project in 2006 to spend a week prior to PYM living with integrity in intentional community, in order to encounter issues of economic justice. We have to recognize our fears, for example the fear of speaking about money in our lives. Integrity equals wholeness. What is God calling us to do?

Dyami Kaplan (Santa Cruz) said that trust is essential to a healthy community. Last year three JYM members were involved in an incident that violated the expectations of the Yearly Meeting. Mending the trust was worth the cost of owning up to his particular role in it.

Guided by the text below, we assembled in break-out groups for an hour’s worship-sharing and then returned to plenary worship.

_The testimony of integrity calls us to wholeness; it is the whole of life open to Truth. When lives are centered in the Spirit, beliefs and actions are congruent, and words are dependable. As we achieve wholeness in ourselves, we are better able to heal the conflict and fragmentation in our community and in the world._

– Faith and Practice
Two queries were provided for the break-out groups:

1. *When have I opened my life to Truth and seen that my beliefs and actions were NOT congruent? How has that insight changed my life?*

2. *How have I tried to heal conflict and fragmentation in my community?*

Faithfully submitted,

Claire Gorfinkel, Recording Clerk  Joe Franko, Presiding Clerk

*These minutes were approved in Plenary IV.*
PLENARY IV

Joe Franko, Presiding Clerk, opened Plenary IV with worship at 1:15 p.m. on Seventh Month, 30, 2008. Reading Clerk Rick Troth read from the 2007 epistle of Quakercamp at Stillwater Meetinghouse, in Barnesville, Ohio. Again and again, the 80-plus Friends of all ages who were present felt blessed by a fresh incursion of the Holy Spirit. These Friends called on all Friends of all branches of the Quaker movement to extend and deepen our communication and mutual understanding, and to advance God’s healing work in response to war, injustice, poverty, despair, and human misuse of God’s creation. Despite painful divisions over sexuality and sexual morality, Friends at Quakercamp “found a new degree of unity in the call to witness to the importance of mutual faithfulness and commitment in all sexual relationships.” All Friends were urged to “enter into an adventure of mutual vulnerability, discernment, and accountability – both in their own meetings and across the barriers that divide Friends”.

The minutes of Plenary II were read and approved following several revisions and additions.

The minutes of Plenary III were read and approved.

Statistical Report

Lee Knutsen, Statistical Clerk, presented the statistical report for June 1, 2007 through May 31, 2008 [See Attachment 8]. Overall, membership in our 36 monthly meetings and 14 worship groups decreased by 37 from 1,490 to 1,453. The report offers Friends a wealth of details, with supportive interpretation of changes and continuities, including spreadsheets that display trends.

College Park Friends Education Association

Marilee Eusebio invited Friends to attend a celebration of the 50th anniversary of the founding of the College Park Friends Education Association, to be held on Saturday, August 9, all day, at Sierra Friends Center, Nevada City.

Alternatives to Violence Project, California

Stephen Matchett, a member of the Steering Committee of the Alternatives to Violence Project, California, provided a concise history of AVP in California and told us that in the past two years AVP has responded to unprecedented openness to nonviolence training on the part of the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation. As Stephen read a list of correctional facilities, Friends active in AVP work in each prison stood to be recognized, and Stephen asked several Friends to share some of their remarkable and encouraging experiences in this service in the state prisons and county jails, and in community workshops. AVP’s great need is for more facilitators, and for Friendly participation in community workshops (which are the largest source of newly trained facilitators). AVP also needs financial contributions. Janet Riley, long a dedicated AVP organizer and facilitator, was warmly appreciated in absentia.
Earlham School of Religion

Kate Newlin, a PYM member who attends Earlham School of Religion, conveyed her enthusiasm about ESR, described the distance learning and two-week intensive classes that enable Friends to learn without becoming residents at ESR, and informed us of ESR’s outreach ministry that provides cost-free educational presentations by ESR scholars.

Unity with Nature Committee

Joe Morris, Clerk of the Unity with Nature Committee, told us that in this era of increasingly severe environmental degradation PYM’s level of awareness and activity in response to global climate change has increased dramatically. He summarized initiatives in our monthly meetings and described the pilgrimages this year by our member Rolene Walker, who is on a Walk with Earth through the Americas, and Quaker Earthcare Witness staff Ruah Swennerfelt and Louis Cox. In the past year more than three-quarters of all meetings in PYM sent reports to the Unity with Nature Committee, and the overwhelming majority reported active efforts to address global climate change. Joe Morris recounted a selection of encouraging examples of these actions.

The Unity with Nature Committee is progressing toward a draft statement of a Friends testimony on the stewardship of the environment. Some issues that need our attention are:

- What is the place of environmental justice among Friends’ concerns?
- How can we work with other groups, both faith-based and secular, for earthcare?
- How do we deal with our own negative feelings about the environmental crisis – anxiety, despair, fatigue?

Earthcare, Joe Morris told us, requires a long-term, unselfish perspective reflected, metaphorically, in willingness to plant trees in whose shade we do not expect ever to sit.

Report of Unity with Nature Committee: [See Attachment 9].

Ruah Swennerfelt, of Quaker Earthcare Witness, thanked Friends who provided support, coordination, and prayers during her six-month walk with Louis Cox down the West Coast of the United States to share their concerns on peace, justice, and the environment through personal contacts and presentations to groups. Ruah explained that living lightly on the earth and caring for earth is a passion for herself and Louis, and they felt that they could communicate that passion in a skit about John Woolman, from whom they had drawn inspiration and insight. She described some of the highlights of their walk, including a musical reception, fording the Pajaro and Salinas Rivers, and encountering lots of farmers’ markets in California. Throughout, they were hosted with friendliness and generosity. A study guide on John Woolman’s witness, prepared by Louis and Ruah, is available on their website, www.peaceforearth.org. Ruah urged inter-visitation among unprogrammed Friends and Friends churches on foot, on bicycles, or using public transportation, with a focus on commonalities.
Vanessa Julye – Reflections on travels among us

Kathy Hyzy, the new editor of *Western Friend*, interviewed Vanessa Julye, staff of the Committee for Ministry on Racism of Friends General Conference, on her travels among us during the past three years in a ministry on race. Vanessa’s leading to visit among us was prompted by an article in *Friends Bulletin* by a Friend of color, who had said that she had to give up part of herself to be a Friend in Pacific Yearly Meeting. Vanessa has found interest among PYM Friends in increasing participation by people of color, and she has found both comfort and discomfort by people of non-European origin in our meetings. Vanessa’s work includes writing on issues of race among Friends, creating open forums for sharing on these issues, and facilitating sharing and healing among Friends. This is difficult work that often includes discomfort and wounding, collective work in which we become more proficient and more sensitive only with practice.

*White privilege* is a non-obvious feature of the social systems within which white people live and function, a feature difficult for whites to recognize and understand without the perspective of an outside observer. It includes, for example, the expectation that one can walk through a store without being followed by a security agent and that while driving one can expect not to be stopped without a cause. Among Friends, comfort for Friends of color can include assurance that white Friends will provide support in situations of race-based inequity or disadvantage.

Vanessa’s visits to PYM Friends have included meetings, or affinity groups, limited to people of color who need time together. She asked white Friends to understand, despite discomfort with their exclusion from such gatherings, that just as men may need to meet in men’s groups or women in women’s groups people of color may need an environment in which they can feel comfortable sharing in ways that would not be comfortable otherwise. Vanessa hopes that she can continue to foster our progress toward inclusive community, and she thanked PYM Friends for the support she has felt among us. Although as a visitor from Friends General Conference to PYM this is her last scheduled year, Vanessa plans to ask that this be reconsidered because she feels a continuing connection to Friends of PYM, and she feels that her work among us is not yet complete.

The Clerk received Friends’ approval to extend this plenary session in order to allow a period of dialogue with Vanessa Julye. We explored delicate issues of emotional safety and ways of coping with the wounding and anger that can occur when we confront racism forthrightly. Vanessa told us of her own experience, grounded in commitment to community, of returning after a wounding encounter to continue her work. We were reminded of our Friend Micki Graham’s advice always to return to the table with resilience.

Vanessa was asked to comment on corporate vs. individual racism. A challenge she faces with respect to individual racism, she told us, is to avoid categorizing and making assumptions about people, and to question her assumptions. Among African Americans, as within any community, there is diversity. Each of us is an individual, and Vanessa asked that we remember that and question our assumptions. Corporate racism is a “tougher” topic, for which Vanessa deferred her response.
A woman Friend reflected on cooperation for progress toward equality, noting that woman suffrage was achieved by women and men working together. She encouraged our attention to ways in which Friends of all backgrounds can work together to end racism.

Our Presiding Clerk reminded us that Vanessa Julye has invited Friends to bring their questions to her directly. Let us take advantage of that invitation while she remains here with us.

The report of our Representative to Friends General Conference, Tom Farley, will be attached to the minutes of this plenary session. [See Attachment 10].

*The minutes of Plenary IV were read and approved.*

Faithfully submitted,

Jamie Newton, Recording Clerk

Joe Franko, Presiding Clerk
PLENARY V

Plenary V at 3:30 PM on Seventh Month, 30, 2008, consisted of intergenerational games, led by the youth and enjoyed by all.
PLENARY VI

Presiding Clerk Joe Franko opened Plenary VI at 1:00 PM on Seventh Month, 31, 2008, with a period of silent worship.

Reading Clerk Rick Troth read from the epistle of Denmark Yearly Meeting, of March 2008, expressing their concern for constructive dialogue and reconciliation with the Muslim community in their country, as well as their concerns about the climate crisis. And from the 2007 Youth Epistle of Great Plains Yearly Meeting: they blended a lot of youthful high jinks, a work project, Bible study, and worship.

Clerk Joe Franko reminded Friends that both testimonies and minutes arise from the movement of the Spirit among us, usually in the form of a clear statement. He shared a letter from Bruce Birchard of Friends General Conference, regarding Vanessa Julye’s visitation among us.

Introduction of visitors

Ruth Flower, Adelphi Meeting and Friends Committee on National Legislation.

Minutes from Holding Corporation

Clerk Joe Franko read two proposed bylaw changes from the minutes of the Holding Corporation meeting July 29 at Walker Creek Ranch [See Attachment 11].

Minute 08-05 “The number of trustees of this corporation shall be no fewer than six and no more than nine, including the Presiding Clerk and the Treasurer of PYM.”

Minute 08-06 “the officers of this corporation shall consist of a President (Clerk), a Secretary (recording Clerk) and a Treasurer. The Trustees may also name a Vice President (Assistant Clerk).”

PYM 2008-5 Meeting approved the two minutes presented by the Holding Corporation.

The PYM Holding Corporation is now developing guidelines for dispersal of funds which resulted from the sale of the San Fernando Meetinghouse.

Naming Committee

PYM 2008-6 Jim Anderson (Chico) brought a second reading from the Committee to Name the Nominating Committee. Meeting approved Stratton Jaquette (Palo Alto), to serve two additional years and to serve as clerk for one year; Linda Rowell (Chico) for a three year term (2011) and Ellie Huffman (Monterey Peninsula) for a one year term (2009).
Site Committee

Liz Baker (Berkeley), Site Committee clerk, reported that there appears to be much satisfaction with this location and PYM will be returning to Walker Creek for the annual session in 2009. The committee is diligently looking for a site in Southern California for 2010.

Ministry and Oversight Committee, PYM Futures Subcommittee

Laura Magnani (Berkeley), clerk of Ministry and Oversight Committee, reported two minutes for consideration. In March, Representative Committee approved fully funding our liaisons, observers, and representatives to other organizations. The PYM Futures Subcommittee was asked to evaluate – in terms of finances, our carbon footprint, the functions that our representatives serve, and other factors – the number of representatives we would send. Laura presented the committee’s recommended changes. Wide-ranging discussion followed, after which clerk Joe Franko noted that a number of committees worked on this proposal. Are Friends ready to approve it, knowing that we can change it if it does not work? Friends were unable to reach unity on the proposed changes.

Nominating Committee

Stratton Jaquette (Palo Alto), Clerk of Nominating Committee, presented a first reading of additional names:

Children’s Program: Kate Connell, Santa Barbara (2010) and Heather Elrick Forbes, Santa Cruz (2010);
Latin American Concerns Committee: Anandi van Diepen, Marin (2011);
Peace and Social Order Committee: Hubert Morel-Seytoux, Palo Alto as Clerk (2010), Lucya van Diepen, San Francisco (2011) and Sandra Gey, Berkeley (2011);

As delegates, to AFSC: Paul Gracie, Honolulu (2009), Kristy Updegraaff, Sacramento (2011); to FCNL: Hubert Morel-Seytoux, Palo Alto (2009), Sandra Gey, Berkeley (2010); Eric Moon, Berkeley (2011); to FWCC Section of the Americas: Kate Newlin, Strawberry Creek (2009) and Jim Anderson, Chico (2011).

The Nominating Committee made several Recommendations for the meeting’s consideration:
(1) that a member of Ministry and Oversight’s subcommittee on Mexico City be an ex officio member of the Latin American Concerns Committee so long as that subcommittee continues,
(2) that our Representative to Reunion General de los Amigos en Mexico be an ex officio member of the Latin American Concerns Committee,
(3) that PYM committees have 6 persons appointed by PYM, plus any ex-officio members, except for Secretariat (keep at 3), Ministry and Oversight (9), and Nominating (9),
(4) PYM appoints 5 representatives to AFSC; these representatives will select 1 or 2 of their number to go to the National meetings each year, as funding allows. The representatives to the National meeting are expected to represent PYM’s interests and to report to PYM on their experience and understanding of AFSC. They are expected to be active in their local Region
throughout the year and to communicate to PYM as appropriate. Nominating Committee is responsible for nominating a Convener of the AFSC Representatives to facilitate their work and nominating representatives who live close enough to the two Regional offices (plus Honolulu) to ensure that at least one representative can be engaged in each region during the year. Terms will remain 3 years.

These recommendations will be considered later in Plenary VIII.

**Minutes from Young Friends and JYM**

Clerk Joe Franko reported that both Young Friends and Junior Yearly Meeting forwarded minutes in support of appointing a year-round paid Youth Coordinator for PYM. Their minutes were read and they are included below in these minutes.

**Minute from Young Friends**

We, the Young Friends of Pacific Yearly Meeting, believe that the creation of a Youth Coordinator position would increase the vitality of our youth community. We are concerned about the large number of young people who drop out and often do not return. Many Young Friends feel spiritually isolated between gatherings. We feel that a youth coordinator would help keep the ties that connect us to each other and to our spirituality strong throughout the year. Our hopes are this will prevent Friends from drifting away.

In the light,
Young Friends

**Minute from Junior Yearly Meeting**

After discussion in JYM business meetings, we have compiled a list of some positive attributes we would like to see in a youth coordinator:

- Networking and help create mid-year events
- Connecting youth throughout California
- Serve as a facilitator between youth and parents
- Someone who is technologically capable and can use technology to improve networking
- Someone we know, and feel comfortable with
- Someone who will help youth to connect with Monthly Meetings
- Someone who will facilitate dialogue concerning the direction of the youth community
- Plan the Pre-PYM gathering
- Someone who is creative
The Junior Yearly Meeting of Pacific Yearly Meeting supports the hiring of a year-round paid Youth Coordinator in order to help the youth community throughout the year.

Note: Alyssa Nelson rocks our communal socks. We appreciate all that she has done in the past few months, and would love to use her as a model for what we would like our future youth coordinator to be.

Faithfully submitted,

Claire Gorfinkel, Recording Clerk          Joe Franko, Presiding Clerk

*These minutes were approved in Plenary VIII.*
Plenary VII at 2:45 PM on Seventh Month, 31, 2008 was Meeting for Memorials [See Attachment 12 for Memorial List].

We gathered on Thursday afternoon, 7-31-2008, 2:45 to 5 pm, to remember Friends deceased since we met last summer. Jean Lester, Carl Magruder, Diego Navarro, and Steve Smith of Ministry and Counsel Committee -- and two young Friends, Robert Allen and Sarah Cooper -- each read part of this list. In worship, Friends offered ministries recalling memories of these departed Friends.
PLENARY VIII

Joe Franko, Presiding Clerk, opened Plenary VIII with worship at 1:15 p.m. on Eighth Month, 1, 2008. Reading Clerk Rick Troth read from the epistle of the 115th annual session of Northwest Yearly Meeting of Friends Church in 2007 at George Fox University in Oregon, with the theme Go Light Your World! David Niyonzima, Coordinator of Trauma Healing and Reconciliation Services in Burundi, Africa, described his own experience of a Spirit-led encounter of forgiveness with a man who had killed eight of his students during the genocide in Burundi in 1993, assuring Friends that there is a cure for the despair that hides in the darkness. “A transformed self is required before we can go out and light our world.” Brotar, a Spanish verb for the emergence of a young plant from the earth into sunlight, for the flow of water from an artesian spring, and for the sudden appearance of tears in our eyes, served as both a descriptor and a metaphor for hope and faith for the work of Friends. The children of this yearly meeting gave Friends hope for the future of their yearly meeting.

Rick Troth also read from the epistle of the 187th annual session of Indiana Yearly Meeting in 2007, which took its theme from Christ’s admonition (John 4:24) to worship in spirit and in truth. These Friends pray diligently for the baptism of the Holy Spirit. They have felt gratified by increased attendance and other indications of growth and health in their meetings and churches, and blessed by God’s healing power.

Naming Committee

For the Naming Committee, Liz Baker (Berkeley) added the name of Marie Fredell (Berkeley) to the recommended membership of Nominating Committee for service through 2011.

Site Committee

With appreciation to the Site Committee, the Presiding Clerk announced that the 2009 session of PYM will be held July 27 through August 1 at Walker Creek Ranch in Marin County, California.

Approval of Minutes of Plenary VI

The minutes of Plenary VI were read and approved.

Nominating Committee

Stratton Jaquette, Clerk of the Nominating Committee, read excerpts from the Nominating Committee Report to PYM, July 2008 [See Attachment 13]. The Committee attempted to complete its work in advance of our annual gathering. Although the Committee had reliable participation by only five Friends, about 60% of its intended membership of nine, it succeeded in recommending nominees for more than 60% of PYM’s opportunities for service.

The Nominating Committee recommended that a member of the Ministry and Oversight Committee’s subcommittee on Mexico City be an ex officio member of the Latin American
Concerns Committee so long as that subcommittee continues. This recommendation was held over for consideration by the M&O Committee.

The Nominating Committee recommended that the PYM Representative to the Reunion General de los Amigos en Mexico be an *ex officio* member of the Latin American Concerns Committee. This recommendation was held over for consideration by the M&O Committee.

The Nominating Committee recommended that PYM committee sizes be set at 6 appointed by PYM plus any *ex-officio* members, except for the Secretariat (to remain at 3), Ministry and Oversight Committee (to remain at 9), and Nominating Committee (to remain at 9). After clerks of two of the three committees with proposed membership reductions expressed surprise and concern upon hearing this recommendation, the Presiding Clerk recognized that there would not be unity among us on this recommendation at this time.

The Nominating Committee recommended a new policy for PYM’s AFSC Representatives.

**PYM 2008-7** Pacific Yearly Meeting approved the Nominating Committee’s recommendation for a new policy for PYM’s AFSC Representatives as it was presented:

PYM appoints 5 representatives to AFSC; these representatives will select 1 or 2 of their number to go to the National meetings each year, as funding allows. The representatives to the National meeting are expected to represent PYM’s interests and to report to PYM on their experience and understanding of AFSC. They are expected to be active in their local Region throughout the year and to communicate to PYM as appropriate. Nominating Committee is responsible for nominating a Convener of the AFSC Representatives to facilitate their work and nominating representatives who live close enough to the two Regional offices (plus Honolulu) to ensure that at least one representative can be engaged in each region during the year. Terms will remain 3 years.

**Finance Committee**

Finance Committee Clerk David Barrows presented and commented on the Committee’s report, with actual 2006-2007 expenses, year-to-date expenses for 2007-2008, and the 2008-2009 expected budget [See Attachments 2-5]. Contributions to Friends’ organizations will be reviewed in the near future, with recommendations to be brought next year. The Presiding Clerk reminded us that with the exception of our recent decision to fully fund our representatives this budget is largely unchanged relative to the budgets of the previous three years. We heard a recommendation that a more suitable alternative be found for the term *scholarship* that is currently used for funds to support PYM attendance.

**PYM 2008-8** Pacific Yearly Meeting approved the proposed budget for 2008-2009.

**PYM 2008-9** Pacific Yearly Meeting approved a 2008-2009 assessment of $32.00 per member, unchanged since 2007-2008.
Treasurer’s Report

Treasurer Gary Wolff presented and commented on an interim report for Fiscal Year 2007-2008 [See Attachment 14], advising us that the final report will be given to Representative Committee after the books are closed in Ninth Month.

PYM 2008-10 Pacific Yearly Meeting accepted the Treasurer’s Interim Report, with gratitude.

Ministry and Oversight Committee

Ministry and Oversight Committee Clerk Laura Magnani asked members of the Committee to stand and be recognized, with appreciation. The Committee’s report is attached [See Attachment 15].

We were reminded that Representative Committee approved an allocation of $5,000 for an interim Youth Program Coordinator, Alyssa Nelson (Davis), whose charge was to prepare for the youth program at our annual gathering and to lead a youth experience in advance of our annual gathering. Alyssa summarized her educational background and her experience in youth work, expressed her appreciation to Junior Friends and to adult Friends involved in our youth program, and described her two months in the temporary role of Youth Program Coordinator. Three young Friends joined Alyssa in a week that included exploration of spiritual journeys, training in outreach to political officials, a service project offering food and dialogue to people on the streets of Sacramento at night, and fun together. At our annual gathering, Alyssa facilitated activities and logistics (for example, arranging a bus for group travel), and she provided liaison between Junior Friends and the adults of PYM.

Diego Navarro, the Ministry and Oversight liaison to Junior Yearly Meeting for the past six years, presented the Committee’s proposal for a PYM Youth Coordinator. This concern has been seasoned for the past five years and informed by a variety of youth activities, and it evolved from the experiences of PYM Friends across several generations. How to preserve insights and skills gained through the years is an enduring, unresolved issue. The current proposal is for a three-year experiment with a year-round staff person to bring PYM youth together, facilitate communication and networking among them (taking advantage of new communication technologies), and provide a bridge between the generations. The position would expire after three years unless there is unity within PYM to continue it.

We heard strong statements of support for this proposal, based on experience, from both adults and youth. Friends asked for specifics of the proposed full-time Youth Coordinator’s work schedule and involvement with the two quarterly meetings of PYM. We heard suggestions that this position be functionally integrated with existing programs, such as Quaker camp in the summer at Ben Lomond Quaker Center, that we consciously foster a flow from programs for earlier age levels toward programs for young adults, and that we provide adequate resources and structural support for this youth work. Diego Navarro assured us that such essentials as employment benefits and organizational support are already under consideration. The annual cost associated with this proposal is estimated at $50,000, which implies doubling our current assessment (that is, raising about $32.00 more per year per member). Fundraising ideas are being developed.
As we considered financial aspects of this proposal, the Presiding Clerk asked us to be cautious but not fear-driven. A Friend noted that many Friends who are active in our monthly meetings do not attend the PYM annual gatherings and have little sense of what PYM is all about; even with thoughtful explanation, a plan that asks monthly meetings to find an additional $50,000 for PYM’s yearly expenses may seem startling to these Friends. A Friend who was inclined to favor this proposal recommended nonetheless that we continue to labor together, drawing on the experience and expertise of Friends’ organizations and seeking ways to arrive at a well-designed position and program. At the request of a Junior Friend, the Presiding Clerk re-read minutes from Junior Friends and Young Friends that were first read during Plenary session VI, both of which called for a Youth Coordinator’s position.

Discerning a need for more time on this proposal, the Presiding Clerk asked that we hold an additional session today, 6:00-7:00 p.m., and that we allow yet more time tomorrow if that hour is not sufficient to bring our search to its conclusion.

The minutes of Plenary VIII were read and approved.

Faithfully submitted,

Jamie Newton, Recording Clerk
Joe Franko, Presiding Clerk
PLENARY VIII-A

Joe Franko, Presiding Clerk, opened Plenary VIII-A with worship at 6:00 p.m. on Eighth Month, 1, 2008. This special session was added to our schedule primarily to provide additional time to seek unity on the proposal from our Ministry and Oversight Committee for a Youth Coordinator position.

Epistle of Pacific Yearly Meeting, 2008 – First Reading

For the Epistle Committee, Kate Newlin read the preliminary draft of our 2008 Epistle. The Epistle will come to us for approval in a later session.

Youth Coordinator Position – Proposal from Ministry and Oversight

PYM 2008-11 Approved: Pacific Yearly Meeting minutes our support in principle for a Youth Coordinator Position.

For the Ministry and Oversight Committee, Laura Magnani, Clerk, read a proposal [See Attachment 15] for an ad hoc committee to work toward implementation of the Youth Coordinator Position until the 2009 session of the PYM Representative Committee. The proposal included a charge to the ad hoc committee and recommendations for committee membership, with representation from Junior Friends, Young Friends, and other groups within PYM with an interest in this position. It was understood that the position of Youth Coordinator would not be filled until after the ad hoc committee completed its work. Several Friends expressed their need for a full proposal, with a detailed job description and budget, as a precondition for approval. We heard a request for time for discussion with Friends who are not present here, so that their views could be taken into account when Representative Committee meets. A Friend suggested that interested Friends try to raise a portion of the funds needed for the position before we approve it. A Junior Friend suggested that Junior Friends and Young Friends could take responsibility for promoting dialogue and understanding in their monthly meetings in preparation for a decision on the matter by the Representative Committee.

We were reminded that we Quakers do our work in God’s time, not in our own time; undue haste driven by our eagerness could lead to action we would later regret. From others we heard questions: Can we move forward without fear, trusting that we are carrying out God’s will, and trusting that the needed funds will appear? Have we not received a leading to which we should respond, confident that way will open? Can we continue the experiment with which we now have two months of experience from the work of the Temporary Youth Program Coordinator, seeking contributions outside our normal budget?

One Friend observed that the Treasurer’s Preliminary Report shows an increase of about $30,000 in PYM’s unallocated funds over the past three years. Could we designate that increase toward funding this position for the first year? This Friend, a former clerk of the Ben Lomond Quaker Center Board, suggested that the position might be linked to the youth work already being done by Quaker Center and by Sierra Friends Center, for the benefit of all.
The Presiding Clerk commended Friends for the exceptional quality of this discussion – the best we have experienced, he thought, in his two years as our Clerk. It is clear that we want to move forward, he told us, but it is not clear how we should move forward. A Friend with extensive experience in Friends’ organizations called our attention back to an earlier suggestion that we allow the Ministry and Oversight Committee to move forward with the ad hoc committee for implementation, recognizing that this decision would not presume a commitment to establish or fund the position. We heard the Ministry and Oversight proposal read once again, with emphasis on the role to be taken by Junior and Young Friends in fostering dialogue with our monthly meetings, and with an explicit charge to the ad hoc committee to include preparation of a job description in its work. A Friend cautioned that if we rush to approve a position, we may overlook necessary legal details and make ourselves vulnerable to punitive action by regulatory agencies. Others, drawing on experience with other positions that failed due to inadequate planning, urged that we proceed with diligence. A young Friend advised that we consult with other Friends’ groups that have already structured themselves effectively to offer successful youth programs, so that we can benefit from their experience. Another Friend counseled that we return to our monthly meetings with the ideas and dilemmas we have heard here, seeking new light and new directions with which we could return to Representative Committee. We were reminded that all Friends are welcome to attend the Representative Committee meeting, not just officers and representatives.

Our Presiding Clerk expressed his sense that we have felt the moving of the Spirit over and among us, and that we have found a fundamental unity that we cannot yet articulate to the satisfaction of all. Let us not feel frustrated, he urged, but instead recognize that we are doing God’s work. Let us own it!

**PYM 2008-12** Pacific Yearly Meeting approved establishing a planning committee constituted by our Ministry and Oversight Committee with Junior Friends, Young Friends, the Children’s Program Committee, and other interested Friends, charged to bring a proposal to Representative Committee in 2009.

One Friend expressed serious reservations, but released the Meeting to proceed on the basis of this minute.

A young Friend asked whether PYM will again have an Interim Youth Coordinator to facilitate youth activities before and during our 2009 annual gathering. A Junior Friend suggested that Alyssa Nelson, our current Interim Youth Coordinator, return in that position in 2009. The Presiding Clerk asked the Ministry and Oversight Committee to bring a proposal on this issue to our next plenary session.

Faithfully submitted,

Jamie Newton, Recording Clerk

Joe Franko, Presiding Clerk

*These minutes were approved in Plenary IX.*
PLENARY IX

Plenary IX opened at 8:45 AM, Eighth Month, 2, 2008, with Reading Clerk Rick Troth reading from the Epistle of Britain Yearly Meeting, where over 800 gathered at Friends House, London in May 2008. They concluded: “Let us live in God’s will, as if it were our own.” He read from the Epistle of Western Yearly Meeting of Friends Church, May 2007 in Plainfield, Indiana: “John Muhanji, Director of the Friends United Meeting African Ministries, urged us to stand firm in our core values of the peace testimony, integrity, equality, and simplicity, and to be about the Lord’s business, while it is still day. The world knows us as Friends of Christ, and cries out for His love.”

The minutes of Plenary VIII-A were read, discussed, amended and approved.

Registrar’s Report

Kim Lacy, Registrar, reported that 424 individuals attended this year’s sessions; the kitchen served over 5,000 meals [See Attachment 16]. This year’s experience as Registrar was very different from the past, when it was extremely time-consuming and exhausting. At the end of last Yearly Meeting session we had agreed to explore hiring professional conference organizers. Her experience with David Pearce and Kathy Fleck of The Conference Managers was wonderful. They were aware of and attentive to details, handling them calmly. Remaining issues are being handled, allowing the registrar to fully participate in Yearly Meeting sessions.

Clerk Joe Franko reported that Walker Creek Ranch loved working with The Conference Managers. Many Friends expressed concern about the registration process; however 90% of the problems appear to have resulted from PYM internal processes.


One Friend expressed concern about the expense of using The Conference Managers. Could we explore hiring a member of our community at a lower cost? Persons or companies who would like to work as our registrar should bring a proposal to Representative Committee in 2009. It might be helpful for someone to gain experience by working with our Quarterly Meeting(s).

Recommendations from Ministry and Oversight Committee

Diego Navarro brought forward three proposals:
(1) We propose $5,000 for a pre-PYM gathering next year, for pre-planning and for working with JYM, if needed.

Friends raised concerns about timing for hiring a coordinator, and source(s) of funding. PYM is more than a week-long gathering in the summer; it is also a geographically dispersed community year-round. Serving the youth of this community is needed all year.
PYM 2008-14 Pacific Yearly Meeting approved the minute [Proposal (1) above] as brought by Ministry and Oversight Committee.

(2) Ministry and Oversight Committee proposes creating an Interim position: someone who would attend Quarterly Meetings and help with youth planning, help coordinate the visits from the youth to the Meetings, and assist the planning team.

   $6000 for 400 hours over six months (12 hours/wk @ $15/hour).
   $3000 for travel to both Quarterly Meetings and to Monthly Meetings; phone costs;
   Quarterly Meeting registrations.
   $1000 for incidentals,
   for a total of $10,000.
   They propose to take this from reserves.

Friends raised concerns about the proposal: Is the money sufficient? Does the plan provide sufficient continuity? Is the organization haphazard or temporary? The Clerk noted that the proposal is not for the Youth Coordinator position, but someone to help with planning until Representative Committee 2009. Some aspects of this coordination may facilitate the exploration and planning of the proposed Youth Coordinator’s position. One Friend requested that the third proposal be read. It is:

(3) Ministry and Oversight Committee has already received over $2,000 in restricted contributions towards the Youth Coordinator position. They requested a budget line item to receive designated funds.

One Friend noted that there is plenty of work for both an interim planning position coordinator and a Youth Coordinator to do. A Friend asked that we not use our dollars to drive a decision that we would not support in other ways. The Clerk of the Finance committee questioned the wisdom of drawing down reserves to the extent that is being discussed. We were reminded that we are being asked to fund the work of a committee, not the work of an individual. One way to test a leading is to see whether all the details fall into place as we proceed. Is this what God wants us to do?

The discussion paused while we welcomed epistles from our children, youth, Young Friends and from our PYM Epistle Committee [Included in Minutes below and attached separately. See Attachments 17 to 23]. Following this, we were asked: “Can we dream big, trust big, go forward as one body?” Perhaps the real work which needs to be done is to build relationships with our monthly meetings. A young Friend observed that a Spirit, a tidal wave, is rising among us. The young people need the Yearly Meeting to stand behind it, and support the work of the interim committee position, lest it dissipate. Another Friend noted that a tidal wave can be very destructive, and some Friends may have been reluctant to speak for fear of appearing to not support our youth, but the proposal does not seem sufficiently detailed to warrant the amount of funding requested for it.

Clerk Joe Franko noted the awesome responsibility of clerks and clerking. We have heard both unity, and concerns about the unity of the second proposal. One Friend spoke to the lack of unity and the destructive potential for forcing unity when it does not exist. Things which are important often turn out to be very difficult. This proposal has profound support, even from Friends who may
not look like allies, but it does not have unity. It will be stronger if the young people carry it forward without forcing a unity that does not exist.

A Friend noted that we have created an ad hoc committee that is extremely important to the PYM community; to not allocate funds for its functioning would be similarly irresponsible. We do have unity on a committee. Friends have offered – and may continue to offer – to fund Friends’ travel and visitation to Monthly Meetings. Money can be allocated; it does not all have to be spent.

**PYM 2008-15** Meeting approved augmenting the budget of Ministry and Oversight by $3,000 to support the work of the ad-hoc planning committee under their care, which they proposed.

Meeting did not come to unity on the creation of a line item to receive designated contributions for a Youth Coordinator, until such time as greater clarity about the position is achieved. Mark Runyan offered to serve as contact (markrunyan@peacemail.com) for Friends who wish to offer financial (or other) support to the youth coordinator effort.

**Naming Committee**

**PYM 2008-16** The Naming Committee brought forward a second reading of the name of Marie Fredell (Berkeley) for the Nominating Committee (2011). Meeting approved this appointment.

**Peace and Social Order Committee**

Sarah Rose House, Clerk of Peace and Social Order, noted that PYM has received minutes from Orange Grove and Apple Seed Monthly Meetings in opposition to Proposition 8. Claremont Monthly Meeting is also considering such a minute.

Peace and Social Order also received a minute from Sacramento Monthly Meeting, regarding the Peaceful Prevention of Deadly Conflict. “If War is Not the Answer, What is?” Due to time constraints and concerns that it had not been deeply discerned by the committee and the yearly meeting as a whole, the committee was not in unity to bring it forward to plenary. The committee encouraged Meetings to support work against torture (specifically SJR 19) and health care (SB 840) in the California legislature.

The complete Peace and Social Order Clerk’s reports are attached to these minutes [See Attachment 24].

Clerk Joe Franko asked everyone to prayerfully consider Proposition 8, which seeks to change the California constitution to limit the civil rights of all people.

**PYM 2008-17** Friends approved the PYM Epistle which is included in these minutes [See also Attachment 23].
A Friend offered a proposed minute in opposition to Proposition 8:

Pacific Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends (Quakers) supports marriage equality as a basic human right for all adult couples whether same or opposite gender. This is based on our historic testimonies on equality, community and integrity. We, therefore, oppose any and all efforts to undermine marriage equality in California, specifically the so-called California Marriage Protection Act (Proposition 8).

To quote from Pacific Yearly Meeting’s Faith and Practice: “It is consistent with Quakers’ historical faith and testimonies that Friends practice a single standard of treatment for all couples who wish to marry.”

We wish to affirm love, commitment, sharing and stability in a world that is too often torn apart by war, hatred, exploitation, and greed.

Concern was expressed about not having sufficient time to give this minute the careful consideration it deserves. One Friend noted that Monthly Meetings have minuted their support for marriage equality for many years. The Spirit is here in this meeting; let it speak.

**PYM 2008-18** Meeting approved the previous minute as offered, with one friend standing aside.

The minutes of Plenary IX were read and approved.

The Presiding Clerk offered a Closing Minute. Due to time constraints, it was not read in this session but is included as an attachment [See Attachment 25].

Faithfully submitted
Claire Gorfinkel, Recording Clerk

Joe Franko, Presiding Clerk
EPISTLES

Epistle from the Children’s Program

Heather Elrick Forbes read the Epistle from the Preschool Children’s Program.
I like to play playdough in the afternoon.
I played with somebody; I played with Natalie.
I climbed up the rock.
I played Candyland.
I played with the pigs.
I played with the goats, pretending I was a goat.
I learned to skip.
I liked being together
I liked eating with the other friends.
I rest while I’m running.
“Roar.”

Epistle from the Upper Elementary Program

The Upper Elementary class of PYM 2008 liked capture the flag and the frisbee golf because it was like archery. We liked community night.
We especially liked the sacks and hot salsa and the dinner pancakes.
We liked the ball games, and the Farley storytelling was awesome. We liked singing.
We made beady baby animals by stringing beads on lanyard strips.
We pretended to be teachers and we screamed and took a nature hike.
We particularly liked free time. Shannon liked having Tinuiral so she wasn’t the only girl. The only thing Javier didn’t like was not being able to listen to his I-pod.
But all of us wanted warmer water in the pond and more free time during the kinds’ program.
We’d like more adult leaders so we could break into smaller groups.
We wish the path to the pond was not so steep. We’d like a volleyball tournament. Javier wants to use his I-pod. We all want an all day nature hike.
And we want to not write an epistle.

Epistle from the Lower Elementary Program

Chris Mohr shared a visual Epistle which the children drew, including stars, flowers, and music.

Dear Friends Everywhere,
We pretended to be coyotes. We saw a fox. We walked in the garden. We saw goats and pig. We went swimming in the pond. We blew up lots of balloons. We painted each other’s faces. We joined Meeting for Worship and memorial Meeting. We learned about THANKSGIVING and BLESSING. We played the “achoo bless you” game.
Middle School Epistle of 2008

During our stay at Walker Creek Ranch we enjoyed swimming at Turtle Pond and canoeing with JYM. We also played an exciting game of capture the flag. We went for a beautiful hike in the morning, and we saw deer, pigs and foxes on our walk to the garden. In the garden we pulled weeds and picked raspberries and strawberries. Some mornings we corded Yucca plant while listening to stories about the Miwok tribe that used to live here. Thursday afternoon we sat through Memorial meeting and listened to people talk about Friends who had died.

Thursday night we went to a dance with JYM and a few adults.

Friday night will be the talent show which we are excited about.

We have had a great time and look forward to coming back next year.

Written by:   Jesse  Anna  Samantha
              Sydney  Sam  Hannah

Rest of group:  Caterina, Saul, Claire, Alan, Brendan, Leo, and Cooper.

Epistle from Junior Yearly Meeting

JYM Epistle 2008

This week at Pacific Yearly Meeting was full of many interesting events for the members of Junior Yearly Meeting. Upon arriving, we set up our residence in the Buckeye Room. Throughout the week we had many activities including swimming and canoeing in the pond, star gazing, capture the flag in the cow pasture and missing breakfast after staying up too late. Early in the week we had a meeting with the parents of JMYers for them to voice concerns. Of these there were many and the process was long. But eventually we were able to come to an agreement that worked for all even if it was not perfect.

We had daily business meetings to discuss schedules which were always busy. On Wednesday we had our annual Respectful Relations (Sex, Drugs, Rock and Roll) talk with the young friends. As always this was a powerful experience and greatly helped to bond our community. On Thursday we held our intergenerational dance which completely rocked. There was music from 60s to present day and a few musical numbers from member of JYM. Friday we took a bus to Petaluma where we learned about peoples’ rights in encounters with the Police from a local youth organization called "Impact" and then put up flyers and took a survey of people in the local community.

The idea of a year-round paid youth coordinator has been seasoning for many years. On this 2008 PYM gathering, this subject was heavily discussed in both JYM and the greater yearly meeting. In our business meetings we opened dialog concerning this issue and what we would seek from a youth coordinator. After deliberation we formed a committee and came up with a minute to present to the greater PYM. The subject of a youth coordinator was discussed in great detail during plenary. It was a difficult issue and the course was not always smooth. Unity could not be reached in the allotted time and extra time was required. The concept of the paid youth coordinator position was quickly approved. After further dialog the community approved M&Os proposal to appoint a planning committee to further define the roles of the youth coordinator and develop a clear budget.

Friday night we had our nominations process. As always we finished in a timely manner meaning we got done with the process by 2:30 in the morning. Also we had a POWER CLEAN!!!
to make our residence livable for the traditional all-nighter as we had completely destroyed our room over the course of the week. On this final night a large group of JYMers and Young Friends climbed a hill where we had a drum circle, held worship and watched the amazing colors of the sky as the sun came up. We returned at 6:00 and finished writing this epistle.

The following selection of Officers for JYM 2009 was reported at this time:

Co-Clerks: Mark Lichterman, Keenan Lorenzato, Cecilia Fitzgerald-Cook; Youth Ad-Hoc Coordinator representatives: Norah Cooke (Grass Valley) and Gabe Martinez; Ministry and Oversight: Cedar Green, Clerk, Rose McKenzie, Ian Adair (Central Coast), Michelle Marshall, Jaden Navarro (Santa Cruz).

Epistle from Young Friends

Young Friends Epistle, Pacific Yearly Meeting 2008
Walker Creek Ranch, Marin County, CA
Seventh Day, Eighth Month

Pacific Yearly Meeting this session was full of life and energy. The site, Walker Creek Ranch, sparked the spirit of adventure with a multitude of hiking trails and the spirit of community with the hospitality they provided. We came together on many things this week, including a rockin’ dance party, taking dips in the pond, and some mind-opening worship sharing. We felt a strong bond being formed between Young Friends and Junior Yearly Meeting. We came together with them on many endeavors, including a service project in the nearby community of Petaluma, as well as joining them in intergenerational games and a respectful relationships talk.

The light was shining in all when the gathering approved minutes regarding the affirmation of wanting and needing a Youth Coordinator. Young Friends felt particularly moved to action for this cause, and together with Junior Yearly Meeting made a stand for our needs, and for the healing of the community. After challenging discernment in plenary, our faith in the elders was reaffirmed with the joy we all shared in this unity. We were joined by many new Friends, as well as many who returned from a long absence. Our final evening of worship and togetherness moved many Friends deeply with the power of Spirit.

Some young friends that felt particularly moved to be a part of the ad-hoc Youth Coordinator planning committee are: John Stitzer, Maia Wolff, Darcy Stanley, Sola Wolff, Anna-Lisa Chacon, Heather Alden.
The following selection of Officers for Young Friends 2009 was reported at this time:

Clerks: Felix Ostrom (2009); Sarah Cooper (2010); Recording Clerk: Xavier Manalo; Ministry & Oversight: Riana Hensel, Larissa Keeler, Cody Lowry, Sam Ellis, Robin Heller, and Sola Wolff.

PYM EPISTLE 2008

Greetings to Friends Everywhere:

From July 28 to August 2, 2008, Friends met for the 62nd annual gathering of Pacific Yearly Meeting at Walker Creek Ranch in Marin County, California. Managed by the Marin Agricultural Land Trust, this home to wild turkeys and turkey vultures, grey fox, and bobcats, as well as goats and cattle, provided us with mostly local organic food and dairy products, and enabled us to hold our plenary sessions in a large heated, lighted, windowed white tent erected just for us, on a site used throughout the school year for children’s environmental education.

Our discussions of our earthcare responsibilities have been focused by our mindfulness of this summer’s more than 1000 wildfires in California. Our consciousness was also awakened, and several of our members directly affected, by the upcoming November election which will include a proposed state constitutional amendment limiting marriage to unions between a man and a woman.

In the context of these exterior events, our theme this year asks “What does it mean to be a faith community? How can we experience it?” Ministry during our all-morning worship and worship sharing, which included our Children’s Program participants during the first quarter hour, was especially revealing of what Friends carried in their hearts during the week:

“I could feel her [Spirit’s] breath on my skin.”

“I live in a constant tension between the Testimonies and the needs of society.”

“Integrity is the whole of life open to Truth; through it we are able to heal the fragmentation of the world.”

“There can be no peace without a planet.”

We were asked to live within a “covenant of mutual vulnerability”

One Friend reminded us of the connection among salvation, health, wholeness, and integrity by inserting the word “integrity” for “salvation” in Philippians 2:12-13: Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own integrity with fear and trembling; for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for God’s good pleasure.”

Our Clerk reminded us that Spirit is simple and clear, that we are seekers after Truth and unity with the Spirit, and that we are here not for producing, but for community. In this spirit we welcomed
among our 424 attenders, visitors from New England, New York, Philadelphia, and North Pacific Yearly Meetings as well as others from FGC, FCNL, FWCC, QEW, and AFSC.

In addition to Interest Groups, Worship Sharing, Community Night and other activities, Friends had an early-morning opportunity for Bible Study as well as a daily discussion group on Transformative Quakers, exploring how the vision of some important Friends has impacted our Society.

One plenary session recalled the work we had done throughout California this past year through several dozens of our members’ contribution to the Alternative to Violence Project in California prisons, and our support of the Quaker Earthcare Witness staff members’ six month walk from Vancouver to San Diego. Ruah Swennerfelt, in sharing her experiences of the walk, reiterated themes we labored with throughout the week, such as community and relationship-building across different branches of Friends.

In another plenary, we considered in small break-out groups the congruence between our actions and our beliefs. We heard of the tension between JYM and the greater Meeting in matters of trust and integrity as we were asked to listen to and for the Light in each other.

We also heard Vanessa Julye from FGC’s Ministry on Racism encourage us to become aware of the white privilege that surrounds European–Americans like water around a fish, but that does not surround persons of color in everyday situations like shopping, driving, or encountering the police. In visiting our Yearly Meeting for the past three annual sessions, she has been able to be a mirror for us, revealing the ways in which racism continues to linger in our Society.

Our entire community came together for our annual Memorial Meeting for Worship where treasured memories were shared about the lives and impact of 44 beloved Friends who died in the past year.

With valuable input from both our Young Friends and JYM communities, we considered a new direction for our Yearly Meeting—the establishment of a full-time Youth Coordinator position. This would be the first employee in the Yearly Meeting’s history. An ad hoc planning committee will consider the scope of the job responsibilities, a detailed budget for the position, and how it will be implemented. Interested Friends will visit Monthly Meetings and Worship Groups to discuss how such a position could serve the needs of their members of all ages.

By the end of the week, we found that, in the traditional Friends’ practice of listening to the Epistles of other Yearly Meetings and Friends’ Gatherings, we shared the often repeated sentiments of feeling “supported and strengthened by one another in our shared struggles.”

In Friendship,

Joe Franko, Presiding Clerk
List of All Action Minutes Approved in Session

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| **PYM 2008-7** | Pacific Yearly Meeting approved the Nominating Committee’s recommendation for a new policy for PYM’s AFSC Representatives as it was presented: 

PYM appoints 5 representatives to AFSC; these representatives will select 1 or 2 of their number to go to the National meetings each year, as funding allows. The representatives to the National meeting are expected to represent PYM’s interests and to report to PYM on their experience and understanding of AFSC. They are expected to be active in their local Region throughout the year and to communicate to PYM as appropriate. Nominating Committee is responsible for nominating a Convener of the AFSC Representatives to facilitate their work and nominating representatives who live close enough to the two Regional offices (plus Honolulu) to ensure that at least one representative can be engaged in each region during the year. Terms will remain 3 years. |
| **PYM 2008-8** | Pacific Yearly Meeting approved the proposed budget for 2008-2009. |
### List of All Action Minutes Approved in Session (continued)

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**PLENARY VIII-A**

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<td>Pacific Yearly Meeting approved establishing a planning committee constituted by our Ministry and Oversight Committee with Junior Friends, Young Friends, the Children’s Program Committee, and other interested Friends, charged to bring a proposal to Representative Committee in 2009.</td>
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**PLENARY IX**

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| PYM 2008-14 | Pacific Yearly Meeting approved the minute Proposal (1) as brought by Ministry and Oversight Committee.  
(1) We propose $5,000 for a pre-PYM gathering next year, for pre-planning and for working with JYM, if needed. |
| PYM 2008-15 | Meeting approved augmenting the budget of Ministry and Oversight by $3,000 to support the work of the ad-hoc planning committee under their care, which they proposed. |
| PYM 2008-16 | The Naming Committee brought forward a second reading of the name of Marie Fredell (Berkeley) for the Nominating Committee (2011). Meeting approved this appointment. |
| PYM 2008-17 | Friends approved the PYM Epistle which is included in these minutes [See Attachment 23]. |
| PYM 2008-18 | Meeting approved this minute as offered, with one friend standing aside.  
Pacific Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends (Quakers) supports marriage equality as a basic human right for all adult couples whether same or opposite gender. This is based on our historic testimonies on equality, community and integrity. We, therefore, oppose any and all efforts to undermine marriage equality in California, specifically the so-called California Marriage Protection Act (Proposition 8).  
To quote from Pacific Yearly Meeting’s *Faith and Practice*: “It is consistent with Quakers’ historical faith and testimonies that Friends practice a single standard of treatment for all couples who wish to marry.”  
We wish to affirm love, commitment, sharing and stability in a world that is too often torn apart by war, hatred, exploitation, and greed. |
## PYM Officers

**Presiding Clerk** (one-year term)
- 2009 Joe Franko, Orange Grove (2006)

**Assistant to the Clerk** (one-year term)
- 2009 Sue Torrey, Central Coast (2006)

**Arrangements Clerks** (two-year terms)
- 2009 Carol Mosher, Berkeley (2007)
- 2010 Jan Tappan, Orange Grove (2008)

**Historian / Archivist** (three-year term)

**Reading Clerk** (one-year term)
- 2008 Rick Troth, Apple Seed (2008)

**Recording Clerks** (two-year terms)
- 2010 Carolyn Stephenson, Honolulu (2008)

**Registrars** (two-year terms)
- 2009 Sherri Sisson, Orange County (2008)
- 2010  

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

**Treasurer** (three-year term, 10/1 – 9/30)
- 2009 Gary Wolff, Orange Grove (2005)

**Assistant to Treasurer** (one year term)
- 2009 Karen Lawrance, La Jolla (2007)

## PYM Committees

### Ministry and Oversight Committee
(9 members, 3-year terms)
- 2009 Paul Harris, Redwood Forest (2006)
- 2010 Robin DuRant, Orange Grove (2007)
- 2010 Jean Lester, Orange Grove (2004)
- 2010 Sarah Rose House, Orange Grove (2008)
- 2011 Sharon Gates, Orange County (2008)
- 2011 Ruth Fraser, San Francisco (2008)

## Children’s Program Committee
(6 members, 3-year terms)
- 2009 Devetta Williams, Claremont (2008)
- 2010 Kate Connell, Santa Barbara (2008)
- 2010 Heather Elrick-Forbes, Santa Cruz (2008)
- 2011 Winnie Sunshine, La Jolla (2008)
- 2011 Joe Magruder, Berkeley (2005) Clerk
  Ex Officio: current and past coordinators

### Discipline Committee
(6 members, 3-year terms)
- 2009 Jorge Martinez, Mexico City (2008)
- 2010 Burton Housman, La Jolla (2007)
- 2010 Eric Moon, Berkeley (2007)
- 2011 Jan Tappan, Orange Grove (2008)

### East West Relation Committee
(9 members, 3-year terms)
- 2010 Carl Anderson, Straw Creek (2001) Clerk
- 2011 Deborah Marks, Strawberry Creek (2005)
- 2011 Dharma Yamaguchi, Straw Creek (2005)
  Ex Officio: PYM members of Friends House Moscow Board.

### Finance Committee
(6 members, 3-year terms)
- 2010 Kitty Bergel, Orange County (2004)
- 2010 Donna Smith, Orange Grove (2007)
  Ex Officio: Treasurer(s), Statistical Clerk

### Holding Corporation Committee
(7 members, 3-year terms)
- 2009 Cliff Lester, Orange Grove (2006)
- 2010 Shan Cretin, Santa Monica (2007)
- 2010 David Barrows, San Diego (2005)
- 2011 Sherri Sisson, Orange County (2005)
- 2011 Mary Miché, Lake County (2005)
  Ex Officio: Treasurer, Presiding Clerk
Junior Yearly Meeting Committee
(9 members, 3-year terms)
2009 Jeanette Norton, Orange County (2006)
2009 Andrew Seacrest, Lake County (2006)
2009 Anne Bleile-Kratzer, Fresno (2006)
2010 Melina Larkin, Strawberry Creek (2006)
2010 Melissa Lovett-Adair, Central Coast (2007)
2010 Sue Rios, La Jolla (2007)
2011 David Lederman, Orange County (2008)
2009 Jeanette Norton, Orange County (2006)
2009 Andrew Seacrest, Lake County (2006)
2009 Anne Bleile-Kratzer, Fresno (2006)
2010 Melina Larkin, Strawberry Creek (2006)
2010 Melissa Lovett-Adair, Central Coast (2007)
2010 Sue Rios, La Jolla (2007)
2011 David Lederman, Orange County (2008)

Latin American Concerns Committee
(5–9 members), 3-year terms
2010 Dottie Vura-Weis, Inland Valley (2007) Clerk
2010 Donna Smith, Redwood Forest (2007)
2010 Marion Newton, Palo Alto (2007)
2011 Anandi van Diepen, Marin 2008
2011 (plus three members appointed by Guatemala MM, Mexico City MM, & El Salvador Project)

Peace and Social Order Committee
(9 members, 3-year terms)
2009 Anthony Manunos, Santa Monica (2006)
2010 Hubert Morel-Seytoux, Palo Alto (2008) Clerk
2010
2011 Lucya van Diepen, SF/Marin (2008)
2011 Sandra Gey, Berkeley (2008)
2011 Ex Officio: clerks CPQM & SCQM P&SO, one PYM FCNL rep., & PYM FCL rep.

Religious Education for Children Committee
(9 members, 3-year terms)
2010 Robyn Robbins, Redwood Forest (2007)
2010
2011 Joan Johnson, Conejo Valley (2008)
2011

Secretariat Committee
(3 members, 3-year terms)
2009 Eva Miller, Orange Grove (2006)
2009 Jan Turner, Humboldt (2007)
2010 Pat Smith, Claremont (2007)
2011 Tom Yamaguchi, Straw Creek (2005)
Ex Officio: Assistant to Presiding Clerk

Site Committee
(6 members 3-year terms)
2009 Eva Miller, Orange Grove (2006)
2010 Pat Smith, Claremont (2007)
Ex Officio: Arrangements Clerks (current & immediate past)

Unity with Nature Committee
(9 members, 3-year terms)
2009 Joe Morris, Santa Monica (2006) Clerk
2009 Madeline Schleimer, Orange Grove (2007)
2009 Klara East, Visalia (2007)
2010 Barbara Moulton, Redwood Forest (2007)
2010 Stephanie Freeman, La Jolla (2008)
2011 Kate Carpenter, Orange Grove (2008)
2011 Maia Wolff, Central Coast (2008)

Wider Fellowship Among Friends Committee (Laid down 2007)

Nominating Committee
(9 members, 3-year terms)
2009 Martha Hunkins, Humboldt (2005)
2009 Chuck Orr, La Jolla (2006)
2009 Ellie Huffman, Monterey Peninsula (2008)
2010 DJ Bloom, Apple Seed (2005)
2010
PYM Representatives, Delegates, and Observers to Other Organizations

American Friends Service Committee (AFSC)  
(5 representatives, 3-year terms)  
2009 Paul Gracie, Honolulu (2008)  
2011 Jim Summers, La Jolla (2008)  

Evangelical Friends Church Southwest  
(1 observer, 3-year term)  
2009 Roena Oesting, La Jolla (2008)

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

Friends House Moscow Board of Directors  
(2 representatives + alternate)  
Bill Bauriedel, Palo Alto (2007)  
Julie Harlow, Davis (1995)

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

Friends’ Committee on National Legislation (FCNL)  
(6 representatives, 3-year terms)  
2009 Hubert Morel-Seytoux, Palo Alto (2008)  
2010 Steve Birdlebough, Redwood Forest (2007)  
2010 Sandra Gey, Berkeley (2008)  
2011 Carolyn Stephenson, Honolulu (2005)  

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

FGC Central Committee Representative  
(1 representative, 3-year term)  
2009 Tom Farley, Palo Alto (2006)

Friends Peace Team Project Board of Directors  
(2 board directors, 3-year terms)  
2010 Rachel Fretz, Santa Monica (2002)  
2011 _____

Friends United Meeting (FUM)  
(1 observer, 3-year term)  
2011 Elaine Emily, Strawberry Creek (2008)

FWCC Section of the Americas  
(5 representatives, 3-year terms)  
2009 Kate Newlin, Strawberry Creek (2008)  
2010 Robin Mohr, San Francisco (2007)  

Reunion General de los Amigos en Mexico  
(1 observer, 2-year term, every 18 months)  
2009 Darcy Stanley, Strawberry Creek (2007)

William Penn House Board  
(1 representative, 1-year term)  
2009 Gary Wolff, Orange Grove (2008)
Budget Augmentation:
Nominating committee requests a budget augmentation of $1300. $566 of committee expenses recorded for this year for was a meeting that occurred during the last fiscal year, but for which reimbursement was requested after accounts for the year had been closed. Current travel expenses have been higher than usual because committee has members at each end of the state. Finance committee recommends approval.

Increasing caps on reserve accounts:
Some reserve accounts have limits of the amount of funds that can be accumulated. These allow funds to accumulate for expenses which are not yearly. Finance committee recommends that the caps for three accounts be raised:
• R2743, FWCC Section of the Americas, travel: increase to $1500 (from $500)
• R2745, Friends United Meeting travel (triennial): increase to $2500 (from $1500)
• R2746, General of Friends Mexico travel: increase to $1000 (from $500)

Presentation of Budget for FY 2008 - 2009:
• In accord with instructions from Representative Committee meeting, finance committee developed a budget which fully funds the travel for all representatives and delegates, but with a reduction in the number of delegates. Budget was prepared with based on informal report of recommendations on reductions in representatives and delegates.
• Full funding increases total budget by $7700 (compared to funding the number of delegates which had been funded. Increased expenses can be met by using some of our reserves B and with no increase in assessments of monthly meetings.
• Revenue
• Expenses
• Detailed expenses
• If Friends have questions or concerns about the budget, members of Finance Committee will be available at 8:30 tonight in the back of the tent.
### Pacific Yearly Meeting
**FY 2008 – 2009 – General Account - Budget**

**Expenses**

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### Pacific Yearly Meeting
**FY 2008 – 2009 – General Account - Budget**

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Report from PYM representatives to Friends World Committee For Consultation,
Triennial in Dublin Ireland August 11-19, 2007

Your official representatives to the Dublin Triennial were: Ann Boone (Redwood
Forest), Sara Wolcott (Strawberry Creek & Young Friends), Roena Oesting (LaJolla),
and Alyssa Nelson (Davis).

There were about 350 Friends, from all over the world—including 43 from Africa, mostly
from Kenya but also from Rwanda, Burundi, South Africa, Zimbabwe, Ghana, Nigeria,
and Uganda. Did you know there were Quakers in Bhopal India, Hong King, Seoul,
Moscow, Sweden, Latvia, Finland, Japan, and Bulgaria among other places? All the
plenary sessions, speakers, and worship were conducted in three languages—English,
French, and Spanish. Most of the French speakers were Africans, for whom it is their
second language.

Part of the purpose of the Triennial is to do the “business” of FWCC. This year, the
major decision was that the next big meeting will not be in three years, but in five—in
Nairobi. The financial and ecological costs of meeting every three years are huge. Like
many other Quaker organizations, FWCC is increasingly aware of its ecological
footprint. This will be an experiment to see if we can maintain the work on a five-year
basis.

So what is the main work of a Triennial? To mis-quote the realtors: contacts, contacts,
contacts. Our work is to encourage fellowship amongst all the varieties of Quakers
around the world. If we cannot talk with one another, share our concerns and our faith
with one another in a peaceable manner, how can we possibly claim to be peacemakers
in the wider world?

There are huge differences in worship styles, in yearly meeting structure, and in our
beliefs. We always need to be aware that those Quakers who participate in “cross-
Quakerly” gatherings are already a small minority of Friends—those who are willing to
listen, to share, and to be challenged in some of our most deeply held beliefs.

At our yearly meeting at University of Redlands, the topic of homosexuality was brought
up, specifically in the context of Friends United Meeting’s struggle with this issue. An
epistle from East Africa Yearly Meeting (a member of FUM) was read, including their
statement: “This Yearly Meeting shall not team up with any group that proclaims this
immoral conduct.” All of us had conversations on this topic with people from various
yearly meetings, including some African ones. In addition, all three us attended an
interest group session on “The Bible and Homosexuality” with a Belgian man speaking
mostly on the texts dealing with Sodom and Gomorrah. In many of the western, “liberal"
yearly meetings, homosexuality is not much discussed because it is seen as a non-
issue any more.
In many of the African yearly meetings, homosexuality is not much discussed because it is seen as an obvious sin and thus an automatic reason for exclusion and/or non-communication.

There were small worship groups that met each day; these were the places where a good deal of sharing from our souls took place. The theme for the conference was “Finding the Prophetic Voice for our Time.” Many of the best discussions were at meal times or with roommates. There were also working groups. Roena went to “Outreach,” and Ann to “Violence.” Sara also functioned as an interest group leader.

Did we have fun? Yes. Did we also work hard to explain to others why and how we liberal Quakers function? Yes again. In the wider Quaker world, we are a very small minority (the most typical Quaker today is a 17-year old Kenyan male).

We in PYM have a great deal to learn from other Friends about spreading our good news, about sharing, about service. We also have much to give about seeking God in silent waiting worship, about openness to all of God’s children, about questioning and finding answers.

We invite others in Pacific Yearly Meeting to open their hearts to Friends of all varieties; go and worship with a Friends Church in your area; seek out other varieties when you travel. Your life will be challenged—and enriched.
Report on Friends United Meeting (FUM) Triennial, July 9-12, 2008
By Kate Newlin, Pacific YM Observer

History
In 1988, the FUM General Board approved a minute affirming their “traditional testimony that sexual intercourse should be confined to the bonds of marriage, which we understand to be between one man and one woman.” (See full text of minute 88 GB 52 at end of report). This minute was initially meant to apply to FUM volunteers, but quickly became a hiring/personnel policy applicable to all FUM staff, prohibiting those who are unmarried yet sexually active (including those in a same-sex relationship, as FUM does not recognize any sort of same-sex union as a marriage) from working for FUM. Though this policy has been a point of contention both within and without FUM almost since its adoption, it remains as part of the FUM hiring/personnel policies.

This policy came to the attention of PYM Friends during the 2004 sessions while we considered the budget for the next year. Friends decided to postpone sending in the annual contribution to FUM until PYM Representative Committee could spend more time considering the issue. In 2005, RepCom approved a minute of concern regarding the policy and decided to set aside funds normally sent as a contribution to FUM and rather use them to support travel of PYM Friends to the FUM Triennial gathering to listen and be in dialogue on the issue. (See full text of PYM RepComm 2005-04 at end of report.) Jane Peers (La Jolla) and Steve Smith (Claremont) were appointed to attend the 2005 Triennial sessions and reported back to the Yearly Meeting at our 2005 gathering. At the end of their report, they made the following recommendations:

1. Despite differences between the two Friends’ groups—and perhaps especially because of them—we believe that PYM should stay in relationship with FUM, so that we may labor in love with them regarding our concerns, while giving spiritual and moral support to those within FUM who seek to change their hiring policy.
2. We recommend that while the FUM hiring policy remains in force, PYM not send a direct contribution to FUM, but use the funds instead to defray travel costs of PYM observers to FUM gatherings.
3. For the next FUM Triennial (to be held in North Carolina in 2008) we recommend that a team of two PYM Friends again be named as observers to FUM.”

My name, Kate Newlin (Strawberry Creek), was part of the 2005 Nominating slate approved at Yearly Meeting as a PYM Observer for the 2008 Triennial.

My Visit at the Triennial
I attended the 2008 FUM Triennial sessions, held July 9-12, 2008 at High Point Friends Meeting in High Point, North Carolina. My intentions for the visit were to quietly observe as much as possible, to engage in conversation with as many Friends as possible, and to participate fully in the activities for the week. The average day consisted of morning devotions, worship sharing, business sessions, workshops, and an evening speaker (with some free time and meals worked in).
Attachment 7 (continued)

Through the sharing of a few Kenyan Friends during Worship Sharing times, I felt blessed to become more acquainted with how deeply Kenyan Friends take to heart the call to action for peace, justice, and caring for those in need that is inherent in the Quaker understanding of Christian faith. Most business sessions consisted of reports from Friends regarding the various mission fields/projects that Friends United Meeting currently supports. Most hopeful and heartening to me was to hear about the Friends Church Peace Teams that have emerged in Kenya in response to the post-election violence last winter. Initial efforts were focused on caring for displaced people, but they have now moved into a new, long-term phase focused on peace work and reconciliation within communities, similar to the work being done by African Great Lakes Initiative.

In contrast to the experience of Jane and Steve at the 2005 Triennial sessions, very little time was given at this Triennial to focus on the hiring/personnel policy issue. In her report on the state of Friends United Meeting, General Secretary Sylvia Graves reported that it creates tension and remains a divisive issue within FUM. She noted that many of the Yearly Meetings that make up FUM have not come to unity on the issue themselves (one way or the other) and observed that it is hard to imagine a representative General Board coming to unity when the respective communities of its members are not in unity themselves.

My understanding of the recent history is that this issue “blew up” in the few years prior to the 2005 Triennial gathering and was thus on the hearts and minds of most at that time. It was a very contentious time within FUM and they seem to be in a period of “catching their breath”. In the report from the General Board, it was noted that it continues to be a topic for discussion, and that, “It has not pleased God to open way before us which all can perceive to be right and proper. But it has pleased God to teach us to talk to each other civilly and remind us we are brothers and sisters in Christ.” I have hope that this issue will continue to be an ongoing discussion within FUM, and I sense that there is a greater commitment of all involved to participate in that discussion in a loving and Spirit-led manner.

Thoughts on the future of our relationship with FUM
Friends United Meeting is theologically and culturally the most diverse of the three umbrella organizations of Friends (FGC, FUM, and EFI) and the furor within FUM over this policy is largely due to its attempt to hold that diversity. Barring any future splits that would thoroughly re-frame the issue or make it a moot point (a real possibility given some of the theological disagreements present among many FUM, especially pastoral, Meetings), the conversation will be a lengthy one not likely to be resolved soon.

It is my hope that this does not become a “deal-breaker” issue that discourages us from being in relationship with FUM and its constituent Meetings and Churches. I believe that there is much we might gain from and offer to FUM projects and Meetings. My impression is that the East coast Yearly Meetings have largely come to view FUM as an organization through which they can support worthy mission projects and Friends throughout the world. What opportunities for service, such as teaching in Palestine or participating with peace teams in Kenya, might be opened further to us if we were to choose to engage with FUM from that standpoint?
(And lest we recoil at their “mission” language, we have “mission” efforts of our own, often sponsored by our Peace and Social Witness committees, though we use a different language.)

What kind of spiritual and emotional support might we offer progressive pastoral Meetings through our Friendship? How might we lovingly challenge more theologically and culturally conservative Friends Churches to be open to a wider version of Truth by being in relationship with them and being open to transformation ourselves? It is only by being in relationship and attempting to know that which is eternal in others that we may create the space for true dialogue and change.

**Recommendations**

Because the hiring/personnel policy issue will most likely not be resolved any time soon, the most basic consideration before this body is: Do we feel a corporate conviction to be connected and in relationship with the worldwide body of Friends (and not just those Friends whose Faith and Practice largely mirror our own)? Especially in light of our focus this week of nurturing our faith communities, it is my hope that we do, and I submit the following recommendations to the Yearly Meeting:

1. It is recommended that a more formal connection with FUM be maintained by naming observers to attend the 2011 FUM Triennial in Wilmington, Ohio.
2. It is recommended that we affirm our statement made in 2005, that “despite differences between the two Friends’ groups—and perhaps especially because of them—we believe that PYM should stay in relationship with FUM”, and further, that the Yearly Meeting will continue to explore additional ways to stay connected. This is a call to individuals, committees, and Monthly Meetings to consider how they may create stronger community and be in relationship with Friends from FUM.
3. It is recommended that PYM enter into discernment regarding our financial contribution to FUM. Are there any projects or field staff we would feel clear in supporting directly? If not, or until unity is reached, the current policy of using funds to help defray the travel costs inherent in being in relationship with FUM should continue.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kate Newlin

**FUM Board minute 88 GB 52:** (a) We affirm the civil rights of all people to secular employment, housing, education and health care without regard to their sexual orientation. In particular, we condemn violence, whether verbal or physical, against homosexuals, and call for their full protection under the civil rights laws. (b) We reaffirm our traditional testimonies of peace, simplicity, truth speaking, gender and racial equality, personal integrity, fidelity, chastity and community. We recognize that there is diversity among us on issues of sexuality. For the purpose of our corporate life together, we affirm our traditional testimony that sexual intercourse should be confined to the bonds of marriage, which we understand to be between one man and one woman. (c) The lifestyle of volunteers under appointment to Quaker Volunteer Witness, regardless of their sexual orientation, should be in accordance with these testimonies.
PYM RepCom 2005-04  The Pacific Yearly Meeting Representative Committee has a deep concern over the effect of Friends United Meeting Minute 8-8GB-52. We believe it is not in keeping with Friends’ testimonies to deny marriage to same gender couples and at the same time refuse them full participation because they are unmarried. We unite with Friends General conference that “our experience has been that spiritual gifts are not distributed with respect to sexual orientation or gender identity.” Desiring to labor with Friends United Meeting Friends over this concern, we feel the funds set aside as a contribution for Friends United Meeting this year may best serve our mutual relationship by supporting travel of PYM Friends to Friends United Meeting’s Triennial gathering to listen and to seek dialogue on this concern. We ask the clerk in counsel with the Ministry and Oversight Committee, to select two additional Friends to join our FUM liaison for this service, and to compose letters of introduction to accompany them. We also extend an invitation to Retha McCutchen, General Secretary of Friends United Meeting, to attend Pacific Yearly Meeting to speak with us regarding these and other concerns we share, so we can work on them together as Friends.
Pacific Yearly Meeting Statistical Report - 2008

Statistical Report on Membership as of May 31, 2008

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, 2008. All meetings reported this year.

This year we have 36 constituent meetings, as Central Coast Preparative Meeting has become a Monthly Meeting. Twenty-three meetings are in College Park Quarterly Meeting, nine meetings are in Southern California Quarterly Meeting, and four meetings are not affiliated with a Quarterly Meeting.

There are 14 worship groups and one preparative Meeting. They are:

- Conejo Valley, Pacific Ackworth, and Whitleaf, 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
- 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.

Two Meetings have 100 or more members: Palo Alto, with 103, and Strawberry Creek, with 100. Five Meetings have 10 or fewer members: Napa-Sonoma, Redding, Big Island, Guatemala, and Mexico City.

Three meetings experienced growth of 10% or more: Marin with 16.7%, Chico with 12.5%, and Reno with 10%.

However, our overall membership has decreased by 37 members, bringing our total membership down to 1,453 (from 1,490 members. See attached Year-over-Year Summary).

College Park Quarterly Meeting represents 65% of the total membership and decreased by 1.4%. Southern California Quarterly Meeting represents 28% of the total membership and decreased by 5.6%. The Independent Meetings represent 7% of the total membership, and their numbers remained stable.

The following table summarizes the changes in membership over the past eight years.
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**Eight-year Change**
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**Annual Rate of Change**
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Lee Knutsen, Statistical Clerk
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**Note:**
1. Adjustments were made to the royalty figures for 2006, 2007, and 2008.
2. The data reflects changes in royalty payments over the years.
36 Constituent Meetings

- 23 in C.P.Q.M.
- 9 in S.C.Q.M.

14 Worship Groups

1 Preparative Meeting

PYM Statistical Report

June 1, 2007 through May 31, 2008 Statistical Year

Attachment 8 (continued)
Membership Size and Changes

- Two Meetings have over 100 members.
- Five Meetings have 10 or fewer members.
- Overall Membership decreased by 37.
- Total Membership 2006-2007 was 1,490.
- Total Membership 2007-2007 is 1,453.
Attachment 8 (continued)

2007-2008 Increases/Decreases

**Increases:**
- Youth to adult
- Convinced
- Transferred in

**Decreases:**
- Died
- Transferred out
- Released/Withdraw

* Change from last year -37, with adjustments
Unity with Nature Committee Report, Pacific Yearly Meeting, July 30, 2008

This past year has again brought bad news for our planet: glaciers melting ever faster, the cyclone in China, the paralysis of international agreements over reducing greenhouse gas emission, and, here in California, the over 2,000 wildfires that have burned since the beginning of summer. But for the Unity with Nature Committee and the involvement of PYM Quakers in Earthcare, the story is quite different.

Those attending the 2006 PYM Gathering will recall the widespread anxiety and confusion expressed about our lack of response to environmental issues. Things were in such disarray that the Clerk then of the Unity with Nature (UWN) Committee even came forth at a special plenary to recommend that the committee be laid down. No unity was found on this matter.

Over the following year, 2006-7, UWN came vigorously back to life. It held seven committee meetings and set up over 30 liaisons in virtually all of the monthly meetings, who would relay communication. The committee then took on its major task for the year: encouraging discussion and possible minutes from monthly meetings in response to climate change. After the initial minute approved by Santa Monica Meeting in October 2007, 16 additional monthly meetings (about half of all PYM Meetings) went on to approve their own versions of a minute. This impressively broad support exceeded that for any other issue over several decades.

Inspired by this, UWN brought forth a "Responding to the Global Climate Crisis" minute at the 2007 Gathering, which was strongly approved with no revisions. From that plenary, UWN was charged with two tasks: the gathering of reports from monthly meetings on their actions regarding global warming over the coming year and a request to commence the formulation of a new testimony on "Harmony with Nature," in cooperation with the PYM Discipline Committee.

This remainder of this report describes the action on these two commissions. But first, deserving mention are four other events that made this past year an extraordinary one for Earthcare:

1) In November 2007, Ruah Swennerfelt with her husband Louis, coordinators of Quaker Earthcare Witness, began an historic "Walk for Earth," a 1,400 mile trek down the Pacific Coast from Vancouver to San Diego, speaking to over 50 Quaker gatherings. Most meetings in PYM had an opportunity to hear the couple speak (giving a witty skit featuring John Woolman and a modern "Jane Woolwoman") and offer them hospitality. UWN invited her to speak at the 2008 Gathering on her reflections about this trip, which concluded in April.
Attachment 9 (continued)

2) In March 2008, under the care of San Francisco Monthly Meeting, Rolene Walker began her "Walk with Earth," starting in San Diego with the ultimate goal of reaching Santiago, Chile in two years. Her email reports show an active engagement about environmental issues with dozens of schools and colleges. More information about her can be found at the website: www.walkwithearth.org An addendum report about her walk follows the end of this report. Please consider donating or actually joining Rolene on this exciting pilgrimage for the environment.

3) In 2008, the book Earthlight (edited by Anthony Manousos and Cindy Spring) was published, consisting of articles from the magazine of the same name. UWN originally had oversight of Earthlight magazine until it became an organization independent of PYM.

4) The new editor of The Western Friend (formerly Friends Bulletin), Cathy Hyzy, holds a master’s degree in environmental science and has much interest in including environmental issues in future issues.

The occurrence of these events together in a single year seems more than serendipity. We live in an exciting time, as energy builds among us for better care and respect for the planet. A transformation of awareness seems to be occurring, and people like Ruah, Rolene, and the creators of Earthlight may be among our prophets.

Admittedly, this is a bold statement. Is this optimism warranted? Before receiving these reports, no one in PYM could know the extent of environmental involvement among meetings, and some assumed it was minimal. Here are the findings:

First, over 75% --- 29 meetings and 3 worship groups -- did send a report, an impressively high proportion. This number gives us some real confidence that the overall findings are representative of the yearly meeting as a whole.

Second, about 85% of meetings and worship groups, the overwhelming majority, stated that they had considered and taken significant steps to respond to the environmental crisis. Of the 32 returns, only 4 indicated that involvement was minimal. Naturally, some meetings are much more involved than others. But we can now say with confidence that Earthcare is not only alive but flourishing among PYM Quakers.

Finally, the activities reported are not merely conventional ones like using florescent bulbs or cloth bags, but show an impressive and creative variety of approaches. For example,
Holding "locavore", 100-mile potlucks -- Strawberry Creek Meeting
Developing awareness of native Hawaiian concepts of nature -- Honolulu
Donating tax rebates to environmental causes -- Grass Valley
Joining with interfaith groups -- Central Coast
Installing solar panels -- Santa Monica
Holding retreats in natural settings -- Inland Valley
Animal kinship projects -- Orange Grove
Organizing "carbon footprint" support groups -- Marin
Committing to car-free transportation -- Berkeley
Accumulating a Green Fund of over $4K for Earthcare projects
Producing an environmentally friendly purchasing guide -- Chico

Dozens of other activities are too numerous to mention here, including some that were a bit provocative, e.g., a worship group whose members "dumpster-dive" for reusables! Anyone with lingering doubts about the widespread activism can examine the meeting reports for themselves. (An interest group where representatives of four especially innovative meetings -- Central Coast, Orange Grove, Grass Valley, and Sacramento, was given at the '08 PYM).

The second charge for the UWN Committee this past year was to begin work on drafting a new testimony on "Harmony with Nature." The committee conferred about this for several months and contacted the Clerk of Discipline Committee to begin work together. Since February, an environmental working group composed of members of Strawberry Creek Meeting (but with no official ties) has worked since February on a draft, which is now available in an initial form. It broadens our definition of community to include all of life and challenges us to consider our place in a society that routinely consumes the diminishing resources of an ailing planet. (An interest group on this was also offered at the '08 PYM).

On the weekend of October 31--November 2, UWN is co-sponsoring a retreat at Quaker Center on "Walking Lightly on the Earth." It will be an interfaith dialogue on our changing conceptions of Earthcare.

Conclusions and reflections

From relative quiescence two years ago, the membership of PYM seems to be experiencing a collective shift in a spiritual connection to the planet. Witness the climate-change minutes, the activism among meetings, the walks of Rolene and Ruah, and the work toward a new testimony. Maybe our energy has become contagious. In July, the North Pacific Yearly Meeting also approved a climate change minute, drawing on our minute and using some of the same wording.
Attachment 9 (continued)

What might all this mean? Things are happening so fast that it is hard to define the pattern -- akin to drawing the shape of a cloud that changes from moment to moment. As Quakers are wont to say, "Proceed as way opens." Certainly more surprises await us. As Earthcare becomes part of our spiritual lives, several new personal challenges seem to be emerging among us.

A critical one is the place of environmental justice. Most all of the meeting activities are focused on care and respect for other species. Yet our current testimonies urge us to minister to the poor and disadvantaged of the world. Pointedly, these are the very ones most harmed by the exploitation of the environment, whether they are inner-city children in LA developing cancer from the fumes of diesel trucks, impoverished families who must live near toxic waste sites, or the millions in Africa facing famine or starvation due to the prolonged drought.

We Quakers still are learning that care for the planet must include care for its people. If, for instance, we don’t address the poverty of people in Brazil, they will continue to cut down rain forest and further impact us all. As oil consumption grows, it not only increases global warming but also the odds of war over scarce resources.

We cannot ultimately separate environmental activism from social activism. A positive example is the work of the Right Sharing of World Resources project.

A second challenge is work with other groups -- both interfaith and nonreligious -- for Earthcare. Only four meetings mentioned such activities, yet it is linked to our testimony of community. We will never be able to do this work alone. We need other people, the 99.9% who are not Quakers, to widen our vision and the impact of our actions. In this, we are significantly behind many churches, who have many interfaith alliances for the environment. This now includes both liberal and evangelical denominations.

A powerful positive example is Interfaith Power and Light, which began in the San Francisco Peninsula and now has branches around the country. Why not have nonQuakers like Sally Bingham, the founder of Interfaith Power and Light, who lives nearby, speak to us at PYM?

The need for collaboration demonstrates that the job of Earthcare is not to move away from the age-old Friends testimonies of equality, simplicity, and community, but to build on them, revealing new meaning in them for the 21st century.

Our Quaker ancestors would probably agree. In 1693, William Penn wrote, "And it would go a long way to caution and direct people in their use of the world that they were better studied and knowing in the creation of it. For how could men find the conscience to abuse it, while they should see the great Creator look them in the face, in all and every part thereof."
Attachment 9 (continued)

A final challenge is dealing with our negative feelings -- anxiety, discouragement, guilt, and powerlessness -- about the planetary crisis we now face. These feelings (sometimes called "green fatigue") seem to be growing in our country, and they can paralyze any effort.

An objection raised at the recent North Pacific Yearly Meeting was why we should bother about global warming. Can we make any difference? Don't the corporations or the government or China really call the shots? Quakers voice these doubts here as well. Discouragement easily becomes a self-fulfilling prophecy.

Ultimately, the ethical rightness of an action is separate from its hoped-for effects. I am reminded of the Vietnam protestor, standing alone on a street corner in the seventies, who was confronted by a sarcastic driver. "Do you think you can really change the generals in the Pentagon?" He replied, "I'm doing this so they won't change me."

The writer Nelson Henderson also expressed it well: "The meaning of life is to plant trees, under whose shade you do not expect to sit." What we do today to heal the planet may not be noticed in our lifetime or even in our children's. Maybe our grandchildren will benefit. It will take generations, many scientists say, for our planet to noticeably heal. And some damage is irreversible. Extinct species are gone forever. Earthcare may then be the most unselfish social movement in our history.

That is why care for the Earth must be a spiritual matter! And that is why, in this ailing world, we in particular are needed and called.

Respectfully submitted,

Joe Morris, Clerk
Unity with Nature Committee

ADDENDUM: REPORT OF WALK WITH EARTH TO UNITY WITH NATURE, JULY 21, 2008

We will be in Mexico City as PYM starts! I will be talking with three or four groups in Toluca this week. We have already spoken to thousands of students and dozens of church congregants and are well on the way to accomplishing many of our goals. We have given talks to over 100 schools, 26 organic farmers, as well as ecological groups, community groups, and both Catholic and Protestant churches. People from 4 months to 76 years have walked with us, totaling at least 150, including 60 people in San Francisco and 70 on the first day of the walk from the border to an ecological park. A seven-year old girl cried when they made her get in a car after 10 km. She wanted to do the whole walk.
Attachment 9 (continued)

Walk with Earth is connecting with people and engaging in conversations about the environment and sustainable practices. We are modeling action and inspiring people to believe that change is possible. We bring a message of hope about the thousands of grassroots organizations around the world that are saving their part of the environment.

We have already walked through deserts, mountains, along the ocean, through mangrove swamps, and past caves. We have seen deer, condors, hares, Chinese geese, vermilion flycatchers, gray whales, dolphins, and lots of snakes.

We have met with people from all walks of life. We have donated postcards asking people to plant ten trees, eliminate the use of gasoline in ten years, and pray ten minutes each Sunday at 6 pm for a beautiful, sustainable, peaceable world. We have donated environmental games, solar ovens, and thermometers to determine when boiled water is potable. Astonished gasps have followed our pictures of the largest living thing, the Sequoia tree, and its tiny seeds.

A special grant has enabled us to hold a conference for grassroots environmental workers in Mexico at the Quaker Casa de los Amigos in Mexico City. From September 12-16, we will gather to grieve what is happening to the Earth, form a network of like-minded people, and work to create educational curricula online for Spanish teachers. Both we and the people who will be attending are excited about this event. We wish to begin a conversation all across the Americas about the kind of world in which we want to live, and this conference will advance that goal.

I would like to enthusiastically extend the invitation anew to come join the walk! It is an incredible way to meet people of many ages and backgrounds who are working to heal the environment. We would love for you to come and join us on the walk for a week or two. If you are unable to come because of health, job, or family responsibilities, begin by walking to the grocery store or carpooling. Think about becoming gasoline free in ten years and planting ten trees. Pray for a sustainable, peaceful, beautiful world each Sunday at 6 pm for ten minutes; for our creativity follows our intentions. Please do hold us in the Light and work for environmental concerns in your own life.

Thank you for your participation and for what you can do for our Earth and its diverse populations. Walk with Earth needs and accepts donations for this work, www.walkwithearth.org.

Sincerely,

Rolene Walker
President
The annual meeting of the Central Committee [CC] brings together almost 200 Friends for four days each fall at a conference center in rural Maryland. Most participants are meeting representatives, co-opted committee members, or staff. FGC is made up of fourteen YMs with about 33,000 members and nine additional MMs including Davis and Sacramento. At the roll call of meetings, six other members of Pacific YM meetings introduced themselves, the Sacramento Meeting rep, four co-opted, and one staff.

The schedule includes worship, business sessions, committees, and community time. In addition to hearing reports from committees, programs, and staff, CC considers changes in policies and structure and approves the budget and nominations. Participants learned about the successful first year of a major capital campaign and plans for the next stages, which I expect many Friends will be hearing more of soon.

Our invitation to FGC and its committees and programs to consider holding events in our region was received and recorded with appreciation. The Committee for Ministry on Racism is one of several that have already shared their work with our meetings or plan to.

FGC is growing westward. Wyoming Friends Meeting [made up of five worship groups] was accepted into affiliation, and a request for affiliation from InterMountain YM was read. Confirming that affiliation is now in process and may be ready to record in a year or so. Note that if Pacific YM were to affiliate with FGC, we would be its fifth largest YM and expected to name about five representatives.

Each representative to Central Committee is asked to serve on at least one committee for a three-year term if possible. I am in my second year on the Youth Ministry Committee [YMC] which is an active committee with wonderful members and staff to work with. Its work includes supporting FAP workshops and Young Adult Friends [YAF] conferences. I encourage JYM and Young Friends to consider getting involved with YMC and its projects.

Also from 8/14 to 8/17/2008 there will be a Religious Educators Institute near Indianapolis, Indiana. FGC puts these on about every four years. I hope we might encourage holding one on the West Coast.

The FGC Gathering, always the first week of July, was in Johnstown PA in 2008. Over 60 of the 1500 Friends present were from PYM – about the same as in 2007. In recent years, about 10% of the workshop leaders have been PYM Friends. The 2009 Gathering will be at Virginia Tech.

See <www.fgcquaker.org> for more information on FGC and its committees, programs, and sponsored events.

Tom Farley, PYM rep to FGC CC for 2007-9
Holding Corporation Minutes
July 29, 2008
Meeting held at Walker Creek Ranch in Marin California

Attending: Mary Miche, Stratton Jaquette, Cliff Lester, Shan Cretin, Sherri Sisson, Lanny Jay

President

Minute 08-1  The Pacific Yearly Meeting Holding Corporation (PYMHC) President Lanny Jay
reports that the Los Angeles Meeting House has been deeded to the Los Angeles Meeting
Association.

Minute 08-2  The minutes of the PYMHC meeting for 2007 were reviewed and approved.

Minute 08-3  The PYMHC Treasurer, Sherri Sisson presented a report of the current assets. The
committee accepted the report.

Minute 08-4  PYMHC members approved moving $90,000 to Friends Fiduciary Corporation and
$90,000 to a bank CD that will mature in one year or less, from the current San Fernando
Meeting Fund currently deposited at Countrywide Bank.

There are also two changes to the bylaws that were approved by the committee.

Minute 08-05 “The number of trustees of this corporation shall be no fewer than six (6) and no
more than nine (9) including the Presiding Clerk and the Treasurer of Pacific Yearly Meeting.”

Minute 08-06 “the officers of this corporation shall consist of a President (Clerk) a Secretary
(Recording Clerk) and a Treasurer. The Trustees may also name a Vice President (Assistant
Clerk).”

Minute 08-07 The clerk of PYMHC will report to PYM in the annual report that the restrictions
have expired for the San Fernando Meeting House Funds. The PYMHC is currently developing
guidelines for dispersal of the funds, in keeping with the original stipulations of the trust.
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Nominating Committee Report to PYM, July 2008

Nominating Committee brings this report to Pacific Yearly Meeting (PYM) for its annual sessions in July and August 2008; we also will be bringing nominations, which we commend to the Yearly Meeting. We hope that each of you will read this report before these recommendations are brought to plenary session for consideration and possible approval. Speak to a Nominating Committee member if you have questions or concerns.

In recent years, Nominating Committee has met four times during the year, typically from a Friday mid-afternoon through Saturday evening. This year, instead of a hurried meeting before Representative Committee, we met for a full weekend later that month. Our plan has been to complete our work before annual sessions so that we can participate fully in the yearly meeting’s annual sessions. Despite most of us having served on Finance Committee at some point, we still managed to overspend our travel and expense budget; thus we hope you will look kindly on whatever augmentation Finance Committee requests for us.

From the beginning, we intended to give careful consideration of the needs of the yearly meeting and the needs of each individual in the yearly meeting for service which might enrich and provide for personal and spiritual growth. We have not intended to “fill the slate” at all cost (to PYM and the individuals whose arms we would have twisted—or twisted harder than we did). The work this year was done with care and again slow going. We suffered seriously from diminished numbers throughout this year: we should have been a committee of 9 but have had only 5 reliably present through to our last meeting. Although we may have been only at 60% strength, we will be recommending nominations to fill much more than 60% of the opportunities for service.

Perhaps you have heard the lament from your own meeting’s nominating committee about how difficult it has been to complete the work set out for the committee—too many members live at a distance, are not active in Friends affairs, are too old or too new to Friends, or are overtaxed by the affairs of the world and thus feel they cannot serve. I have heard that lament in my meeting and read it in College Park Quarterly Meeting’s spring report; I share those laments and share it again with you. Why are we too busy, detached, frustrated, or ___ to serve our yearly meeting and help create the Kingdom of God here on Earth?

Finally, as the committee’s clerk, I want to express my joy serving on the committee this year. I have found our meetings to be well centered, punctuated with deep worship, gracious, and a safe and Friendly place to express disagreements, doubts, and concerns without ever an unkind word from another committee member, thus allowing a sense of the meetings to emerge in which we have all been heard, appreciated, loved, honored, and upheld by God and each other.

Concerns of Nominating Committee

Last year, we brought concerns and proposals to restructure East-West Relations Committee, Friends House Moscow Board, and Friends Peace Teams. M&O and others are considering whether the changes we proposed or other changes might be wise. Until PYM is clear, we will be continuing the same membership on East-West Relations Committee and the same representative to Friends Peace Teams. In addition, we believe we are right in determining that PYM is not empowered to appoint Directors for the Friends House Moscow Board, although we were asked to do this for the original organizing board.

* Nominating Committee members are Stratton Jaquette, DJ Bloom, Chuck Orr, Martha Hunkins, Kitty Bergel, and Tom Farley.
Thus we will be reporting to you those members of PYM who serve on the Friends House Moscow Board for your information, without approval. Friends will, as always, set us straight if we are in error.

At Representative Committee at Visalia, we brought acknowledgment that the committee had a stop recommending more representatives/delegates to travel afar for the yearly meeting for whom there is insufficient budget to reimburse their direct costs of the service they undertake for us. This is also being considered by M&O, Finance, and perhaps others. Meanwhile, you will see that we have not proposed all the representatives or delegates which PYM has authorized. We await resolution; however, we will bring a modest proposal concerning our AFSC representatives, below.

**Recommendations for PYM This Year**

Nominating Committee has considered the work of the Latin American Concerns Committee and who serves on the committee. We have two recommendations.

**PYM Nominating Committee recommends that a member of M&O’s subcommittee on Mexico City be an ex officio member of the Latin American Concerns Committee so long as that subcommittee continues and asks PYM to take this action.**

**PYM Nominating Committee recommends that our Representative to Reunion General de los Amigos en Mexico be an ex officio member of the Latin American Concerns Committee and asks PYM to take this action.**

Nominating Committee has considered how many members PYM should have on each committee, especially given the difficulty finding willing and able Friends to serve on some – especially the 9-person committees.

**PYM Nominating Committee recommends that PYM committee sizes be 6 appointed by PYM, plus any ex-officio members, except for Secretariat (keep at 3), Ministry and Oversight (keep at 9), and Nominating (keep at 9), and asks PYM to take this action.**

A review of Faith and Practice indicates that the primary responsibility of our PYM AFSC representatives is to develop and maintain a close relationship between PYM and the AFSC regional offices. It states that we appoint 5 representatives, of which at least 1 goes to the annual meeting of the AFSC Corporation in Philadelphia. Our funding does not support sending more than 3, and this only if we use all the budget for that trip. A previous representative has given us feedback that our representatives should be taking part with the regional offices in San Francisco and Los Angeles. Faith and Practice does not have specific commentary on our role as representative(s) to the regional offices, however. We have sent our proposal to the 3 AFSC offices to which PYM makes a contribution and have sought to clarify with the regional offices and their directors in Southwest Region/Los Angeles, Pacific Mountain Region/San Francisco, and the subregional office in Honolulu, if they would welcome representatives from PYM and how they would utilize them. These AFSC offices seem to see some wisdom and benefit from having PYM representatives more engaged locally and seem to be prepared to use our representatives locally. The number, composition, and frankly the location, of whom we appoint as AFSC representatives appropriately depends on having a useful, active relationship with local regional offices.
Attachment 13 (continued)

PYM Nominating Committee recommends that PYM approve the following policy for PYM’s AFSC Representatives:

PYM appoints 5 representatives to AFSC; these representatives will select 1 or 2 of their number to go to the National meetings each year, as funding allows. The representative(s) who go to the National meeting is(are) expected to represent PYM’s interests and to return with a report for PYM on their experience and understanding of AFSC. The representatives to AFSC are each expected to be active in their local Region (Pacific Mountain and Southwest Region plus Hawaii subregion) throughout the year and to communicate to PYM as appropriate. Nominating Committee is responsible for nominating a Convener of the AFSC Representatives to facilitate their work and to nominate representatives who live close enough to the two Regional offices (plus Honolulu) to ensure that at least one representative can be engaged in each region (and Honolulu) during the year. Terms will remain 3 years.

We leave these proposals in the hand of our Presiding Clerk for us to consider together during this year’s annual sessions.

Stratton C. Jaquette, Clerk
PYM Nominating Committee
Attachment 14

Pacific Yearly Meeting
62nd Annual Gathering (2008) – Plenary VIII
Treasurer’s Report

This is an interim report for Fiscal Year 2007-2008 (October 1, 2007 through September 30, 2008). The actual amounts are as of July 31, 2008. A detailed report is attached. Budget amounts are based on the actions approved at last year’s Annual Gathering, amended at Representative Committee in March 2007, and amended at this Annual Gathering at Plenary II. Note that the final report for FY 2007-2008 is due to Representative Committee in March 2009.

General Account

Revenue

Revenue from 4101-Contributions from Monthly Meetings ($46,556) is very close to Budget ($47,548). However, six meetings have not yet fully paid their share of the assessments. The specific meetings are:

- Big Island (FY 2006 and FY 2007) $936.00
- Humboldt (FY 2008) 640.00
- Los Angeles (four years) $1,378.00
- Marin (FY 2007) $442.00
- Mexico City (FY 2006 and FY 2007) $110.00
- San Francisco (FY 2007) $2,918.00

Since Los Angeles Meeting has withdrawn from Southern California Quarterly Meeting and has not become affiliated with Pacific Yearly Meeting as an independent meeting, the Finance Committee has directed me to “write off” the accumulated assessments for Los Angeles Meeting. Additionally, the Finance Committee has directed me to “write off” the accumulated assessments for Mexico City. Mexico City has paid the FY 2008 assessments. These actions will be taken before the close of this Fiscal Year.

Income from 4104-Return on Invested Capital ($3,564) is somewhat under what it should be given the Budget ($6,000) and only two more months remaining in this Fiscal Year. Interest rates on our money market accounts have been lower than expected when the Budget was prepared.

Expenses

All expenses items are at or below Budget. Disbursement of funds for Support of Friends Organizations (Accounts 5251 through 5266) totaling $8,100 will be made soon after the Annual Gathering.
Assets and Liabilities/Reserves

Our total Assets stand at $208,986. This includes $187,225 in Invested Capital (including the FGC Meeting House Fund). At the Annual Gathering in 2007, approval was given to establish an account with Friends Fiduciary Corporation. That account has not yet been established due to the volatile nature of the financial markets. The Finance Committee approved moving $80,000 to Friends Fiduciary Corporation and I plan is to do so by the end of this calendar year.

Our Liabilities include a loan payable to PYM Session Account for $25,111 and various reserve accounts totaling $66,449. I reduced the amount in two reserve accounts to be consistent with the “caps” that were approved for those accounts. That leaves an Uncommitted Reserve of $118,427.

Session Account

The Session Account is separate from the General Account and is used to account for monies received and disbursed to support the Annual Gatherings. Most of the financial activity related to the Session Account occurs during and immediately after the close of the Annual Gathering. Hence it is premature to report accurately on the financial aspects of this year’s Annual Gathering. I have received $60,000 from The Conference Managers and have paid $40,000 to the Walker Creek Ranch Conference Center so far. The Conference Managers have been easy to deal with and very responsive to my requests for information.

Gary Wolff, Treasurer
July 31, 2008
### PYM GENERAL ACCOUNT - REVENUE AND EXPENSES

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*Attachment 14 (continued)*
### PYM General Account - Revenue and Expenses

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**PYM General Account - Revenue and Expenses (continued).**

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 expenses 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 (n+1) is number for whom full reimbursement is possible with current budget.

Note 1: FUM contribution divided to expenses of additional delegate(s) in FY05 per RepCom 2005-04.
Note 2: FY 2006 Budget as approved during PYM Session 2005, revised at RepCom 2006, and revised at PYM Session 2006, Primary IX.
Note 3: Budget as approved in PYM 2007 Session, Primary VIII and augmented in Primary IX ($5,000 for pre-PYM gathering in 2009 plus pre-planning and working with PYM as shown in account 5216 Unanticipated Expenses.)

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### General Account - Balance Sheet

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**General Balance Sheet**

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September 22, 2008/GAW
## Pacific Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends

**Treasurer's Report to the 2008 Annual Session - July 31, 2008**

**FY 2007-08 (ending September 30, 2008) - Interim Report**

### PYM General Account - Explanatory Notes

1. Sentinel Funds-Money Market ($137,036.17), Wells Fargo CD .8910 ($15,871.39), Wells Fargo CD .3118 ($11,967.37), PAX World Money Market ($12,350.27). Investment with Friends Fiduciary has not taken place due to volatile stock market conditions. Finance Committee authorized up to $80,000 to be invested with Friends Fiduciary.

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

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

4. Assessment for members is shown, however, the assessment for Mexico City meeting members is $10.

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 $20,480.00.

7) Reserve Fund accounts are tied to current year expense accounts that are shown in parenthesis as "(52xx)". These Reserve Fund accounts have "caps" so that they do not not accumulate more money than is required:

- 2713-Clarks Travel & Discretionary cap is $2300 (reference PYM 2004-10).
- 2714-Committee Supplemental Expense cap is $2000 (reference PYM 2004-10).
- 2722-Equipment Purchase cap is $1500 (reference PYM 2004-09).
- 2723-Audit Account cap is $4000 (reference PYM 2004-10).
- 2741-Wider Fellowship Travel Reserve was eliminated (reference PYM 92-5).
- 2742-Young Friends Travel Reserve cap is $2500 (reference PYM 92-4).
- 2743-FWCC Section of the Americas Travel Reserve cap is $1,500 (reference PYM 2004-06).
- 2744-FGC Central Committee Travel Reserve cap is $500 (reference PYM 2005-06).
- 2745-FUM Travel Reserve cap is $1,000 (reference PYM 2005-06). FUM meets every three years.
- 2746-General Reunion of Friends, Mexico Travel Reserve cap is $500 (reference PYM 2005-06).
- 2748-Friends Bulletin Travel has a cap of $1000.
- 2749-Latin American Concerns cap is $1500 (reference PYM 2004-10).

8. These are the only funds available for general PYM use. Beginning FY 1994-1995, the Session Account, including expenses and income connected with the annual sessions, is reported separately.

9. A total of $1,340.00 is owed to North Pacific Yearly Meeting, Eastside Friends, Marysville Worship Group, and University Friends Meeting as return of unexpended restricted contributions to the Britton Visitor Fund.

### Status East-West Relations Committee Financial Position

(as reported by Bill Bauriedel, Treasurer, EWRC)

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**Balance as of January 31, 2008:** 18,321.22

**Balance as of July 31, 2008:** 9,321.22

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### PYM Session Account - Revenue and Expenses

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| **PYM Session Expenses** |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |
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| 6229                  | 590.22  | 1,000.00 | 700    | 1,000.00 | 1,500  | 200.00  | -       | -       | -       | -       | -       | -       |
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| 6333                  | -       | -       | -       | -       | -       | -       | -       | -       | -       | -       | -       | -       |
| **TOTAL PYM Session Expenses** | 120,260 | 106,354.23 | 97,000 | 83,513.58 | 105,700 | 14,352.20 | 140,450 | 42,399.33 | -       | -       | -       | -       |
### Pacific Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends

**Treasurer’s Report for the 2008 Annual Session - July 31, 2008.**

**FY 2007-08 (ending September 30, 2008) Interim Report**

#### Cash Basis

### PYM SESSION ACCOUNT - BALANCE SHEET

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Note: 6452 - Attendance Assistance Fund Reserve was eliminated at the end of FY 2005-2006. Attendance assistance accounts are held in the General Account.
Attachment 15
Ministry and Oversight (becoming Ministry and Counsel)
Pacific Yearly Meeting – Eighth Month 2008

The Ministry and Oversight Committee has had a very productive year. We established two new subcommittees, the Future of the Yearly Meeting Subcommittee (Futures for short), and the Ministry and Leadings Subcommittees.

Futures has been addressing issues of what it means to be a faith community and how we should be organized to meet our needs as a faith community. It has also looked at how the Yearly Meeting can serve the needs of Monthly Meetings. It held an interest group to further season some ideas for possible re-organization. It is looking at how committees function and whether we could re-configure some of our structures. This work is a continuation of the discernment work the yearly meeting has been engaged in over the last several years.

The Ministry and Leadings Subcommittee is working on a document “Guidelines for Responding to Leadings in Pacific Yearly Meeting,” which is being refined and added to over the next months. They too held a two-part interest group, one on recognizing leadings and a second one on the Meetings’ role in supporting and providing accountability for leadings. They are also exploring models of “eldering” or accompaniment to deepen the ministries that are rising up.

The Committee agreed to a name change from Ministry and Oversight to Ministry and Counsel. This was partly an outgrowth of our work on racism these past three years with Vanessa Julye, of FGC. Friends have become sensitive to the legacy of words like “Overseers,” which has very oppressive connotations to the US history of slavery. Although some among us continue to like the concept of “oversight,” for the accountability that it implies, we believe that “Ministry and Counsel” suggests a more mutual relationship of the committee to the wider yearly meeting.

The most exciting work M&C has done this year relates to developing a proposal for a youth coordinator to serve the yearly meeting throughout the year. The position we are proposing has been seasoning for over five years. We have received minutes from both Young Friends and JYM for the last two years supporting this concept. At Representative Committee, in Third Month, $5,000 was allocated to hire a temporary person to work on a pre-PYM program and to help resource JYM and Young Friends during the annual gathering. Alyssa Nelson of Davis Meeting was hired to do this work and pulled together a very successful program for youth transitioning from high school onward. She has also provided valuable support to the teens and young Friends all week. We have been told that “Alyssa rocks.”

The proposal we are bringing now is to embark on a three-year experiment where we would hire a year-round person to bring youth together, help with communication and networking among them, maximize the use of new technologies to connect PYM youth with each other, and provide a bridge between the generations. We anticipate using the Quarterly Meetings as a starting point for gathering youth ranging in age from approximately 12-22. We also anticipate that the coordinator will develop structures for youth-led activities. The position would expire after three years unless there was unity to continue it.
Attachment 15 (continued)

The estimated cost for a 30-hour per week position with expenses is $50,000. We understand that the Finance Committee estimates that this could double the per person assessment to the yearly meeting. We also believe that other monies might be found to support the position through special contributions from individual meetings and from Quaker sources around the country.

It is possible to utilize the mechanisms developed for the hiring of the temporary position, through a joint sub-committee of M&C and JYM Committee, to hire the permanent position. After that we would establish a standing committee and subcommittees for ongoing supervision and policy setting.

This is a big step for the yearly meeting, but we believe it is an idea whose time has come. As we concentrate on the future of the yearly meeting, we have come to realize that our youth are our future and worth a significant investment.

Laura Magnani, clerk
Ministry and Counsel


Registrar’s Report

Who Are We?

Fun facts and stats about PYM 2008

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This morning's total is 424

- 150 of us camping
- 100 of us using lodges
- 90 of us in Dorms
- 60 of us Commuting
- 29 children
- 30 +/- JYM'ers
- 31 First Timers!
- 350 of us in line "most the time"
- 330 attending the whole session Mon-Sat
- 100 requesting "Special Diets"
- 1750 meals a day / 5225 meals by Saturday noon
- 330/424 registrations online (78%)
- 35 of us registered here this week
- 95% of our conference fees have been received leaving you and I responsible for following up on that little 5%. If a scholarship is involved- please be sure to follow up with your Monthly Meeting.
Epistle from the Children’s Program

Heather Elrick Forbes read the Epistle from the Preschool Children’s Program.
I like to play playdough in the afternoon.
I played with somebody; I played with Natalie.
I climbed up the rock.
I played Candyland.
I played with the pigs.
I played with the goats, pretending I was a goat.
I learned to skip.
I liked being together
I liked eating with the other friends.
I rest while I’m running.
“Roar.”
EPISTLES

Epistle from the Upper Elementary Program

The Upper Elementary class of PYM 2008 liked capture the flag and the Frisbee golf because it was like archery. We liked community night.
We especially liked the sacks and hot salsa and the dinner pancakes.
We liked the ball games, and the Farley storytelling was awesome. We liked singing.
We made beadly baby animals by stringing beads on lanyard strips.
We pretended to be teachers and we screamed and took a nature hike.
We particularly liked free time. Shannon liked having Tinuiral so she wasn’t the only girl. The only thing Javier didn’t like was not being able to listen to his I-pod.
But all of us wanted warmer water in the pond and more free time during the kinds’ program.
We’d like more adult leaders so we could break into smaller groups.
We wish the path to the pond was not so steep. We’d like a volleyball tournament. Javier wants to use his I-pod. We all want an all day nature hike.
And we want to not write an epistle.
Epistle from the Lower Elementary Program

Chris Mohr shared a visual Epistle which the children drew, including stars, flowers, and music.

Dear Friends Everywhere,
We pretended to be coyotes. We saw a fox. We walked in the garden. We saw goats and pig.
We went swimming in the pond. We blew up lots of balloons. We painted each other’s faces.
We joined Meeting for Worship and memorial Meeting. We learned about THANKSGIVING
and BLESSING. We played the “achoo bless you” game.
Middle School Epistle of 2008

During our stay at Walker Creek Ranch we enjoyed swimming at Turtle Pond and canoeing with JYM. We also played an exciting game of capture the flag.

We went for a beautiful hike in the morning, and we saw deer, pigs and foxes on our walk to the garden. In the garden we pulled weeds and picked raspberries and strawberries. Some mornings we corded Yucca plant while listening to stories about the Miwok tribe that used to live here.

Thursday afternoon we sat through Memorial meeting and listened to people talk about Friends who had died.

Thursday night we went to a dance with JYM and a few adults.

Friday night will be the talent show which we are excited about.

We have had a great time and look forward to coming back next year.

Written by: Jesse Anna Samantha
Samantha
Sydney Sam Hannah

Rest of group: Caterina, Saul, Claire, Alan, Brendan, Leo, and Cooper.
EPISTLES

JYM Epistle 2008

This week at Pacific Yearly Meeting was full of many interesting events for the members of Junior Yearly Meeting. Upon arriving, we set up our residence in the Buckeye Room. Throughout the week we had many activities including swimming and canoeing in the pond, star gazing, capture the flag in the cow pasture and missing breakfast after staying up too late. Early in the week we had a meeting with the parents of JMYers for them to voice concerns. Of these there were many and the process was long. But eventually we were able to come to an agreement that worked for all even if it was not perfect.

We had daily business meetings to discuss schedules which were always busy. On Wednesday we had our annual Respectful Relations (Sex, Drugs, Rock and Roll) talk with the young friends. As always this was a powerful experience and greatly helped to bond our community. On Thursday we held our intergenerational dance which completely rocked. There was music from 60s to present day and a few musical numbers from member of JYM. Friday we took a bus to Petaluma where we learned about peoples' rights in encounters with the Police from a local youth organization called "Impact" and then put up flyers and took a survey of people in the local community.

The idea of a year-round paid youth coordinator has been seasoning for many years. On this 2008 PYM gathering, this subject was heavily discussed in both JYM and the greater yearly meeting. In our business meetings we opened dialog concerning this issue and what we would seek from a youth coordinator. After deliberation we formed a committee and came up with a minute to present to the greater PYM. The subject of a youth coordinator was discussed in great detail during plenary. It was a difficult issue and the course was not always smooth. Unity could not be reached in the allotted time and extra time was required. The concept of the paid youth coordinator position was quickly approved. After further dialog the community approved M&Os proposal to appoint a planning committee to further define the roles of the youth coordinator and develop a clear budget.

Friday night we had our nominations process. As always we finished in a timely manner meaning we got done with the process by 2:30 in the morning. Also we had a POWER CLEAN!!! to make our residence livable for the traditional all-nighter as we had completely destroyed our room over the course of the week. On this final night a large group of JYMers and Young Friends climbed a hill where we had a drum circle, held worship and watched the amazing colors of the sky as the sun came up. We returned at 6:00 and finished writing this epistle.
Epistle from Young Friends

Young Friends Epistle, Pacific Yearly Meeting 2008
Walker Creek Ranch, Marin County, CA
Seventh Day, Eighth Month

Pacific Yearly Meeting this session was full of life and energy. The site, Walker Creek Ranch, sparked the spirit of adventure with a multitude of hiking trails and the spirit of community with the hospitality they provided. We came together on many things this week, including a rockin’ dance party, taking dips in the pond, and some mind-opening worship sharing. We felt a strong bond being formed between Young Friends and Junior Yearly Meeting. We came together with them on many endeavors, including a service project in the nearby community of Petaluma, as well as joining them in intergenerational games and a respectful relationships talk.

The light was shining in all when the gathering approved minutes regarding the affirmation of wanting and needing a Youth Coordinator. Young Friends felt particularly moved to action for this cause, and together with Junior Yearly Meeting made a stand for our needs, and for the healing of the community. After challenging discernment in plenary, our faith in the elders was reaffirmed with the joy we all shared in this unity. We were joined by many new Friends, as well as many who returned from a long absence. Our final evening of worship and togetherness moved many Friends deeply with the power of Spirit.

Some young friends that felt particularly moved to be a part of the ad-hoc Youth Coordinator planning committee are: John Stitzer, Maia Wolff, Darcy Stanley, Sola Wolff, Anna-Lisa Chacon, Heather Alden.
Greetings to Friends Everywhere:

From July 28 to August 2, 2008, Friends met for the 62nd annual gathering of Pacific Yearly Meeting at Walker Creek Ranch in Marin County, California. Managed by the Marin Agricultural Land Trust, this home to wild turkeys and turkey vultures, grey fox, and bobcats, as well as goats and cattle, provided us with mostly local organic food and dairy products, and enabled us to hold our plenary sessions in a large heated, lighted, windowed white tent erected just for us, on a site used throughout the school year for children’s environmental education.

Our discussions of our earthcare responsibilities have been focused by our mindfulness of this summer’s more than 1000 wildfires in California. Our consciousness was also awakened, and several of our members directly affected, by the upcoming November election which will include a proposed state constitutional amendment limiting marriage to unions between a man and a woman.

In the context of these exterior events, our theme this year asks “What does it mean to be a faith community? How can we experience it?” Ministry during our all-morning worship and worship sharing, which included our Children’s Program participants during the first quarter hour, was especially revealing of what Friends carried in their hearts during the week:

“I could feel her [Spirit’s] breath on my skin.”

“I live in a constant tension between the Testimonies and the needs of society.”

“Integrity is the whole of life open to Truth; through it we are able to heal the fragmentation of the world.”

“There can be no peace without a planet.”

We were asked to live within a “covenant of mutual vulnerability.”

One Friend reminded us of the connection among salvation, health, wholeness, and integrity by inserting the word “integrity” for “salvation” in Philippians 2:12-13: “Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own integrity with fear and trembling; for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for God’s good pleasure.”

Our Clerk reminded us that Spirit is simple and clear, that we are seekers after Truth and unity with the Spirit, and that we are here not for producing, but for community. In this spirit we welcomed among our 424 attenders, visitors from New England, New York, Philadelphia, and North Pacific Yearly Meetings as well as others from FGC, FCNL, FWCC, QEW, and AFSC.
In addition to Interest Groups, Worship Sharing, Community Night and other activities, Friends had an early-morning opportunity for Bible Study as well as a daily discussion group on Transformative Quakers, exploring how the vision of some important Friends has impacted our Society.

One plenary session recalled the work we had done throughout California this past year through several dozens of our members’ contribution to the Alternative to Violence Project in California prisons, and our support of the Quaker Earthcare Witness staff members’ six month walk from Vancouver to San Diego. Ruah Swennerfelt, in sharing her experiences of the walk, reiterated themes we labored with throughout the week, such as community and relationship-building across different branches of Friends.

In another plenary, we considered in small break-out groups the congruence between our actions and our beliefs. We heard of the tension between JYM and the greater Meeting in matters of trust and integrity as we were asked to listen to and for the Light in each other.

We also heard Vanessa Julye from FGC’s Ministry on Racism encourage us to become aware of the white privilege that surrounds European–Americans like water around a fish, but that does not surround persons of color in everyday situations like shopping, driving, or encountering the police. In visiting our Yearly Meeting for the past three annual sessions, she has been able to be a mirror for us, revealing the ways in which racism continues to linger in our Society.

Our entire community came together for our annual Memorial Meeting for Worship where treasured memories were shared about the lives and impact of 44 beloved Friends who died in the past year.

With valuable input from both our Young Friends and JYM communities, we considered a new direction for our Yearly Meeting—the establishment of a full-time Youth Coordinator position. This would be the first employee in the Yearly Meeting’s history. An ad hoc planning committee will consider the scope of the job responsibilities, a detailed budget for the position, and how it will be implemented. Interested Friends will visit Monthly Meetings and Worship Groups to discuss how such a position could serve the needs of their members of all ages.

By the end of the week, we found that, in the traditional Friends’ practice of listening to the Epistles of other Yearly Meetings and Friends’ Gatherings, we shared the often repeated sentiments of feeling “supported and strengthened by one another in our shared struggles.”

In Friendship,

Joe Franko, Presiding Clerk
Dear Friends,

There are three action minutes that the monthly meetings asked Pacific Yearly Meeting to consider.

The first minute was brought to us by Orange Grove and Apple Seed Monthly Meetings and is a rewording taking both Meetings language into consideration. This minute opposes Proposition 8 in an effort to continue to support civil marriage equality. We understand that Claremont Monthly Meeting might also be considering such a minute and hope that this yearly meeting will approve this minute.

The second was brought to us by Sacramento Monthly Meeting, regarding the Peaceful Prevention of Deadly Conflict. If War is Not the Answer, What is? While some had hoped that this yearly meeting would act on this minute as well, and it had been distributed at the annual gathering for consideration, due to time restraints and concerns that it had not been deeply discerned by the committee and the yearly meeting as a whole, we were not in unity to bring it forward to plenary.

The third minute, on the Loyalty Oath and brought forward by Palo Alto Meeting, was received by the clerk at the yearly meeting gathering leaving little opportunity for action. It is attached to this report and we encourage Friends and monthly meetings to discern whether this minute speaks to them and whether further action may be taken.

Friends, our committee has struggled a bit this year. A few of us, who were also representatives at FCNL, were able to meet spontaneously at FCNL’s Annual Gathering in the fall. We also had one conference call in the spring, and two productive meetings earlier this week. While our committee was filled with enthusiastic peace activists, some of us were over stretched in terms of time and resources. The clerk considers that the function of the committee could be enhanced by the presence of Friends who are equally enthusiastic and concerned with supporting the leadings of other Friends, and who are simultaneously less busy.

With our members residing in northern and southern California and Hawaii, it was also difficult to coordinate in-person meetings. While conference calls are an economic and environmentally friendly tool, some members found it challenging to have a spiritual experience grounded in worship while meeting over the telephone.

In addition, the clerk would also like to apologize to the yearly meeting for allowing her own personal challenges to interfere with the business of the committee during the course of the year.

The clerk acknowledges that there are concerns with how the committee currently functions, and ideas about how we might envision its work in the future. Many might compare this committee's experience with that of other yearly meeting committees who have struggled in recent years. Consultation with those on Unity with Nature and Religious Education committees may be of use to next years Peace and Social Concern committee.
Attachment 24 (continued)

We must learn how to better support our monthly meetings in ways beyond conveying minutes to the wider yearly meeting. On this note, while the committee needs to develop more effective ways of interacting and supporting monthly meetings, those meetings should be reminded to bring action minutes through the quarterly meetings prior to coming to yearly meeting. If this committee receives action minutes in the time between the Representatives Committee meeting and the Annual Gathering, it is especially difficult for the Peace and Social Concerns Committee and the Yearly Meeting as a whole to give due consideration to the minute for the Annual Gathering.

Nevertheless, Friends from all over the region continued to work on issues of peace and social concern and the committee wishes to support that work.

In closing, the committee asks for your general support on the following issues that some monthly meetings, individuals and Friends organizations are currently working on:

- **Torture:** SJR19 is a favorable step towards abolition of torture and we encourage Friends to support passage of that resolution. SJR 19 would require licensing boards to notify health professionals of national and international law regarding torture and that the Department of Defense and the Central Intelligence Agency remove all military health professionals licensed in California from prisoner and detainee interrogations.

- **Health Care:** SB840 is likely to be vetoed by the governor again. However, we urge monthly meetings and individual Friends to write letters of support for the Act and continue to encourage the governor to sign it.

Faithfully submitted,

Sarah Rose House
Clerk, Peace and Social Concern Committee of Pacific Yearly Meeting
The Clerk’s Closing Minute

When I was just barely older than a “Young Friend,” I transferred my membership from Iowa Yearly Meeting (Conservative) to Pacific Yearly Meeting. I became a member of Claremont Monthly Meeting and became involved in the life of that Meeting.

One day Hal Loy came up to me and said he thought I might like to attend the Religion and Psychology conference. He said, “You belong there, Joe!” Now I was new in California and without a job. Money was really tight. I told him I’d think about going when I had the money. He said, “No, you don’t understand! You need to go and we’ll find a way to pay for it!” Later, I got a call from the treasurer of Religion and Psychology who asked me to fill out the registration material. Only after the conference, when I joined the organizing committee, did I learn that Hal had paid for everything himself!

“You need to be there!” His words ring in my ears this week. Each of us probably knows someone who needs to be here and isn’t because of issues of time, money, family problems, etc. I know we have a scholarship process, but Hal’s words still ring in my ears. Surely there’s someone in my Meeting I ought to have gone up to and passed onto them Hal’s words. “You need to be here! Let’s make it work!”

“I’m not talking here about letting folks in our nice quiet Quaker fashion know we have scholarship funds. I’m talking about the kind of welcoming I felt in a black church in Memphis. “Come on in! Give us a preaching! Stay for supper!” Surely that’s a different kind of welcome than a scholarship announcement.

I ask you and your meetings to think about someone or some family that needs to be here and then find a way to help them be here at PYM next year!

I also lay that burden on myself. When we are done with all the accounting for this year, I’m going to sit down with our new registrar and see if we can’t make our fee structure more inviting for families. It seems to me that families with children are, in a very real sense, our future. The meeting needs to find a way to encourage them to be here so, in the words of another well-loved Quaker, “Let us then try what love will do….”

-- Joe Franko
Presiding Clerk, PYM Annual

Session 2008
In the year 2007-2008 the Religious Education for Children Committee’s work was hampered by a shortage of working members. Only six of nine positions were appointed, and several of the six had other pressing commitments (including other PYM positions of responsibility) that prevented much time being devoted to this committee’s effort.

This situation of the committee in regard to available effort mirrors the situation of children’s religious education in many meetings. One of the most common concerns that people expressed to us in the process of surveying the meetings is the difficulty in recruiting committee members and staff. This difficulty also exists on the yearly meeting level. A closely related concern is “burnout”—that even the people who are committed to the spiritual care of the children may be finding this work draining and burdensome. It is of deep concern to the committee to perceive in many quarters this lack of upspringing energy for the nurture of the young.

It may be that our model of performing this work with the effort of volunteers is a model that worked better thirty or forty years ago, when we had in our midst more mothers who were not working fulltime and who were able to devote themselves to this sort of volunteer effort. Perhaps the retirement of the baby boom generation will offer us a fresh supply of energy for many meeting tasks. It certainly seems that religious education is most vibrant in meetings where both the parent and the grandparent generations are involved.

As the committee does not have the energy resources to visit the meetings, we have focused on the means of communication available to us: articles in Quaker publications, phone calls, email (building an email list for our newsletter) and entries on the yearly meeting website. We worked this year on establishing contact with the monthly meetings. We surveyed the meetings and designated a contact person for each meeting.

Survey
Given the difficulties described above, we were very impressed with the thoughtfulness and devotion of those who are working with the children of the meetings. Surveying the meetings in phone calls and correspondence, we found a wealth of experience and creative approaches to common difficulties. Many of the survey calls were rich discussions of successes, difficulties, resources and practices. A report on this survey can be found in the August 2008 edition of our email newsletter, which will be posted online at www.pacificyearlymeeting.org.

Newsletter
This year’s two newsletter issues focused on Friends General Conference “Lesson in a Book,” and on “What’s Happening in the Meetings,” a brief summary of what we learned from the meetings about issues and successes in religious education for children and teens. We’re building our newsletter list; if you’d like to receive it, please send a request to quaker-re@yahoogroups.com. Past issues are posted on the yearly meeting website.
Website
We are in discussion with the yearly meeting webmaster Colin Anderson and Don Bean about creating a page on the PYM site that will organize all of our religious education articles, newsletters, resources and links in one place. Currently, the entries are scattered among the various years of PYM documents. We have the opportunity to create on this website a resource that will serve Quakers interested in the spiritual care of children and teens.

Friends General Conference Affiliation
The committee brought a minute on affiliation with FGC to Representative Committee in March 2008:

   Recognizing the close connection that Pacific Yearly Meeting sustains with Friends General Conference in matters of faith and practice, and acknowledging the many benefits we as meetings and individuals already receive from them, it is in good order for us as a yearly meeting to affiliate with Friends General Conference, increasing the flow of resources and inspiration in both directions.

The minute was thoughtfully discussed, and referred to Ministry and Counsel. The Religious Education Committee hopes that a closer relationship with FGC will result.

Submitted by Gail Eastwood, Co-clerk
Attachment 27

Report
Liaison to the Evangelical Friends Church South West
(EFCSW)

Since this is the first actual written report that I have made, this seems to be a good opportunity to look back over the past three years that I have served as PYM’s liaison to the EFCSW.

When I attended my first Annual Conference in June of 2006 they seemed to be more evangelical than Friends. The next year, 2007, they had moved the Annual Conference to the winter and divided it into three geographical areas: Southern California, Northern California and Arizona. Further, they had added a “Serve Day” on Saturday at which volunteers did activities in service to the poor. In February of 2007 I attended the Northern California gathering, which was held in Paso Robles. For me, the most important aspect was the superintendent’s speech on Friday night. Stan Leach declared that, “Jesus is right here, right now!” and I thought, “Praise God, he’s preaching Quakerism!” I believe that a Great Something is leading all Quakers, and it’s right here, right now.

This year I again attended the Northern California gathering, which took place at Citrus Heights Friends Church, near Sacramento. I took the train from San Jose to Sacramento and back in order to reduce my carbon footprint. I rented a car to get around Sacramento.

I enjoyed getting reacquainted with some people I had met at previous Annual Gatherings. Kent Wankemeyer is the director of the Friends Center in the School of Theology at Azusa Pacific University. When we talk together we find a lot of common ground. Glori Embrey, a member of Citrus Heights Church, provided me with hospitality for Friday night. When I thanked her on Saturday morning, she called me “Sis”. Again, a connection was made.

The treasure I took away from this year’s gathering was the phrase, “love without an agenda”. I heard it when we gathered on Saturday morning for a project of having a barbecue with the homeless. This was done in conjunction with another activity of evangelical Christians called Project 61. The group was to go to a place where the homeless were camping under a freeway bridge. The leader reminded us that we would be visiting them in their home. He went on to say that our job would be to love them without an agenda.

Respectfully submitted, Emelyn Buskirk