PACIFIC YEARLY MEETING
1974
St. Mary's College, Moraga, California
August 13-17, 1974

YEARLY MEETING SESSION I: Tuesday, August 13, 1974, 2 p.m.

The twenty-eighth annual meeting of Pacific Yearly Meeting, held at
St. Mary's College, Moraga, California, opened at 2 p.m., August 13,
1974, with a period of deep silence.

"On how many moments of our lives has been pressed the
signet of eternity."

The Clerk, Peggema H. Lacey, introduced Jennifer Subasic, Junior
High Clerk; Brian Heilman, Junior Yearly Meeting Clerk; Tom Farley,
Reading and Announcements Clerk; Shirley Tweed, Assistant Clerk; her-
selh; Robert Schutz, Recording Clerk; and Heather Raitt and Torie
Snowmountairi, Young Friends Representatives, all of whom sat at the
Clerks' table.

The Reading Clerk had xeroxed and made available a book of all 52
epistles and letters received from 39 Yearly Meetings and four other
gatherings of Friends. Excerpts were read from North Pacific Yearly
Meeting, where many miss being part of our fellowship, a statement
on amnesty was minuted, and the yearly meeting feeling is really
developing; from Young Friends at Illinois where the unhealthy dis-
tinction between Young Friends and adults was erased by full partici-
pation in all activities by all; from New Hampshire where the chil-
dren staged a play titled "Rufus Jones and the Gestapo"; and from
London Yearly Meeting's letter of joy and love.

From North Pacific Yearly Meeting:

Greetings to Friends of Pacific Yearly Meeting

Friends gathered at our second annual session of North
Pacific Yearly Meeting and asked that a message of good
will be sent to Friends of Pacific Yearly Meeting in ses-
son at St. Mary's.

Many of us miss being a part of your fellowship which we
enjoyed for many years. We send our love to you.
We are learning to walk the Friendly Way as a young yearly meeting with a sense of dedication and with increased sureness.

We wish for you a time of joy in your searching and finding of God's will for today's struggles.

With love and best wishes,

Harold Carson, Presiding Clerk

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From Illinois Yearly Meeting of Friends General Conference:

Peace and Joy to Friends Everywhere:

Many Friends spoke from experience and our experiences have been different. We have come to recognize that we can work through the Spirit both to resolve and also to appreciate our differences.

Our sense of unity within the Yearly Meeting is evolving through open sharing and clarifying of faith, feelings, concerns, and actions. Just as George Fox saw the 'ocean of Light' overcoming the 'ocean of Darkness', we have a vision of community overcoming a tendency toward polarization.

From Illinois Yearly Meeting Young Friends:

Throughout the last year Young Friends have been distressed that an unhealthy distinction seems to exist between Young Friends and the whole of Yearly Meeting. Friends were reminded of the traditional respect for the inner light in all people regardless of age. To aid the search for truth as a whole community of faith, young Friends have met without a program separate from Yearly Meeting. Young Friends' desire to be active citizens was evidenced by strong commitment to Yearly Meeting business sessions, worship sharing groups, and workshops.

Our experience in merging with the adult program was a success in so many ways. We commend this step toward unity to other Yearly Meetings, but at the same time urge young Friends not to forget their particular needs.

Brother Martin Ash of St. Mary's College welcomed us aboard and cheered our decision to return year after year to St. Mary's. The Clerk referred to our being home and to renewed joy at the sheer beauty of this place.
Roll Call: Three New Meetings, Asenath Young, Ministry and Oversight.

San Diego, Palomar, and Visalia were introduced by Phyllis Jones, Gretchen Tuthill, and Bill Lovett, with brief descriptions of their early development to Monthly Meeting status. Mel Marshall, Clerk of Logan Preparative Meeting, told us of the growth of Intermountain Friends Fellowship into Intermountain Yearly Meeting.

The roll call was completed by members standing from the following Meetings, Preparative Meetings, and Worship Groups:

- Berkeley
- Claremont
- Davis
- Delta
- Fresno
- Grass Valley
- Hayward Area
- Honolulu
- La Jolla
- Los Angeles
- Marin
- Marloma
- Monterey Peninsula
- Orange Grove
- Orange County
- Pacific Ackworth
- Palo Alto
- Phoenix
- Redwood Forest
- Reno
- Riverside
- Sacramento
- San Fernando
- San Francisco
- San Jose
- Santa Barbara
- Santa Cruz
- Santa Monica
- University
- Westwood
- Logan Preparative
- Friends Retirement Center
- The Farm

We greeted the John Woolman School contingent.

Visitors were introduced as follows:

- Howard Bartram, General Secretary of Friends General Conference
- Peggy Paul of California Yearly Meeting and Friends World Committee
- Bob and Margaret Blood, Ann Arbor, Michigan Meeting
- Elizabeth and Samuel Kirk, Philadelphia Yearly Meeting, Friends World Committee, and Chairman of Wider Quaker Fellowship Committee
- Mervin and Esther Palmer, Indiana Yearly Meeting and Wider Quaker Fellowship
- Rose and Richard Lewis, North Pacific Yearly Meeting
- Mildred Burck, Corvallis, Oregon
- Kim Maser, Corvallis, Oregon
- Barbara and Ed Janoe, North Pacific Yearly Meeting
- Ellen Nussbaum, Multnomah
- Tom Smit sent his regrets from Sandstone Prison, Minnesota
- Isabel Hansen, Victoria Mexico
- Richard Sanders, member PYM and staff Friends World Committee
- Cindy Reichley, Philadelphia Yearly Meeting
- Jim Whittier, Eugene, Oregon
- Prudence Miles, Olympia Worship Group
Epistle Committee, Nominated by Ministry and Oversight.

1974-1 Richard Manners, Jean Lohmann, and Mel Marshall were named to the Epistle Committee. Approved.


We now have 36 Meetings with the addition of Palomar, San Diego, and Visalia. This brings us to 1,661 members, up 21 from last year after taking account of 48 transfers from other meetings, 48 convictions, only 2 Junior Members who have chosen to become adult members, 18 deaths, 51 transfers to other meetings, and 26 requests for release. We have 446 attenders, 34 sojourners, 119 members of other meetings without sojourning minutes, 25 First Day Schools, 497 Junior members, 276 Junior attenders, and 446 inactive members (27% of the total membership). (See Attachment #1.)

Children's Program Orientation. Lee Steelman.

Marian Sanders has had to forego the Children's program which she has ably engineered because she and Ed are leaving imminently for Pendle Hill where Ed becomes Executive Clerk.

Friends approved the following minute, submitted by the Education Committee:

1974-2 Pacific Yearly Meeting wishes to tell Marian Sanders as we enjoy the fruits of her labors and talents in leading the Children's Program at Yearly Meeting since 1972 that we miss her. It is only now that we realize the full extent of her contribution which we have taken for granted over the years. We wish her well in her new life at Pendle Hill, with love and gratitude.

The anxiety her departure engendered was quickly dispelled by Friends who have rushed to the rescue. A full program for all ages was announced, even to a bevy of male baby-sitters for duty in the evenings. Junior Friends are largely taking charge of their own program and offer significant interest groups to the entire Yearly Meeting, including as subjects: Death and Dying, Evangelism Among Friends, and Personal Freedom and Human Sexuality.

The session closed with announcements and a period of silence.

YEARLY MEETING SESSION II: Tuesday, August 13, 4 p.m. Meeting for Worship

Love was the first motion, said John Woolman. Then came his concern to visit an Indian village. That is the sequence. After visiting the Indians he was moved to pray, telling his interpreter he would need no translation. After listening to prayer given in a language he didn't know, the Indian chief said, "I love to hear where words come from." He heard love which was the first motion. Recently, we hear the word truth. Truth is the glue which holds our country, our civilization together. This truth must have love at its heart. Love is the reason for our lives and our coming together.
As we meet together, think of the joy that is in each of us, joy that is in families, joy that is in friendships, joy that is life itself, the beautiful experience of just being alive. Life is sacred. We must treasure it.

For some days now we've seen the powers and forces of evil and how many lives evil has touched. We can agree on the goodness of love, but do we appreciate the power of love and that individually and collectively we are channels for that power.

Of all the extraordinary events of the last seven days, a most extraordinary one happened over the span of the continent when, on the threshold of the presidency, Gerald Ford said, "I have many adversaries in the Congress, but I have no enemies." This faith in the possibility that persons with differences need not be enemies touched a heart and dissolved the enmity. Opposition and criticism will still occur, but in a constructive, caring way. What a lesson to those of us who call ourselves Quakers but who may still be as children in matters of faith.

To be humble is to experience coming close to the truth. This week in Yearly Meeting it is important to come closer to truth, to experience each other by opening ourselves to perceptions of others, even when it hurts. Sometimes it's painful to be born again. Those who love us stand ready to help us in rebirth.

The New Testament says, "Agree with thine adversary quickly while thou art in the way with him." A friend showed us the light shone over 3,000 miles and to the creator it didn't matter. Some of us never waken to that lesson of life—love without price, just giving. St. Paul said of these three—faith, hope, love—the greatest is love.

Love and trust are prime ingredients of life. We all arrive with trust—to take it from a small child is the greatest theft. How can we keep trust? Be humble. Accept shortcomings of others. Enjoy the sense of humor that laughs at mistakes we all make. Then trust each other that we may not exploit one another.

Concrete examples of the ideas we use make our lives easier. The ideas of love and truth are elusive, we can be sure only that we search for them. Trust, yes, this is felt immediately.

When John Woolman was talking to the Indians without any interpreter, he was not explaining or giving definition. He was pouring out his deep compassion, his sense of justice, the things he wanted to do. He was expressing his own love. That is why the Indians understood. Our lives must become love itself through the practice of honesty, humility, and justice. It's not easy, it takes a lifetime, many lifetimes. We must honestly try. We must examine our lives. Do we want to grow in love, practice love, gain the power of love? Can we love without an interpreter?
YEARLY MEETING SESSION III: Tuesday, August 13, 7:30 p.m.

The session began with a period of silence followed by a reading of epistles. California Yearly Meeting calls on all member Yearly Meetings of Friends to study the implications of the centrality of Jesus Christ in historic Quaker faith. This subject has been neglected and even disavowed by some members causing deep pain and sorrow to California Yearly Meeting. From Switzerland Yearly Meeting come expressions of joy in experiencing God as a Spirit. Father and Son are symbols, but the essence of the divine is in the Spirit. There is fear of diminishing the Divine by naming it. Ireland Yearly Meeting speaks of the alienation in the condition of so many of those found in crowded prisons. In whatever ways society must restrain the criminal, the condition of the man who commits crime calls not for retribution but for healing.

The Clerk read a letter of introduction from Indiana Yearly Meeting and welcomed Mervin and Esther Palmer.

1974-3 Executive Committee-3, action providing for two recording clerks and Nominating Committee's recommendation of Marilyn Heilman for 1974 were approved.

The meeting was turned over to Ministry and Oversight Committee Chairman, Asenath Young, for presentation of the State of the Society Report. The Committee's work brings an awareness of the life of Monthly Meetings and the Society. Seven Queries were circulated (see Attachment #2). Friends responded to the reading of the Queries as they were moved to do so.

While a meeting can embrace and celebrate differences and find unity, others are caught up in what seems to conflict between revision and tradition. We are called upon to know our roots—ignorance causes the Spirit to suffer. Being a Quaker has a lot to do with early Friends. It is not just potluck socials. We need education. Our past is as important as our present. Stressing humility, we are reminded by Thomas Merton that the clearer the window, the better it transmits light and the less you see of the window. We look for the strength to live our tradition, not to worship it, so that inward and outward states are one with God's will.

Creative tension between traditionalists and revisionists allows that, by listening to each other, one gives light to a way ahead and another keeps a firm foothold offering a condition for mutual support and growth.

Friends place a high value on honesty for themselves and with each other. Within this framework differences can be tolerated. Traditionalists have been accused of not having the courage to carry through on concerns. They are more interested in preserving. Holy obedience is the core of religion. We come together to seek and to carry truth into obedience in our lives.
By saying that we are "Christ-centered" and quoting George Fox who said, "There is one who speaks to my condition and that is Jesus Christ," we create a dilemma for those among us who insist that they are not Christians. Friends testimony is open and embracing. Quaker history began with emphasis on individualism -- a direct relationship of the individual to God. Yet by the 1850's, corporate discipline had some meetings throwing out members. What is membership anyway? In its beginnings there weren't members. Early English Friends simply established a way of living with God.

The traditional concept of the Meeting for Worship is a corporate act . . . not individuals worshiping separately. The worship of one enhances others, fire catches fire with others. The sum total of that experience is far greater than its parts. Our tradition is unique. If we do have fragmentation, we do not really understand community and responsibility to community. If once a month we come unprepared, empty-handed, we will continually find a dry well. Individual experience is essential before corporate experience can happen. Then coming together bearing gifts of worship we can share in common. The essence of the Society is that it makes the individual important as an individual. Self is not lost in the group. Identity of the individual is made greater by participation.

Attention to social concerns may bypass where we are with each other. If Business Meeting is used to avoid our feelings, what can we do to become more open? Honesty makes waves and some people run away. When someone says, "I don't like it," there is a tendency for everyone to begin censoring themselves and blocking the flow of the Spirit. Can we risk with honesty, keep talking or wait on the silence until the spirit moves to higher understandings? There is a need for acceptance and caring -- a willingness to risk speaking truth. Meetings for Business deepen as Meetings for Worship deepen. Commitment to the source tapped in worship will not avoid conflict but can avoid rancor. We can disagree with love. Friends have the responsibility to blend truth with love. Clerks and all Friends need to be schooled in our practice. Instead of agendas beginning with the most trivial, we could experience a great thrust of power by asking ourselves what is most important in our hearts and then getting on with it. Business Meeting is not a social contract to achieve agreement. It is an arrangement which we would like to infuse with religious spirit. Something beyond us all -- to help us find a way of proceeding together.

The session closed in silence.
YEARMETY MEETING SESSION IV: Wednesday, August 14, 1974, 10 a.m.

From the silence that began this Session:

The sun rises very slowly this morning to warm my body; I hope that Friends' suns might rise very quickly to warm each others' bodies—that no one here will be left out in the cold.

and

It is a puzzle that we pray to God not to lead us into temptation. The many good things that come of God are tempting. It is wise that we say, 'Thy will be done,' not 'I do thy will.' We seek the unity of the Meeting to know what we are called to do.

Epistles

Iowa Yearly Meeting, Conservative, August 1973: Quakerism is a living faith, a continuous revelation of Christ. It is not a creed, but to be experienced as a vibrant, living truth. The Kansas Yearly Meeting of Friends Church looks forward to growth as a yearly meeting with love from the unity of prayer. Fifty-eight Friends met at the East German Yearly Meeting and heard 34 epistles. They will deepen their beliefs until they reach the ground where nothing separates them from each other. At the 39th annual meeting of Sweden Yearly Meeting the theme was, "Man today and his conception of God." Individual diversities enriched the communion all of them longed for.

Minutes

The minutes of Session I were read, corrected, and approved.

The minutes of Session II were read and approved.

Representative Committee Meeting's Report

The Clerk presented a report of Meetings 1 and 2 of Representative Committee held Monday evening and Tuesday morning. Twenty-three minutes were approved. (See Representative Committee Minutes for full report.)

Sandra Farley was approved as Recording Clerk of Representative Committee instead of Rick Foster, who broke his his arm.

Leon Ray's request for financial assistance to Los Amigos de Mexicali for travel to the General Reunion of Friends in Mexico was referred to the Visitation Subcommittee of Ministry and Oversight.
Gretchen Tuthill received a letter of introduction for her European travel. A special letter will be sent with her to Sweden Yearly Meeting.

Ed Morgenroth, our representative to the Indianapolis follow-up of the Faith and Life Conference this year, is asked to participate in the planning day before that Conference for a Conference of Friends in the Western Hemisphere now scheduled for the summer of 1977.

Sharing groups established by Executive Committee in March were approved subject to evaluation at the close of this Yearly Meeting.

A subcommittee of Ministry and Oversight was created on the issues and concerns of Women.

In response to a minute from College Park Quarter, the Brinton Visitor Fund is established to be administered by Ministry and Oversight and to provide expenses for visits by Friends who might enrich the life of our Meetings. These visits may be annual, and expenses may be provided for travel between quarterly meetings and to isolated meetings during winter months. Ministry and Oversight will suggest methods of funding.

Minutes received by the Clerk from Palo Alto and La Jolla meetings were referred to appropriate committees.

A letter from San Jose on the behavior of Junior Friends was referred to an open meeting to be held with Junior Friends advisors at this Yearly Meeting.

A minute from Delta Meeting based on the good order described and adopted last year by Social Order Committee for its deliberations was re-worked by the Clerks and presented to guide the procedure for all public statements to be issued by Yearly Meeting, as follows:

1974-4 When one or more monthly or regional meetings have worked on a concern and built up a foundation of essential background information, and reached a clear conclusion embodied in a proposed minute, the minute should be forwarded to the appropriate PYM committee, with a copy to the Clerk of PYM. The committee will consider this minute, modifying it, if necessary, for presentation to the Yearly Meeting. Other concerns, which have not been seasoned in this manner, should be presented to the clerk of the appropriate PYM committee as far in advance of Yearly Meeting as possible. Ordinarily these committees have the option of consolidating these concerns and referring them back to Monthly Meetings for further seasoning, or, finding general consensus, developing them for presentation at the Yearly Meeting.

The Nominating Committee, in consultation with the Schools Committee, will re-examine the functions of that committee, propose any changes, and report back to Representative Committee at Session 3 on Friday.
The five changes proposed by Nominating Committee for the structure of the Bulletin Committee were approved as reported in the Bulletin. At the recommendation of Nominating Committee, all representatives of Yearly Meeting to other groups and gatherings are invited to share their thoughts and feelings and judgments on the representative process at a meeting to be held at the rise of YM Session VI, this evening.

1974-5 At the recommendation of Representative Committee, Yearly Meeting requests that all Monthly Meetings hold an orientation for all who will attend Yearly Meeting in future years in order to acquaint newcomers in particular with the many opportunities at Yearly Meeting and to prevent their becoming overwhelmed by the wealth here to be appreciated.

Upon the near-dissolution of the Bulletin Committee this spring due to the illness of Beach Langston, the Clerk appointed an ad hoc Bulletin Committee to carry on which was approved here by Representative Committee: Miriam Swift, Molly Morgenroth, Eubanks Carsner, Rose Lewis, and Shirley Tweed. Names on this committee will be forwarded for YM approval by the Nominating Committee on Friday. The new Committee has recommended a change of editors and accepted the appointment of a sub-editor by North Pacific Yearly Meeting to serve in a sense as NPYM's editor. NPYM will finance the work and travel of this sub-editor. Suggestions for editor are solicited by the Committee. Representative Committee will meet again Friday morning.

Nude Swimming at Pacific Yearly Meeting

On approval by the Agenda Review Committee, the Clerk introduced for discussion the subject of nude swimming at Pacific Yearly Meeting. The subject has been extensively discussed by Ministry and Oversight and at Executive Committee, and two Monthly Meetings have responded to the request for opinion. It has not been referred to the College this year, which has nevertheless issued an edict forbidding nude swimming.

While we are here four or five days together, we are a special community with a life of its own, different, unique. Like a family, we will consider what we do in the light of our life together in that community, not any other. The question is still before us: "Shall nude swimming be permitted at PYM?"

A member of the Site Committee who swims nude says it is very hard to find another place as good as St. Mary's. Another: we are guests here. This is a precious five days. We should not mix this with the site question. Some of us, and only some, prefer to swim nude. We need more young people here. This is not a trivial matter. Nude swimming has made changes in a Young Friend's life. We are dealing with feelings about our selves, our bodies, liberties. This is so complex it is futile to dialogue about it now. The Clerk suggested, and the Session agreed to postpone further discussion to Session IX, Thursday evening.
The Criminal Justice Program: An AFSC Report

Russell Jorgensen, Executive Secretary of Northern California American Friends Service Committee, introduced Jay Conner, Clerk of the Criminal Justice Committee of AFSC, saying perhaps 90% of financial support for and two-thirds of the staff of AFSC come from non-Friends. Jay Conner, a lawyer who gives generously of his time, is a Unitarian. Jay Conner came to the AFSC through a client of his who lived in Austin MacCormack House, a half-way facility now closed. The program of this Committee is now more oriented to confrontation with the system, although it serves individual needs as this is possible. Their priorities include a program in juvenile justice, a construction moratorium on new prison facilities, 23 of which are now proposed for the Bay Area counties alone, and revision of procedures and practices which would bring the Adult Authority under the Code requiring open meetings and full disclosure. The Committee's suit to compel revision, in which they were joined by many other organizations, lost at the appellate level. They have put out a manual to help ex-prisoners find employment which is so good that high schools have adopted it for teenagers. They mount a program for the mentally ill offender—an area in which no one has answers. The program on justice before trial has resulted in an excellent pamphlet, "Who Is Not O-R?"

The session closed with a few moments of silence.

YEARLY MEETING SESSION V: Wednesday, August 14, 1974, 2 p.m.

Memorials

Names of the following members who have died since YM 1973 were read:

Marvin Fallgatter          Berkeley
Edel Fordham               "
Sydney Smith               "
Mary Alexander             Claremont
Stella Burgess             "
Elizabeth Steiner          "
Elizabeth Williams         "
Louise Wood                "
Ann Heap Salyer            Honolulu
Evelyn Elliott             "
Alice Kortschok            "
Edward Little              La Jolla
Ella Lee Cowgill           "
Katharine Shattuck         Los Angelés
Emma Wendt                 "
Warren Huff                "
Patricia Murray            Marin
We met in a spirit of thanksgiving for the lives of those who are no longer with us, in joy and celebration for their lives. Though these Friends are said to die, yet their friendship and society are in the best sense ever present, because immortal. The grace of God is in the light of our Friends, whose names have been read to us. This is how God is gracious, how we receive His grace.

YEARLY MEETING SESSION VI: Wednesday, August 14, 7:30 p.m.

The meeting opened with a period of silence followed by reading of Epistles from four continents of the Eastern Hemisphere. From its rainforest site, Australia Yearly Meeting speaks of fresh ways of reconciliation which repeatedly led them to the need to know themselves as a means of coming to grips with the problems of the world. Denmark Yearly Meeting asks—how can the advice which Friends have given to each other over the years, on simplicity in their pattern of living, be applied to the affluent society of today? Absence of Ramallah Friends, less than 100 miles away in occupied Palestine, saddened Near East Yearly Meeting. As apathy and violence continue in this complex situation, Friends everywhere are called upon to try to understand and to stop the arms flow to this critical zone.

Peace Committee Report - Earl Reynolds, Clerk

While this seems to be a quiet period in peace activities or peace action, it does not mean lessened interest, but a change in emphasis -- Education, a broad-based attempt to turn our society from a culture of war to a culture of peace. Junior and Young Friends met today with the Peace Committee to explore peace concerns of younger Friends. Earlier this month, 25 high school teachers attended a Peace Studies Workshop at Ben Lomond. The fifth workshop was approved by the session:

1974-6 Pacific Yearly Meeting will sponsor a seminar to concentrate on Peace Studies at the Elementary and Intermediate School Level to be held at Quaker Center, Ben Lomond, Fall 1975.

The Committee proposed a minute on Amnesty which was approved:

1974-7 Pacific Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends (Quakers), meeting at Moraga, California, on August 14, 1974, notes with approval that President Ford, in his address to Congress and the nation on August 12, expressed the need for reconciliation, and promised to listen to all the people, to seek unity, and to restore in America a belief in decency and fairness.

In the light of those words, we recall to the President that he has inherited a bitter burden. We speak of the matter of amnesty in connection with the Vietnam War.

The Pacific Yearly Meeting, therefore, praying that this nation may begin to regain a sense of unity and common purpose, urges the President and the Congress of the United States:

1) To bring about a general and unconditional amnesty for all who disobeyed laws and orders which, if observed, would have involved them in the war system during the continuing Indo-China War.
2) To expunge their criminal records.
3) To restore their civil liberties.
4) To drop all present and future prosecutions and to free those currently under legal restraint.

(This minute is to be sent to the President, to the Senators from California, to the appropriate media, and to the various Monthly Meetings within PYM, in order that they may convey this message to the members of Congress representing their districts.)
To reflect the simple fact that the Vietnam war goes on and we must end U.S. involvement, the following minute was approved:

1974-8 Pacific Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends, meeting in Moraga, California, on August 14, 1974, sends the following message to President Ford:

The previous administration repeatedly used the phrase, "The war in Vietnam is over."

We call to your attention, Mr. President, that this statement is not true. The war in Vietnam is not over. People are still dying by the thousands. Civilian populations are suffering horribly in a war that continues unabated. Prisoners are still being held under cruel conditions.

The United States bears a heavy responsibility in this situation. Our government is still giving massive financial support to both the military and civilian components of the South Vietnam government. Moreover, the United States has failed to live up to its obligation under the Paris Peace Agreements, notably in violation of Articles 2, 4, 5, and 9.

The war in Vietnam drags on. There is no peace—honorable or otherwise. We urge you to end our involvement in this war, now.

(To be sent to the President, the Secretary of State, the Secretary of Defense, the appropriate media, and to the Monthly Meetings for use in local areas.)

Monthly Meetings were urged to examine carefully the six concerns presented to the Peace Committee by Berkeley Meeting, copies of which will be available at Representative Committee Meeting.

The Quaker team at the United Nations presently is engaged in diplomatic work. No non-governmental organization at the U.N. sees enlightenment at home as a task. Endorsing a minute from New Zealand Yearly Meeting, the following was approved:

1974-9 Pacific Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends urges the addition of a staff member to Quaker United Nations Organization, whose job it will be to involve Friends in the work of the U.N., and the task of increasing public and governmental support for strengthening the U.N. so that it can achieve its purposes by:

1) Encouraging Friends to become U.N. volunteers and supplying the information necessary to those who wish to apply;
2) Encouraging Friends in each country to lobby their own governments, urging support and strengthening of the U.N.;
3) Supplying such information and action bulletins as would keep Friends constructively engaged;
4) Generally promoting Friends' awareness of what they can do to help the U.N. serve the needs of the growing world community.
New Zealand Yearly Meeting has budgeted $1,000 for the coming year to help support the new staff member. Peace Committee approved $200 from its own budget as "seed money," and Monthly Meetings and individuals are encouraged to contribute much like support given Friends in the Orient. These monies being forwarded are contingent on implementation of the plan.

Peace Committee wired Judge Benjamin Myrin, Old Federal Building, 300 N Los Angeles, CA 90012; regarding students threatened with deportation for political reasons, and the session approved the Clerk sending the following wire to the judge and our members of Congress:

1974-10 Pacific Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends (Quakers) strongly urges that the South Vietnamese students involved in the hearing August 15th be granted permission to remain in this country.

These students were brought here by U.S. initiative and funding to study and participate in our American way of life. Now they face imprisonment, torture, and almost certain death because their government disapproves of their participation in our freedom of political expression. If we do not stand behind them, the world will doubt the reality of our democratic freedoms.

We are asking our elected representatives to implement these students' request for political asylum.

Peace Committee carries a concern about tension in Korea which will be brought in the form of a minute by the Friend-in-the-Orient Committee.

Acting on a concern of Davis Meeting, the Committee suggested, and the session approved, the following minute:

1974-11 Pacific Yearly Meeting asks its Monthly Meetings to study legal alternatives to paying taxes for military purposes, and recommends as a resource the World Peace Tax Fund Steering Committee, P. O. Box 1447, Ann Arbor, Michigan, 48106.

A concern for millions at home and abroad who are suffering from hunger will be the subject of an interest group jointly sponsored by Peace and Social Order Committees.

Letters for Martha Tranquilli, who refused to pay war taxes and was sent to Federal Prison, may reach her by addressing #2752-171, P. O. Box 7, Terminal Island, San Pedro, CA 90731. Messages of love and support are needed.
Social Order Committee Report. Jean Flores, Clerk

Positive Growth in Race Relations is the topic of an interest group to meet Friday from 3:30 to 5:00, Dante 117. Dorene Barns provided members of the session with potential Queries for consideration.

Charles Hubbell reported that President Gerald Ford plans to go ahead with forming an Economic Task Force to study inflation and pressures on the economy but has not included an academic economist. Charles will return with a minute proposing that our three Nobel laureates be appointed to the Economic Task Force.

In response to a concern of Palo Alto Meeting, the following minute was approved:

1974-12 Pacific Yearly Meeting asks its Monthly Meetings to send funds to: Coretta Scott King, President Martin Luther King Center for Social Change 234 Sunset Avenue, N.W. Atlanta, Georgia 30312

On elections for farm workers, the following minute was approved:

1974-13 Pacific Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends, gathered together at St. Mary's College, affirms once more its deep concern over the lack of any provision in law for a fair and impartial means for insuring that those who seek to represent farm workers are freely chosen by the workers themselves.

To the Congress and the President of the United States, and to all state legislators and governors, we say that we must no longer accept the shame of complacency towards those whose toil has provided a wealth of food for our tables, while they and their children have suffered under conditions which we ought not to have tolerated.

To members of the Legislature and the Governor of California, particularly, we urge your approval of Assembly Bill 3370. We believe that this bill offers the only immediately available opportunity to provide a long-overdue procedure for secret ballot elections to determine which union, if any, farm workers themselves wish to choose as their representative.

The proposed minute on the grand jury system was held over for clarification of bills HR9837 and HR8461. Virginia Brink read a letter from June and Preston Taulbee, Palo Meeting, reminding Friends that Pacific Yearly Meeting adopted a minute in 1973 regarding misuse of the Federal Grand Jury with specific mention of Milton and Laura Taulbee, then imprisoned as defiant witnesses. The Taulbees paid dearly for their stand—job, freedom, meager resources, and some precious stages in the development of their child. June and Preston wrote, "the 'openings' to use through this incident were many, not the least being the bridging of many a generation gap, and the unity and love evidenced in our immediate family. But let us share this—that despite membership for over thirty years, we have experienced a great deepening of our knowledge and appreciation of Quakerism, from its origins and through history to the current scene."
While Congress is in the mood to curtail legal abortion because of well funded opposition, the following minute was approved and is to be sent to State Senators (local meetings are asked to lobby their own members of Congress):

1974-14 Pacific Yearly Meeting, Religious Society of Friends, supports the Supreme Court Decision legalizing abortion. This decision affirms the right of individuals to choose whether or not to bear children. Attempts to reinstate laws prohibiting abortion are unjust and unenforceable. They compel women to bear unwanted children or to seek illegal abortions regardless of the medical hazards and suffering involved. By severely limiting access to safe abortions, such laws have the effect of discriminating against the poor. When, through contraceptive or human failure, an unacceptable pregnancy occurs, we believe that a profound regard for unborn human life must be weighed alongside an equally profound regard for full-formed personhood. The theological and scientific views on when human life begins are so numerous and varied that one particular view should not be forced on society through its legal system. Rather, this moral decision should be a matter of individual conscience.

A copy of this minute is to be sent to the Religious Coalition for Abortion Rights, 100 Maryland Avenue, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20002.

Asking for a moratorium on prison construction, the following minute was approved (Rod Rose standing aside as not being in unity), and is to be sent to county boards of supervisors, the departments of corrections of Nevada and California, the Federal Bureau of Prisons, members of Congress representing California and Nevada, all members of the Nevada and California state legislatures, and the press:

1974-15 Pacific Yearly Meeting joins with other groups across the country in supporting a moratorium in the construction of new detention facilities for at least ten years during which time all suggested alternatives to incarceration should be fully explored.

We recognize that some of the planned institutions are intended to replace existing ones whose obsolescence has become obvious and whose inadequacy and inhuman conditions Friends themselves have for many years helped to bring to the attention of a wider public.

We believe, however, that the roots of the evil of our present penal system—its recognized failure to rehabilitate prisoners, its dehumanizing effect on both the incarcerated and the guards, its disruptive effect on the families of those incarcerated—go too deep to be eradicated by the construction of new facilities.

We, therefore, consider most if not all further construction of prisons and jails as not only unnecessary, but also as counterproductive. We feel that most of the intended purposes would be better served by a systematic reduction of the prison population and by making the resulting fiscal savings available for the study and implementation of alternatives to incarceration. Possibilities for such reduction are outlined, among others, in the study entitled "Struggle for Justice" of the American Friends Service Committee.
Lacking unity or direction on an unseasoned minute concerning Richard M. Nixon, Social Order Committee and other interested Friends were asked to work over the proposal and to decide if it should be presented at a later session.

With thanks to the committees and to God for insights given us, Friends closed the meeting in silence.

YEARLY MEETING SESSION VII: Thursday, August 15, 10 a.m.

The session gathered in silence. The backwash of the past, wave of the future or crest of a wave - Friends include all these elements by being in touch with ourselves and aspects of our being we move more creatively into the future - respect all parts, through ourselves, not books, dogmas, or creeds, but through ourselves related in worship.

Reading of Epistles continued with Philadelphia Yearly Meeting expressing alarm at the continued United States' "presence" in Southeast Asia. Indiana Yearly Meeting sends peace and love. Japan Yearly Meeting found joy in gathering at the new Friends' Center for Children in Tokyo. They shared a serious concern over the state of Friends in South Korea. Friends World Committee for Consultation rediscovered:

the need to learn to listen, as well as to speak;
the need to be able to receive, as well as to give;
the need for Friends to show as much love in listening to other Friends, as they try to show in listening to other persons.

The Clerk introduced Bruce Baechler carrying a travel minute from Hartford Monthly Meeting; John Sullivan, author of "Dilemmas for Quakerism in Action" and Associate Executive Secretary of the National AFSC Office; and William Shields, Treasurer for Friends World Conference.

Minutes of Session IV were approved as corrected.

PYM Holding Corporation Report.  Ron Steelman

The session approved expanding the purposes of the Corporation as follows:

1974-16  Article II of the Articles of Incorporation of Pacific Yearly Meeting Holding Corporation shall be amended to read as follows:
The specific purposes in which this corporation is to engage are the receiving, holding, administering, managing, investing, reinvesting, and disposing of property, real and personal, of and for certain religious, beneficial, charitable, and educational societies and associations, to wit: The Pacific Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends; any of its subordinate Meetings; and any association, organized in sympathy with and in aid of its, or their, religious, charitable, educational, or benevolent objects under the control of said Yearly Meeting or any of its subordinate Meetings.

Friend in the Orient Report. Catherine Bruner, Acting Clerk

Martha Dart: Marjorie Sykes who has lived in India since 1928, a teacher-writer who is well informed about Quakers in that part of the world and about political and social developments as well, will visit us next year. Marjorie lives what she believes—following simplicity, growing her own foods, traveling with backpack, living in a small stone house. She is a vital person with deep serenity. Though a gifted lecturer to large groups, Friends are encouraged to plan for small gatherings where she is also effective. Marjorie will begin her visits in the north and conclude in Southern California by March.

Sang Dal Cha: The situation worsens in Korea as bullets fired at its president missed him but injured his wife who died this morning. There was a suggestion that the Friend-in-the-Orient Committee express sympathy to the President of South Korea for his personal loss.

Friend Sok Hon Ham is well and at home but is under constant surveillance by the Korean CIA. Every visitor to him is interviewed. Mass arrests of demonstrating students which led to torture now lead to death sentences—21 with 5 commuted to life. Friends can support Sok Hon Ham for his personal and individual suffering, for his commitment to gain freedom for Koreans. We are cautioned to uphold him for his spirit or moral position, not any political action. We are also asked to make no mention of Seoul Friends Meeting. On presenting the minute, we were asked, "Try to approve the spirit rather than dissect the words." The session approved the minute of concern. A covering letter with this minute is to be sent to over 1200 monthly meetings.

1974-17 Pacific Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends, meeting at St. Mary's College at Moraga, California, has been stirred by the report of one of our members, Sang Dal Cha, who told us of the critical situation of Friends and others in the Republic of Korea.
Doubtless Friends throughout the United States are becoming increasingly alarmed and concerned at the rapid destruction of religious, social, and political freedoms which have been virtually destroyed since the imposition of the 1972 Constitution. In addition, there have been a series of Presidential decrees issued since January 1974 that have outlawed most forms of peaceful dissent and established penalties from 15 to years to death for acts of protest against the present regime.

Among those moved to protest this imposition of dictatorship is a Korean Friend, Sok Hon Ham. Ham is a Seoul Friend who visited among American Friends and attended Pacific Yearly Meeting and Friends World Conference in 1967. He is a recognized leader in the popular movement to build a democratic spirit among the Korean people. In addition to protesting, he is giving vital support to those who are suffering for conscience. He also edits and publishes a monthly magazine, People's Voice, and is developing a school in the Friends' tradition. We urge Friends to support his witness and thus the Korean people by sending whatever money they can and also letters of concern to him which may reflect their way of upholding him in a spirit of love.

Early Friends, deeply living in the power of Christ, let that Power move within. They were truly enlivened, and they suffered as a body the effects of living in the Light. Few of us are that alive yet, but we should support in every way Friends who are.

Send communications of support to:  
Sok Hon Ham  
70 Won Hyo Ro, 4th Ka  
Yong San Ku  
Seoul, Korea

Please send contributions (tax-deductible) to:  
Korean Concerns Committee of the Los Angeles  
Friends Meeting  
4167 South Normandie Avenue  
Los Angeles, California 90037

Any true strength of Spirit, or of Labor that we send, will be felt deeply.

In loving concern,

Peggema H. Lacey, Clerk
Until a real improvement in the civil and religious liberties in the Republic of Korea takes place, we urge the withholding of U.S. aid.

And to Senator John Tunney, et al., we ask to support the move of Senator Church and Congressman Fraser to reduce or eliminate aid to South Korea.

Letters will be sent to the Senators and the Secretary of State requesting immediate action on the Korean situation.

Rose Lewis: There is a need for a Friends' family presence in Korea. Seoul Meeting numbers 12 with 6 being members. Janice Cleavinger, Indiana Friend, has held a faculty position at the Institute in Seoul. Her replacement requires an M.A. in English. There is a possibility at Sok Hon Ham's school for teaching conversational English.

The Clerk noted the return of the traveling minute of August 1972 with many endorsements after visits made by Madge and Ben Seaver.

Faith and Life Conferences Report. Ed Morgenroth

Last September, 20 representatives from Pacific Yearly Meeting and an equal number from California Yearly Meeting met at Ben Lomond. Ed offered three reasons why there is a growing mood to have these gatherings:

From Ben Lomond: "Under the Spirit's leading we desire to face our differences within the context of our common heritage, to deepen our relationships with one another, and to make a more effective witness in the world today. We need free speech, not because men are so wise that by discussion they necessarily find the truth, but because men are so wicked and so stupid that, unless contradicted, they will take their own voices for the voice of God."

And from an Asian journal substituting Quaker for monk and Meeting for monastery: "The monk (Quaker) who is to communicate on the level that interests here must not be merely a punctilious observer of external traditions, but a living example of traditional and interior realization. He must be wide open to life and to new experience because he has fully utilized his own tradition and gone beyond it. This will permit him to meet a discipline of another apparently remote and alien tradition and find a common ground of verbal understanding with him. . . . There is a level, then, on which they both meet beyond their own words and their own understanding in the silence of an ultimate experience which might conceivably not have occurred if they had not met and spoken. . . ."

Have you ever experienced not knowing where you stopped and another began?

This might be called "communion"--something that the deepest ground of our being cries out for--and it is something for which a lifetime of striving would not be enough.
Ed Morgenroth reminded us that no one speaks for the Society of Friends, and especially for Pacific Yearly Meeting, so his report is what he experienced and what he said:

- Pacific Yearly Meeting is an -ING Meeting!
- Continuing, growing, seeking, finding, exploring,
- laughing at ourselves
- Risking - when you say it in words, you can analyze it away
- When we really touch the Power, men will find us
- My experience is wait, wait, wait - sometimes it seems so clear and so easy and then "There is only one power and power is God or whatever you call its name and nothing can prevail against it."

- We ask ourselves Queries. Harold Loukes says, "Any ardent atheist who reads our queries without knowing what Friends are really like would think we are moral cripples."

- We find joy in the good news "that man internally is a seed capable of definite growth" (essence of Gospels) "You already are that which you are intended to become," says Thomas Merton.

- We are here and now people - salvation - safe return is at hand, NOW.

- What is the will of God for us? NOW? "Turn the world upside down" includes your inner world NOW.

- We try to hold the Presence "hold as you never held before."

- We say to all men - "Behind you and shining through you is the Light of the World."

- What of the Future - the "Quaker of the future is Mystical, Prophetic, and Evangelical."

- The future is in the promise of our past.

- Growth and the gift of grace come in dangerous ways sometimes. Continuing revelation is the unknown - like it!

- We will continue to be a community in that which is external:

  | Convinced | Humanists | Men | Scholars | Actionists |
  | Birthright | Old | Women | Workers | Christocentrics |
  | Believers | Young | Vegetarians | Mystics | Skeptics |
  | | | | | Nudists, etc. |

Quakerism is an art form - always an experiment, to succeed or fail.

The meeting closed in silence.
Meeting for Worship

Ella Lee Cowgill, though old, was beloved by the children of the Meeting. This says something about simplicity, openness, integrity, and love . . . With respect to the ex-President, I want both truthfulness and love for the victim. God has not given man a blueprint. So we have to wrestle. This is the reason why worship is necessary . . . I ask you in the name of Christ to hold Richard Nixon up with love . . . Years ago in "The Black Christ" we have the story of a monk, ignorant, who hears the confessions of sinners, and feels his only course is to take upon himself the acting out of those sins. He becomes the murderer, the adulterer, the patricide, and is crucified. How do I know where evil starts and ends? Watergate may have been necessary so that we can take the next step upward . . . Let us be constant in our pursuit of perfection, as Christ Jesus taught us . . . The lord has put a light into my eyes; I see none but the lord in everyone; time and change go hand in hand; to live in truth is to have a friend; a universal meeting house is my dream so all can come in praise of thee . . . I don't believe that Richard Nixon is beyond love . . . The highest form of justice is mercy. I wish mercy upon myself and upon all considered criminal. I wish mercy for a redneck from Mississippi. I think mercy is justice . . . Some time ago the President became angry and bombed a village; he killed children and nuns. I became very vengeful. More recently I went to a "goodbye Richard party." The place was draped with American flags; it was very distasteful. I learned compassion there. Suddenly I didn't hate him any more . . . I learned from my friend who went through a terminal illness and recently died. If you've learned how to live, have found meaning by loving, it is not the duration of life that is important. What is important is that while alive you have found meaning and lived up to it, and have become unafraid of death, which is part of life.

YEARNLY MEETING SESSION IX: Thursday, August 15, 1974, 7:30 p.m.

The meeting opened in silence.

Epistles were read from four meetings of Friends.

From South East Yearly Meeting the question, "What Is a Friend" was answered by exploration of the Regional Faith and Life Conference. The farmworkers' existence was brought from statistics to reality in the meetings on social concerns. And a minute on national forgetfulness (amnesty) was approved.

From Nebraska Yearly Meeting's 67th annual meeting, "What might be trivia in our own deliberations, in contrast to the real importance of responding to that of God in each of the world's peoples? We have felt led . . . to seek the establishment of a 'Friend-in-Washington,' concerned with Native American Affairs, as an adjunct to FCNL during 1975."
Participants from eight countries gathered at the Young Friends' International Conference at Maridalen, Norway, in August 1973. The book A Quaker Prescription for a Sick Society was found interesting but unrealistic. A study of John Woolman led to simple living as one of the key issues for today.

At New Zealand Yearly Meeting the query was not, "What canst thou say?" but "What wilt thou do?" Friends there have considered deeply proposals to send a New Zealand Friend to join the Quaker United Nations team, and to establish a Peace Foundation in New Zealand.

Visitors

Warren Jones was introduced from North Carolina Yearly Meeting. Ronald, Eleanor, and Scott Chin were unable to come from Fairbanks, Alaska, but sent their letter which contained warmest wishes for closer contact.

Minutes

The minutes for Session V were approved.

The American Friends Service Committee: Dilemmas. John Sullivan

Friends seized the opportunity to hear John Sullivan, Associate Executive Secretary for Public Information of the American Friends Service Committee, as he spoke to us from his five published lectures: "AFSC Dilemmas for Quakerism in Action." John brought greetings from Louis W. Schneider, Executive Secretary of AFSC since June 1, presently with the team in Vietnam, and he read from the team's telegram to President Ford:

The fighting is being stepped up. This is an unbelievably war-devastated country. We are appalled at the effect of our government's continued support of Saigon. You now have the opportunity to repudiate this policy, to extricate us, to fulfill the Paris Agreements, to begin to rebuild American integrity. We are anxious to meet with you upon our return.

John reported that it was not possible to meet with the last President.

The Service Committee is aware of drought and famine in West and Central Africa, but we cannot plunge ahead without considering the consequences. This problem is of such terrible dimensions that it would be irresponsible to try to raise funds to meet it. We could not mount an adequate program. Now we have the report of Dr. George Popey of the University of British Columbia whom we sent to Mali, and we have implemented his proposal that we assist the Mali government in a program of resettling 100 volunteer families per year—for which we aim to raise $100,000. But this, in turn, poses a difficult dilemma: these are nomads; are we contributing to a permanent change in their style of life?
We are sensitive to the recent criticism of John Youngblut, to the effect that Jones, Pickett, and others who started the American Friends Service Committee were people of prophetic vision. He says, why can't God keep a movement pure? We dare not expect that the AFSC can, of itself, generate such people. He sees hope in the Life Centers, as training cells for the development of mystical consciousness. It is true that AFSC is not a retreat. It must be continuously involved. Yet individuals must draw back sometimes.

The Board has considered five queries of itself for many hours, such as what relation do we have to our Christian roots, what is the impact of people from other religions or none in our staff and programs, and what of the impact of other groups and peoples whose rhetoric includes violence.

We must grow with a changing society.

What of our Quakerism? We have practically severed connections with the evangelical.

But Christians are divided among themselves as to belief and propagation. Young idealists criticize us as being too racist, sexist, bureaucratic. For others we are too Quaker, or not concerned about Christian salvation. How much autonomy should we have? How can we be consistent? We have decentralist pressure from younger people who are involved in Vocations for Social Change and Peace Education research; we received extreme pressure from the Third World Coalition who called us institutionally racist and some of whom now sit on the Board. The women's support group wants to change practices in the AFSC and in society-at-large. We are called at the same time stodgy and bureaucratic, radical and reckless. The AFSC has an identity crisis. How do we retain our identity and stay true to our Quaker tradition? How do we retain relations with Christians and at the same time credibility with influential persons and groups who are not Christians? We can't do all of this. We make choices. I believe we should retain our Quaker identity, not subordinate our main purpose to those of new groups, but maintain relations with new groups and be free to develop new forms and patterns.

We have long been engaged in relief, reconstruction, and technical assistance. But now we speak of empowerment. What relation do we undertake with violence? There are two kinds of revolution: that against illiteracy, poverty, and ill health which we have always carried on; and that against governments, which we have always eschewed. But when these converge, we are in a serious dilemma. In Vietnam, we argued, would our aid serve the United States Government and Saigon? But could we stand aside? We did not. When we could, we also aided the other side. Peace Education thought we ought to withdraw. But in the end they came to value the entire effort and its contacts. In the Mideast, in Chile, anything we do is a political act. Help is welcomed by the Arabs, but not by the Israelis. Then there is Jewish criticism of us, especially in the United States, for not being even-handed. Should we leave our doctor in Chile to do what he can in preventive health and for individuals, mainly doctors? We do, but we have to remain quiet, not add our voice to the outcry against oppression and cruelty. This makes fund-raising difficult.
In our international affairs work we hold conferences and seminars, send missions and representatives to troubled areas. In China, for example, we try not to play into the hands of their propagandists, but we also refrain from baiting communists. The U.S. government supports military dictatorships around the world, under the slogan of "freedom." The opposite of "freedom" is not communism. The antithesis of freedom is tyranny. The United States supports tyranny everywhere in its battle with communism. The antithesis of communism is capitalism. We would be more honest in our propaganda if we said we are trying to protect freedom for capitalism against communism. The U.S. is dealing in power, not in freedom.

As you see, we are dealing in controversial issues these days. And our dilemma is, how do we avoid jeopardizing long-built-up diplomatic relations in our newer programs? Specifically, can the advocates of social change and the brokers of peaceful resolution of conflict co-exist? Peace is more than the absence of war. It is empty to respond to the fact of war. In Vietnam, for example, even-handed neutrality was impossible. There was no justice. Do pacifists work with more violent organizations? We have done so. And by our continued presence and hard work have made much of the protest non-violent. There is not much thanks in peace work, where we have no axe to grind except peace, justice, and reconciliation.

In community relations we are working with people who are deprived because of our past mistakes. These are social victims who are powerless, who have poor housing, low incomes, poor or no jobs, short lives. Despite our high ideals, our society is unjust. A just society would provide for its members adequate minimum jobs, food, shelter, minimum incomes, and health for all. The Quaker in an unjust society has a predisposition toward that of God in everyone, and therefore is predisposed toward justice. But some of us are more unequivocal than others. Quakers have two roles: persuading each other and giving our testimony to the rest of the world. The AFSC does not persuade Quakers. We look outside. Our work in community relations is concrete field experience. We have long-range goals, but specific projects. Fifty percent of our staff is non-white, and all of our staff in Native American field programs is non-white. Our work here has been made more difficult by the Nixon administration's assault on the poor and deprived.

Our dilemmas arise from people doing something. Then lines harden, and how do we appeal to the humanity of the oppressor? We are subject to much verbal abuse, charged with "over-30" thinking, institutional racism, being sexist. And we operate in the midst of these criticisms. They have helped free us from smugness. We are identified with the enemy. When we hear "honkey" and "off the pigs," we ask closely what this rhetoric means. I mistrust rhetoric. What does God require of me? It is true reconciliation. And the achievement of equality is the first step. So we address the causes of inequality. This releases angers and hostilities. Military uprising is part of our time. So is maintaining the status quo. Every revolution contains both. If you would preach non-peace, go live with the oppressed. If we would preach non-violence, we must preach it first to the mighty.
Basic change is needed. We don’t experience the need for change experienced by those under the point of the plow. We may make wrong choices. But I would rather make wrong choices than refuse to see that choice has to be made.

Friends World Committee. Robert Vogel and Friends

Richard Sanders refreshed our memories about well-known services of FWC: "Friends in All Countries," the triennial meetings—the next is in 1976 in Canada, Faith and Life Conferences, Mission and Service discussions, and the Quaker United Nations Office. FWC is the only international Quaker agency. Then he concentrated on little-known activities. Individual Friends’ queries are answered, and they are directed to nearby meetings and groups or other Friends. The Youngbluts were supported to talk to individuals and small groups in South Africa, as was Janice Clevinger in Korea. They also service small yearly meetings.

Madge Seaver reported that Auckland Friends actually studied the topics for the Triennial Meeting in Sydney. Bob Vogel added that 16 Auckland representatives got up and put on a beautiful Maori dance at one of the sessions.

Elizabeth Kirk told us that the Wider Quaker Fellowship embraces 2500 persons of all races, creeds, and nations. Personal letters are sent by the Chairman to all seekers. The pamphlet, "Wider Quaker Fellowship," can be had by writing the Chairman, Friends World Committee, 152-A No. 15th St., Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19102.

Van Ernst reported the Baltimore meeting was great. Canby Jones related his warm feeling for Pacific Yearly Meeting, saying that anything great among Friends will come from the West.

We can send a representative to the Quaker Youth pilgrimage next year, as we did last. It will be in England, and applications need to be in by the end of December. The FWC Executive Committee, which meets February 14-16, would appreciate hosting invitations from Monthly Meetings. The next Triennial Session will be July 14-25, 1976, at McMaster University, Hamilton, Ontario.

Report from Friends General Conference. Edward Morgenroth, Vaughan Bradshaw, and Howard Bartram

Edward Morgenroth reported that the theme of the conference last June at Ithaca was "Members One of Another"; that it was extremely well organized; there were 1400 Friends there for a week. The Indians of the Mohawk Nation who visited were lovely and wonderful. They knew how to tell us the hard things. An Indian child, when asked, said they liked our oatmeal. As the laughter was dying down, an adult went to the microphone to say that they know all about the Quakers and William Penn from their oral tradition. And he asked that we tell our children what we are doing with the Indians today. They sent a delegation to the Wounded Knee trials and want us to help inform the public, as our newspapers do not.
Howard Bartram reported the pamphlets, books, and quarterly published by the General Conference, the works in religious education which we all use, and suggested that they draw together Yearly Meetings like us, of which there are now 10. They are not an umbrella organization, have no authority, but exist for the advancement and to facilitate the religious life of members.

Vaughan Bradshaw reported that FYM had sent the largest number of representatives of any yearly meeting to the most recent meeting of Young Friends of North America at Colfax, Iowa. There was a great sense of seeking and prayer in both business and worship meetings. They worked with the query: what are you doing to address the problem of male dominance in our society, and divided their pre-business meetings into groups by sex in order better to wrestle particularly with speaking. Gretchen Rudnick, who was there, reported that she was most impressed by the long periods of silence in business meetings, which proceeded to the completion of business regardless of mealtimes, and by these Quakers who went back to the journals of early Quakers for information and light.

Nude Swimming Discussion, Continued from Session IV

The Clerk believes this is still a valid question, since it has to do with our life together here as a family. She introduced the discussion by reading the statement of the interest group on nudity produced this afternoon:

As Friends, we affirm the Light Within which leads each of us to follow it in our own way. For some of us the nude experience has been a time of joy, bringing a new sense of worth and dignity and a greater spirit of wholeness, both within ourselves and among each other.

Being a Society of Friends, we seek to exercise discretion in our practices in respect of others' sensitivities, nor do we wish to force our practices on the entire group. We seek rather to have Friends recognize that the human body is sacred, that it houses that in us which is infinite and divine. Accepting our bodies hits to the core of caring, sharing, and accepting each other. We as Friends share the innermost searchings and revelations of our souls. May we not also cherish and respect the temple that surrounds it?

The question, as before, is, "Shall nude swimming be permitted at Pacific Yearly Meeting?"

I am concerned that some of us not view actions of others as immoral. The question includes an un-Quakerly element: coercion. To me coercion of any kind of action by others is immoral. . . This is obscene, not immoral. While most of the world is hungry, most rights are not resolved. We are considering a matter as unimportant as the length of one's skirt. This is not a matter of death or life for anyone. . .
I have been a nudist for many years, have suppressed it in order not to compromise my pacifism. Now I believe that the joy, love, happiness it brings will bring out the goodness in people. We will naturally make the United Nations work, and not oppress the farm workers. That is why it is very important.

This year we have sharing groups. Are they in the same category as nude swimming? Let us leave this question until we have the evaluation of sharing groups... This is not the same as sharing groups; there is no desire to exclude. I am troubled by the intolerance toward the attitudes of other Friends. We seem able to tolerate Richard Nixon. This is why it is important. People are not close enough. Nude swimming brings people closer... I don't know why PYM must approve. I enjoy wine with dinner but can well forego this pleasure during PYM. We don't have to make a decision. Like drinking or vegetarianism, it is my privilege. It is not obscene or wrong. There is more to the issue, which is not immorality. Clothes are a communication system. Contains habits of growing up, relationships, stories, myths. PYM is not the place to explore a complex new development... It is a step in my growth, not trivial. This is my family. I'd love to have the freedom to explore these risks... Years ago our boys and those we sponsored went back and told their friends, Wow, Quakers are nudists. There is concern among parents that we lay this kind of decision-making of the young, who have to respond to cries of, "Oh, you're chicken"... I remember an old Friend who was upset at dancing. Let us wait, and be receptive to what others wish. When we are ready, perhaps we will know. We don't all have to approve everything... I would propose a minute: We are aware of the value and meaning of nude swimming to a number of us. PYM considers this experience viable, but not a necessary activity of PYM... (the minute was not accepted) No one has said we can or cannot dance... Four years ago Young Friends asked the College officials if they could swim nude and were granted permission. It made the Quakers really whole. My son said: Wow! 200 naked Quakers. Quakers are doing it wherever else they wish. It is a matter of facing it and relaxing about it. This was a beautiful experience. It brought young and old together, and did much for the growth of my son... I like it and take every opportunity to do it. But this would set up terrible barriers to some we want to associate with. It would keep them home. It is a question of time... We do not have unity; let us let it go for the moment... It is not a clear issue. We cannot answer unless we can ask the question. The signs point to no unity on the question now. And it is not permitted now. Wise things have been said tonight about how we care for each other. PYM is making small steps forward... I do not agree. It is not decided. There is no unity either way... It is clear there is no unity. I am uncomfortable with the wording that we are not permitted... You are not ready yet. But you will have it before you until you are ready... This evening we have revealed ourselves to one another, in a loving way. This is important, I am grateful, it was worth the time... We don't have unity here on permission. We don't have unity here on what that means. We must trust one another... The Clerk tried for a minute: Friends agree that nude swimming is not permitted and that we will not have nude swimming until it is permitted. This was not agreed... Let us remain civil and stop talking about love... The question is still open. If the college changed its mind, nude swimming might happen... The wording is wrong... The Clerk: We can't even ask the question... We need time to season this...
1974-19 There is no unity on the question. **Approved.**

I might resolve this. I am used to acts of civil disobedience. Friends are not my conscience. I will not be bound. If Yearly Meeting feels I have to be excluded, that will have to be their action.

It is time to express kindness, charity to one another, especially the Clerk. Let us lay it down, giving time to settle in the future. . . I am not happy. I would disapprove smoking, but smoking has never been scheduled. This Yearly Meeting is not my conscience. It dictates what it sets-up and schedules for its own meetings. . . No minute is required as to our lack of unity. The Clerk gathers the sense of the meeting. It is not a matter of substituting words. There is no yes, and there is no no. What that means is very specific. It means there is a third state that is common only to Friends. It means that nothing happened on it. We are not in unity. It would be a sad experience to act out of that unity (that we are not in unity). . . It means that none of us get what we want. We have to be considerate. . . This is a new action, a new thing. We do not take action on a new thing. It can't be a Yearly Meeting function. If an individual does something different, the Executive Committee will deal with it in view of the unity of Yearly Meeting. . . It is the Clerk's interpretation that we will not swim in the nude until we can agree to permit this activity. . . There was disagreement on this interpretation.

In the silence that closed this meeting: "I stand in opposition to minuting that we are not in unity. We do not have unity. To minute that we don't have unity is wrong. It is a hellish game. We just haven't found it yet." and "For 20-odd years I have always felt a part of Friends. But for a moment tonight I felt strange looking at these people. I thought how did I get into the wrong place, until this moment of silence."

YEARNLY MEETING SESSION X, Friday, August 16, 1:30 p.m.

The session opened in silence and then continued with reading of Epistles. Greetings come from South Central Yearly Meeting, Houston, Texas, from Norway Yearly Meeting, and from Monteverde Meeting of Friends, Costa Rica we hear, "Our difficulties are old ones, but this does not mean that they are easily overcome. How can we as a group amalgamate old and new ideas without losing sight of basic values? One way is to accept each individual's right to his opinion, and to approach the problem-solving situation in a spirit of love. Ideally, when different positions are taken, there should be increased dialogue."

The Clerk introduced Fumiye Miho, member of Pacific Yearly Meeting sojourning in Tokyo and currently touring the United States in behalf of peace and understanding on the anniversary of the end of the war. Keiko Yamamoto was also welcomed and is one of the nine Japanese women traveling in our country at this time.

Minutes of Sessions VI and VII were approved as corrected. Session VII minutes were approved as read.
First Reading of the Epistle. Richard Manners, Clerk

Volunteers were requested by the Epistle Committee for translation to other languages. Three copies of the first reading will be posted for Friends to examine and make recommendations on to the Committee.

Treasurer Report and Finance Committee Report. Robert Young, Treasurer

The Treasurer's Report, July 1, 1973 through June 30, 1974, was approved (see Attachment #3).

The proposed Budget indicates increases in expense for the Bulletin due to a change in editor and publishing costs. Yearly Meeting Session costs are increasing. Junior Yearly Meeting requested no increase and, by assessing themselves for registration, they expect to pay their own expenses. Ministry and Oversight Committee requested more in anticipation of some publishing costs.

1974-21 In the area of conference travel, the Finance Committee was asked to amend the budget to pay substantially for travel of official PYM representatives to avoid having individual Friends expected to subsidize the business of the Meeting.

1974-22 The per capita contribution to PYM per adult member of Monthly meetings beginning this fiscal year (as of July 1, 1974) will rise from $7 to $12.

This places a burden on meetings which have already drawn up a budget. Attention of Monthly Meetings is drawn to the fact that attenders don't get into bills--now many attenders in meetings do not understand and may need information on the financing of Pacific Yearly Meeting in order for them to make a commitment. Registration, room and board do not pay for the expenses of PYM. Another drain on resources is the inactive members for which a Monthly Meeting must still pay PYM dues but from whom the Monthly Meeting receives no contribution. Ministry and Oversight Committee in Monthly Meetings can help members and attenders understand how we finance ourselves.

1974-23 The Finance Committee is asked to amend the budget for the Bulletin to include allowance for bookkeeping, typing, and clerical work.

1974-24 The amended Budget for July 1, 1974–June 30, 1975 was approved (see Attachment #4).

Shirley Tweed, convenor of the Bulletin Committee, announced the selection of Robert Schutz as the new Bulletin Editor. Having been a professional editor, Bob is well qualified and is a seasoned Friend known to us all. Contributions to the Bulletin are requested and may be sent to Robert Schutz, 3587 La Mata Way, Palo Alto, California 94306.
Consultative Committee on Organization. Gretchen Tuthill

The session approved letters of withdrawal for three meetings with the following minute:


1974-26 PYM approved that the Consultative Committee on Organization be laid down.

Gretchen Rudnick announced that the beautiful Quilt made by PYM children last year has been purchased by sealed bid and is available for circulation, an heirloom for sharing.

The session closed with silence.

YEARLY MEETING SESSION XI: Saturday, August 17, 9:45 a.m.

After a period of silence, the reading of the Epistles was concluded with Sandy Farley reading in French the Epistle of France Yearly Meeting which translated into a message that "Simplicity of life calls also for information, reflection, and choice in all the details of daily life, in order to fight against waste of natural resources and injustice in their distribution." Baltimore Yearly Meeting emphasized, "We have been forced to open our eyes to a realization of a trust in each other, as we seek to bring our problems out in the open." New York Yearly Meeting also acknowledged, "We must know each other and trust each other, before we can be of service to each other."

The Clerk, being mindful of the time, and that two copies of the minutes of PYM are circulated to every Monthly Meeting, requested, and the session approved, the following:

1974-27 A committee of Ted Cooper, Madge Seaver, and Micki Graham will read, correct, and approve minutes for Session IX.

Only minuted items excerpted from Session X minutes were read, and they were approved.

Representative Committee Report. Sandy Farley, Acting Recording Clerk

The following recommendations were made and approved:

1974-28 An Ad Hoc Committee on a Quaker View on Aging will be established.
1974-29 New Clerk of Nominating Committee will be Ron Steelman, and 1977 appointments to the Committee are Catherine Bruner, Dorene Barns, and Jonathan Vogel.

1974-30 The Site Committee, with Larry Perry, Clerk, will continue as now constituted for 1976.

1974-31 A Standing Committee on Site will be established to give some overview beyond our immediate needs.

1974-32 Nominating Committee will report at Executive Committee, bringing Nominating Committee description, function, membership, and length of service with overlapping appointments and submitting names for this committee.

1974-33 The Ad Hoc Committee on Homosexuals has prepared a report which will be offered to the Bulletin and which will receive consideration for publication by the Ministry and Oversight Committee, Bulletin Editor, and the Bulletin Committee. Having completed their work, the Committee is laid down with appreciation.

1974-34 A Directory Committee will be established to prepare and collect data in order to publish a Pacific Yearly Meeting Directory.

Representative Committee authorized the change of bank accounts for the convenience of the new Treasurer.

Friends in Mexicali were commended to California Yearly Meeting and all Spanish-speaking Friends are encouraged to visit them.

The Clerk expressed appreciation to Sandy Farley for her generous and capable contribution as Acting Recording Clerk of Representative Committee.

Nominating Committee Report. Barbara Perry, Clerk

As to whether membership in the Society of Friends is required to serve on PYM committees, we were directed to review the Discipline which indicates that there are some committees where all who serve must be members of a Meeting of Pacific Yearly Meeting. And there are other committees, like Peace Committee and Social Order Committee, where only the clerk need be a member.

The following minutes were approved:

1974-35 Olive Goodykoontz will represent PYM at Friends General Conference, 1975. While her membership in Phoenix Meeting now places her in Intermountain Yearly Meeting, she is a long-time Friend in PYM and will attend and report to our 1975 session as well as submit a covering article for the Bulletin.
1974-36 The Nominating Committee is empowered to make appointments to positions not filled at present: 1977 - Social Order Committee and Bulletin Committee Clerk.

Regarding the Friends Coordinating Committee on Peace, the Nominating Committee receives those names from the Peace Committee.

1974-37 Nominating Committee is empowered to make selections for the Directory Committee, which include the Statistical Clerk, Elizabeth Draper; the editors of the two Quarterly Meeting Directories (College Park and Southern California); and two members of Monthly Meetings who are familiar with records for directory use.

Regarding a representative to PYM from Intermountain Yearly Meeting; this will not be possible until the organizational process is completed in February 1975. We will wait to hear from Intermountain Yearly Meeting.

The function of the Assistant Clerk was explained by the Clerk saying that this person serves at the need of the Clerk. The role is administrative, to help and aid but not to serve in place of the Clerk in the Clerk's absence. The Clerk may appoint anyone to serve in his or her absence, and it is expected that this selection would be a seasoned Friend. The Assistant Clerk is not a vice-president.

1974-38 The Nominating Committee Report for 1975 was approved as amended (see Attachment #5).

1974-39 A Minute of Travel will be written for Ferner Nuhn for his trip to Friends General Conference, October 3-5, at Moorestown, New Jersey, as a co-opted member of the Committee on Christian and Interfaith Religions. He hopes to visit Friends Meetings in Philadelphia before attending the Faith and Life Conference October 11-12-15 in Indianapolis. Approved.

Continued Report of Social Order Committee. Jean Flores, Clerk

Virginia Brink returned with a report that the two Congressional Bills, HR9837 and HR8461, try to restore some of the Constitutional rights that are violated by the Organized Crime Control Act of 1968 and the Safe Street Act of 1970. Both Bills have been carefully studied by the ACLU, FCNL, and Palo Alto Meeting. The proposed minute on the grand jury system was resubmitted and approved:

1974-40 The grand jury system, assured by the Fifth Amendment of the U.S. Constitution, was originally cast for the protection of the individual citizen from over-zealous prosecutors. This guarantee, however, has been weakened considerably by the Organized Crime Control Act of 1968 and the Safe Street Act of 1970 which fundamentally changed the grand jury into a new and powerful weapon in the hands of federal prosecutors. Under the new laws, it has become legal for a federal prosecutor to call and question witnesses under circumstances that are in violation of the original intent of protection.
For this reason, Pacific Yearly Meeting supports the goals of the Coalition to End Grand Jury Abuse (a coalition of the AFSC and the ACLU) and two Congressional Bills addressed to this concern: HR9837 and HR8461.

Twenty-five people met in Quaker Dialogue to consider Richard M. Nixon. The following minute was read and immediately approved:

1974-41 Pacific Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends, meeting at St. Mary's College, Moraga, California, on August 16, 1974, believes, because of the special circumstances surrounding the resignation of Richard M. Nixon under threat of impeachment, that it is critically important that the full truth be sought out and disclosed concerning this tragic episode in the history of our country. We oppose any attempts to forget quickly these events and thus lose the opportunity for growth and improvement in our system and practices of government that full disclosure can bring.

1974-42 A copy of the minute on Richard M. Nixon is to be sent to all Monthly Meetings (who are asked to communicate with their own members of Congress); to the Special Prosecutor, Leon Jaworski; to the Attorney General; to Senators in the area of PYM; and to all Foreign Yearly Meetings.

Ted Cooper reported that the World Hunger Interest Group met and considered a La Jolla Monthly Meeting minute on this subject. The group suggests that Monthly Meetings consider that a United Nations conference in November on this question needs support and that individuals make a personal commitment to examine this question in their own daily living. A Simple Life Style Conference might be the focus for Spring. "In the dining hall, what we take on our trays and what we leave have something to do with our attitudes."

We closed our session with the reading of Epistles:

For Junior High Friends, the presentation was made by Kate Lacey, Junior Friends Reading Clerk:

Dear Friends:

The Junior High Friends at Pacific Yearly Meeting during the third week of the eighth month in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and seventy four have come together in community to share in our lives as Friends. In our Meeting as Junior High Friends we have realized that we, too, have our place in Pacific Yearly Meeting.

During these five days we have explored new ideas as we have come to know each other better.

We have discussed our schools, alternative schools, and ways of changing our schools to meet our needs.
We created a discussion about propaganda in relation to the Communist system in China. In doing so we explored our biases.

We invited a Friend clothed in Plain Dress to talk of simplicity among Friends.

We spent part of each day with Sadhu Raur, a Sikh, who came to us as an instructor of Yoga and in addition gave to us a knowledge of meditation.

We mimed for a time in the prime of creativity.

We feel that this Yearly Meeting has been fulfilling in our need for our own Meeting.

In good faith,

Junior High Friends,
Pacific Yearly Meeting,

Jennifer Subasic, Clerk

David Wright presented the Epistle of Junior Yearly Meeting:

We come together this year from changing environments and varied influences bonded by emotions of love, apprehension, exhilaration, and a general warm feeling towards each other.

We were drawn closer through games of Frisbee and Capture the Flag, through folk dancing, rock dancing, jam sessions, message and appealing discussion groups. Old and young alike related freely in these groups, which contributed to the good feelings of this Yearly Meeting. In the sadness of leaving, we rejoice knowing that although we are too far away to touch we are close enough to love.

Heather Raitt of Young Friends reported that, as Young Friends become more involved in the business of Pacific Yearly Meeting, there is little independent action, so this year there is no Epistle. Carolyn Stevens Bradshaw was announced as the new Young Friends Clerk with Michelle Rudenko representative to Young Friends of North America.

Pacific Yearly Meeting Epistle Committee, Richard Manners, Clerk

1974-42 The Epistle was presented in its final reading and approved. (See Attachment #6.)

After a few announcements the session closed in silence.
SESSION XII: August 17, 1974, 11:30 a.m. Meeting for Worship

My lighted candle may splutter and crackle, but that candle was lit with the inner light. This yearly meeting has been a blessing; differences were aired, bitterness was healed. Our life is peace, and joy and power—the power of love. It is bearing with one another, forgiving one another, and holds each of us up with a tender hand to the light . . . God, Who art Thou? I ask and it helps me to conceptualize. I ask your forbearance in my limitation of example, but I am struck when I see an electron microscope slide of a section of a cell and its wall. A few Angstroms wide, and yet there are narrow places. What are they? I guess that down in this tinniness, this narrowness is an iris form sphincter, for the entrance of large molecules for all the cell's needs. How wonderfully we're made. Then I look up at the big dipper. In the middle of the handle is a star the light of which is so tiny that the Indians used it as a test of good eyesight. The wonder of it that that tiny spark contains 3 twin stars. And now we can measure that light, and we find that the light that pours through the dipper itself holds the light from a million galaxies. O Lord, who encompasses all, who stirreth within, Who Art Thou? . . . (Song) I can light a candle; God can light a star; Both of them are useful; Shining where they are. . . You are all like rainbows; when I see thee happy, it sets my heart free. . . God has said before: I am what I am. But from every Quaker in this place, from the youngest to the oldest, God says, I care. . . Friends, the light is here. . . If I ascend to heaven, Thou art there; If I descend into hell, Thou art there, also. Darkness and light are both the light to Thee. . . We all have a glimpse of the truth. None of us owns it. . . (song) Standing in a burned out basement; the full moon in my eyes; children, laughing people; the sun is in the skies. . . Love is what we came here for. . . I am an attender, and have come to Friends for a spiritual awakening. Then yesterday in worship-fellowship I suddenly felt that I have been a Quaker for years. I Friend said that's what it's all about. This is our family. "Friend." I've never heard that word before. Now it has new meaning. In this moment it is the most beautiful word that I know . . . There is a straight line at the base of me that says: don't be complacent. We appeared to my sister so terribly middle-class. If we are terribly middle-class, and accept that, how far out can our rainbows reach to touch and encompass those who are not as comfortable, well fed, well clothed, and well loved? . . I ask Friends' pardon for uncharitableness, impatience. I thank Friends for showing me I need not be either. . . And if I be lifted, all men shall follow after. We are lifting in a new way, and we shall be joined as we are joining. . . Love energy has no space or time. . . God is infinite; God is within. The choice is ours. He speaks to us in the silence which is louder than words. Now is the time to be the kind of Friends we are capable of being. NOW. . . If Friends are middle-class and white, and I think we are, we have a special possibility in that.
We can develop awareness; the I-Thou response, we may be a bridge to our third world brother. . . After our mountain top experience we need to come back into the valley and live out in service the vision we have seen. . . The vision I have seen was brought by a young sister who said that her dream was to change the universe into a meeting house. . . . As we return home and through the year ahead, let us hold each other, each one in the light.

1974-43 Our Yearly Meeting is concluded. We have sought to know ourselves and each other and that which is ours to do. We have shared feelings and experiences from our innermost selves and learned what caring can mean. We have faced our differences and struggled with the discipline of participating in Meeting for Business. We hoped to know that inner sense of rightness about our actions and where it may lack, only the growth of truth among us shall confirm our decisions or lead us to sounder ones. We have said a good deal as a response to a world of injustice, hunger, and war. Now we return home to face the challenge of what we can do and carry to our meetings, the wealth of love we have experienced here, and the certainty of the Spirit we have found in our midst.

We will return again to St. Mary's College, Moraga, California, August 11-16, 1975, for our twenty-ninth Pacific Yearly Meeting.

Peggemaeh Lacey, Clerk
Robert Schutz, Recording Clerk
Marilyn Heilman, Recording Clerk
STATISTICAL REPORT
PACIFIC YEARLY MEETING, 1974

We are now 35 meetings in Pacific Yearly Meeting. Our 3 new meetings are Palomar, San Diego and Visalia. We are losing one meeting: the affiliation of Phoenix Monthly Meeting with the Intermountain Yearly Meeting was approved during PYM 1974. Our total membership is now 1,597 members - up 21 from last year.

Gains
During the past year we gained 48 by transfers. Some transfers are from outside into PYM but many are transfers from meeting to meeting within PYM. We have gained 47 new members by convincement. Only 2 of our junior members have chosen to become adult members of the Society of Friends. If we may preach a little, this is one area where meeting committees on Ministry and Oversight should focus attention. Why do so very few of our young people remain with us?

Losses
We have lost 21 members by death. Fifty-one members have transferred to other meetings and 26 have asked to be released.

Non-Member Attenders
Our 36 PYM meetings listed a total of 446 attenders. They also listed 34 Friends from other meetings attending with a sojourning minute. And there are 119 Friends attending PYM meetings without a sojourning minute. This is another area where meeting M & O committees might concentrate. Encourage all Friends to hold membership in their local meeting.

Twenty-five of our 36 meetings had first-day schools this year. There were 499 junior members and 276 junior attenders.

Again we would like to call your attention to the fact that we have many inactive members - 446 were listed this year. This is 27% of the total membership. PYM Ministry and Oversight Committee is wrestling with this problem but we should all be aware of this at the local level, too. We would all benefit if all members in our meeting could be active and vital.
QUERIES FOR THE STATE OF THE SOCIETY SESSION

Does the spiritual life of each Meeting have sufficient drawing power to make whole the fragmentation expressed in so many of our Meeting reports?

Are we so much in rebellion against tradition that we overlook the traditional roots of our own believes, values, and practices?

Are we so caught up in Quaker tradition that we are not open to revitalization?

Are we so sure of our own spiritual state that we can afford to direct all our attention to social concerns?

Do we spend so much attention on our own state of being that we have no time for outward expression of our own testimonies?

Are we so concerned for our individualism and freedom that we find ourselves in constant tension with the thought of the group?

Do we share so much in the thought and activity of the group that we too rarely stand up for our own convictions?

Do we place so high a value on our own immediate feelings and those of others that we disregard deeper matters of discipline and judgment?

Do we place so high a value on matters of discipline and judgment that we are insensitive to the feelings of others and of ourselves?

Do we too easily use the name of God?

Are we too reluctant to express our thanks to God and to seek His guidance?

How can we foster the spirit of worship in our business meetings?
PACIFIC YEARLY MEETING OF THE RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS
TREASURER'S REPORT
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR JULY 1ST, 1978 THRU JUNE 30TH, 1974

ACTUAL TRANSACTIONS
OR APPROPRIATIONS (1)
7/1/73 THRU 6/30/74

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| **Budgeted Items:** | | |
| Bulletin - Expenditures | $4,819 | $3,000 |
| - Subscriptions and Contributions | 2,569 | 2,250 |
| Yearly Meeting Session - Net | 1,916 | 2,200 |
| Young Friends | 350 | 350 |
| Junior Yearly Mtg. - Expenditures | $843 | |
| Contributions | 350 | 350 |
| Travel to Sessions - Representatives, Officers, Chairmen | 2,145 | 2,500 |
| Clerk's Travel Fund | 216(2) | 216 |
| Expenses of Clerk, Sec'y. Treas. and Archivist | 1,340 | 2,200 |
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| Friends World Committee | 650(3) | 650 |
| A.F.S.C. | 596 | 600 |
| Friends Committee on Nat'l. Legislation (U.S.A.) | 300 | 300 |
| Friends United Meeting - Reserve | -0- | -0- |
| Friends General Conference (To Reserve) | 150 | 150 |

| Support of Friends Organizations | | |
| Friends Com. on Nat'l. Legislation (U.S.A.) | 300 | 300 |
| Friends General Conference | 150 | 150 |
| Young Friends of North America | 150 | 150 |
| Friends World Committee | 800 | 800 |
| Quaker Program at the United Nations | 150 | 150 |
| Williams Penn House (Washington, D.C., U.S.A.) | 150 | 150 |

| Non-Budgeted Activity Disbursements: | | |
| Friend in the Orient | $500 | |
| F.W.C. "1% More" Fund | 20 | |
| TOTAL EXPENDITURES AND APPROPRIATIONS | $14,388 | $19,470 |

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## PACIFIC YEARLY MEETING - TREASURER'S REPORT

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**NOTES:**

(1.) In U.S. Dollars.

(2.) Expended $20, Added to Reserves $196.

(3.) Expended $335, Added to Reserve $315.

(4.) Distribution of Funds to Flagstaff and Santa Fe.
## Budget Report of the Finance Committee

Pacific Yearly Meeting
1974 Minutes - Att. #4

**Pacific Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends**

**Budget Report of the Finance Committee** for the Fiscal Year July 1, 1974-June 30, 1974 (Budgeted Items Only, not including other receipts and disbursements)

### Income

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NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT FOR PACIFIC YEARLY MEETING 1975

Presiding Clerk............ Peggemae H. Lacey (San Francisco)
Assistant Clerk............ David Tappan (Orange Grove)
Recording Clerk............ Lowell Tozer (La Jolla)
Assistant Recording Clerk... Marilyn Heilman (Sacramento)
Representative Committee Recording
   Clerk.................. Dorothy Bonner (Santa Barbara)
Reading Clerk............. Nancy Springer (Hayward)
Statistical Clerk.......... Elizabeth Draper (Davis)
Assistant to Statistical Clerk Grace Noda (Davis)
Treasurer.................. Frank Burnham (Reno)
Assistant Treasurer........ Stephanie Burnham (Reno)
Historian-Archivist....... Etta Vogel (Orange Grove)
Registrar.................. Nancy Burnett (Palo Alto)
Y.M. Arrangements Clerk.... John Fitz (Berkeley)
Assistant Arrangements Clerk Micki Graham (Hayward)

DISCIPLINE COMMITTEE

1976 Joachim Leppmann, Clerk
1975 Ann Friend (Santa Monica)
1975 Micki Graham (Hayward)
1976 (Named by NPYM) Margaret Beyer (University)
1977 Carolyn Stevens Bradshaw (La Jolla/Berkeley)
1977 Richard Eckert (Orange County)
1977 Gretchen Tuthill (Palomar)
   Ex-Officio Historian Archivist, Etta Vogel (Orange Grove)

FINANCE COMMITTEE

1976 Harry Bailery, Clerk (San Fernando/Grass Valley)
1975 Paul Brink (Palo Alto)
1975 Virginia Croninger (Grass Valley)
1976 Richard Ernst (Redwood Forest)
1977 Sandy Turner (Berkeley)
1977 Clifford Cole (Claremont)
   Ex-Officio Statistical Clerk, Elizabeth Draper (Davis)
   Treasurer, Harry Bailey (San Fernando/Grass Valley)

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

1976 Bill Lovelady, Clerk (Claremont)
1977 Marianne Leppmann (Berkeley)
1975 Beth Mills (Pacific Ackworth/Berkeley)
1976 Ginger Sponenbergh (Hayward)
1977 Becky Layfield (Orange County)
1977 Ed Borgers (Marloma)
NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT (cont'd.)

MINISTRY AND OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

1975 Asenath Young, Clerk (Pacific Ackworth)
1975 Margaret Brooks (Redwood Forest)
1975 Helen Currier (Palo Alto)
1976 Lois Bailey (San Fernando/Grass Valley)
1976 Dorothy Bruff (Palo Alto)
1976 David Schutz (Berkeley)
1977 Leonard Dart (Claremont)
1977 Mary Lou Garmon (Fresno)
1977 Ernest Von Seggern (San Fernando)

Subcommittee on Visitation

1976 Lois Bailey, Clerk (San Fernando/Grass Valley)
1975 Ann Scott (Reno)
1975 Charles Swift (Santa Monica)
1975 John Ullman (La Jolla/ Berkeley)
1975 Dennis Durby (Orange Grove)
1976 Walt Kersey (Sacramento)
1976 Madge Seaver (San Francisco)

Ex officio - Bulletin Editor

Subcommittee on Groups for Worship-Fellowship

1975 Ben Calderon (The Farm)
1975 Susan Calderon (Claremont/The Farm)
1976 Helen Neptune (La Jolla)
1976 Gretchen Rudnick (La Jolla)

Subcommittee on Women

Co-convenors: Sue Brune (La Jolla)
Billy Hamilton (Sacramento)

SOCIAL ORDER COMMITTEE

1975 Jean Flores, Clerk (Marloma)
1975 Jeannette Prietsch (Palo Alto)
1976 Jim Brune (La Jolla)
1976 Harvey House (Orange Grove)
1976 Mel Marshall (Logan)
1977 Ned Von Valkenbergh (La Jolla/Grass Valley)
1977 Robert Young (Pacific Ackworth)

PEACE COMMITTEE

1976 Elizabeth Israel Jones, Clerk (San Jose)
1975 Robert Leidigh (Davis)
1975 Duane Magill (Los Angeles)
1976 Judy Weinberg (La Jolla)
1976 Mary Lou Moses
1977 Tom Greacen (Berkeley)
1977 Rick Troth (Orange Grove)
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PYM HOLDING CORPORATION

1975 Richard Ernst, Clerk (Redwood Forest)
1975 Anna James (Berkeley/Monterey Peninsula)
1976 Russell Jorgensen (Berkeley)
1977 Ronald Steelman (Orange County)
1977 William Taylor (Orange Grove)
1977 Calvin Cope (Santa Cruz)
1978 Gene Hoffman (Santa Barbara)
1978 Gene Tozer (La Jolla)

Presiding Clerk ex officio
Treasurer ex officio

COMMITTEE ON JUNIOR YEARLY MEETING

1976 Patricia Brown, Clerk (Pacific Ackworth)
1976 Libby Van Dolsen (Claremont/The Farm)
1977 Doug Causey (Orange Grove)

JYM Executives ex officio
JYM Advisors ex officio
Jr. High Advisor ex officio
Jr. High Clerk ex officio

REPRESENTATIVES TO FRIENDS ORGANIZATIONS

AFSC Corporation

1975 Ralph Pinney (Orange Grove) 1975 Virginia Heck (Berkeley)
1975 Mary Lou Moses (Palo Alto) 1976 Charles Eubanks (Orange County)
1976 Dan Balderston (Berkeley) 1975 Friends Committee on National Legislation
1976 Calvin Schwabe (Davis)

Friends World Committee

1976 Robert Vogel, Convenor 1975 Fred Underlightener (Palo Alto)
(Orange Grove) 1975 Penn House Consultative Board
1975 Anna James (Berkeley/ 1975 Fred Underlightener (Palo Alto)
Monterey Peninsula) 1975 Young Friends of North America
1976 Etta Vogel, Alternate to 1975 (appointed by Young Friends
Bob Vogel (Orange Grove) PYM 1975)
1977 Madge Seaver (San 1975 Friends Committee for Human
Francisco) Justice
1978 Van Ernst (Redwood Forest) 1975 Sally Damon-Ruth (Orange Grove)
1979 Roland Schinzinger 1975 General Reunion of Friends
(Orange County) in Mexico

Friends General Conference

(Phoenix)
Representative to Faith and Life Conference of Friends

Margaret Brooks (Redwood Forest)
Edwin Morgenroth (Orange Grove/Orange County)
Ferner Nuhn, panel, ex officio

BULLETIN COMMITTEE

1975  Grethen Limpur (San Francisco/Berkeley)
1976  Shirley Tweed, Convenor (La Jolla/Grass Valley)
1976  Miriam Swift (Santa Monica)
1976  NPYM Rose Lewis
1976  Ann Hershey (San Francisco)
1975  Jean Lohmann (San Francisco)
1975  Eubanks Carsner (Riverside)
1977  Bea Grossman (San Fernando)
1977  Molly Morgenroth (Orange Grove/Orange County)
1977  Robert Burnett (Palo Alto)

Bulletin Editor, ex officio

FRIEND-IN-THE-ORIENT COMMITTEE

Martha Dart, Clerk (Claremont)
Stuart Innerst (La Jolla)
Richard Lewis (Berkeley/University)
Leonard Dart (Claremont)
Catherine Bruner (Delta)
Sang Dal Cha (Los Angeles)
Margaret Simkin (Claremont)
Floyd Schmoe (University)
Osmyn Stout (Whitleaf)
Gretchen Tuthill (Palomar)
Margaret Utterback (Reno)
Earle Reynolds (Santa Cruz)
Madge Seaver (San Francisco)
Ben Seaver (San Francisco)
Akie Reynolds (Santa Cruz)
Frieda Sherburn (San Francisco)
Rose Lewis (Berkeley/University)

FRIENDS SCHOOLS COMMITTEE

1976  Laura Magnani, Clerk (Sacramento)
1975  Charles Croninger (Grass Valley)
1975  Alice Way (Pacific Ackworth)
1975  Foy Van Dolsen (Claremont)
1976  Terry Mackenzie (Orange Grove)
1976  Aimee Ellsbree (Claremont)
1977  Mio Polifroni (Orange Grove)
1977  Lee Steelman (Orange County)
1977  George Turner (Berkeley)

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

1974  Barbara Perry, Clerk (Berkeley)
1974  Esther Morgan (San Fernando)
1974  Olive Goodykoontz (Phoenix)
1974  Grace Noda (Davis)
1975  John Mackinney (San Fernando)
1975  Gerri House (Orange Grove)
1976  Marie Schutz (Palo Alto)
1976  Hal Tozer (La Jolla)
1976  Ronald Steelman (Orange County)
1977  Dorene Barns (Davis)
1977  Catherine Bruner (Delta)
1977  Jonathan Vogel (Santa Cruz)
Epistle from the Twenty-Eighth Session

PACIFIC YEARLY MEETING OF THE RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS

To Friends everywhere we send our greetings. As we read your epistles we welcomed you to the center of our Yearly Meeting. We wish to express our thanks for your messages, and now try to convey to you the spirit of our meeting.

We can still say that we have experienced a time of new beginning, emphasized by change and looking forward in our national government, and confirmed by the truth we have tried to find in and through one another.

In our wrestling for the truth we have encountered many paradoxes, but the paradoxes themselves urge us to grow deeper in the love of God to find the single shining light of truth. We would ask you to labor with us to achieve the balance which can hold us all more firmly in the Divine Light.

We have dwelt in discussion and meditation on the problem of justice and mercy. While this problem came to us in the context of our feelings about Richard Nixon, we were drawn to look to ourselves. Who among us can be certain of our own conduct in that seat of power?

We have found unity in our public minutes of concern. These included opposition to the exploitation of farm workers, opposition to prison construction, support for amnesty, and support for the right of individual moral choice in the matter of abortion. The Yearly Meeting was deeply moved by a report of repression and suffering in Korea and United States participation in that repression. We have not minuted our concerns on personal order but a great deal of discussion has taken place on topics such as: Marriage enrichment, personal freedom and human sexuality, and simple living.

We have found a greater measure of spontaneity, have been able to ask one another to look beyond the modes and patterns of the past, and give to one another a freedom from the stunting and warping expectations and demands that the ignorant habits of our time ordain for us.

We have been saying that only in granting a fullness of life to others, men to women, women to men, parents to children, children to parents, the young to the old, and the old to the young, can we find fullness of life for ourselves. We are finding that the roles we demand others to play shut us off from each other and condemn us to a poverty of spirit out of which no growth is possible, no joy springs. But then we turn and ask, "But what must I do?"
In our searching for answers, we have been more conscious this year of our traditions and Quaker heritage; we have talked of prayer and healing, of grace and Christ, of God’s love for us and ours for God. We need to learn to be comfortable about the spiritual nature of the total Quaker experience and find courage to share it with each other. We are seeking new ways and absorbing other traditions to realize our oneness more perfectly.

We have gloried in the joy of fellowship and tried to go deeper into the meaning and experience of community and harmony, simplicity and truth.

On behalf of Pacific Yearly Meeting,

Peggema H. Lacey, Clerk

August 17, 1974
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