

Pacific Yearly Meeting Faith and Practice Revision Committee Report to Representative Committee 2020

The Faith and Practice Revision committee has held one face-to-face meeting and two Zoom meetings so far this year. We spent time acquainting new members with our “continuing revelation revision” circulating drafts of sections as we are led and working with comments received from Meetings to revise our drafts. We also re-acquainted ourselves with how to use Google docs as a method of circulating drafts among ourselves.

We are finalizing our draft on Death and Dying (working title, “A Friendly Death”) and expect to circulate it to Meetings for feedback soon after Representative Committee. We believe that we will not circulate other drafts this year because we are aware that Meetings will be asked to season a minute from College Park Quarterly Meeting on Earthcare and Climate Change and we do not want to overload Meetings. We have been very happy with how seriously Meetings have been participating in discerning drafts and want to encourage such engagement rather than overwhelming Friends.

Other drafts in the making include Advices and Queries on Personal Relationships, Advices and Queries on Equality, another revision on concerns and leadings, and a possible separate section on eldering.

We have three possible topics for interest groups, and will decide on two of these before Rep Com: Where are We With Inclusive Language: Pronouns, Gender Fluidity, and Personal Authenticity?; Being Quaker in a Time of Technology; and How Meetings Care for Marriages, to be presented jointly with Ministry and Oversight (or whatever name we are using for that committee).

The Committee consists of Carl Magruder and Laura Magnani (co-clerks), Margaret Mossman, Patricia Portillo, Sue Scot, Sarah Tyrell, and Jan Tappan, who is ex officio as archivist.