

13 November 2014

To: Clerks of PYM Young Adult Friends (YAFs) and Junior Yearly Meeting (JYM)
From: Pacific YM Discipline Committee

Dear Friends All,

At our 2014 Annual Session of Pacific Yearly Meeting, unity was reached to begin the next revision of PYM's book of discipline, Faith and Practice. As we begin our work, Discipline Committee feels clear that input will be crucial from all corners of our Yearly Meeting. We are urging Friends throughout PYM to review our book of discipline and to respond to Discipline Committee with the results of your considerations. We have sent such a request to Clerks and Reps of Monthly Meetings, Preparative Meetings, and Worship Groups, and we hope that young Friends who are associated with local Meetings in PYM will participate in that discernment. We also are asking you to provide input from the perspectives of the YAF and JYM communities.

At this particular time, we begin by posing the following specific questions and ask for responses by April 30, 2015. We realize your groups may not be able to meet as a whole by that time and that study of the entire book will likely be a long process, so please at least send us a preliminary response by April 30th and let us know how best to continue to get input from you. Discipline Committee's communications and requests for input will be ongoing. We understand that unity is achieved in its own time frame; we're also very tender to the concern that this revision should take less than the decade the last one took.

- 1) How does your group utilize Faith and Practice?
- 2) Unity - What are the nuts and bolts of how your group reaches unity in your business process? What is the role of your committees in the process? How does this compare to what is currently written in Faith and Practice?
- 3) Where does your group have difficulty with the current Faith and Practice? Where does your group have comfort with the current Faith and Practice?
- 4) Please give us preliminary feedback on the accuracy of the current descriptions of your JYM and YAF groups (pp 170-171) in the section, "Activities and Organization of The Yearly Meeting."

We request that responses come back either by hard copy or by email with an attached a word document, sent to the Clerk of Discipline Committee, DJ Bloom. When you send us your response, please include this information as well:

- o What process did you use to answer these queries?
- o How many Friends were involved in this process? Please include the ages or range of ages of the Friends involved.
- o Do you have suggestions on how Discipline Committee can garner input from Friends in PYM throughout this revision?

Yours in the Light,

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