

# Pacific Yearly Meeting Friends World Committee for Consultation Representative Report to Annual Session 2020

It is a joy to participate in Friends World Committee for Consultation (FWCC). At our gatherings, I get to know people who are very different from myself. In our own section, the Section of the Americas, I get to meet people with very different theologies, from different cultures and economic status, speaking different languages. This liberates The Spirit to move among us in a joyful way. For any Friend who wants to build bridges with people different from themselves, FWCC offers that opportunity.

When I began my term as representative to the FWCC, I thought nothing much happens between the gathering of the section, which happens every other year. Boy! have I gotten an education! FWCC is involved in a number of interesting activities. In addition to the Traveling Ministry Corps and World Quaker Day, we can have regional meetings, thanks to Zoom

The Traveling Ministry Corp is a group who visits meetings and churches from different types of Friends. We have four branches: Liberal (that's us), Conservative, Friend's Church, and Evangelical. It's the mission of FWCC to connect people across those divides.

World Quaker Day is a chance to connect people from around the world. It's always the first Sunday in October, which is on the 4th this year. This year the theme is "What is a Quaker?" The world office has lots of resources to help you celebrate.

There is going to be a regional meeting this September. We are part of the Southwest region, which includes the states from the Four Corners area. I will know more about the exact date, the topic and the speaker at a later date.

Friends World Committee for Consultation--so many ways to connect!

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