

Youth Programs Coordinating Committee (YPCC) and Coordinator (YPC) Report to Representative Committee 2019

SUMMARY

YPCC continues to work towards shaping a vibrant, intergenerational Friends community that supports youth and their growth within a framework of Quaker values.

Action Items for RepCom: None

Requests to Monthly Meeting Reps and PYM Committee Clerks: *Please share this report with your meetings and committees. In particular, the information directly below:*

- **Spring Youth Service-Learning Camp, April 15-19, 2019 at Quaker Oaks Farm with the Wukchumni Tribe.** YPCC is a co-sponsor, and this is our 6th year of camp! Camper applications due March 25. Donations needed to support campers to attend.
pacificyearlymeeting.org/2019/documents/ypc/spring-youth-camp-quaker-oaks-farm-2019/
- **Funding available and deadlines for the Youth Programs Fund of the 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 send children, teens, young adults, and adult allies to youth to workshops and gatherings. See funding guidelines and application at pacificyearlymeeting.org/youth/resources-funding/
- **Wanted: Children's Program Teachers & Friendly Responsible Adult Presences (FRAPs), aka "Youth Workers"** at Annual Session - for teen (JYM) and children's programs. Please encourage potential adult volunteers to contact those committees or the PYM Youth Programs Coordinator, pym.youthcoordinator@gmail.com, for referral. Application form for "Youth Workers" will be posted on PYM website and emailed out after RepCom.
pacificyearlymeeting.org/youth/adults/
- **Evaluation:** We initiated a program evaluation in November and are in process of reviewing responses from the online survey that was put out to meetings and individuals. We anticipate having a complete report available by Annual Session. *We welcome additional responses through 3/31:* pacificyearlymeeting.org/2018/documents/ypc/evaluation-youth-programs-2018/
- **Programs & Calendar Highlights:** Please inform Friends about Spring Camp (see above) and point them to the existence of our Youth & Intergenerational Calendar: pacificyearlymeeting.org/youth/calendar/ . Please let the YPC know if there are events that could be added.
- **For more information, see our YPCC Webpage (and links there to our Reports, Goals & Objectives, Youth Pages, and Calendar):** pacificyearlymeeting.org/committee-newsletters-and-reports/youth-programs-coordinating-committee/

ADDITIONAL DETAILS

What else the Committee (YPCC) has been working on:

- **Recruiting and hiring a new YPC:** Through the program evaluation we found strong support for continuing to have a paid Youth Programs Coordinator. We have advertised this position on the PYM website and through email, Facebook, and Western Friend magazine and Friends Journal. We have received some applications and are moving toward interviews, and we welcome additional applications until the position is filled. More information at these two links:
 - pacificyearlymeeting.org/2019/documents/ypc/ypc-position-announcement-jan-2019/
 - pacificyearlymeeting.org/2018/documents/ypc/ypc-resignation-nov-2018/

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- **Continued education and communication:** Our program evaluation showed that we should do a better job of informing PYM Friends how the YPCC and YPC act as a resource within PYM (e.g., about building community and communications infrastructure, sharing about intergenerational opportunities, creating and supporting programs, stewarding the Bob Vogel Endowment / Youth Programs Fund, etc.).
- **Youth Programs Fund of the Bob Vogel Endowment**
 - **Reporting on and Providing Examples of Projects We Fund and Support:** A link to a summary sheet will be on our Resources & Funding webpage shortly to make these projects more visible. pacificyearlymeeting.org/youth/resources-funding/
 - The YPCC was excited to fund several projects this year, both new and ongoing. One of these new projects was a trip to Nogales, where a group of twelve YAFs and Young-at-Heart PYM Quakers gathered to attend the annual School of the Americas Watch event on Tohono O'odham land. This organization plays a strong part in the greater movement to end border imperialism, immigration injustices, and violence against minority groups and people of color. Historically Quakers have played an important role and we were pleased to be able to send a group of young adults who had not participated in it before.
 - Additionally, YPCC is also proud to continue in its Co-Sponsorship role in the Spring Youth Service Learning Camp at Quaker Oaks Farm. This week-long gathering strives towards reconciliation between non-native and native communities, and unites both Wukchumni (native community in the Visalia area) and Quaker youth of a variety of backgrounds, providing opportunities for cultural and spiritual growth, exposure to different practices, and a chance to come together despite any differences. We see this project in particular as seed funding with the eventual goal of having it stand on its own once there is a solid funding base and established camp community over time.
 - The YP Fund has supported a number of young people to attend camps, workshops, conferences, and intervisitation. We encourage youth to apply for these types of activities when other funding is not available.
- **Diversity and Inclusion:** YPCC has strived to incorporate greater diversity and inclusion within the PYM youth and intergenerational community as well as in projects in which the YPCC is involved, such as our work with native communities. The announcement for the YPC position requested that people of color and minorities apply.
- **Interest Group at AS:** We request a slot and are still discerning the description. Possibly diversity and inclusion and/or youth leadership within our community; funding opportunities, past events and projects; introducing the new YPC.
- **What the Coordinator (YPC) has been working on:** Alyssa has agreed to stay past the original 1/31/19 resignation date to help the YPCC in the interim with transitional tasks, to support the Spring Youth Camp, to provide bridging support for JYM and Children's Program committees in preparation for Annual Session 2019, and to train the new YPC. She also continues to serve as a resource to Monthly and Quarterly Meetings. The committee thanks Alyssa for her flexibility and dedication to the needs of young people within our Yearly Meeting. The committee is deeply appreciative of all of the work Alyssa has done to assist the PYM community to become more intergenerational and to streamline its processes of communication.

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LIST OF YPCC MEMBERS

Youth Programs Coordinator, ex officio (staff, not a committee member): Alyssa Nelson (Davis)

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

M&O Liaison, ex officio: Gail Eastwood, (Southern Humboldt)

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

Julian Garrett, (Redwood Forest)

Kiernan Colby, (Santa Cruz / Silver Springs MD)

3rd slot open (Rachel Kempf Resigned)

4th slot open

Three-year at-large terms

2019 Bertha Peña, **Co Clerk** (Mexico)

2019 Melissa Lovett-Adair (Central Coast)

2020 Jennifer Carr (Reno / Sacramento)

2020 Stephen Myers (Sacramento)

2021 Barbara Babin, **Supervisor** (Redwood Forest)

2021 Rebekah Percy, **Co Clerk** (La Jolla / Orange Grove)

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