

**Pacific Yearly Meeting
68th Annual Session Minutes and Reports**

PLENARY VI

Plenary VI opened with worship at 8:45 a.m.

Reading Clerk DJ Bloom (Apple Seed) read the epistle from Monteverde Friends (Costa Rica).

The following visitor was introduced and welcomed: FCL-CA Director of Development and Outreach Kevan Insko.

Discipline Committee Clerk Carolyn Stephenson (Honolulu) presented the committee's report (attached) which included the news that Monthly Meetings are no longer to send their minutes to Whittier College and must await a disposition announcement from the Discipline Committee. The March 2014 Representative Committee approved a minute that we start the revision of our *Faith & Practice*. After some discussion the following minute was approved:

AS Minute 2014-04 Pacific Yearly Meeting asks the Discipline Committee to begin work on the next revision of our *Faith and Practice*.

Nominating Committee Update

Stephen Matchett (San Francisco), a member of the Nominating Committee gave an updated report with new nominations in italics (attached), which was distributed. A question was raised about the size of the Nominating Committee.

The Plenary V Minutes were read, approved, and followed by brief worship.

Friends Committee on Legislation-California Director of Development and Outreach Kevan Insko reported for FCL-CA, introducing Board members Stephen Birdlebaugh (Redwood Forest) and Jim Eusebio (Davis). She noted that the recent FCL newsletter focused on the dire state of poverty of many children in California and how having the FCL representing Friends' voices in the State legislature helps improve their situation especially on juvenile justice, criminal justice, and immigration concerns. A bill pending making getting a driver's license an automatic registration with Selective Service had only two letters to the committee opposing its passage. After an FCL action alert went out, 400 opposition letters were received. FCL action alerts have generated over 10,000 letters supporting and opposing various pieces of legislation. A Friend asked for donation of rummage or treasures to Palo Alto Meeting and books to San Jose Meeting for the Palo Alto Friends Fall Harvest Festival. Last year the Festival raised around \$9,000 for FCL-CA. [See www.fclaca.org.]

Unity with Nature Committee co-clerks Catya de Neergaard (Berkeley) and Muriel Strand (Sacramento) presented the committee's report (attached), stating that the committee and Quaker Earthcare Witness are encouraging Friends meetings and groups to take up divestment from fossil fuel firms. They asked that the Strawberry Creek Meeting minute on divestment be considered by Friends Meetings. The committee encouraged Friends to consider steps for reinvestment in renewable energy sources and selection of the best eco-friendly investments.

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Western Friend Executive Editor Mary Klein (Palo Alto) introduced those involved with the publication including Board member Jim Mangis (Santa Barbara). *Western Friend* serves three Western Yearly Meetings (Intermountain, North Pacific, and Pacific). Mary gave the program's report (attached). Current directions are to (1) continue the work of the magazine, (2) expand *Western Friend's* online presence including author chats, and (2) expand the resources that *Western Friend* provides to our three yearly meetings in the West. Writers are sought for the upcoming themes found in the report.

Site Committee member Pat Wolff (Orange Grove) reported that we will be back here at Walker Creek Ranch at the same week next year. The work to find a site for 2016 is underway. A concern was expressed by a Friend that this site be made more senior-friendly.

The minutes were read and approved.

Closing Worship at 10:10 a.m.