

Nominating Committee Report to Representative Committee-2011.

Nominations for approval:

Children's Program Committee: Heather Elrick-Forbes has resigned as clerk and we bring you the name of **Rhea Farley** currently serving on the committee, to complete the term of clerk for 2011. Heather will continue to serve on the committee .

Winnie Sunshine has resigned her position on this committee, effective of today. We bring you, **Denise Williams** [SB] to fill the remainder of Winnie's term which runs through the end of our next annual sessions. It is our committee's intent to bring Denise at annual session forward to serve a 3 year term.

Unity with Nature: we bring you the name of **Sandra Lewis** of Strawberry Creek Meeting to fill a partial term that ends in 2011.

Youth Program Coordinator Supervisory Committee: we bring you the name of **Jim Summers** of La Jolla Meeting to fill a vacancy on the committee, term ending in 2012.

FCG Central Committee Rep- Lisa Hubbell has resigned. We do not have a name to bring forward to replace her yet. It is Nominating Committee's plan to bring a nomination at annual session for a full 3 year term, rather than look for someone to fill out the remaining year on the existing term.

FWCC World Gathering of Friends, Kenya-2012: Friends may remember that PYM approved last year sending for individuals from our Yearly Meeting as representatives to the FWCC World Gathering of Friends in Kenya, which is scheduled for April of 2012. We were initially asked to have the names of our representatives submitted in the fall of 2010. Nominating committee was uncomfortable naming individuals without the approval of our Yearly Meeting, so we bring you the following names for your consideration. FWCC has asked for a delegation which represents the breadth of our Yearly Meeting, both young and old. Nominating committee received the applications forwarded to us by our own FWCC representatives and after going through those applications, interviewed a large number of Friends from our Yearly Meeting. Our choices were difficult, as many had much to offer both in representing us to the wider family of The Religious Society of Friends. We recommend the following Friends serve as our representatives:

From Palo Alto Meeting, **Hulda Muaka**. Hulda is originally from Kenya and was raised in the pastoral tradition of Kenya Yearly Meeting, and she has found a spiritual home amidst the unprogrammed worship in Palo Alto Monthly Meeting. A former journalist, she speaks both Luo and Swahili, in addition to English. Recognizing the truth in the phrase, "it loses something in

translation", what better individual to represent Pacific Yearly Meeting and our devotion to unprogrammed worship than an individual who will be able to communicate that at this gathering, not through a translator, but directly?

From Orange Grove and Santa Monica Meetings: **Sarah Rose House-Lightner** and **Shayne Lightner**. Sarah Rose and Shayne applied for this position, not as individuals, but as a couple. Both are long-term members of the Society of Friends, as well as Pacific Yearly Meeting, and have served their monthly, quarterly, and yearly meetings in many different capacities. We felt that as a Quaker couple they had much to offer in representing our experience.

From Santa Barbara Meeting: **Robert Lane Clark**. Currently the clerk of Santa Barbara's Peace and Social Concerns and after serving on their Committee of Ministry and Oversight, Lane is in the process of applying for membership in his Meeting. It is not a matter any longer of conversion, but rather the applying of the name to that which already is. Lane is a long-term, active part of AVP in Southern California. An artist and videographer, he and Stephen, his partner of 30 years have spent significant time in West Africa, both traveling and producing a documentary.

It is hoped that all four of these Friends with their combined talents and backgrounds will not only represent us to the *Salt and Light* gathering, but will also bring back to us much of their experience there.

Minute for approval:

Every three years Pacific Yearly Meeting appoints an observer to Friends United Meeting to serve as an observer at their triennial gathering. Currently, that gathering is scheduled at the end of that individual's term. Our current representative was appointed in 2008 to attend the gathering scheduled to occur in 2011. While the lead time was hoped to allow our observer time to 'school' him- or herself on FUM, three years of lead time seems rather excessive.

Nominating committee recommends adjusting the term so that the representative is appointed one year in advance, rather than three.