

Nominating Committee

Report to Representative Committee 2019

Nominating Committee recently held their second of three weekend retreats and bring to you the results of our work.

Nominating is bringing the following for approval:

Second Reading of Names read at final plenary, PYM 2018

Chamba Cooke (Grass Valley)	Convenor, AdHoc Committee to review Childrens Program Coordinator
Vivian Carlson (Honolulu)	Convenor, Childrens' Program Committee

First Reading

Rebekah Percy (La Jolla)	Co-Clerk, YPCC (an Interim approval)
Robert Levering (Santa Cruz)	Convenor, FCNL Representatives (an Interim approval)
Eric Sabelman (Palo Alto)	Ministry and Oversight, term ending in 2021

Unity with Nature

At the annual session in 2018, the Yearly Meeting approved the following recommendation regarding the Unity with Nature Committee:

Unity with Nature Committee has been asked to enter a period of discernment regarding its purpose and composition, facilitated by Eric Sabelman, a former clerk of the committee who has not been involved with the present committee. The outcome of that process will be reported to Nominating Committee and will include recommendations on whether the committee should continue, and, if not, whether its work is to be laid down or folded into another committee. If the report includes a recommendation that the committee continue, the outcome will also include information for input into a job description that articulates how the committee is to move forward.

While Eric plans to make a report to Representative Committee, he has shared the following with the Nominating Committee in order to facilitate our work:

1. This Committee would be well served to have a clerk whose expertise is in clerking. This is more important than finding a clerk who is "an environmental prophet".
2. The pool of nominees should be broadened to include other viewpoints. It seems that most or all the current and recent past members were self-nominated. And most come from the East Bay/Berkeley area, where Friends have developed over time a particular outlook on the climate crisis and what to do about it. There are other viewpoints (particularly those of young people) which should be expressed - a synthesis of ideas would be better than a continued struggle to get all Friends to adopt a single "right" way to fix the world.
3. Pacific Yearly Meeting needs to re-dedicate the Unity with Nature Committee to serve the whole Yearly Meeting, and the whole YM needs to invite and welcome this service (much as happened in 1986-87 when Marshall Massey gave the keynote that started the Unity with Nature movement within Pacific Yearly Meeting)

With this information, the Nominating Committee will be working to find both a clerk and members to allow the committee to move forward. In that process, we will be considering the recommendations above and we will be guided by the original committee description which is attached

In addition, the Nominating Committee recommends to the Yearly Meeting, that the Representatives to Quaker Earthcare Witness be brought forward for approval through the nominating process rather than selected by the Unity with Nature Committee.

Communications

We have been appreciative of the tremendous amount of work the Communications Committee has been doing to make information more available. We of the Nominating Committee hope that that work continues with the aim of being able to efficiently contact individuals in the yearly meeting directly. We want to reach all those persons who have gifts they would like to share with the yearly meeting and which would enrich their spiritual growth as well as as that of the yearly meeting.

The Committee consists of Winnie Sunshine (La Jolla), Kate Watkins (Santa Monica), Jorge Morales (San Jose), Heather Levien (Berkeley). Joe Magruder (Berkeley), Julie Harlow (Davis) and Sue Torrey (Central Coast), Clerk