

Statistical Clerk Report to Annual Session 2019

SUMMARY

The good news, Friends, is that our numbers for this past year have stayed basically stable. We ended our last annual census with a total membership of 1,233. This year, we end with 1,230 members for all of PYM as of 5/31/2019.

Details

We are now at a total of 35 Monthly Meetings; 23 are in College Park (CPQM), with a total of 805 members (down 4 from last year), 9 are in Southern California (SCQM), where the total membership was 326 (up 2 from last year) & there are now 3 Monthly Meetings outside of the two Quarters (Guatemala having been laid down last year), where there are 98 members (down 2 from last year).

College Park Quarter

CPQM Meetings reported 7 new members by transfer, and 11 by conviction for a total of 18 new members. In the same period, 19 Friends passed on in College Park, 5 transferred to out to new Meetings, and another 6 were released for a total of 30. An adjustment was made this year for one MM that was underreported on last year's census by 8. Again total change for CPQM was a net loss of 4.

Southern California Quarter

SCQM Meetings reported 1 transfer in and 11 new members by conviction for a total of 18, while 8 members passed away. An adjustment was made this year for one MM that was over reported on last year's census by 5. Again the change for SCQM is a net gain of 2.

Hawaiian & Mexican Meetings

For the 3 MM outside of the Quarters, Guatemala MM having been laid down last year, there were reports of 2 members that transferred in, 4 newly convinced Friends, 2 deaths, 4 Friends that transferred to new Meetings and another 2 released for a net loss of 2.

Transfers

With regard to transfers, I had wondered in years past, how many transfers represented Friends transferring in or out of PYM altogether, as opposed to within our Yearly Meeting. This year all transfers in and out were between PYM and non-PYM MMs. There were no inter-PYM transfers of membership, so every transfer represents a true change in our overall membership and not a moving about within PYM itself.

New Database to come

Last, we are in the process of gathering other data on our Monthly Meetings to share with the Yearly Meeting. Over the next year we will be questioning the constituent Monthlies on topics such as:

- Are there children in the Meeting?
- Is there a 1st Day program?
- Has the Meeting taken any marriages under its care in the last year?
- Age Range of the membership.
- Does the meeting have any support groups (Men's or Women's group/ LGBT/Friends of color/12 step)

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- Is the Meeting taking part in:
 - Community outreach?
 - AVP?
 - Ecumenical Councils or interfaith programs?
 - Local Foodbanks
 - Scholarship programs (ie Sac'to MM scholarship fund for undocumented college students, or Appleseed's EOP Scholarship for SSU).

We intend to produce a spread sheet for Meetings to be able to reference, so if they are considering an activity & wish to network or brainstorm with another Meeting that has already done this, they will be able to know whom to speak with.

DJ Bloom & Sherri Sisson, Statistical Co-Clerks for PYM
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