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[end of action minutes]
Opening worship

1. Welcome and agenda review

Presiding Clerk Diego Navarro [Santa Cruz] welcomed us to the session and thanked the host meeting Palo Alto. We heard welcoming words from our host Meeting and then a number of announcements. Diego announced that Amy Cooke, who has taken on significant responsibilities now with Sierra Friends Center, will be stepping down as Assistant to the Clerk. We are grateful for her work and welcome Sharon Gates as new nominee for the Assistant to the Clerk position. Stephen Matchett has stepped in an eldering role for Diego for this weekend. Amy Cooke made a number of additional announcements regarding the working of our session meeting.

Clerk Diego then spoke to us of our theme, our schedule, and our way of doing business grounded in the Spirit. We enter a mystery, seeking God’s will and not our own. Setting aside our personal attachments, we enter with hearts and minds prepared, though not made up. We keep low, in the language of early Friends, ready to be used by the Spirit. We discern whether to speak, and wait for the clerk to recognize us before speaking. We offer our truth without attachment, and do not fear sitting when our message is given, even if it feels incomplete. We hold each other in love, abiding in a spiritual time, waiting for our truth to become clear.

The Clerk advised us of some changes to the agenda.

2. Roll Call

Amy Cooke, Assistant the Clerk, read the roll and Friends identified themselves as present. [Record of those present Appendix A]

3. Clerk’s discussion of annual session

Clerk Diego spoke of last year’s theme, the lifting of the veil, and of this year’s theme, awakening to the presence. Recent events have given rise to fears and anxiety among us; early Friends lived in a tumultuous time and sensed the need to change themselves in the face of their circumstance. We may learn from that experience ways of living in our time. How we may sense our leadings,
support and guide one another in following these, is embodied in the forms we have inherited from this earlier time. Through these, we may awaken to the present. One Friend rose to encourage us to improve our communication to bring greater participation by the whole community in our gatherings. A large number of meetings are not represented in our gathering today. Diego spoke of the work now underway to address this and other structural issues in our community life.

We were reminded that July 14-19th are the dates of our annual session; our schedule will remain much the same as last year’s. Diego reviewed some of the changes in this year’s schedule. Open committee times will be scheduled; a “Transformative Friend” session is scheduled. A campfire will occur Saturday evening. Plenary times will be opened to committee reports, to include queries. Delegates will report, and those traveling with minutes of travel will also speak to us.

4. Check in from JYM

JYM Friends gathered before us and introduced themselves and shared the topics before them. These Friends were: Dia Farukh [LaJolla], David Shaw [Santa Monica], Charlie Shaw [Santa Monica], Rose Nadis [Santa Barbara], Miles Pangelina [Berkeley], Elinor Steffy [Sacramento], Ari Standish [Berkeley]. They have decided to seek to be free of gender segregation but each will have separate individual beds, in support of JYM’ers who don’t identify with the gender binaries of our society. Some teens will choose to sleep with families and that choice is honored by the group. They welcome new teens and invite them to join. Kate Connell of the adult committee introduced herself and others on the adult committee, inviting questions Friends might have about the program. [Report Appendix B]

Minutes were approved.

5. Naming Committee

Kathy Runyan, Naming Committee member, brought the name of Bill O’Connell [Las Vegas Worship Group], to fill the term ending in 2018. Another position remains to be filled; the committee will pass on their own work to the new naming committee. [Report Appendix C]

The Clerk invited Friends to propose names, out of worship, for the new naming committee, who will themselves propose at our annual session names of Friends to serve on our Nominating Committee. We need three Friends to serve, and one alternate. Names proposed will be brought to a later session if they are found to be willing to serve.

Friends entered worship and proposed names; of the ones proposed, those not present will be contacted during the day to ascertain their willingness to serve. Naming committee will be considered again at a later plenary.

6. Nominating Committee
Stephen Matchett, co-clerk of Nominating Committee, brought and summarized the report. Interim appointments have followed our existing process but are brought for our information and approval. We heard the following names: Sharon Gates as Assistant to the Clerk [2017]; Stephen McNeil as Co-Recording clerk for this Representative Committee session; Suzanne Doss [Junior Yearly Meeting 2019], Kate Connell, [Co-Clerk of Junior Yearly Meeting 2017], Dan Strickland, [Co-Clerk of Junior Yearly Meeting 2017], Laura Kohl, [Latin American Concerns Committee 2019], Donna Smith, [Clerk of Latin American Concerns Committee 2017], Bertha Pena [Clerk of Youth Program Coordinating Committee 2017], Heather Levien [Observer, Friends General Conference Central Committee 2019]. Questions about interim appointments can be brought to Stephen. Since the written report, some changes have come about: Sharlene Roberts-Caudle [Visalia] is proposed as Recording Clerk for the annual session; Sherri Sisson [Orange County] is proposed as Co-Statistical Clerk; Robin Durant has resigned as Clerk of Discipline Committee and Nominating Committee is seeking a Friend to replace her. All of these names will be brought to a later session to consider for approval. [Report Appendix D]

Minutes were approved.

7. Treasurer

Roy Allen, Treasurer, gave the Treasurer’s report, projecting it on our screen. He commented on selected sections of the report. The amount under “expected contributions” is the basis for setting the budget. Sometimes called “assessments,” this amount is in fact not obligatory but an expectation; monthly meetings must themselves gauge what they can and will contribute to Yearly Meeting work. He noted the deficit figure that has led to the increase in the expected contribution level proposed this year. He called attention to the Vogel Endowment that funds youth work. He warned against reading the high uncommitted reserve fund figure as significant; that reflects a seasonal variation that will settle out to a lower but hopefully adequate number.

The session budget report gives evidence of a surplus year. We are learning better how to set fees and project expenses, and now have a significant reserve. Such a reserve is important since the timing of annual session income receipt and expense needs may vary. [Report Appendix E]

8. Finance Committee

David Barrows, Finance Committee Clerk, reported. We are moving our Wells Fargo account to the Redwood Credit Union. We moved funds from our session reserve checking account into Friends Fiduciary, where it still remains accessible in the short term. The committee is considering our registration process for annual session; it recommends that we accept credit cards, though some additional expense will be incurred. Some discussion followed. Finance committee was asked to work with the Presiding Clerk to develop a minute reflecting the issues brought forward, for us to consider at a later session.

Finance Committee requests an augmentation for health insurance for the youth program coordinator of $1350. Friends approved the following minute:
Minute RC 2017.01 We direct Finance Committee to augment the budgeted amount of our youth program coordinator insurance fees by $1350.

Finance Committee requests an augmentation of $150 for Unity with Nature Committee. Friends approved the following minute:

Minute RC 2017.02 We direct Finance Committee to augment the amount budgeted for the Unity with Nature Committee by $150.

Finance Committee recommends a subsidy for Friends traveling to annual session by carpool or public transport from significant distances. The text of the proposal is as follows:

1. Finance Committee is recommending that Yearly Meeting approve a subsidy for attenders traveling over 200 miles by car-pool, train, or bus to attend the annual gathering ($25 for those traveling 200 to 400 miles from their home meeting and $50 for those traveling over 400 miles).
   • Subsidies would apply to people who declare their intent to travel to Annual Session by carpool, bus, or train, and
   • Register for the full five days of Annual Session.
   • Registrars would accept a declaration of intent so that the rebate of $25 or $50 per person would be applied at the time of registration, with the amount owed not to go below zero.
   • This can be accomplished without raising fees for attendance or assessments
   • Finance Committee recommends trying this for one year with evaluation and adjustments, if needed, for future years.

This would be a one-year trial. The money would reflect a reduction in fees. We approved the following minute:

Minute RC 2017.03 In the desire to equitably share the cost of attending the annual session and to limit our carbon footprint, we approve the piloting of a travel fee reduction, in the spirit of an experiment, for Annual Session 2017. Practical matters will be worked out by the Finance Committee, Attendance Assistance Fund, and the group working on the registration form; these will be substantially aligned with the proposal in the Finance Committee report.

Minutes were approved.

Finance Committee also recommends a fee reduction for those travelling from Hawaii, Guatemala, and Mexico. Friends approved the following minute:
Minute RC 2017.04. We approve a fee reduction for Friends traveling from Hawaii, Guatemala, and Mexico for the full five-day session, of $50.

Copies of the annual session budget were distributed. Friends approved this budget.

Minute RC 2017.05 We approve the annual session budget for 2017.

Copies of the fee schedule for the annual session were distributed, and, with some slight modifications, accepted.

[Finance Committee Reports Appendices F-1, F-2 and F-3]

9. Ministry and Oversight Committee

Kylin Navarro and Sally Kingsland, Co-Clerks of Ministry and Oversight Committee, presented key points from their submitted report. They reminded us of their many roles in service to the Yearly Meeting. This year they have been working on bringing their meetings into a more contemplative state. They have worked with queries attending to this aim. How would you describe your own condition? What have been your experiences of divine reality? How can Friends avoid a notional faith? Subcommittees of M&O extend the work of the committee in a number of areas. Evaluation data from the last annual session reflect positive responses. The committee is at work on a document describing the structure and practice of our yearly meeting, to a large extent to reflect current practice. A series of meetings have been held with Quarterly and Yearly Meeting clerks and M&O clerks, which are exploring the general structural issues of our larger community of Friends. The committee also responds as needed to conflicts arising in the community. This work has been challenging but also rewarding, allowing the gifts in our community to flourish. The more our house is in order, the more we are available to God’s calls to service. [Report Appendix G]

Minutes were approved.

Announcements were given and Friends adjourned for lunch.

At a little after 2 pm, the meeting reconvened in worship.

10. Recalling a Young Friends of North America tradition, the Clerk asked former PYM clerk Jim Anderson (Chico) to speak to why we are here and what we are doing.
Jim noted that it was a helpful reminder that as Friends we are coming from a different voice and tradition. Quakerism has three levels: (1) personal, the Inward Light; (2) corporate meeting for worship and business carried out in worship; and (3) the way we are in the world. The first and third of these are found in many religions; not so much the second level. The second level is the real Quaker mystery, how we bring out intention and how we work with each other in meeting for business. Think about how we bring an array of qualities from thought, feelings, will, and imagination. We engage in discernment as to what we bring to the conversation with God and with each other. How we bring things forward, not as instruments but as vehicles of the Spirit, not ego, in search of Truth. When called to speak, we address the Clerk as a symbol of addressing the community, not any individual. We don’t rise a little later to speak again. What makes it work is the faith that we are being heard, before we rise and speak again, and that our message is being carried into the wider circle.

11. Naming Committee

The Clerk reported that five out of the six nominees from earlier in the day declined service. Those present came forth with more nominees who will be contacted during the day.

12. Statistical Report

Don Bean distributed the Statistical Co-Clerks report, which defined their role and which gave the June 10 date for Monthly Meeting membership changes to be reported to the Co-Clerks. [Report Appendix H]

13. Youth Programs Coordinator and Youth Programs Committee Reports

Steve Leeds, Bertha Pena and Youth Programs Coordinator Alyssa Nelson called attention to the report posted on the PYM website. Also present were members Julian Garrett (with JYM today) and Barbara Babin. Clerk Bertha Pena stated that they had a good face-to-face meeting. They realized that while they have a lot of things to work on, like other committees, they have a staff person and the work often falls on the staff person. But the more committee members can take on, the more program can be carried out by the Coordinator.

Steve Leeds is going off the committee and Barbara Babin is coming on as YPC supervisor. An Annual Performance Review has been carried out. A personnel subcommittee will be reviewing the job description (posted on the PYM website) in order to make it reflective of what can be done by one person. Alyssa called attention to the report on the PYM website that contains requests for PYM Representatives to read. A concern about sleeping arrangements and gender identity is being addressed. The Bob Vogel Endowment funds enabled 12 persons to attend the “Quakers, First Nations and American Indians” Conference in Philadelphia. The contingent consisted of eight PYM Quakers (four adults and four teens) and four Wukchumni from the Visalia area.

We also supported someone to go to the Women’s March in Washington, DC. Future funding from interest ($15,000) from the Endowment (from the Pacific Friends Outreach Society funds) will be allocated by the Youth Programs Committee. There is a retreat with the Wukchumni, and
a YAF clerking workshop over Memorial Day weekend. Applications to the Fund are due to the YPCC by June 20 and September 20 (see PYM website for application guidelines.) Adult Allies workshops will resume to recruit more for work with children and teens. [Report Appendix I]

14. Unity with Nature Committee

Clerk Catya de Neergaard [Strawberry Creek] called attention to the report posted on the PYM website. The committee supports activities that support our relationships with God’s creation, brings forth aspects growing out of our Earthcare testimony, and manages a Mini-Grant program. This year we are supporting environmental travel ministry efforts. The deadline for applications is June 15th with decisions announced at the PYM sessions. The committee feels underfunded by the Yearly Meeting, especially if we want to have two Quaker Earthcare Witness Representatives. Monthly Meetings (San Jose and Berkeley) are making minutes of support for the witness at Standing Rock and for sovereignty of Indian Nations and these concerns may come before the Yearly Meeting. [Report Appendix J]

15. Young Adult Friends

YAFs sent their regrets and called attention to the upcoming Memorial Day weekend clerking workshop.

16. Children’s Program

Chamba Cooke [Grass Valley] called attention to the report posted on the website. The committee looked at the sense of inequity felt around our giving Children’s Program teachers an extra 100 dollars stipend. Along with the volunteer aspect of working at PYM, the FRAPs (Friendly Adult Presence) in Junior Yearly Meeting (JYM) were not getting any such stipend. After some research and discernment the committee came to the decision not to offer the stipend and to find another way to acknowledge the wonderful work of our teachers. The Children’s Program supplies will be stored in a trailer that will be parked during the year. This will make transport easier. The committee is looking for teachers. If you know potential committee members, please let the Nominating Committee know. The campfire will be Saturday night. [Report Appendix K]

17. Discipline Committee

Liz Baker [Sacramento] reported that they have figured out a process for what they are doing: individuals are writing sections of the new Faith & Practice, those writings are submitted to the committee for revision, and then those revised sections will be posted for comment for 90 days on the PYM website. Instead of face-to-face meetings, they are using new low-cost Internet software for meetings. Alyssa Nelson volunteered herself and George Mills to ensure Meetings are notified when sections are posted on the website. [Report Appendix L]
18. Registrars Report

Heather Levien [Berkeley] reported that they have been working with others on the registration system and forms. The nearly ready online registration system will cost around $2,000.

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For the first year the fee associated with this service will be paid out of the Contingency Expenses line item (Line 6235). After annual session we will review if it is worthwhile to continue this experiment.
[No written report]

19. Latin American Concerns Committee

Donna Smith [Redwood Forest] called attention to the report posted on the website. Patricia Constantina is the representative from Casa de los Amigos and Donna Smith represents Guatemala concerns. The committee is supporting the presence of Marco Antonio Lopez, director of Casa de los Amigos at Annual Meeting. He will be holding an interest group: “A Mexican’s perspective on immigration.” He also will offer an interest group on yoga and one on the needs of those dealing with terminal illness, making final arrangements, and the spiritual aspects of dying. Patricia reported that the Casa is facing great needs with their refugee work. Returnees from the U.S., French-speaking African refugees, and migrants from Central America are being served. The five local Quakers at the Casa need assistance from other Friends to have a true Quaker presence and to build a bridge between the Meeting and the Casa. The Casa de los Amigos needs French-speaking volunteers as well as financial support. [Report Appendix M]

20. The Naming Committee

The Clerk and others reported that Bertha Pena and Sue Scott agreed to serve. We still need two others. There are three others being asked.
21. Peace & Social Order Committee

Co-Clerk Anthony Manousos [Orange Grove] called attention to the report posted on the PYM site. He thanked his co-clerk for his support. No minute of concern has come forward yet. The committee is having a continuing conversation with Ministry & Oversight on how minutes of concern are dealt with at Yearly Meeting. George Lakey, author of *Viking Economics*, will soon be holding a workshop at Santa Monica Meeting (as well as leading a weekend at Quaker Center Ben Lomond). Santa Monica Meeting has approved a minute on U.S. income inequality. [Report Appendix N]

22. Representatives Support Working Group

Convener of Ministry & Oversight’s Representatives Support Working Group Bronwyn Hillman [Mexico City] reported on the Representatives’ exercises last night. Representatives need to put on their calendars for next year participation in the Representative Committee Friday night gathering of Representatives. Bronwyn said the group got the feeling of being a community, and again identified communication as a challenge. She asked that Representatives keep in communication with the Assistant to the Clerk during the time between Annual Sessions. The queries and exercises will be written up and shared with Representatives via email and through posting on the website. It was noted that the exercise and time spent last night was helpful in bonding and in paving the way for a better meeting for worship on the occasion of business today. Updated information on Representatives emails should be sent to Assistant to the Clerk Sharon Gates [Orange Grove].

23. Nominating Committee

Stephen Matchett [San Francisco] presented the names of the nine interim appointments made by the Nominating Committee and the Clerk and these names were approved.

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The Casa de los Amigos representative (appointed by the committee) to the Latin America Concerns Committee is Patty Constantina [Mexico City].

24. Sierra Friends Center
Amy Cooke gave an update on Sierra Friends Center. The Quaker Camp continues but the Woolman Semester School has been suspended. With Sierra Streams Institute, a new program is starting in May with North Oakland Charter School involving eighty 6th, 7th, and 8th graders. Three other schools are in line to participate. A week-long Woolman School for Nonviolence is in the works. The old dorm that needs extensive renovation has received two major donations and they are seeking other donors to join in.

25. Naming Committee

The Clerk reported that Steve Leeds [San Francisco], Berth Pena [Mexico City](Convener), and Sue Scott [Inland Valley] have agreed to serve. Those contacting the other nominees (Joyce Samati by Sally Kingsland, David Letterman by Barbara Babin, and Melissa Lovett-Adair by Alyssa Nelson) should report back to the Assistant to the Clerk Sharon Gates.

Minute RC 2017.10 We approve Steve Leeds, Berth Pena (Convener), and Sue Scott as the Naming Committee. We approve the Clerk and Assistant to the Clerk’s naming of the alternate.

The Naming Committee brought forward the name of Bill O’Connell (Las Vegas Worship Group) as a member of the Nominating Committee (through 2018), pending confirmation of his membership in the Religious Society of Friends.

26. Junior Yearly Meeting

The Co Clerks of JYM, Charlie Shaw [Santa Monica], Rose Nadis [Santa Barbara] and Ari Standish [Berkeley] reported on their work today, which included naming sub committees and agreeing on sponsoring two interest groups, one on military recruitment on high school campuses, and one on LGBT issues.

We expressed our appreciation for the book service to PYM by Sandy and Tom Farley [Palo Alto] and for the registration organizing over the years of Joseph Magruder [Berkeley].

The minutes were approved.

Announcements: Meeting representatives were asked to pick up a display poster on Annual Session for each Meeting.

We closed in worship.

Presiding Clerk Diego Navarro
Co-Recording Clerks Jim Anderson and Stephen McNeil
### A. Roll Call

PYM RepCom Roll Call – March 4, 2017 Monthly Meetings and Worship Groups

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B. Junior Yearly Meeting Report

Junior Yearly Meeting (JYM)
Report to PYM Representative Committee 2017
March 3, 2017

JYM has come to unity to have gender-neutral sleeping arrangements at Annual Session this year. We made this decision so that we would be more inclusive of trans-identified JYMers and to build the community up free from gender segregation. Teens will sleep in separate beds: no cuddle-puddle sleeping. There will be a private changing area.

We understand that some teens or parents might not feel comfortable with this, so in that case teens are welcome to sleep in the same room or tent as their parents or sponsors, and we encourage them to do so with no stigma. (It is normal in JYM for some teens to sleep with parents/sponsors and some to sleep in the JYM dorm, for any reasons they may have.) We ask the registrars to indicate on the registration form that JYM will be in a gender-neutral sleeping space so parents and teens can choose which sleeping option to register for.

JYM Co-Clerks:
Rose Nadis (Santa Barbara)
Charlie Shaw (Santa Monica)
Ari Standish (Berkeley)
C. Naming Committee Report

Naming Committee Report to Rep Com 2017
Nominating Committee 2017
2017 Stephen Matchett, San Fran.(2011) co-clerk 2017
2017 Graciela Martinez, Visalia (2013) 2017
2017 Nora Cooke, Grass Valley (2014) co-clerk
2018 Sue Torrey, Central Coast (2016)
2018 ________________________ Bill O’Connell, Las Vegas WG
2018
2019 Ed Flowers, Apple Seed (2016)
2019 Ann Fuller, Santa Monica (2016)
2019 Kate Watkins, Santa Monica (2016)

Nominating Committee 2018
2018 Sue Torrey, Central Coast (2016)
2018 ________________________
2018 ________________________
2019 Ed Flowers, Apple Seed (2016)
2019 Ann Fuller, Santa Monica (2016)
2019 Kate Watkins, Santa Monica (2016)
2020 ________________________
2020 ________________________
2020 ________________________

Naming Committee brings you the name of Bill O’Connell, from Las Vegas worship group, to fill one of the vacant terms ending in 2018 for Nominating Committee. We were unable to fill the other
Below is a listing of PYM officers, committees and delegates, current as of February 17, 2017, including (1) current vacancies unfilled at Annual Session or the result of resignations, shown by an underscore following the term expiration date, and (2) interim appointments, made since Annual Session by the Presiding Clerk in consultation with Nominating Committee, and shown in italics.

Resignations since Annual Session have included: Amy Cooke (Grass Valley) as Assistant to the Clerk; Leslie Zondervan-Droz (Humboldt) as Recording C(o-c)lerk; Roscoe Mathieu (Central Coast) as Statistical C(o-c)lerk; and Cheryl Hendricks (San Francisco) from Children's Program Committee. The Assistant to the Clerk and the Recording Clerk positions were filled and partially filled, respectively, by interim appointment, as indicated below. We hope to have nominations to present at Rep Com to fill those remaining.

Additional interim appointments included: Kate Connell (Santa Barbara) and Dan Strickland (Orange Grove) to co-clerk, and Suzanne Doss (Orange Grove) to a second term on, JYM Committee; Donna Smith (Redwood Forest) to clerk, and Laura Kohl (La Jolla) to a second term on, Latin American Concerns Committee; Bertha Peña (Mexico City) to clerk YPC Committee; and Heather Levien (Berkeley) as FGC Central Committee Observer. Nominations to the Latin American Concerns and YPC Committee positions so filled were brought at final plenary at Annual Session with no time to season, and Friends were informed that the appointments would be completed using the interim appointment process. The JYM Committee and FGC Central Committee Observer appointments were ones that in the judgment of Nominating Committee and the Presiding Clerk could or should not wait until Rep Com.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephen Matchett
Nominating Committee co-clerk

Year to the left of officeholder’s name indicates when current term expires (end of annual session unless otherwise indicated); year to the right in parentheses is year of original appointment. Committee clerk and delegation convener appointments are for one year.

**PYM OFFICERS**

**Presiding Clerk**
2017  Diego Navarro, Santa Cruz (2015)

**Assistant to the Clerk**
2017  Sharon Gates, Orange Grove (2017)

**Arrangements Clerks**
2017  Laura Kohl, La Jolla (2016)
2018  Sarah Tyrrell, Berkeley (2016)

**Historian-Archivist**
2019  Jan Tappan, Orange Grove (2013)

**Reading Clerk**
2017  Betty deValcourt, Santa Cruz (2016)

**Recording Clerks**
2017  Stephen McNeil, Strawberry Creek (2016)  
(Rep Com only)
2017  ________________________ (Annual Session)
2018  Jim Anderson, Chico (2016)

**Registrars**
2018  Rick Altherr, San Jose (2016)
Statistical Clerks
2019  Don Bean, Conejo Valley (2013)
2019  ________________________

Treasurer  (term through 9/30 of year shown)
2019  Roy Allen, Berkeley (2013)

PYM COMMITTEES
(LISTED ALPHABETICALLY, EXCEPT NAMING AND NOMINATING, FOUND LAST)

Children’s Program Committee
2017  Heather Aymie, Santa Monica (2015)
2017  Carol Cruickshank, San Francisco (2015)
2018  Chamba Cooke, Grass Valley (2015), clerk
2018  Peggy Craik, Conejo Valley WG (2016)
2019  ________________________
2019  ________________________

Ex Officio: current and past program coordinators:
2017  Nate Secrest, Lake County WG (2016)

Discipline Committee
2017  Carl Magruder, Strawberry Creek (2014)
2017  Robin Durant, Orange Grove (2015), clerk
2018  Chuck Orr, La Jolla (2014)
2018  Laura Magnani, Berkeley (2016)
2019  Patricia Portillo, Sacramento (2016)

Ex Officio: Historian-Archivist

Finance Committee
2017  Martha Hunkins, Humboldt (2010)
2018  Mary Miché, Lake County (2012)
2018  Sandy Farley, Palo Alto (2015)
2019  David Barrows, San Diego (2015), clerk
2019  Deborah Marks, Strawberry Creek (2016)

Ex Officio: Treasurer(s), Statistical Clerk(s)

Holding Corporation
2017  Jennifer Carr, Las Vegas (2014)
2017  Sharlene Roberts-Caudle, Visalia (2014)
2018  Peter Neumann, Santa Barbara (2015)
2018  Beth McCleary, Reno (2012)
2019  Jeff Kroeber, San Jose (2013)
2019  Stratton Jaquette, Palo Alto (2016)

Ex Officio: Treasurer, Presiding Clerk (Holding Corp. appoints its own officers)

Junior Yearly Meeting Committee
2017  Steve Leeds, San Francisco (2011)
2017  Erika Tarabini, Chico (2013)
2018  Kate Connell, Santa Barbara (2012), co-clerk
2019  Dan Strickland, Orange Grv. (2013), co-clerk
2019  Suzanne Doss, Orange Grove (2013)

Ex Officio: Youth Programs Coordinator

Latin American Concerns Committee
2017  Margaret Bean, Guatemala (2013)
2017  Burton Housman, La Jolla (2015)
2018  Linda Rowell, Chico (2015)
2019  Betty Guthrie, Orange County (2016)
2019  Nate Secrest, Lake County (2016)
2019  Laura Kohl, La Jolla (2013)

Appointed year-to-year by Casa de los Amigos (Mexico), El Salvador Project & Guatemala Scholarship Program:
Guat.  Donna Smith (Redwood For.) (2014), clerk

Ministry and Oversight Committee
2017  Bronwen Hillman, Mexico City (2011)
2017  Joe Magruder, Berkeley (2011)
2017  Julie Harlow, Davis (2014)
2018  Janet Gastil, San Diego (2014)
2018  Sally Kingsland, Straw.Ck.(2015), co-clerk
2018  Kylin Navarro, Berkeley (2015), co-clerk
2019  Shayne Lightner, Santa Monica (2013)
2019  Jim Summers, La Jolla (2016)
2019  Valerie Nuttman, Santa Cruz (2016)

(For subcommittee listings, see end)

Peace and Social Order Committee
2017  Bill Spencer, Humboldt (2011)
2017  Anthony Manousos, Or. Gv. (2014), co-clerk
2018  ________________________
2018  ________________________
2019  Linda Dunn, Inland Valley (2016)
2019  Shannon Frediani, Santa Cruz (2016)
2019  Sandra Gey, Berkeley (2013)
    Ex Officio: clerks CPQM & SCQM P&SO, 1 PYM FCNL rep., & PYM FCL rep.

Religious Educ. for Children Cmte.
2017  Elizabeth Bills, La Jolla (2014)
2017  __________________________
2017  __________________________
2018  John Cantu, Santa Cruz (2012)
2018  Delcy Steffy, Sacramento (2013)
2018  __________________________
2019  __________________________
2019  __________________________

Note: No nominations to this committee were brought in 2016. See Nominating Committee report to Business Plenary II (20 Sixth Month).

Secretariat Committee
2017  Martha Carey, La Jolla (2016)
2018  Elisa Jo Harkness, Sta.Monica (2015), clerk
2019  George Mills, Palo Alto (2016)
    Ex Officio: Assistant to the (Presiding) Clerk

Site Committee
2017  Paul Harris, Redwood Forest (2011)
2017  __________________________
2018  John Pixley, Claremont (2009)
2018  Sue Torrey, Central Coast (2015)
2019  __________________________
2019  __________________________
    Ex Officio: current & immediate past Arrangements Clerks

Note: No nominations to Site Committee were brought in 2016. See Nominating Committee report to Business Plenary II (20 Sixth Month).

Unity with Nature Committee
2017  Meagan Fischer, Chico (2014)
2017  Rick Herbert, Strawberry Creek (2014)
2017  Tom Farley, Palo Alto (2016)
2018  Catya de Neergaard, Str.Creek (2013), clerk
2018  __________________________
2019  Shelley Tanenbaum, Strawberry Ck. (2013)
2019  Andi Macleod, La Jolla (2016)
2019  Sharon Shen, Berkeley (2016)

Youth Programs Coordinator
   (appointed by Youth Programs Coord. Cmte.)
   - - - - Alyssa Nelson, Davis (2011)

Youth Programs Coordinating Committee
2017  Jennifer Carr, Las Vegas (2013)
2017  Stephen Myers, Sacramento (2014)
2017  Steve Leeds, San Francisco (2011)
2018  Barbara Babin, Redwood Forest (2016)
2019  Bertha Peña, Mexico City (2016), clerk

Youth members:
2017  Kylin Navarro, Berkeley (2014)
2017  Rebekah Percy, La Jolla (2015)
2017  Julian Garrett, San Jose (2016)
2017  __________________________

Naming Committee (terms through first First Day of Third Month of year shown)
2017  Trudi Fridell, Inland Valley (2016)
2017  Sarah Rose House Lightner, Orange Grove (2016), convener
2017  Kathy Runyan, Santa Cruz (2016)

Nominating Committee
2017  Stephen Matchett, San Fran.(2011) co-clerk
2017  Graciela Martinez, Visalia (2013)
2017  Nora Cooke, Grass Valley (2014) co-clerk
2018  Sue Torrey, Central Coast (2016)
2018  __________________________
2019  Ed Flowers, Apple Seed (2016)
2019  Ann Fuller, Santa Monica (2016)
2019  Kate Watkins, Santa Monica (2016)

PYM DELEGATES (REPRESENTATIVES AND OBSERVERS) TO OTHER ORGANIZATIONS

REPRESENTATIVES:

American Friends Service Committee (AFSC) Corporation
2017  David Barrows, San Diego (2014), convener
2017  Graciela Martinez, Visalia (2014)
2018  Nancy Mellor, Sacramento (2012)
2019  Shannon Frediani, Santa Cruz (2016)
Friends Bulletin Corp. (Western Friend) Board of Directors
2017 Claire Gorfinkel, Orange Grove (2016)
2018 Jim Anderson, Chico (2015), convener

Friends Committee on Legislation of California (FCLCA)
(appointed by Peace & Social Order Committee)
2017 Stephen Myers, Sacramento (2016)

Friends’ Committee on National Legislation (FCNL)
2017 Carolyn Stephenson, Honolulu (2013)
2018 Anthony Manousos, Orange Grove (2016)
2019 Carolyn Levering, Santa Cruz (2016)
2019 Robert Levering, Santa Cruz (2016)

Friends Peace Team Project Board of Directors
2018 Gay Howard, Central Coast (2009)

Friends World Cmte. for Consultation (FWCC) Section of the Americas
2017 Roena Oesting, La Jolla (2011)
2017 Hulda Muaka, Palo Alto (2014)
2018 Lee Sisson, Orange County (2015)
2019 Jan Turner, Humboldt (2013), convener
2019 Emlyn Buskirk, Live Oak (2016)

Quaker Earthcare Witness (QEW)
(appointed by Unity with Nature Committee)
2017 Rick Herbert, Strawberry Creek (2014)
2018 Catya de Neergaard, Berkeley (2014)
2018 Meagan Fischer, Chico (2016)

Wm. Penn House Natl. Consultative Cmte.
2017 Robert Levering, Santa Cruz (2016)

Observers:
Evangelical Friends Church Southwest
2019 Sandy Kewman, Grass Valley (2016)

Friends General Conference (FGC) Central Committee
2019 Heather Levien, Berkeley (2016)

Friends United Meeting (FUM)
2018 Dorothy Henderson, Grass Valley (2015)

Reunión General de los Amigos en México
2017 Burton Housman, La Jolla (2015)

Junior Yearly Meeting and Young Adult Friends Officers and Committees
(appointed by those bodies)

Junior Yearly Meeting (JYM)
(one year terms)
Co-clerks
Rose Nadis, Santa Barbara
Nina Shaw, Santa Monica
Ari Standish, Berkeley

Ministry & Oversight Committee
Miles Pangelina, Berkeley, co-clerk
David Shaw, Santa Monica, co-clerk
Elinor Steffy, Sacramento
Andrew Pangelina, Berkeley
Gabi Alvarado, Sacramento
Dña Farrukh, La Jolla

Young Adult Friends (YAF)
Co-clerks
2017 JT Doerr-Bremme, Orange Grove
2017 Rebekah Percy, La Jolla

Arrangements Committee
2018 Julian Garrett, San Jose, clerk
2017 Hayley Hathaway, Orange Grove
2017 Eli Fowler, Orange Grove

Spiritual Nurture Committee
2017 Nate Secrest, Redwood Forest
2017 Martin Waldron, Central Coast
2017 Thistle West, Strawberry Creek
SUBCOMMITTEES OF PYM MINISTRY AND OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE
(APPOINTED BY MINISTRY AND OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE)
(committee liaison in italics)

Electronic Communications
(as of Tenth Month 2016)
*Kylin Navarro, Berkeley*
Lawrence Alderson, Orange County, convener
Amy Cooke, Grass Valley (Assistant to the Clerk)
Kerwin Flowers, La Jolla
E.J. Harkness, San Francisco
Arthur Kegerreis, Orange Grove
Mary Klein, Palo Alto
John McCarthy, Strawberry Creek

George Mills, Palo Alto
Eric Moon, Berkeley/Redwood Forest
Deidre Moore, Palo Alto
Alyssa Nelson, Davis (Youth Programs Coord.)
Brylie Oxley, Grass Valley (Web Administrator)

Racial Justice
*Shayne Lightner, Santa Monica*
membership list being obtained

Representative Support
*Bronwen Hillman, Mexico City*, convener
subcommittee being reconstituted

Visiting Friend
program and subcommittee currently on hiatus
### General Account Budget vs. Actual

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<td>119,272</td>
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<td>131,175</td>
<td>131,254</td>
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<td><strong>EXPECTED CONTRIBUTION</strong> (aka assessment) per member (Calif. and Nev., Guatemala and Hawaii, Mexico City)</td>
<td>$100, $41, $20</td>
<td>$111, $49, $30</td>
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| **EXPENSES**          |        |        |                      |        |                    |
| **GENERAL EXPENSES**  |        |        |                      |        |                    |
| 5202 — Clerk’s Travel & Discretionary | R2713 | 500 | 0 | 500 | 68 |
| 5203 — Expenses of the Officers | 750 | 583 |                       | 750 | 535 |
| 5204 — Website Hosting | 1,700 | 275 |                       | 800 | 0 |
| 5206 — Young Friends PYM Attendance Assistance | 2,000 | 2,000 |                       | 2,000 | 0 |
| 5208 — Travel-Repcom - Mar. & Ann. Sess. | 12,500 | 13,857 |                       | 12,500 | 0 |
| 5209 — Young Friends Officers’ Expense | 200 | 200 |                       | 200 | 0 |
| 5210 — Audit Account | R2723 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 5212 — Latin America Concerns Outreach | R2749 | 600 | 600 | (100) | 500 | 0 |
| 5213 — PYM Attendance Assistance Fund (M&O) | 9,000 | 8,837 |                       | 9,000 | 0 |
| 5214 — Holding Corporation Expenses | 20 | 20 |                       | 20 | 0 |
| 5215 — Western Friend | 12,500 | 12,500 |                       | 12,500 | 0 |
| 5216 — Misc. Operating Expenses | 0 | 0 |                       | 0 | 0 |
| 5217 — Insurance - Sexual Misconduct | 350 | 0 |                       | 350 | 0 |
| **SUBTOTAL GENERAL EXPENSES** | 40,220 | 38,851 | 400 | 39,120 | 603 |

| **COMMITTEE EXPENSES** |        |        |                      |        |                    |
| 5221 — Ad Hoc Committees | 50 | 7 |                       | 50 | 0 |
| 5222 — Children’s Program | 300 | 57 |                       | 300 | 0 |
| 5224 — Discipline | 3,000 | 2,786 |                       | 3,000 | 345 |
| 5225 — Finance | 1,000 | 726 |                       | 800 | 407 |
| 5227 — Junior Yearly Meeting | 1,000 | 1,007 |                       | 1,000 | 528 |
| 5228 — Ministry & Oversight | 5,000 | 3,443 |                       | 5,000 | 1,306 |
| 5229 — Nominating | 2,000 | 1,529 |                       | 2,000 | 88 |
| 5230 — Peace & Social Order | 200 | 0 |                       | 200 | 0 |
| 5231 — Religious Education for Children | 300 | 0 |                       | 300 | 0 |
| 5232 — Secretariat | 25 | 0 |                       | 25 | 0 |
| 5233 — Sites | 25 | 0 |                       | 25 | 0 |
| 5235 — Unity with Nature | 550 | 98 |                       | 300 | 203 |
| 5237 — Committee Supplemental Expense | R2714 | 1,300 | 1,346 | (46) | 1,300 | 95 |
| 5238 — Latin American Concerns | 300 | 212 |                       | 300 | 0 |
| **SUBTOTAL COMMITTEE EXPENSES** | 15,050 | 11,210 | (46) | 14,660 | 2,972 |

| **SUPPORT OF FRIENDS ORGANIZATIONS** |        |        |                      |        |                    |
| 5251 — Friends Committee on National Legislation | 1,500 | 1,500 |                       | 500 | 500 |
| 5252 — Friends Committee on Legislation of California | 1,000 | 1,000 |                       | 500 | 500 |
| 5254 — FWCC | 1,500 | 1,500 |                       | 500 | 500 |
| 5255 — Quaker United Nations Office NY | 500 | 500 |                       | 500 | 500 |
| 5256 — William Penn House, Washington | 250 | 250 |                       | 250 | 250 |
| 5260 — AFSC | 2,000 | 2,000 |                       | 500 | 500 |
| 5261 — Friends House Moscow Support Ass’n | 750 | 750 |                       | 500 | 500 |
| 5262 — Casa de los Amigos | 500 | 500 |                       | 500 | 500 |
| 5264 — Friends General Conference | 500 | 500 |                       | 500 | 500 |
| 5266 — Quaker Earthcare Witness | 500 | 500 |                       | 500 | 500 |
| **SUBTOTAL SUPPORT OF FRIENDS ORGS.** | 9,000 | 9,000 |                       | 4,750 | 4,750 |
## General Account Budget vs. Actual

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<td>440</td>
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<td>377</td>
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<td>867</td>
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<td>79</td>
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<td>92</td>
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<td>242</td>
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<td>4,800</td>
<td>(2,800)</td>
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<td>1,145</td>
<td>(645)</td>
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<td>700</td>
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<td><strong>TRANSFER TO (FROM) GENERAL RESERVES</strong></td>
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Expense accounts with a bold face **R27xx** following the account name have that associated reserve fund (see Balance Sheet). Transfers from these special reserves are negative (enclosed in parentheses) in the Transfers column. A positive transfer means that funds remaining in the expense account at the end of the year were transferred to the associated reserve; a negative number indicates transfers from the reserve to cover over-budget expense.

In Conference Travel account names, (n) is the number of representative or delegate trips funded, effective with FY 2016-2017.

**COMMENTS ON ACCOUNT LINES HIGHLIGHTED ABOVE**

5279, 5280, 5281, 5287

For less-than-annual events, we budget a portion of anticipated expenses annually.
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The Yearly Meeting's principal income (the assessments contributed by member monthly meetings) tends to occur earlier in the fiscal year than much of the expense. For that reason, the Uncommitted Reserves (aka the General Reserve) total is typically higher at this time of year than it will be at the end of the fiscal year, after all expenses have been paid, and all transfers to and from Restricted Reserve accounts have been completed.
2016 Annual Session Budget vs. Actual

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PYM Finance Committee, Report to Representative Committee, March 4, 2017

1. Yearly Meeting has been banking with Wells Fargo Bank. After investigations Finance Committee approved moving PYM's accounts to the Redwood Credit Union. Account with Redwood Credit Union has been opened and Wells Fargo account will be closed when all outstanding checks have cleared.

2. Presently Yearly Meeting has about $65K in session reserves being held in checking account receiving no interest. Finance Committee approved transferring most of these reserves to Friends Fiduciary Corporation where they will receive interest and can be withdrawn with about a week's notice.

3. Credit Cards for payment of annual session fees: many people like to pay by credit card rather than by check or cash. Current registration practice for PYM’s annual sessions required people to mail in a check after they register online, and to pay by check or cash for amounts they may owe when they arrive at the annual session. It would be easier, both for registrants and for the registration team, to be able to accept credit cards when registering online, and to accept credit cards on site. Credit card companies charge a percentage (1% to 2%) out of the payments; this could amount to a new expense of $1,000 to $2,000 for the annual sessions. Our current fee schedule and fee structure generated a surplus; at present, the expense increase could be absorbed without requiring any fee increase.
   a. Finance Committee recommends yearly meeting consider accepting major credit cards.

4. Requests for budget augmentations: Finance Committee recommends approval of both:
   a. Youth Program Coordinator
      i. annual cost for health insurance was $7500 / $625 per month
      ii. effective January 2017 increased to $9300 / $775 per month
      iii. thus request for $150/month January thru September or $1350
   b. Unity with Nature
      i. budget was originally $550, reduced to $300
      ii. committee requests another $150

5. Subsidy for Car-pooling: Finance Committee is recommending that Yearly Meeting approve a subsidy for attenders traveling over 200 miles by car-pool, train, or bus to attend the annual gathering ($25 for those traveling 200 to 400 miles from their home meeting and $50 for those traveling over 400 miles).
   - Subsidies would apply to people who declare their intent to travel to Annual Session by carpool, bus, or train, and
   - Register for the full five days of Annual Session.
   - Registrars would accept a declaration of intent so that the rebate of $25 or $50 per person would be applied at the time of registration, with the amount owed not to go below zero.
   - This can be accomplished without raising fees for attendance or assessments
   - Finance Committee recommends trying this for one year with evaluation and adjustments, if needed, for future years.
6. Registration subsidy for attenders from Hawaii, Mexico and Guatemala: In addition to encouraging use of car-pools, the car-pool subsidy eases the financial burden for those travelling distances. Since Friends in Hawaii, Guatemala, and Mexico cannot car-pool Finance Committee recommends a travel subsidy of $50 for attenders of annual sessions from these meetings who register for the full five days of Annual Session.

7. Budget for Annual Session 2017: [see App F-2]

8. Attenders' Fee Schedule 2017: [see App F-3]
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ATTENDERS' FEE SCHEDULE FOR 2017 (and 2016)

Meeting for Memorials 0
Adult, dorm, week 595
Adult, dorm, day 130
Adult, semi-private, week 795
Adult, semi-private, day 165
Adult, camping, week 480
Adult, camping, day 110
Youth, family dorm, week 300
Youth, family dorm, day 75
Youth, semi-private, week 345
Youth, semi-private, day 75
Youth, camping, week 300
Youth, camping, day 60
YAF or JYM, week 295
YAF or JYM, day 60
Child, dorm, week 185
Child, dorm, day 45
Child, semi-private, week 300
Child, semi-private, day 65
Child, camping, week 140
Child, camping, day 35
Day attender adult 65
Day attender, youth 55
Day attender, child 25
Ministry and Oversight Committee (M&O) cares for the spiritual health of Pacific Yearly Meeting, supports the Presiding Clerk and plays a significant role in holding the Annual Session, among other things. We are currently laboring with various pieces of work with, and for, the Yearly Meeting. We are working to actively engage with an increasingly broad range of officers and committees in order to maintain a good sense of the spiritual health of our community. We are also paying special attention and care to right relationships in our community, within Meetings, amongst committees, and amongst our committee. We appreciate Friends approaching us with input, feedback, questions, and concerns. We sense the Yearly Meeting shifting to considering how we become more spiritually grounded and are doing this work within our committee through increased time in contemplative activities.

Based on some feedback, and in order to hasten our ability to meet our legal requirements, M&O is taking a new approach to the Abuse Prevention Policy. The Policy has been under development for several years to both support our community in preventing and dealing with sexual misconduct in the Yearly Meeting, particularly at gatherings, as well as meet requirements placed on us by our insurance company. This new approach involves focusing, in the first instance, on the elements of the policy that relate to mandatory reporting and our legal requirements, including how we select and vet applicants to work with minors. The rest of the policy that was drafted over the last couple of years will be kept and reconsidered as part of a document that focuses on right relationships within the Yearly Meeting. Splitting the document into two allows the separation of legal requirements from broader questions about how we encourage and respond as a community when people behave in ways that make others uncomfortable. The Abuse Prevention Policy is in draft form and will be taken to a number of committees and officers, including Junior Yearly Meeting Adult Committee and Children’s Program Committee, before being brought to Annual Session. M&O has yet to consider a process for how the second document, which will focus on right relationships, might be developed and welcomes suggestions. Having the legal requirements taken care of in the initial Abuse Prevention Policy will allow the community time to develop the right relationships document.

The process outlined in our report to Annual Session 2016 regarding affiliation with Friends General Conference is still underway and we will report further at Annual Session 2017. We welcome any questions Friends have regarding affiliation.
M&O has drafted a restructure and right-sizing proposal for the Yearly Meeting administration. The changes proposed reflect, to a large degree, the current operating structure, taking into account, for example, committees that exist in name but do not meet and are yet to be laid down. M&O shared this proposal with Nominating Committee in the first instance and, with their feedback and support, will consult widely with other PYM Officers and Committees.

The M&O Co-Clerks have met with the Quarterly Meeting clerks and the clerks of Quarterly Meeting M&O committees as part of an ongoing series of coordination calls established by the Presiding Clerk. They found this to be a meaningful engagement to address issues that arise across the whole Yearly Meeting and look forward to further calls and working together across our common challenges.

M&O is working with the clerks of the PYM Peace & Social Order Committee, as well as others, to discern the practice of "Minutes of Concern" and how they can best reflect our custom of minutes that capture the spirit stirring amongst Friends.

M&O has reflected on the use of the word “oversight” in our committee’s name. Given the pain that the words “oversight” and “overseer” cause some current, and potential, Quakers, we have resolved to work towards changing our name. We are actively discerning a name to recommend that the Yearly Meeting approve for our committee that does not include the word “oversight” and that will most accurately describe our committee and the work that we do.

The Visiting Friend Sub-Committee of M&O is currently laid fallow. We welcome the revival of this work should Spirit move Friends in this direction and are maintaining records in such a way that will make this easy when the energy arises once again in our community. The other sub-committees of M&O include the Electronic Communications Sub-Committee (ECSC) and Racial Justice Sub-Committee which are very active in service to the Yearly Meeting. ECSC is examining and improving annual session registration processes and developing a long-term vision for a new website for the yearly meeting. The Representative Support Sub-Committee is currently without members (other than an M&O liaison) and is being carefully considered by M&O.

One of the roles of M&O is to support the Presiding Clerk. We have worked with Diego regularly and supported his discernment in a variety of ways, particularly related to Annual Session. We are also considering how others can be supported in their challenging work to serve our Yearly Meeting community including through spiritual accompaniment.

The workload of M&O is diverse and significant in quantity. There are many issues of concern that M&O is aware of and is seeking to address. We are prioritising our work and trust Friends will hold us in the Light as we address outstanding work and concerns. We continue to actively
support, and discern how we care for, the Monthly Meetings and Worship Groups of PYM that are not affiliated with a Quarterly Meeting.

We encourage all Monthly Meetings to write State of the Society Reports as outlined in Faith and Practice and submit them to the Quarterly Meetings. PYM M&O looks forward to building the PYM State of the Society Report based on the contributions from Monthly Meetings.

We continue our practice of holding our in-person committee meetings at different Meetings through Pacific Yearly Meeting. This has brought us much joy, connection and service to the Yearly Meeting.

We request that Meetings submit names for inclusion in the Meeting for Memorials, to be held at Annual Session 2017, by July 1st.

Faithfully submitted by
Kylin Navarro and Sally Kingsland, Co-Clerks
Report from the Statistical Co-Clerks
Pacific Yearly Meeting Representative Committee, March 2017

My co-clerk Roscoe Mathieu, has laid down his duties and Nominating Committee will be bringing forward a mid-term replacement for your discernment and approval during this session.

What we do: The Statistical Clerk(s) maintains the official list of members of Pacific Yearly Meeting and assembles annual statistics of deaths, new memberships, and transfers or withdrawals of membership from constituent Monthly Meetings.

We also maintain the list of names of all of our Monthly Meetings and any Worship Groups under their care, so make sure we hear about all the new Worship Groups sprouting up out there.

With PYM's Annual Session returning to a July date this year, we can also return to traditional dates in our annual data collection process;

The end of PYM's Statistical Year is May 31, so the current range of data collection is June 1, 2016 through May 31, 2017.

The due date for returning Monthly Meeting membership changes to us is June 10, 2017.

Details will be provided in mailings (electronic where available) sent to Monthly Meeting's recording or statistical clerk by May 10, 2017, which will allow a month to gather and send the requested information back to us, with extreme gratitude to all Friends who respond early.

We also report that due to miscommunication in last year's membership numbers, eight (8) names were erroneously counted as members from Santa Barbara Monthly Meeting. The SBMM numbers (from 47 to 39) will be adjusted in the next report we submit at Annual Session in July, per our usual practice.

In Peace,

Don Bean
ddbean@me.com
Statistical Co-Clerk
Pacific Yearly Meeting
Youth Programs Coordinating Committee (YPCC) & Youth Programs Coordinator (YPC - Alyssa Nelson)

Report for PYM RepCom, March 3-5, 2017
Posted: 21 February 2017

YPCC Action Items for RepCom:
● We proposed a budget augmentation (to be brought by Finance Committee) related to higher-than-anticipated health insurance premium increase for the Coordinator.

Request to Monthly Meeting Reps:
● Please share this report with your Meetings. In particular, see below for more detailed info about:
  ○ Spring Camp announcement: April 10-14 at Quaker Oaks Farm with the Wukchumni Tribe. Registration open online now.
    ■ Fundraising for Spring Camp and water bottle project
  ○ Funding available and deadlines for the Youth Programs Fund / Bob Vogel Endowment
  ○ Young Adult Friends (YAFs) Clerking Workshop: May 26-28 at Sierra Friends Center
  ○ Refer potential adult volunteers to work with children or teens at Annual Session to Alyssa Nelson, pym.youthcoordinator@gmail.com. Application form will be posted on PYM website and emailed out after RepCom for “Youth Workers”:
    ■ Children’s Program Teachers
    ■ Friendly Responsible Adult Presences (aka FRAPs) for Junior Yearly Meeting (teen program)

What the Committee (YPCC) has been working on that will contribute to Annual Session:
● Interest Group proposal: “What’s Happening in our Youth Programs?” Learn how to get support for a youth or intergenerational activity, including social and environmental justice actions that are grounded in Quaker ways. Provide input to our future directions together in service of a vibrant intergenerational PYM and Religious Society of Friends. Come hear updates about our sponsored activities, for example: last year’s visit to Australia Yearly Meeting, the Quaker Oaks Farm Spring Youth Service-Learning Camp that we co-sponsor with the Wukchumni Tribe and Quaker Oaks Farm, and participation in the “Quakers, First Nations, and American Indians” conference in Philadelphia.
• Any other Australia Yearly Meeting visit follow-up as requested by the Presiding Clerk or others
• Continued education of PYM Friends and reporting on how the YPCC acts as a resource within PYM, including stewardship of the Bob Vogel Endowment / Youth Programs Fund.

What the Coordinator (YPC) is working on that will contribute to Annual Session:
• Continued support to various age-based programs of PYM (Junior Yearly Meeting/JYM teens and adult support committee, Children’s Program, Young Adult Friends)
  ○ Supporting discernment around equity in compensation to adults who volunteer with Children’s Program and JYM, as well as improving visibility and appreciation of these volunteers. (Both programs comp the registration costs for their volunteers up to the cost of a shared dorm, and Children’s Program has had an additional stipend in recent years.)
  ○ Improving awareness of financial assistance options and access to info
  ○ Supporting JYM’s discernment around sleeping arrangements
  ○ Supporting JYM, CP, YAFs, and M&O with program planning and coordination of communication about joint activities
  ○ Supporting JYM and CP outreach to potential volunteers (FRAPs and Teachers)
    ■ Improving Youth Worker Application Form again this year. Will be available soon after RepCom
• Collaboration with M&O, Presiding Clerk, Assistant to Clerk, Registrars
  ○ Improving registration forms and processes for Annual Session
  ○ Helping plan an activity around “Respectful Relationships among Friends in PYM” / Community Expectations for all attendees
  ○ Helping revise PYM’s Child Abuse Prevention Policy
  ○ Serving on the Electronic Communications Subcommittee of M&O, particularly on the website working group

Programs and Calendar Highlights:
• We continue to support the Spring Youth Service-Learning Camp at Quaker Oaks Farm (Visalia, CA), which this year will happen April 10-14. Now entering its 4th camp year! ([https://quakeroaksfarm.org/blogevents/service-camp-registration](https://quakeroaksfarm.org/blogevents/service-camp-registration)).
  ○ We invite Friends to join us in sponsoring youth to attend camp; Quaker Oaks Farm (QOF) and the Wukchumni Tribe are doing fundraising to match the $3,000 grant from our Youth Programs Fund.
  ○ Camp is an opportunity for Native and Non-Native youth and adults to gather together on the land, share who we are and where we come from, learn history not usually taught in school, practice local Wukchumni traditions, interact with Tribal Elders, participate in a sweat lodge ceremony and many other fun activities. Our
focus this year will be on the land, water and people of the place now called “Quaker Oaks Farm.” We will trace the source of our water upstream and consider how we can all be Water Protectors. We will work together to plant more pollinator habitat here, installing drought-tolerant native plants using a method that campers can easily then do at home. And we will share our histories and love one another across seeming divides, all through fun, interactive activities.

- New this year: a reusable QOF water bottle that will be part of a water education project. Each camper will receive a bottle, and the bottles are also available for purchase as a fundraiser to support the water education project at camp, promote trust of the safe-to-drink well water at the farm, and reduce use of single use bottles.

- We are excited to support an upcoming clerking workshop being organized by and for YAFs, May 26-28 at Sierra Friends Center with co-facilitators Eric Moon and Diego Navarro. Contact Rebekah Percy, YAF Co-Clerk, pacym.yafclerks@gmail.com

- The updated Youth & Intergenerational Calendar on the PYM website continues to serve as a public apparatus for anyone interested in learning more about youth-related activities (http://www.pacificyearlymeeting.org/youth/calendar/)

**Bob Vogel Endowment Youth Programs Fund:**

Applications are due to the YPCC on or before March 20th, June 20th, September 20th and December 20th (near the equinoxes and solstices).

http://www.pacificyearlymeeting.org/youth/resources-funding/

The fund continues to help us to provide spiritual, financial, and other material support to Friends. Since last Annual Session, we’ve approved funding the upcoming QOF Spring Camp, the YAF Clerking Workshop, intervisitation between Quarterly Meetings, and social/environmental actions. So far this year, we have supported people to attend the following:

- “Quakers, First Nations and American Indians” Conference in Philadelphia: 4 Quakers and 4 Wukchumni Yokuts (including 4 teens and 4 adults)
  - See the forthcoming article in Western Friend about our delegation’s experiences and learning from the conference
- The Women’s March on Washington
- College Park Quarterly Meeting’s winter gathering

Although we usually fund Quaker-specific activities, YPCC will consider funding other social/environmental action, especially by young Friends who have some kind of anchoring support in place (e.g., support can range from being connected with a small group of 2+ Friends to having a formal support or anchor committee) and who are willing to report back to YPCC/PYM/their Meeting. We are in the process of discussing with M&O how this relates to the Leadings Fund.
We continue to find good reason to utilize some of the fund to have our YPC Committee attend one event per year; this has shown benefits both to our committee (by creating a greater shared understanding among us about the state of our Society, its needs and its strengths) and to the host events/organizations (so far SCQM and CPQM). We also see there might be benefit to us getting together solely for the purpose of committee work.

State of the YPCC:
The YPC Committee continues to meet once a month via conference call to talk about pending matters, review proposals and requests for funding or other support, receive updates on events, and carry out subcommittee work. The Supervisor communicates more frequently with the Coordinator, usually by email and phone. We also had our annual face-to-face meeting during College Park Quarterly Meeting’s winter gathering, where we shared space with JYM Committee, which also came to CPQM have a meeting and to participate with the CPQM teen program. We appreciate Berkeley Friends Meeting for hosting us during CPQM. We used this time to get acquainted, delegate to our subcommittees, decide how to face increased health insurance premium for the Coordinator, and finish a performance review of the Coordinator (Alyssa). We came out of the meeting strengthened as a committee and more clear about what we need to do next. We also express thanks for the work Steve Leeds has put into being Alyssa’s supervisor for the past few years and for Barbara Babin during the transition as Barbara prepares to take on the supervisor role next year.

Committee Members:
At-Large Three-Year Terms:
  Jennifer Carr, Las Vegas WG / La Jolla (2017)
  Stephen Myers, Sacramento (2017)
  Steve Leeds, San Francisco (2017), YPC Supervisor
  Barbara Babin, Redwood Forest (2018)
  Melissa Lovett-Adair, Central Coast (2019)
  Bertha Peña, Mexico City (2019), Clerk

One-Year Terms:
  Kylin Navarro, Berkeley
  Rebekah Percy, La Jolla / Vancouver
  Julian Garrett, Redwood Forest
  [One slot empty]

Youth Programs Coordinator:
  Alyssa Nelson, Davis (2011-present)

YPCC References:
  - Webpage: http://www.pacificyearlymeeting.org/youth/
● Calendar: http://www.pacificyearlymeeting.org/youth/calendar/
● AS 2016 report item: http://www.pacificyearlymeeting.org/annual-session-minutes-reports/2016-annual-session-reports-and-minutes/#Youth_Pgrams_Coordinating_Committee_YP_Coordinator
● Other YPCC reports and epistles: http://www.pacificyearlymeeting.org/category/yearly-meeting-docs/ypc/
Unity with Nature Committee Report to Representative’s Committee
Palo Alto Friends Meeting - March 3-5, 2017

Precis:

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New QEW Rep Andi MacLeod
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Dear Friends of Pacific Yearly Meeting,

Unity with Nature Committee [UwN] reports the following highlights of the last eight months since our gathering at Walker Creek in June.

We had our annual in-person retreat weekend November 4th and 5th, 2016 in Berkeley to make plans and get to know one another. It was fruitful. We welcomed new committee members Tom Farley of Palo Alto Meeting, Andi MacLeod of San Diego Friends Meeting, and Sharon Shen of Berkeley Friends Meeting and welcomed back returning member Shelley Tanenbaum. We formed two working groups - the Mini Grant Group and the Communications Group which is charged with facilitating and making two way communication with PYM's Monthly Meetings and Worship Groups.

The 2017 Mini-Grants Program which gives grants to help monthly meetings of PYM realize new or ongoing Earthcare projects and/or to give support to traveling Environmental Ministries is up and running. There are links to the mini-grant application in several places on the PYM website, including the home page. The deadline for submitting completed applications is June 15, 2017. Awards will be announced at annual session.

Many thanks to Berkeley Friends Meeting, Palo Alto Friends Meeting, and the numerous individuals who contributed to UwN's Special Projects Fund, which, among other things, makes
possible the Mini Grant Program. Voluntary Carbon Offset donations through the PYM website continues to be a convenient way to donate to Special Projects Fund.

In early November, Meagan Fisher stepped down as a Representative to Quaker Earthcare Witness [QEW]. In early February, we appointed Andi MacLeod as a new QEW Rep to replace her. Andi's term will expire at the end of Annual Session 2017.

We sent two QEW Representatives, Rick Herbert and Catya de Neergaard, to QEW's Fall Steering Committee Meeting at Pendlehill. Thanks to Rick's generosity and to extra financial support from Strawberry Creek MM's fund for (traveling) Ministry, we will be able to send two representatives to QEW's Spring Steering Committee in Atlanta. Plus Rick, whose term will also expire at the end of Annual Session this year will be going as a third Rep from PYM, by paying his own way. Thank you Rick Herbert and Strawberry Creek's Worship and Ministry Committee for this needed supplement to the QEW Rep line item budget!

INTEREST GROUPS
We sponsored the interest group, "Report from Standing Rock". at College Park Winter Quarterly, facilitated by Shelley Tanenbaum, General Secretary of QEW and member of Strawberry Creek Monthly Meeting. Shelley, Larissa Keeler, and other Friends visited Standing Rock late last year. Shelley spoke about the current situation at Standing Rock and the role of Friends. "The Lakota say Mni Wiconi – Water is Life. What do Friends say?"

We have proposed two Interest Groups [IGs] for Annual Session 2017. They are:
* "Environment Concerns and Earthcare Consultation" What are your concerns about the environment in these challenging times? What Witness to these concerns are you living or advancing? With reference to PYM's 2015 minute calling for us to share our answers, and with special interest on what monthly meetings are doing, there will be short presentations and general sharing.

* "Poetry, Worship, and Worship sharing in Unity with Nature" Walking slowly in silence, opening our senses to the many living beings of Walker Creek, being renewed by God’s Creation, and including the natural world in our Worship. If you like, bring a poem or two to share on the themes of nature, God, and Life.

BUDGETS and FINANCIAL CONCERNS

UwN is seeking a fiscal year [FY] 2016-2017 budget augmentation at Rep Com to its committee line item to get us through September 30, 2017. We are asking for $150 more. The UwN Committee line item is used for our phone conference calls, occasional small supplies and incidentals, and travel to our annual in-person retreat. We need one in-person meeting a year in
order to get to know one another a bit and work together productively. In recent years, the retreats have been in the greater Bay Area where most of the members live, but it is crucial to include SoCal and other far flung Friends at our annual retreat.

A History of the Budget for this line item
The current FY 2016-2017 budget for UwN committee is $300. For many years, the budget was $1000 - in my opinion, a fair amount. But due to a horse trade of convenience at Rep Com 2015, the FY 2015-2016 budget was lowered to $550 - which worked fine for that particular year only because we didn't have SoCal members traveling to our Retreat.

We are mindful of PYM's needs for fiscal prudence. UwN decided to request $750 for next FY (2017-2018) $750 for the UwN Com line item. We figured thusly:
The travel expenses for our once a year in-person meeting are:
2 rt flights from So Cal - $400
2 rt mileage from out of town (or another flight depending on where members live) $150
Plus $200 for phone conferences - including for our 2 working groups - and for incidentals.

TOTAL $750

Money issues have taken up a considerable amount of the UwN clerk's and committee's time for the past several years with both the QEW Rep budget and the committee line item budget underfunded this year and the QEW Rep budget underfunded for at least three years. One could also say that money struggles have taken a considerable amount of PYM's time as a whole - starting with finding a way to fund the Youth Coordinator Position. There is a move afoot to join FGC, which if agreed to, will have a cost. I hope if we join FGC, it won't be at the expense of defunding committees or getting rid of needed Reps to other Quaker organizations.

UwN is in Unity that two Representatives to the twice a year QEW Steering Committees is best - both for the hands-on working power they contribute to QEW and for the up-to-date issues and news from the wider Quaker and activist world and commitment they bring back to PYM. Because of the breadth of issues and areas of knowledge, it is advisable to have two Reps - especially at this time of great challenges to care taking of God’s Creation. The steering committee costs vary from place to place and year to year. But, unless the QEW Rep budget is raised in FY 2017-2018, we will be forced to reduce the number of QEW Reps to one, or, at best depending on circumstances, one in the Fall and two in the Spring.

We would welcome a few more committee members. For more information, here below is an Appendix containing our mission, goals, and what it is like to be a member statements.
Gratefully submitted,

Catya de Neergaard
clerk, Unity with Nature Committee

APPENDIX

Description of what it is to be a member of PYM's Unity with Nature Committee
updated June 2016

To fulfill its goals and Charter, Pacific Yearly Meeting's Unity with Nature Committee [UwN] usually meets in person at the annual session and has a one and a half to two day retreat usually in the Fall, preferably in Nature, to plan its year. [PYM pays for travel expenses to the 1-2 day retreat. Hosts arrange hospitality] UwN has 4 to 9 conference calls a year of 1-2 hours in length, usually on a weekday evening, paid for by PYM to further its goals and plans. Members are expected to attend these meetings and calls in order to help discern and come to unity on a variety of issues related to the goals and Charter.

Besides whatever special educational projects may be on offer, the committee has ongoing smaller tasks such as fund raising for the mini grant program, the mini grant program itself, doing the minutes, and the master mailing list. At a minimum, members are expected to take on a small task. Members are very welcome to bring their leadings for new special projects which they are willing to work on and that further the goals and Charter of Unity with Nature.

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Note: this Charter from PYM was revised by Unity with Nature Committee on 10/25/2014, but not yet approved by a plenary session.

Unity with Nature Committee's Charter from Pacific Yearly Meeting

This committee acts on behalf of Yearly Meeting on spiritual concerns related to the environment. It strives to keep alive in the consciences of Friends the spirituality of and the kinship with all creation. It has the function to educate, inform, inspire, and give Witness about earth care and the environment.

The Committee may have several subcommittees such as: (1) Sustainability, (2) Service projects and internships, (3) Nature experiences and outings, (4) Education and interest groups.

The committee has nine members, serving three-year overlapping terms, with three members appointed annually. Two Pacific Yearly Meeting [PYM] representatives to the national Quaker Earthcare Witness [QEW] (formerly named 'Friends Committee on Unity with Nature') are members ex-officio, if not already members of PYM's Unity with Nature Committee.
Tasks
* Appoints PYM's representatives to QEW
* Supports publications such as Earthlight Magazine and QEW newsletter.
* Encourages and supports QEW and other Friends' environmental initiatives such as Friends Committee on National Legislation [FCNL], Friends Committee on Legislation in California [FCL-CA], and Quaker Institute for the Future [QIF].
* Nominates candidates for Earthlight's Board of Directors
* Provides means for communications among PYM Friends concerned about the environment and with Friends similarly concerned nationally and internationally
* Proposes and conducts interest groups and nature-oriented worship at Quarterly and Yearly Meeting sessions.
* Encourages change toward sustainable lifestyles by Meetings and their members and attenders.
* Raises funds to further its work.

Goals and Projects may include:
* Sponsoring an internship program for Young Friends
* Responding to queries such as recommendations for books and other educational materials related to care of the earth
* Proactive educational programs such as the mini-grant program
* Proactive educational and fundraising programs such as the dime a gallon carbon credit program
* Seasoning concerns arising out of Witness, we nurture the process of taking those concerns towards a minute at annual session.
PYM Children’s Program Committee Report to RepCom

March 2017

Chamba Cooke (clerk), Carol Cruickshank and Peggy Craik

This year’s committee is comprised of three members who are in their second year on the committee. Nominating is working on finding three more members to fill the committee. If you know anyone who may be interested please let Sue Torrey, the nominating committee member who is spearheading the search, or Stephen Matchett, the nominating clerk. We are grateful for the continuing involvement of Alyssa Nelson (YPC) and Sally Kingsland (as M&O rep).

With the success of last year’s program we decided to rehire Nate Secrest as the program’s coordinator for the upcoming Annual Session. Nate has given valuable insights in our meetings, and has been fully participating in the committee’s work. Chamba Cooke, currently clerk of the committee, is willing to fill the position he did last year, committee elder, as an active support for Nate during PYM itself.

We looked at the sense of inequity felt around our giving Children’s Program teachers an extra 100 dollars stipend. Along with the volunteer aspect of working at PYM, the FRAPs in Junior Yearly Meeting (JYM) were not getting any such stipend. After some research and discernment we came to the decision to not offer the stipend and find another way to acknowledge the wonderful work of our teachers.

The night program for Children’s Program participants created last year was very much appreciated so will be happening again. We are hoping to have it on the schedule this year.

We have come up with a cheaper (in the long run) and more efficient way for PYM to store its equipment between Annual Sessions. The finance committee will have in the proposed budget $2,500 for the purchase of an enclosed trailer. The effect will be no need to rent a van yearly, nor the need to unload and reload. We will have only the mileage for pull the trailer. Any questions, please ask one of us.

The most important factor for the program to be a success is developing a healthy applicant pool to draw the teachers from. Do you know someone who is inspired by working with young people? Does your meeting have individuals who have contributed to your Children’s Program? Please send them our way! Chamba has an advertisement coming out in Western Friend and he will send an electronic version of it to each representative. We request that you pass the announcement on to your newsletter editor for inclusion in the March, April and May newsletter of every PYM meeting.

Our committee is dedicated to furthering the Annual Session’s Children’s Program as a healthy and vibrant part of our Yearly Meeting. Diego Navarro’s vision of more inclusion of the children into the plenary sessions was appreciated last year. We want to review what worked and what didn’t to further the success of the integration.
Brief update from the Discipline Committee (also known as Faith & Practice Revision Committee while it is engaged in revision of F&P):

Much of our recent work has concerned logistics. We have worked out a process to revise and comment within the committee, and are trying to streamline the wider response and comment procedures for Meetings. We are working within the google docs/drive world and are experiencing some challenges being on the same page across California. We have established a zoom account so that we can meet more frequently and less expensively. We have a working outline and are taking sections in pairs--usually a writer and an editor. Much of the book will remain as is. We have been working on several updates and additions such as a section on Friendly Dying (not with that name, necessarily), a section on incorporating Meetings and attending issues, and are working toward a testimony on earthcare (also not necessarily by that name). We have a lively, dedicated and spirit-centered group working together to describe our Faith and Practice as best we can.

Submitted,
Robin Durant, clerk

Topics for interest groups at Annual Session 2017 (exact titles may change):

Friendly Dying--Carl Magruder

Moving towards a Testimony on Caring for Creation--Chuck Orr

(Perhaps) Revisiting the Leadings document--Laura Magnani
LATIN AMERICAN CONCERNS COMMITTEE
REPORT TO REPRESENTATIVE COMMITTEE 2017

In 1997, PYM annual session established a standing Latin America Concerns Committee to gather and disseminate information to Pacific and other Yearly Meetings regarding Friends groups and service projects in Latin America. The intention is to support rather than replace spirit-led projects already supported by Monthly Meetings, Worship Groups and individual Friends.

LACC has met once since last annual session. LACC is proposing three Interest Groups for Annual Session. We will be inviting Rev. Deborah Lee of the Interfaith Movement for Human Integrity to speak about work with immigrants in the Bay Area and her pilgrimage to Honduras in December 2016. Her Interest Group last Annual session was well received and helpful to meetings concerned about the plight of immigrants. Antonio Lopez, director of Casa de los Amigos, will present an Interest Group on migration and the Casa’s work with the United Nations and the Mennonite Central Committee on behalf of immigrants in Mexico, as well as other programs at the Casa. Antonio will also offer an Interest Group on the needs of those dealing with terminal illness, making final arrangements, spirituality from the view of a Christian thanatologist.

CASA DE LOS AMIGOS

In October 2016, Casa celebrated 60 years of peace and social justice work in Mexico. As clerk of LACC, I attended along with the director of Progresa, Miguel Costop. It was a great event and demonstrated how important the Casa programs are to many people.

D. Smith

In 1956, the Religious Society of Friends, the "Quakers" and some Mexicans in good faith founded Casa de los Amigos seeking to foster understanding and peace based on the testimonies, Quaker spirituality, human rights and a culture of peace. Casa initiated a series of programs to support communities, generated an international volunteer program, began caring for the environment and providing support for migrants and refugees.
Today Casa de los Amigos is an organization with an international character partnering with the United Nations to support migrants, recognized refugees and asylum seekers. As we continue to help the vulnerable, we continue to witness care of the Earth through water conservation, solar and green technologies, and nonviolent conflict resolution. Differences and diversity coexist as a reality at the Casa.

In February, Casa received 28 refugee and asylum seekers. This number is a challenge given that in the year 2015, we received a total of 23 migrants. This appears to be because of political changes especially in the USA. With divine inspiration and the prayers and support of friends and people of good will, we will do our best.

During 2016, we received a total of into our solidarity accommodations. 42 were asylum seekers and 18 were migrants in need of humanitarian aid.

There is a more detailed report that will be submitted to PYM for the LACC Annual Session report after it has been reviewed and approved by the Casa Board.

I plan to attend PYM Annual Session and look forward to answering any questions you might have. I do hope that you will be able to attend the Interest groups that we will be offering.

Marco Antonio Lopéz Galicia, Director

EL SALVADOR PROJECTS

The El Salvador projects continue to function as in the past years with Robert Broz Moran as the in-country director working under the direction of our committee in the US. Our committee currently meets every third Wednesday at 7:00 pm PDT with active participation of several members in Palo Alto (Trudy Reagan, Bill Bauriedel, Hulda Muaka, Dave Hinson and Tim Huntley) via Skype with participation of Nate Secrest (Pigeon Point Nature Center), Jamie Newton and Marion Bowers Newton (Silver City, New Mexico), Bren Darrow (Berkeley) and project director Robert Broz (Suchitoto, El Salvador).

In 2017 we will be providing financial support for 17 young men and women from rural Suchitoto so they can continue their post high school studies. Ten students continue on and 7 students are new in our program. Study programs vary from medicine to law, English to education, industrial engineering to nursing and social work to International Relations. Eight of our students are men and nine are women, they come from 13 different communities and have graduated from six different high schools with the only thing in common being that they all come from rural communities in Suchitoto and all qualified to our programs application process. Our seventeen students are paired up to sponsors from the US and each student writes two letters annually to the person, meeting or group that they are assigned. Over the years we have found that this exchange between sponsors and students makes our work all the more meaningful for all involved helping to breach language differences, distance, borders and culture.
The El Salvador projects in 2017 are also providing funding for one half scholarship, managed though the local Santa Lucia parish and its scholarship committee. We do this in a way to provide continuance to a separate program started by Frank Cummings an attender of Atlanta Friends Meeting who passed away in 2016. Atlanta Friends Meeting is providing for another new student and the local parish has increased its support for yet one more, so there are three new students in the program in 2017. Although managed through the Catholic parish the program is open to everyone and has students from several different religious backgrounds with the general requirement that they be from and live in Suchitoto. Our program continues to share the expenses of a coed university student house in San Salvador where this year there are 22 students from 5 different programs who like Palo Alto provide financial support for post high school education. As in the past three years the house is financed with funds received from the municipality of Suchitoto, Santa Cruz al Salvador, Cummings Family, Dignity Seed Foundation and of course Palo Alto Friends Meeting El Salvador Projects. Our in country director is responsible for all aspects of the student house. Beside our university student loan program mentioned above we continue to work with some schools and local communities. In 2017 we will provide support for the installation of a water system into the science lab at the school in El Bario. We also will provide aid for the purchase of some basic science reactants and equipment in hopes of improving the conditions for the middle and high school teachers and the quality of education for their students. We also provide some continued support for elders and youth. In July of 2017 Palo Alto Friends Meeting will be sponsoring another Service-Learning trip to El Salvador. Since 2006 we have provided the opportunity for youth and young at heart adults to visit the communities where we work, get to know and work alongside the people from each village, learn about El Salvador’s history and see firsthand how our programs are helping to make El Salvador a better place. Service-Learning trips over the years have been from 1-3 weeks, always include homestay and contact with the people from the villages where we have worked.

This year our US coordinator is Nate Secrest who has been to El Salvador several times over the past years including 3 times on our trips. This year’s trip, as in 2015 will be based in Suchitoto with home stays in the village of El Bario. Service work will include teaching English, Science and some labor painting, digging and mixing concrete. This year’s trip will start on July 23rd and finish on the morning of Aug 2nd. As of today we have nine participants signed up. Nate Secrest and Sarah Ludwig will be coming as delegation leaders and our director Robert as well as a local youth will fill out the group. We do hope to have a few others sign up for the trip which should bring our final number of paying participants up to around 14. I hope this brief update about our work in 2017 helps the members on the LACC to know more about our work. For past work dating back top 1989 please visit our web page at www.pafmelsalvadorprojects.org
GUATEMALA FRIENDS SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM (PROGRESA)

In August of 2016, 10 Junior Friends and 3 adult members of North Pacific Yearly Meeting traveled to Guatemala to perform service projects and experience first-hand what life is like in a rural Guatemalan community. They planted 500 trees, taught English, and participated in an environmental clean up along a small river led by one of Progresa’s university students. Of course there was plenty of time to play soccer and visit ancient and scenic areas.

In October, we participated in the 60th anniversary celebration at Casa del los Amigos in Mexico City. Miguel Costop, director of Progresa, informed the gathering of a joint project in 1997. When Casa laid down its Central American Refugee program, several thousand dollars was given to Progresa for scholarships to refugees resettling in Guatemala. These scholarships were given to young people in the Ixcan an area that suffered greatly during the war. Progresa was invited to the 20th anniversary of Primavera del Ixcan, a CPR (Peoples Cooperative in Resistance). It was a long and difficult journey, but well worth it to meet with our graduates and hear about the excellent educational system they founded. We appreciated the opportunity to share with Casa the fruits of their donation.

Nate Secrest of Redwood Forest and LACC was Progresa’s first short term volunteer. He followed up with one of our graduates and wrote an article for our Fall 2016 Update.
In January 2017, the 7th Teaching English Experience was held in Antigua, Guatemala with 19 North Americans participating with 19 of our students. This has become a very popular event with about half of the teachers returning multiple times. We will be offering this soul-satisfying, fun-filled event again in January 2018.
In 2016, we had 16 graduate at the university level (3-Medicine, 3-Law, 4-Nursing, 3-Education, 2-Social Work, 1-International Relations) and 3 at the secondary level (Aux. Nurse, Natural Resources, Primary Education).

There are 52 students returning in 2017 and we have accepted 25 new students. To receive our biannual newsletter and more information about Progresa, please send your email information to Donna Smith at dforestvil@aol.com.

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PYM Peace & Social Order Committee

Report to RepCom 2017

The Peace and Social Order Committee (PSO) has had monthly conference calls and discussed a wide range of issues, many of which are reflected in the interest groups. Even though there has been a lot of energy and enthusiasm for peace and justice related activities since the election, no minutes of concern have come to the attention of our Committee.

We have had conversations with M and O about procedures for seasoning and presenting minutes of concern to the Yearly Meeting annual session. We are clear that the clerks of PSO, UwN, LACC and the Racial Justice Sub-Committee need to be part of the conversation regarding minutes of concern.

We are also clear that the clerks of PSO, UwN, LACC and the Racial Justice Sub-Committee need to work together to coordinate the schedule for interest groups so that they don’t compete with each other, as happened last year. Following are the interest groups PSO wishes to sponsor for Annual Session 2017:

**Fox and Prophetic Witness.** We’ll look at key passages in Fox’s journal dealing with “civil disobedience,” “speaking truth to power,” and other aspects of prophetic witness.

**How Can Friends Navigate and Counter Islamophobic Rhetoric?** Due to the increase in Islamophobic rhetoric and proposed policies that equate Islam as a world religion with terrorism, we will explore the production of phobias in our country in order to counter these imperial imaginary constructs. Productions of evil rely on cultivating fear in civil society, therefore, learning how to delink these social imaginaries is key to countering the fears and injustices of our time. Led by Shannon Frediani

**Waging Peace in the Trump Era.** What are some of the Spirit-led and most effective ways to respond to Trump's militarism and jingoism? We will look at George Lakey's "Ten Steps for Stopping Trump." Led by Anthony Manousos and David Hartsough, who will also share his thoughts and experiences traveling to Russia in the past year, his seventh trip there since 1961. David is the author of *Waging Peace: Global Adventures of a Lifelong Activist*

**Quakers needed: Our country needs Friends in public office.** National politics gets the Headlines, but local government decisions affect us the most. There are about 400 locally elected officials for every state and federal elected official: school boards and water boards; city councils and mayors; county
supervisors; sheriffs and district attorneys; fire districts, hospital districts, and numerous special districts. This interest group will encourage Quakers to do it themselves and, equally important, to identify, encourage, and support well qualified candidates who share our Quaker values. Led by Janet Gastil. [FCNL and FCL-CA may participate in this interest group.]

Friends Helping Communities. David Brietzmann, San Francisco Meeting, and Linnea Hanson, Chico Meeting, plan to continue their work on supporting social work that Friends Meetings and Worship Groups are undertaking in Pacific Yearly Meeting (PYM). Our goal is to link those that are working on similar kinds of social work to be able to learn from each other. We also would like the social work that Friends Meetings are doing to be known by others in Pacific Yearly Meeting so that their experiences can be shared with other meetings that may want to start a similar work.

Yours in friendship and peace,

Anthony Manousos, co-clerk