

**Religious Education for Children Committee,  
Clerk's report  
Pacific Yearly Meeting 2011**

We held a small but effective First-day School conference on 4/9/11 at Orange Grove meetinghouse with Friends from Inland Valley, Orange Grove, and Palo Alto meetings. We all have good programs, so it turned into a "best practices" sharing. Our traveling bookstore brought resources for families and meetings to the conference and to meeting the next day where it was greatly appreciated. Most of the books are here this week on consignment with the AFSC Bookstore.

At the conference, Orange Grove First-day School Committee repeated one of their effective lessons with us. To get to know their meeting, their First-day School has scheduled visits from each committee of their meeting. Fellowship Committee invited us to make aprons out of place mats and ribbons and then draw pictures on them showing what that committee does.

We feel that the retreat was useful and should be repeated in locations where we can get Friends from two or more meetings together. Contact the committee to set this up in your area.

Also, we have collected examples of child safety policies from several meetings. If your meeting has one, we'd like to add it to our files. We are glad to share this resource with interested Friends.

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