

Youth Programs Coordinating Committee (YPCC) & Coordinator (YPC)
Report to Representative Committee Meeting, March 2-4, 2018
Pacific Yearly Meeting
Submitted 2/20/18 - Bertha Peña, Clerk, and Alyssa Nelson, YPC

YPCC Action Items for RepCom:

- We have asked Finance Committee to consider a proposal to bring to RepCom: YPCC requests that the PYM General Fund reimburse \$4,000 to the Youth Programs/Vogel Fund for car lease costs in December 2017 that were to have come out of the 2016-2017 YPCC Budget.
- We wish to sit less long and move more often, even as part of business meetings.

Request to Monthly Meeting Reps and PYM Committee Clerks: *Please share this report with your meetings and committees. In particular:*

- **Spring Youth Service-Learning Camp, March 26-30, 2018 at Quaker Oaks Farm with the Wukchumni Tribe.** YPCC is a co-sponsor, and this is our 5th year of camp! Camper applications due February 24th. Donations needed to support campers to attend.
<https://www.pacificyearlymeeting.org/2018/documents/ypc/spring-youth-camp-at-quaker-oaks-farm-2018/>
- **Funding available and deadlines for the Youth Programs Fund / Bob Vogel Endowment:** Applications due on or before March 20, June 20, September 20, and December 20. We have a preference for new programs, new outreach, new connections, and novel experiments, such as regional gatherings or special intergenerational events. Funds can also help your Meeting treat teens and young adults to workshops and gatherings. See funding guidelines at <https://www.pacificyearlymeeting.org/youth/resources-funding/>
- **Wanted: Children's Program Teachers & Friendly Responsible Adult Presences (aka FRAPs)** at Annual Session - for children's and teen programs (JYM). Please encourage potential adult volunteers to contact those committees or Alyssa Nelson, pym.youthcoordinator@gmail.com, for referral. Application form for "Youth Workers" will be posted on PYM website and emailed out after RepCom. <https://www.pacificyearlymeeting.org/youth/adults/>

What the Committee (YPCC) has been working on:

- **Continued education** of PYM Friends and reporting on how the YPCC and YPC act as a resource within PYM, including **stewardship of the Bob Vogel Endowment / Youth Programs Fund.**
- **Co-Sponsor of Spring Youth Service Learning Camp** at Quaker Oaks Farm
- **Diversity and Inclusion:** In reviewing our goals and objectives document, YPCC members noted that we would like to be more inclusive as a Society and to have this concern integrated into how we work as a committee. How can we get more young people, People of Color, and individuals from other underrepresented groups involved with Friends? How could we better provide mentorship to the white people and wealthier people among us? We are in the process of liaising with M&O subcommittees on Racial Justice and Right Relationships, and considering options for creating outreach materials especially for young adults that could be posted in meetinghouses. We are also evaluating our use of electronic outreach and social media and look forward to collaborating with PYM's new Communications Committee (to which Alyssa is already ex officio).
- **Interest Group proposal:** "Building an Intergenerational, Diverse, Inclusive Friends Community," an active, interactive opportunity for all ages, facilitated by members of the PYM Youth Programs Coordinating Committee and building on this year's PYM Annual Session theme of "Faithfulness, Radical Vulnerability, and Love." Includes some concepts reaped from attending the California Indian Conference in April 2018 and the Reunión General / General Meeting of Friends in Mexico in May 2018, the theme of which was "Are our young people called to serve God?"

What the Coordinator (YPC) has been working on:

- Continued support to various age-based groups within PYM (Junior Yearly Meeting/JYM teens and adult support committee, Children's Program, Young Adult Friends)
 - Supporting JYM in logistics for in person planning meeting in conjunction with RepCom. This included creating a new, online registration form for RepCom to facilitate arrangements and transportation.
 - Supporting JYM, CPC, YAFs, and M&O with program planning. Coordinating communication about joint activities for AS.
 - Supporting JYM and CPC outreach to potential volunteers (FRAPs and Teachers), and training and orientation for AS.
 - Financial assistance options: Improving awareness and access to info for youth and families to attend AS.

- Collaboration with other committees and officers, such as M&O, Presiding Clerk, Assistant to Clerk, Registrars, Communications Committee
 - Improving registration forms and processes for Annual Session
 - Contributing to visioning a new Right Relationships Subcommittee of M&O
 - Serving ex officio on Communications Committee, particularly on the website content team

Programs and Calendar Highlights:

- Our Youth & Intergenerational Calendar on the PYM website <http://www.pacificyearlymeeting.org/youth/calendar/>
 - Please see announcement about Spring Camp above

Australia “Traveling in the Ministry” Report Revision:

- A draft was shared along with the AS 2017 reports about this 2016 project.
- Revision of report is nearing completion and will be on the YPC Committee page <https://www.pacificyearlymeeting.org/committee-newsletters-and-reports/youth-programs-coordinating-committee/>

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 again had our annual face-to-face meeting in conjunction with College Park Quarterly Meeting’s winter gathering at San Francisco. We thank Berkeley Friends Meeting for hosting us that weekend.

We considered these question in worship-sharing, reflecting on our own spiritual experiences as adolescents (defined by modern neuroscientists as approximately age 12-24 -- a much longer growth period than we usually think of). *Were you part of a spiritual community? What kind of instruction did you get? What kinds of experiences did you share? Did you have solitary spiritual experiences? Were there readings that were important to you?*

We also continued to consider these questions: *Is there a way that the YPCC can help meetings to connect/reconnect with their young people? Help young people to connect/reconnect with their meeting?*

Our reflections are helping us as we prepare to undertake another program evaluation. The most recent comprehensive one was done in 2013:

<https://www.pacificyearlymeeting.org/2013/documents/ypc-evaluation-report-to-repcom-march-2013/>

Committee Members:

Three-year at-large terms

2018 Barbara Babin, **Supervisor** (Redwood Forest)
2018 Gail Eastwood, **M&O Liaison** (Southern Humboldt WG)
2019 Bertha Pena, **Clerk** (Mexico)
2019 Melissa Lovett-Adair (Central Coast)
2020 Jennifer Carr (Reno / Sacramento)
2020 Stephen Myers (Sacramento)

One-year "Youth" terms (*being handled through interim appointment process since these names were given at or after the final plenary*):

Julian Garrett (Redwood Forest)
Kiernan Colby (Santa Cruz)
Rachel Kempf (Santa Monica)
Rebekah Percy (La Jolla / Sacramento)

Volunteer Children's Program Member: Bitsy Carr (Sacramento)

Youth Programs Coordinator: Alyssa Nelson, Davis (2011-present), ex officio

YPCC References:

- **YPCC Webpage:** <https://www.pacificyearlymeeting.org/committee-newsletters-and-reports/youth-programs-coordinating-committee/>
- **YPCC Reports, Epistles, Announcements, reverse chronological:** <http://www.pacificyearlymeeting.org/category/yearly-meeting-docs/ypc/>
- **YPCC Goals & Objectives (ver. 6/2014):** http://www.pacificyearlymeeting.org/wordpress/wp-content/uploads/2011/09/ypcc_GoalsObjectives_2014_06_AnnualReport.pdf
- **Youth Programs Webpage:** <http://www.pacificyearlymeeting.org/youth/>
- **Calendar:** <http://www.pacificyearlymeeting.org/youth/calendar/>