

PYM Visiting Friend Roena Oesting, 2015-2016  
Final Report for Annual Session

To:	Date:
Inland Valley Meeting, Informal visit.	June 28, 2015
Humboldt Meeting	August 21, 2015
Santa Rosa Friends House +Appleseed +Redwood Forest	August 22-23, 2015
Golden Rule ship, informal visit	Aug 16, 2015
La Jolla Meeting	Oct 10, 2015
Santa Barbara Meeting	Oct 17-18, 2015
Las Vegas WG	Oct 24-25, 2015
Southern California Quarterly Mtg.	Nov 7-8, 2015
Maui WG	Jan. 23
Big Island WG	Jan. 24
Honolulu Meeting (hosts only)	Jan. 26-30
Kauai WG	Jan. 31
Representative Committee	March 4-6
Claremont Meeting	March 20, 2016
Visalia (with some from Fresno)	April 23-24
Ukiah, Mendocino/Lake County	May 21-24
San Diego Meeting, informal visit	

It was my privilege to serve the yearly meeting this year as Visiting Friend. The last similar program was a number of years ago. That was the Brinton Visitor program, for Pacific, North Pacific, and Intermountain Yearly Meetings. In 2015, Ministry & Oversight decided to resurrect the program, for Pacific Yearly Meeting only, as a two-year experiment.

I was selected to serve for the first year, from annual session 2015 to annual session 2016. I was directed to spend most of my efforts in going to the smaller meetings and worship groups—the ones who rarely get much attention from the yearly meeting but who are a vital part of our yearly meeting. Some of these groups send representatives to the annual session way out of proportion to their numbers!

Annual session in 2015 was in July; annual session in 2016 is in June, so the “year” was really only 11 months long. Because of some difficulties in getting the program started, I didn’t go out on my first official visit until almost a month into my term. Because of conflicts with both my schedule and the schedule of another meeting, I could not make arrangements to go on a visit in June, so another month lost. I hope that the next visitor will be able to go on more visits than I managed.

Nonetheless, you can see that I was busy! I was so pleased to meet so many Friends in such disparate parts of the yearly meeting. I found that only one meeting (Claremont) actually reached out to me to ask me to come! All the other visits were ones where I made the initial contact to inquire if I could visit. One group turned me down, and one group and I could not make the schedules work out.

In most of the locations I did an actual program from my list of possible topics; a few places only wanted a visit, without a program.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve!