

**Youth Programs Coordinating Committee (YPCC)  
& Youth Programs Coordinator (YPC - Alyssa Nelson)  
Report for PYM RepCom, March 3-5, 2017**

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**YPCC Action Items for RepCom:**

- We proposed a budget augmentation (to be brought by Finance Committee) related to higher-than-anticipated health insurance premium increase for the Coordinator.

**Request to Monthly Meeting Reps:**

- Please share this report with your Meetings. In particular, see below for more detailed info about:
  - Spring Camp announcement: April 10-14 at Quaker Oaks Farm with the Wukchumni Tribe. Registration open online now.
    - Fundraising for Spring Camp and water bottle project
  - Funding available and deadlines for the Youth Programs Fund / Bob Vogel Endowment
  - Young Adult Friends (YAFs) Clerking Workshop: May 26-28 at Sierra Friends Center
  - Refer potential adult volunteers to work with children or teens at Annual Session to Alyssa Nelson, [pym.youthcoordinator@gmail.com](mailto:pym.youthcoordinator@gmail.com). Application form will be posted on PYM website and emailed out after RepCom for “Youth Workers”:
    - Children’s Program Teachers
    - Friendly Responsible Adult Presences (aka FRAPs) for Junior Yearly Meeting (teen program)

**What the Committee (YPCC) has been working on that will contribute to Annual Session:**

- Interest Group proposal: “What’s Happening in our Youth Programs?” Learn how to get support for a youth or intergenerational activity, including social and environmental justice actions that are grounded in Quaker ways. Provide input to our future directions together in service of a vibrant intergenerational PYM and Religious Society of Friends. Come hear updates about our sponsored activities, for example: last year’s visit to Australia Yearly Meeting, the Quaker Oaks Farm Spring Youth Service-Learning Camp that we co-sponsor with the Wukchumni

Tribe and Quaker Oaks Farm, and participation in the “Quakers, First Nations, and American Indians” conference in Philadelphia.

- Any other Australia Yearly Meeting visit follow-up as requested by the Presiding Clerk or others
- Continued education of PYM Friends and reporting on how the YPCC acts as a resource within PYM, including stewardship of the Bob Vogel Endowment / Youth Programs Fund.

#### **What the Coordinator (YPC) is working on that will contribute to Annual Session:**

- Continued support to various age-based programs of PYM (Junior Yearly Meeting/JYM teens and adult support committee, Children’s Program, Young Adult Friends)
  - Supporting discernment around equity in compensation to adults who volunteer with Children’s Program and JYM, as well as improving visibility and appreciation of these volunteers. (Both programs comp the registration costs for their volunteers up to the cost of a shared dorm, and Children’s Program has had an additional stipend in recent years.)
  - Improving awareness of financial assistance options and access to info
  - Supporting JYM’s discernment around sleeping arrangements
  - Supporting JYM, CP, YAFs, and M&O with program planning and coordination of communication about joint activities
  - Supporting JYM and CP outreach to potential volunteers (FRAPs and Teachers)
    - Improving Youth Worker Application Form again this year. Will be available soon after RepCom
- Collaboration with M&O, Presiding Clerk, Assistant to Clerk, Registrars
  - Improving registration forms and processes for Annual Session
  - Helping plan an activity around “Respectful Relationships among Friends in PYM” / Community Expectations for all attendees
  - Helping revise PYM’s Child Abuse Prevention Policy
  - Serving on the Electronic Communications Subcommittee of M&O, particularly on the website working group

#### **Programs and Calendar Highlights:**

- We continue to support the Spring Youth Service-Learning Camp at Quaker Oaks Farm (Visalia, CA), which this year will happen April 10-14. Now entering its 4th camp year!  
(<https://quakeroaksfarm.org/bllogevents/service-camp-registration>).

- We invite Friends to join us in sponsoring youth to attend camp; Quaker Oaks Farm (QOF) and the Wukchumni Tribe are doing fundraising to match the \$3,000 grant from our Youth Programs Fund.
- Camp is an opportunity for Native and Non-Native youth and adults to gather together on the land, share who we are and where we come from, learn history not usually taught in school, practice local Wukchumni traditions, interact with Tribal Elders, participate in a sweat lodge ceremony and many other fun activities. Our focus this year will be on the land, water and people of the place now called “Quaker Oaks Farm.” We will trace the source of our water upstream and consider how we can all be Water Protectors. We will work together to plant more pollinator habitat here, installing drought-tolerant native plants using a method that campers can easily then do at home. And we will share our histories and love one another across seeming divides, all through fun, interactive activities.
  - New this year: a reusable QOF water bottle that will be part of a water education project. Each camper will receive a bottle, and the bottles are also available for purchase as a fundraiser to support the water education project at camp, promote trust of the safe-to-drink well water at the farm, and reduce use of single use bottles.
- We are excited to support an upcoming clerking workshop being organized by and for YAFs, May 26-28 at Sierra Friends Center with co-facilitators Eric Moon and Diego Navarro. Contact Rebekah Percy, YAF Co-Clerk, [pacym.yafclerks@gmail.com](mailto:pacym.yafclerks@gmail.com)
- The updated Youth & Intergenerational Calendar on the PYM website continues to serve as a public apparatus for anyone interested in learning more about youth-related activities (<http://www.pacificyearlymeeting.org/youth/calendar/>)

**Bob Vogel Endowment Youth Programs Fund:**

Applications are due to the YPCC on or before March 20th, June 20th, September 20th and December 20th (near the equinoxes and solstices).

<http://www.pacificyearlymeeting.org/youth/resources-funding/>

The fund continues to help us to provide spiritual, financial, and other material support to Friends. Since last Annual Session, we’ve approved funding the upcoming QOF Spring Camp, the YAF Clerking Workshop, intervisitation between Quarterly Meetings, and social/environmental actions. So far this year, we have supported people to attend the following:

- “Quakers, First Nations and American Indians” Conference in Philadelphia: 4 Quakers and 4 Wukchumni Yokuts (including 4 teens and 4 adults)
  - See the forthcoming article in *Western Friend* about our delegation’s experiences and learning from the conference
- The Women’s March on Washington
- College Park Quarterly Meeting’s winter gathering

Although we usually fund Quaker-specific activities, YPCC will consider funding other social/environmental action, especially by young Friends who have some kind of anchoring support in place (e.g., support can range from being connected with a small group of 2+ Friends to having a formal support or anchor committee) and who are willing to report back to YPCC/PYM/their Meeting. We are in the process of discussing with M&O how this relates to the Leadings Fund.

We continue to find good reason to utilize some of the fund to have our YPC Committee attend one event per year; this has shown benefits both to our committee (by creating a greater shared understanding among us about the state of our Society, its needs and its strengths) and to the host events/organizations (so far SCQM and CPQM). We also see there might be benefit to us getting together solely for the purpose of committee work.

**State of the YPCC:**

The YPC Committee continues to meet once a month via conference call to talk about pending matters, review proposals and requests for funding or other support, receive updates on events, and carry out subcommittee work. The Supervisor communicates more frequently with the Coordinator, usually by email and phone. We also had our annual face-to-face meeting during College Park Quarterly Meeting’s winter gathering, where we shared space with JYM Committee, which also came to CPQM have a meeting and to participate with the CPQM teen program. We appreciate Berkeley Friends Meeting for hosting us during CPQM. We used this time to get acquainted, delegate to our subcommittees, decide how to face increased health insurance premium for the Coordinator, and finish a performance review of the Coordinator (Alyssa). We came out of the meeting strengthened as a committee and more clear about what we need to do next. We also express thanks for the work Steve Leeds has put into being Alyssa’s supervisor for the past few years and for Barbara Babin during the transition as Barbara prepares to take on the supervisor role next year.

**Committee Members:**

*At-Large Three-Year Terms:*

Jennifer Carr, Las Vegas WG / La Jolla (2017)

Stephen Myers, Sacramento (2017)  
Steve Leeds, San Francisco (2017), *YPC Supervisor*  
Barbara Babin, Redwood Forest (2018)  
Melissa Lovett-Adair, Central Coast (2019)  
Bertha Peña, Mexico City (2019), *Clerk*

*One-Year Terms:*

Kylin Navarro, Berkeley  
Rebekah Percy, La Jolla / Vancouver  
Julian Garrett, Redwood Forest  
[One slot empty]

*Youth Programs Coordinator:*

Alyssa Nelson, Davis (2011-present)

**YPCC References:**

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<http://www.pacificyearlymeeting.org/category/yearly-meeting-docs/ypc/>