

Job Description

Experimentation and Implementation

Subcommittee of Ministry and Oversight

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This subcommittee is responsible for picking up where the Futures subcommittee left off with respect to visioning the future of Pacific Yearly Meeting as an entity and umbrella organization. More specifically, the subcommittee is charged with looking at ways to make Annual Gathering (AG) more accessible and rewarding to as many Friends as possible.

Members will be expected to study the work of the Futures committee by reading the reports and recommendations in the minutes of Plenary Session from Annual Gathering and Representatives Committees, as well as evaluations from recent sessions. In addition, members should familiarize themselves with ideas coming out of the summer brainstorming initiated by CPQM and the Fall threshing session to be conducted at SCQM.

The subcommittee is asked to explore and season with Ministry and Oversight (M & O) experimental ideas for short term implementation, as well as providing M & O and the Yearly Meeting as a whole with longer term accountability.

Qualifications

The subcommittee consists of about four individuals with a specific interest in helping to envision the future of Pacific Yearly Meeting. They are appointed by M & O annually. Also on this committee are as many as two liaisons from M & O. We would like to appoint someone from a Meeting that is not part of a Quarterly Meeting to the committee.

Tasks

1. By January 27, 2012 the subcommittee is asked to:
 - a. sift through the above referenced materials including the Yearly Meeting's Faith and Practice for the several perceived purposes of Annual Gathering and try to come up with one central purpose/mission statement;
 - b. identify the concerns stated about the annual gathering, and determine if there is a theme/common thread to them that reflects the Spirit moving among us;

- c. consider questions of schedule, (time & place) and separation (north/south);
 - d. , begin to plan for changes which can be introduced into the 2012 AG schedule and an interest group or threshing session at AG 2012 in which participants can reflect on the 2012 experience as well as consider following possible topics - from both philosophical and practical perspectives:
 - i. Alternative gatherings hosted in North/South.
 - ii. How do our structures serve us? How do we meet our needs? How are we treating each other?
 - iii. Are we willing to consider dividing the Yearly Meeting?
 - e. - propose one or two alternate and experimental scenarios for Rep Com 2013 and AG 2013; and
 - f. report to M & O, including preliminary proposed topic for AG 2012 interest group.
2. By May 31, 2012 and again by AG 2012 the subcommittee is asked to continue with all of the above, submitting any new revisions for items 1d through 1f.
 3. Between the Fall of 2012 and the Summer of 2013 the subcommittee is asked to:
 - a. suggest experimental changes in the form and content of the Spring Representative Committee session and the Summer Annual Gathering session to M & O, after considering any feedback received at AG 2012;
 - b. present an interest group at AG 2013. The proposal for this interest group should be presented to M&O by February 2013; and
 - c. provide a closing report to M&O by Fall 2013, after AG.

Expectations and Time Involved:

1. Meets via conference calls, email, and other electronic channels, throughout the year, as needed. Travel for subcommittees is not reimbursable, so in person meetings are not expected unless way opens for members to meet in person conveniently.
2. Reports to M & O, through the liaison, at each M&O meeting.