

**PACIFIC YEARLY MEETING  
Representative Committee**

**MEETING** - July 28, 1985, 7:00 PM, La Verne University  
Robert Vogel, Presiding Clerk; Jeanette Norton, Assistant Clerk; Susanna Matthay,  
Recording Clerk

The meeting opened with a period of silent worship. Robert Vogel introduced Assistant Clerk, Jeanette Norton, and Recording Clerk, Susanna Matthay. The proposed agenda was looked over. There were no revisions.

**REPCOM  
85-22**

The Representative Committee Agenda was approved.

**COMMITTEE TO NAME THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE** - Laura Magnani  
The committee proposed Stratton Jaquette as Clerk of Nominating Committee. New members proposed are Carmen Broz and Eleanor Engstrand, with a third name to be brought in later.

Laura also reported that the members of this committee had great difficulty meeting, due to heavy responsibilities in other areas. The committee suggested that potential members should be talked to before being nominated from the floor.

**AD HOC COMMITTEE ON FUM-FGC MEMBERSHIP** - Lowell Tozer

This committee sent out a questionnaire to Meetings which received ten responses. Several responses asked for information on the "Demands of Membership." Lowell passed out a memo on this matter. See Attachment A. The gist of the memo is that affiliation with either FUM or FGC would have costs to PYM for both dues and transportation costs for delegates. The total cost for FUM affiliation would be over \$16,000, and for FGC affiliation would be almost \$14,000. The Ad Hoc Committee feels that formal affiliation with either body is, at present, beyond our means.

**AD HOC COMMITTEE ON PUBLICATIONS** - Jack Leshefka

This committee has not yet met, and we will hear a progress report on Thursday.

**SITES COMMITTEE** - Marie Schutz

Marie reported that the evaluation of last year's site at La Honda included a great deal of enthusiastic support. There were later expressions regarding the facility for the disabled. The Sites Committee proposes that we repeat the pattern of the last three years, meeting next year at Craig Hall in Chico, in 1987 at La Honda, and probably in 1988 again at La Verne. The discussion of a permanent site will occur Friday, after the interest group on this topic.

**M & O WORKSHOPS FOR CLERKS** - Marie Parker

Two workshops are planned, one in the north at Ben Lomond, Nov. 22 - 24, 1985, and one in the south at Astara (a conference center in Upland), April 25 - 26, 1986. These workshops will be open to present clerks, past clerks, future clerks, potential clerks, and other interested parties. Marie passed out a memo on the workshops which is Attachment B.

**AGENDA REVIEW COMMITTEE - Jeanette Norton**

Jeanette described a form being passed around, instead of the usual list. The form, with boxes for each meeting, asks for information on clerks, representatives, observers, and lists PYM committees and officers. It will help the clerks keep up-to-date information, as well as know who is in attendance.

**ARRANGEMENTS - Becky Layfield**

Becky introduced Pegge Lacey as the Space Needs Person. See Pegge for concerns about rooms to meet in.

**WORSHIP-FELLOWSHIP SUB-COMMITTEE - Brian Vura-Weis**

Of the Worship Groups set up, 10 are of the traditional sort; 8 are opting to meet with children during one session. There will be one or more drop-in groups. 52 people chose unprogrammed worship, and 60 persons chose none of the above.

**JUNIOR YEARLY MEETING COMMITTEE - Nancy Salzman**

JYM has been planning their program. They are interested in a work project and will have a workday Tuesday, volunteering their labor to a refugee program in Los Angeles. Micki Graham is H.S. Advisor. Elizabeth Gustafson reported the Jr. High youth are interested in inter-generational activities and will be announcing activities to which adults are invited. Benji Cole and Russi Gustafson are Jr. High advisors.

**YOUNG FRIENDS - Ross MacKinney**

Only a few Young Friends are here so far. They will develop their program as they gather. They have an on-going concern for helping with childcare. Several Young Friends will be returning from the World Gathering of Young Friends, and are encouraged to report to us. Young Friends are sponsoring an inter-generational worship session on Friday.

**AGENDA REVIEW - Jeanette Norton**

Jeanette expanded on the printed schedule for PYM and told of Interest Groups, Sharing Groups, and Working Groups, more news of which will appear in the Morning Chronicle. Bulletin Committee asked to report Wednesday instead of Tuesday. Peace Committee asked to report Friday instead of Thursday.

**REPCOM**

**85-23** The schedule and agenda for PYM was approved as amended.

**CHILDREN'S COMMITTEE - Margaret Jamison**

The staff is here. Children need contact with adults at PYM, as we are all one body. Volunteers are needed to cuddle babies in the Infant Program, play with pre-school children, and drive for field trips with 6 - 12 year olds on Wednesday and Saturday.

Ministry and Oversight clerk Robert Young brought the following names for the Epistle Committee - Stewart Mulford (convener), Helen Currier, and Elizabeth Jones.

**REPCOM**

**85-24** An Epistle Committee of Stewart Mulford, Helen Currier, and Elizabeth Jones, with Stewart Mulford as Convener, was approved.

**MINISTRY AND OVERSIGHT - Robert Young**

Robert reported that the M & O sub-committees would report first.

#### Fund for Concerns

Aimee Elsbree reported that the Fund for Concerns sent out a report in May to all the Meetings. Honolulu responded. They welcome feedback from Meeting Representatives.

#### Meetings and the Mentally Ill

Jane Peers reported that this committee is ready to serve meetings and is sponsoring a sharing group and an interest group. Several topics of interest are: Friends' use of denial, substance abuse, family violence.

#### Brinton Visitor Sub-committee

Hermione Baker reported that Leonard and Martha Dart will be the Brinton Visitors for 1986.

#### PYM Sharing Fund

Marie Parker reported that the PYM Sharing Fund is an emergency fund for members, set up some years ago, and not used in recent years. Marie read a report on M & O recommendations for this fund. See Attachment C. M & O recommends seven guidelines for the use of this fund, and oversight by a new three person committee, not under the care of M & O. A decision on this report was deferred, to give time to study it.

#### MINISTRY AND OVERSIGHT - Robert Young

Robert recorded that M & O has a recommendation about minuting Meeting for Worship by PYM Recording Clerks. M & O recommends that it merely be noted that a Meeting for Worship was held, with no references to spoken ministry.

Much discussion followed, with many viewpoints expressed. Some supported the effort of Recording Clerks to capture the flavor of spoken ministry. Some suggested that Meetings for Business are also Meetings for Worship. Some agreed with M & O recommendation.

Ministry and Oversight is responsible for several sessions at PYM. They will oversee the sessions on the new Faith and Practice, the Memorial Meeting, and a report on the State of Society.

#### SECRETARIAT - Lois Richter

Lois reported that Bonnie Wells, Gary Wolff, and Chris Laning are the Secretariat staff members. Lois made several announcements about the Secretariat. They will have the use of an opaque projector for presenting minutes that may need to be revised from the floor, and this approach could save a great deal of paper.

The Action Minutes were read by the Recording Clerk.

#### REPCOM

85-25 The Minutes of this session were approved.

A few announcements were made and Bob Vogel mentioned that items that will come before Representative Committee at Monday morning's meeting are concerns brought to PYM by Monthly Meetings and by Standing Committees.

The meeting closed with a short period of worship.

Susanna Matthey  
Recording Clerk

**MEETING** - July 29, 1985, 8:30 AM, La Verne University

The meeting opened with a period of silent worship.

Clerk Robert Vogel opened the meeting, stating that we will hear minutes coming to PYM from Monthly Meetings and Standing Committees.

Honolulu Meeting - Ramona Hussey  
A CALL FOR FRIENDS' PUBLIC WITNESS AGAINST THE OPPRESSION OF WOMEN  
(Referred to Social Order Comm.) See Attachment D.

La Jolla Meeting - Jane Peers  
A CONCERN ON CHILDREN' MEMBERSHIP (as reflected in the new FAITH AND PRACTICE) (Referred to Discipline and Ministry & Oversight Committees.) See Attachment E.

Redwood Forest Meeting - Ruth Allen  
A MINUTE IN SUPPORT OF THE UNITED NATIONS, See Attachment F.

FWCC and Clerk - FRIENDS COMMITTEE ON WAR TAX CONCERNS (Referred to Peace Committee) Bob Vogel's letter to Peace and Finance Clerks, regarding the request by FCWTC that PYM, NPYM, and IMYM send one representative to FCWTC. (Anne Friend was suggested by the three YM Clerks as an interim appointment) . See Attachment G.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION COMMITTEE - Laura Magnani  
A PROPOSAL FOR QUAKER SPIRITUAL QUEST: A PROGRAM OF SPIRITUAL GROWTH AND STUDY. See Attachment H. Discussion focused on clarification of the Religious Education Committee's plans.

**REPCOM**

**85-26** We approve the encouragement of the Religious Education Committee in promoting a study program for THE QUAKER SPIRITUAL QUEST: A PROGRAM OF SPIRITUAL GROWTH AND STUDY.

**PEACE COMMITTEE** - Bard McAllister

Bard mentioned the Conscience Fund for Students, set up last March, for which no requests have come in. Concerning the Peace Tax Fund, the Peace Committee came up with a minute asking that we join the Friends Committee on War Tax Concerns, and that we set up a budget of \$200. for travel for a West Coast Representative to the FCWTC.

**REPCOM**

**85-27** We approve that PYM become affiliated with FCTWC and send a representative (representing NPYM and IMYM, as well as PYM), and offer the name of Anne Friend as possible Representative.

**SOCIAL ORDER COMMITTEE** - Robert Schutz for Clerk Bruce Folsom

This committee will consider Delta Meeting's minute on the Death Penalty, Honolulu's minute on Sexism, and Marin's minute on the environment.

Bob reported on our arrangements with Marshall Massey for his talk to us on Stewardship of the Environment, and Marshall's invitation to Austin Meredith of Palo Alto to present another viewpoint.

Shirley Ruth announced that Keith Wedmore agreed to report on PYM for the Friends Journal.

**REPCOM**

**85-28** We approve the name of Keith Wedmore to write the report on PYM for the Friends Journal.

AD HOC COMMITTEE ON HISTORY AND ARCHIVES - Langdon Elsbree The Interim Report is Attachment I. The contract with Whittier College is in the works.

EAST - WEST COMMITTEE - Steve Birdlebough

Steve reported on plans for Meredith Mercer and Chris Hogness to report to Friends, on their return from the Soviet Union. He also spoke of the three East German Young Friends who will be here at PYM.

FRIEND IN THE ORIENT COMMITTEE - Rose Lewis

This committee is sponsoring two interest groups at PYM: Korean Reunification, and the Thai Project.

Claremont meeting has taken over handling Margaret Simkin's book, Letters from Szechuan.

Rose reported on the activities of the Committee in support of Friends travel and publications on the Orient. Ham Sok Hon's book is on sale in the Bookstore. He has been nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize. Letters to the Nobel Committee in Oslo, in support of his nomination, are encouraged. Floyd Schmoë plans a trip to Korea and, possibly, China.

The AFSC is doing a study on Korean reunification. The remaining copies of Stuart Innerst's book China Gray, China Green have been donated to the Committee by his daughter, Mena Neff. Windows From the East is widely read and has received much support outside Quaker circles. The Committee would welcome feedback on this newsletter from PYM members.

FINANCE COMMITTEE - Walt Jones

The Finance Committee report is Attachment J. Walt spoke on the intention to transfer our invested funds to institutions that pursue noble goals and avoid South Africa investment.

**REPCOM**

**85-29** We approve a shift in our invested funds from the Dreyfuss Liquid Assets Fund, to Working Assets Fund.

Walt reported on Finance Committee's difficulty in finding insurance for PYM functions, and on our recommendations to the Bulletin Committee that they carry Worker's Compensation for their employees.

THE TREASURERS - Walter Klein

The Treasurers will report later.

STATISTICAL CLERK - Betty Hall

The statistical report will come later.

REGISTRAR- Joanne Magruder

390 persons are registered so far.

FGC - Robert Schutz

Sonia Johnson, a speaker at FGC, electrified the 1200 people there with her talk on feminism. The tape of her talk is here and should be heard.

FCNL - Herb Foster

Herb reported on current FCNL concerns for ending poverty and for better relations with the Soviet Union.

FWCC - Robert Vogel

Robert is a half time Development Secretary for FWCC. He will have an Interest Group Thursday on his visit to Cuban Quakers.

AFSC - Hermione Baker

Hermione mentioned AFSC concerns for Apartheid in South Africa, Middle East concerns, and refugees in Central America.

### REPCOM

85-30

We approve the action minutes of this session.

Assistant Clerk Jeanette made announcements about Plenary Session 1. Clerk Robert Vogel made some closing announcements. The meeting closed with a period of silent worship.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Susanna Matthey,  
Recording Clerk

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July 7, 1985

Memo to Ministry and Oversight from Lowell Tozer, Clerk of ad hoc Committee on FUM/FGC Affiliation, regarding the "demands of participation" referred to in our letter to Friends dated April 24, 1985:

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Our committee assumed that PYM would not consider affiliation that was less than fully committed and responsible. The following data are based on that assumption.

Affiliation dues for Friends United Meeting are \$5.00 per member, so the initial cost to PYM would be \$7400. (Approx. 1480 members: John Draper)

FUM has an Executive Council, to which each YM sends 2 representatives; two boards to which we would send 2 each; five to which we would send one each. The full complement of our representation to FUM would be eleven. Using round trip air fares from Los Angeles to Chicago, and assuming full participation, the transportation costs to us per year would be \$8866.

FUM

The total cost to PYM for FUM affiliation would thus be \$16,266 per year, requiring an increase in the per-member contribution to PYM from each monthly meeting of approximately \$11.00.

There is no precise way to compute the drain on our human resources from such participation, but it would clearly be substantial--perhaps insupportable. One need only recall the present difficulties of our Nominating Committee.

The story is similar for Friends General Conference. FGC has no fixed per-member affiliation dues; they range from \$3.77 (New York) to \$.31 (Central Alaska). The average is \$1.65. If PYM used that last figure, it would add \$2442 to our budget.

PYM would have six representatives to FGC's Central Committee, with two meetings each year-- a total of twelve trips. Using the average round-trip air fare of Chicago and New York, the total for those representatives would be \$10,464. Our one representative to the Executive Council would add \$872, for a total air travel cost per year of \$11,336.

FGC

The total annual cost to PYM for FGC affiliation and travel: \$13,736, or \$9.28 per member--a sizeable addition to our present per-member contribution.

There is no need to repeat the comment about the drain on our human resources, nor to belabor it. It is simply beyond us at present. George Webb, immediate past Clerk of FGC, visited Friends in California, and talked to many of us about possible affiliation of PYM with FGC. He came as a kind of enthusiastic missionary, but his official report to FGC in December, 1984--a month after his visit--contains these words, with which our committee concurs: "I do not think that either FGC or PYM are ready now for proposing a closer formal association." His complete report is available, if you wish to see it.

# PACIFIC YEARLY MEETING

## of the RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS

### ANNOUNCING

#### TWO WORKSHOPS ON CLERKING

November 22 - 24, 1985 Quaker Center, Ben Lomond, California

April 25 - 26, 1986 Astara Conference Center, Upland, California

Pacific Yearly Meeting's Committee on Ministry and Oversight is offering two Workshops on Clerking, November 22 - 24, 1985 at Quaker Center, Ben Lomond, California; and April 25 - 26, 1986 at Astara Conference Center, 800 West Arrow Highway, Upland, California. The Workshops will be open to all persons who are interested in understanding and applying the Quaker decision-making process. It will be designed especially for clerks — past, present, and potential.

**FORMAT** Although the format is still in its formative stage, here is the outline of what is anticipated:

Friday evening: Introduction. "Belief Systems Underlying Quaker Decision-Making."

Saturday: Problem sharing and solving workshops. The agenda will be built around the needs of clerks of committees or meetings, recording or presiding. Registrants are invited to list the problem areas where they need help.

Sunday: (In Northern California only) Continuation of workshops, evaluation, and Meeting for Worship.

**POSSIBLE AREAS OF CONCERN** "How to do Quaker business and love it: where is the joy?"  
The Clerk as servant of the Meeting, administrator, planner, ex-officio role. Agenda preparation; sharing responsibility; dealing with differences; taking the sense of the meeting; formulating the minute of decision. When to season; Time vs. the Spirit, or getting through the agenda in a limited period of time. Why minutes? What should be included, omitted?

**COSTS AND REGISTRATION** QUAKER CENTER, Hubbard Gulch Road, Ben Lomond, California.  
November 22 - 24, 1985. Registration, 2 nights, 6 meals: \$45.00  
If registration and a \$20 deposit is received by November 1, 1985, the total cost for the week-end is \$40 per person.

For further information: Clarke Dixon-Moses, 135 National St., Santa Cruz, CA 95060.

ASTARA CONFERENCE CENTER, 800 W. Arrow Highway, Upland, California  
April 25 - 26, 1986. Registration, 1 night, 4 meals: \$54.00  
If registration and a \$25 deposit is received by April 1, 1986, the total cost will be \$49 per person.

For further information: Marie Parker, 7852 Camino Huerta, San Diego, CA 92122  
Robert S. Vogel, 1678 Casitas Ave., Pasadena, CA 91103

July 28, 1985



PYM SHARING FUND

Attachment C

We recommend that the PYM Sharing Fund be continued. We believe the reason it has not been used in recent times has to do with lack of knowledge of the availability of the fund and the mechanics of its use. We believe the fund is needed as a readily available source for emergency human needs. As a Yearly Meeting fund it becomes available to anyone of the Yearly Meeting community confronted by crisis and needing immediate financial assistance. The existence of the fund is a witness to community strength - a family caring for each other.

We recommend the following guidelines for the fund:

1. **SIZE:** At this point we suggest that the fund should contain approximately \$1,000. If depleted below this amount it should be replenished through budget procedure. No new monies should be budgeted for the fund if it contains \$1,000. \* \*\*
2. **GRANTS:** Grants from the fund may either be gifts or loans, but we believe they will generally be gifts, and repayment will not be expected except in those instances where the receiver prefers such an arrangement.
3. **COMMITTEE:** We recommend that a committee of three persons be named by the PYM Nominating Committee for overlapping three year appointments, and that appointments be renewable to provide continuity for the fund. Members of the committee might be former M & C members of Yearly or Quarterly Meetings or former treasurers, but should be people who are sensitive and who can be easily reached. The committee will be a Yearly Meeting Committee, not under M & C. It will have full responsibility to administer the fund, and make decisions about its use.
4. **PROCEDURE:** The individual who desires help goes to the local Clerk of Overseers who, after appropriate consultation as needed, may relay the request to the PYM committee. The committee expeditiously deals with the request and notifies the PYM Treasurer of the amount to be sent and to whom. The PYM Treasurer sends the check without delay to the person in need.
5. **PUBLICITY:** We recommend that the Committee regularly place articles in the PYM Bulletin about the availability of the fund and the procedure for its use. Names and telephone numbers of the committee should be publicized.
6. **COMMITTEE EXPENSE:** No funds need be allocated unless it be to cover phone calls. Committee meetings, as needed, could be held at PYM Sessions or by phone.
7. **REPORTING:** The Treasurer's annual report should include the total amount and number of grants that have been paid out, and the current state of the fund.

\*If loans from the fund are repaid these monies should be added to the fund.

\*\* Monies in excess of \$1,000 will be returned to the general fund.

## I. A CALL FOR FRIENDS' PUBLIC WITNESS AGAINST THE OPPRESSION OF WOMEN

We call upon Friends to actively engage in an examination of the status of women in the Religious Society of Friends and in society at large. We call upon Friends to make a public witness against the injustices women suffer in the world. Some of the manifestations of sexism, such as rape, wife-beating, and sexual harassment on the job and on the street, are blatant. Such acts, or the threat of them, are part of the everyday lives of women and girls. Other behaviors, such as stereotyping of women and sexist remarks, are more subtle. Furthermore, women in our society suffer serious economic injustice. These acts are all acts of violence against personhood, they are all de-humanizing, and the resulting damage to women--spiritual, psychological, physical, and economic--is immeasurable.

Friends are known for their witness for peace and equality. Peace and oppression cannot exist side by side, for "all oppression creates a state of war," as Simone de Beauvoir observed in The Second Sex. In order to establish a peaceful community, both among Friends and in society, all forms of oppression and injustice must be eliminated.

We condemn all sexist acts as immoral. No one, male or female, escapes the harm caused by these acts. The goals of feminism are to raise awareness of these injustices and find ways to eradicate oppression. We urge Friends to seek consensus on what sexism is and what needs to be done to change the world.

We believe that Friends cannot be silent on this issue. Nor are words enough. Even as we speak, women and girls suffer the pain and fear of violence and violation. It is a common saying that "actions speak louder than words," and if our behavior is not in keeping with our professed belief, then we lose credibility as witnesses for the testimony on equality.

II. We ask Friends to consider the following:

Can our monthly meeting come to a consensus that sexism is a concern on which Friends need to take stronger action?

III. We recommend the following actions as well as any actions Friends find appropriate:

1. We ask for the formation of a committee within the Yearly Meeting which focuses specifically on sexism, separate from a committee on racism.
2. Charge this Yearly Meeting Committee on Sexism (or the Oppression of Women) with the task of surveying the monthly meetings, in person or by mail, on their activities on feminist concerns.
3. Set up a conference within the Yearly Meeting on Quakerism and Feminism.
4. Publicize among Friends events relating to women's issues in their communities, such as legislation affecting women.
5. Examine committees within Meetings to see if the committee membership and other functions are sex stereotyped.
6. Facilitate ways in which Friends can examine sex roles in our personal lives.
7. Ask the committees of Monthly Meetings which deal with social concerns to include feminist issues among those social concerns.
8. Make financial contributions (meetings and individuals) to women's specific needs in the community, such as women prisoners, victims of wife-beating, sex abuse, welfare mothers, etc.

  
DeWitt Barnett  
Clerk  
Honolulu Friends Meeting

This was recorded as a Minute by Honolulu Friends Monthly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends, on May 12, 1985.

Attachment

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**CONCERN: From La Jolla Monthly Meeting to  
Pacific Yearly Meeting, 1985**

La Jolla Monthly Meeting is concerned that our new edition of FAITH AND PRACTICE makes no provision for or acknowledgement of the special place of the children in our Meetings and the sense of community we feel to children born of our members and attenders. We feel that this is a problem which must be addressed, and that merely eliminating reference to our children, formerly called "Junior Members", does not serve to reflect the truth of our practice and feelings.

Our concern is that Pacific Yearly Meeting should develop a method for recognizing the relationship of our children to the Monthly Meeting and to the Yearly Meeting as a whole.

We appreciate the labor and prayerful thought which has brought the new edition of FAITH AND PRACTICE to us. We feel, however, that in this area, an addendum needs to be created and inserted with as much expeditiousness as is consonant with good order. We have a deep sadness lest any of our children feel that the omission of the old category in any way may weaken their tie to the Meeting or our concern for them. Also, where parents have made the effort to request the former title of affiliation for their infants, we are sensitive to the possibility of unhappy interpretations which they may make. We hope that Friends at Yearly Meeting will lay this concern upon their hearts and find a way to act upon it so that our children and their parents may have a visible statement of the high value we place upon this basic relationship.

Received by Robert Vogel  
June 26, 1985

To PACIFIC YEARLY MEETING :

Attachment F

MINUTE

Mindful that this is the 40th Anniversary Year of the UNITED NATIONS, we urge all Friends to acquaint our communities with the achievements of the United Nations and how imperative it is to world peace and disarmament that we in the United States impel our Congress to restore the \$20 million dollars recently cut by the ~~Reagan~~ Reagan Administration from the just share of financing the United Nations.

Redwood Forest Friends Meeting urges Pacific Yearly Meeting Peace Committee to lay upon each monthly Meeting the vital necessity of strengthening and upgrading the work of the peace coalitions in support of the United Nations.

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a note on implementation of this Minute: WHAT FRIENDS CAN DO IN COALITIONS

1. Press for full recognition of the UN Day October 24 and UN Disarmament Week, October 24 through 31. (Most nations who are UN members do this).
2. Let us see that the flag of the United Nations is flown in schools and civic centers. (Gifts of UN flags...Many Civic Centers own these flags and fly them on request. Just as we get peace materials into Guidance Centers in schools, so we can give, or encourage schools to buy, UN Flags .
4. Place copies of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, signed by our Government as a Treaty after its adoption by the UN General Assembly in 1948, in schools and libraries and in Letters to the press, etc.
5. Educate the peace movement and the public:
  - a) for the first time in human history we now have a universal parliament, with delegates from almost every nation on earth
  - b) that the UN Committee on Disarmament in Geneva and New York regularly meets to develop treaties for multi-lateral negotiation.  
(We can get voting records of all nations and facts about Disarmament proceedings from our Quaker offices in Geneva and New York.).  
Our New York Quaker group at the UN publishes several times a year IN AND ABOUT THE UN and will send this to any Friend who signs up for it).
6. Let us seek to send young Friends, during Spring recess, to visit the Quaker UN mission in New York.
7. Let us emphasize, everywhere we work for peace, every new breakthrough, every new contribution, as well as the many-sided work of UN Agencies.

FRIENDS WORLD COMMITTEE FOR CONSULTATION  
Section of the Americas  
1506 Race Street, Philadelphia, PA 19102  
(215) 241-7250

MEMORANDUM

TO: Robert Vogel, Clerk, Pacific Yearly Meeting  
Frances McAllister, Intermountain Yearly Meeting  
Barbara Janoe, North Pacific Yearly Meeting

FROM: Gordon Browne *Gordon Browne*

SUBJECT: Friends Committee on War Tax Concerns

DATE: March 12, 1985

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A new committee - Friends Committee on War Tax Concerns - has emerged from a Conference on War Tax Concerns sponsored by FWCC in Philadelphia on October 19, 1984. The new committee held its first meeting on February 27-28, 1985, in Evanston, Illinois and developed a program which it hopes will be of importance to all Friends.

At the February meeting, the composition of the Friends Committee on War Tax Concerns was reviewed. All groups of U.S. yearly meetings - FGC, EFA, FUM, Conservative - were represented, but it was noted that the three independent yearly meetings in the West were not. This memorandum, therefore, is to invite you to consult together and name one person to be a permanent representative of your three yearly meetings on the Committee. In February, the Committee discovered to its chagrin that each body so far had named a man to represent it. You are especially encouraged, therefore, to name an appropriate woman if that seems right to you.

The Committee has set as its tasks the development of materials on various aspects of war tax concerns; the organization of a series of regional conferences on the subject, perhaps leading to a national Quaker conference; and the preparation of advices and queries for Quaker employers and a special conference on the subject of war tax concerns for Quaker employers. The Committee has developed budget and staffing plans and hopes to help all Friends in their search for Truth on this difficult issue. The budget provides for covering 1/2 the cost of members' travel to meetings, if that assistance is needed.

I hope that you will wish to be part of this important work and that I may hear from you soon the name of your representative. For your information, I enclose the materials from the October 19, 1984 conference and the minutes of the February 27-28 Committee meeting.

The next meeting of the Committee is scheduled for May 15-16, 1985 in the Midwest, the precise site to be determined by the Clerk.

GMB/bg

cc: Wallace Collett

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PACIFIC YEARLY MEETING

Attachment G

of the RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS

ROBERT S. VOGEL, CLERK  
1670 CASITAS AVE.  
PASADENA, CA 91103

June 18, 1985

To: Bard McAllister, Clerk, PYM Peace Committee  
Walter Jones, PYM Clerk of Finance Committee  
Walter Klein/Virginia Croninger, Co-Treasurers, PYM

Re: Friends Committee on War Tax Concerns and Pacific Yearly Meeting

I want to review with you PYM's involvement in the Friends Committee on War Tax Concerns and to share the enclosed letter from Wallace Collett, Clerk of FCWTC, requesting PYM to include an item of support in PYM's budget for the coming year.

In October 1984 there was a conference in the East on this subject. Representatives felt that a special consultative committee was needed, and such was set up after a meeting of that committee in February. In March, 1985, the new FCWTC asked the Friends World Committee for Consultation to take it under its wing, with its Committee taking responsibility for raising the budget. Shortly thereafter, the Clerks of PYM, NPYM and ILYM were invited to send one representative to a meeting of the FCWTC in May. The three Clerks consulted each other, suggested names for an interim appointment, and ended up by naming Anne Friend of PYM to be our representative. Anne did go. When I get her report and expense account, I will get back to the other two Clerks so that the three YM's might share in  $\frac{1}{2}$  of the expenses.

I underlined interim above because there has been no action by PYM, or the other YM's involved, to make our relationship with FCWTC official. I would like to suggest that PYM's affiliation with FCWTC be considered by PYM's Peace Committee. If it approves, then the Peace Committee should bring it before PYM plenary business session for consideration and possible approval.

What are the financial aspects of this proposed relationship? I would feel comfortable if the three western YM's involved would share  $\frac{1}{2}$  travel costs for our single representative for two or three meetings per year. FCWTC has offered to handle the other half of travel.

Now there is no mechanism among our three YM's either to appoint a single representative or to handle the travel involved. I plan to consult Frances McAllister, Clerk ILYM and Barbara Janoe, Clerk, NPYM prior to PYM sessions at LaVerne. My guess, if each YM shared the costs of one-half travel would be \$200 to \$250 per YM.

I am sending copies to Anne Friend, Barbara Janoe, and Frances McAllister to let each know where we are and to ask what their YM's would like to do.

cc: Anne Friend, Barbara Janoe, Frances McAllister. - Bob Vogel

Enclosure: Letter of June 12, 1985 from Wallace T. Collett, Clerk FCWTC.

Proposal for Quaker Spiritual Quest:  
A Program of Spiritual Growth and Study

Recorder

Attachment H

For the past year the Religious Education Committee has been exploring in-depth study programs for adults in this Yearly Meeting. Our work culminated in a three day workshop at Ben Lomond in which we experienced parts of the Quaker Studies Program in Philadelphia Meeting. About 30 Friends from throughout the Yearly Meeting attended.

We come before you now with a number of assumptions:

That religious experiences need soil in which to take root.

Education clarifies commitment and deepens ministry.

Quakerism is more than a do-it-yourself religion; there is a religious base and a history from which we can learn.

The core of a Friends Study Program should be a religious experience.

We believe that Monthly Meetings would welcome an in-depth program to deepen our spiritual and historical roots. We propose that Pacific Yearly Meeting begin a study program which we call: Quaker Spiritual Quest: A Program of Spiritual Growth and Study for Friends.

It would involve study, retreats, and shared spiritual direction. The first year would be spent experimenting with pilot projects, training, and organizing. By 1986-1987 we would expect to sponsor nine-months of programs in key locations in Southern and Northern California. By the end of a five year period, we would have made the program available within reasonable distances to all areas of the ~~Monthly~~ Meetings, <sup>Yearly</sup> with the possible exception of Mexico City.

To implement the program the Religious Education Committee recommends establishing two ad hoc committees -- one in Northern California and one in Southern California, to organize the program regionally.

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# Attachment I

## Archives Committee: Interim Report

1. The new co-clerks are Aimee and Langdon Elsbree
2. The new co-clerks hope to meet with the preceding clerk during or shortly after Yearly Meeting.
3. The committee will move directly to complete a contract with Whittier College and thereby clarify all arrangements concerning documents and ownership, and will clear this contract with the appropriate members of PYM
4. Once guidelines are clear about the archives, Monthly Meetings will be notified.

Aimee & Langdon Elsbree

Attachment J

July 29, 1985      Monday

Report of Finance Committee to Pacific Yearly Meeting  
Representative Committee

Finance Committee will be meeting every day until further notice from 3:30 PM to 5:30 PM in Founders Hall 8.

We are recommending the transfer of FYM money market funds from Dreyfus Liquid Assets to Working Assets Money Fund. Considerations in this recommendation are a stated policy to pursue noble goals in their investments and to avoid South Africa investments. The ability to write checks against the fund is considered an essential requirement. A small decrease in interest can be expected (current 7.02 % verses 7.68 %).

We are experiencing difficulty in obtaining insurance for FYM functions. At this time we are only insured for the Yearly Meeting Session. We will be looking further into insuring the March Representative Committee Meeting (covered under Monthly Meeting? or?). It does not appear possible to insure all committee meetings and officers activities except at prohibitive cost. Monthly Meetings may also be experiencing difficulties in obtaining insurance at reasonable rates. We are asking for input about any difficulties that Monthly Meetings or Quarterly Meetings are experiencing, any solutions, and information on just how Monthly Meetings and Quarterly Meetings are handling insurance. We will be making written inquiries to Monthly Meetings and other Yearly Meetings. We plan to make this information available to all.

We have recommended to the Bulletin Committee that Bulletin employees should be included under Workers Compensation and that they recommend a procedure by which they can use FYM reserve funds in the event of financial emergency to insure that salaries and bills are paid on time. We will be discussing the finances of the Bulletin further with the Bulletin Committee.

Other areas of concern that we will be dealing with this week will be possible implications of the Permanent Site Fund, assessments for Honolulu and Mexico City Monthly Meetings as distinct from other Monthly Meetings, budget allocations for fiscal year 1985-1986. We will be particularly concerned with the outreach budget in view of the many requests for additions and for revising the guidelines.

Walter D. Jones, Clerk  
PYM Finance Committee

# PACIFIC YEARLY MEETING

Robert S. Vogel, Clerk  
1678 Casitas Avenue, Pasadena

of the RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS

July 1, 1985

Representatives of Monthly and  
Quarterly Meetings  
Clerks and Officers of  
Pacific Yearly Meeting

Call to Representative Committee  
July 28 and 29, 1985

Dear Friends,

As you know, LaVerne University will be the place for the 39th Annual Gathering of Pacific Yearly Meeting. Representative Committee will meet promptly at 7:00 p.m. on Sunday, July 28th and continue on Monday morning, July 29th from 8:30 a.m. to 10:45 a.m.

The tentative agenda for Representative Committee is enclosed along with the tentative agenda for the Yearly Meeting itself. Please examine both carefully. And do let the Clerk know in advance if there are other items that need to be brought forward for consideration either at Representative Committee or at the business session of Yearly Meeting.

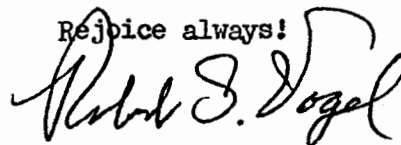
After hearing preliminary reports on items brought forward from the March 1985 Representative Committee, we will consider the agenda for Yearly Meeting as recommended by the Agenda Review Committee.

This year we'll be celebrating the completion of our new Faith and Practice and studying it in small groups. Already La Jolla Meeting wants to include a stronger section on membership for children. Marshall Massey will be helping us sharpen the concern for the environment. Since PYM this year meets between the World Gathering of Young Friends and the Triennial of the Friends World Committee for Consultation in Mexico, we are anticipating visits from travelling Friends, including three Young Friends from East Germany. These are only a few of the highlights. Who can ever predict what will happen at PYM?

If you plan to arrive on Saturday, please let the registrars, Joanna and Joe Magruder know. (916) 455-0556.

I am looking forward with great anticipation to seeing you once again and working and playing together to build our Friends community of faith.

Rejoice always!



Robert S. Vogel, Clerk

Enclosures

## PACIFIC YEARLY MEETING

### of the RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS

Tentative AGENDA, Representative Committee, Sunday, July 28, 1985 7:00p.m. - 9:45 p.m.  
LaVerne University and Monday, July 29, 1985 8:30 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.  
LaVerne, California

#### Sunday, July 28

7:00 p.m. Worship  
7:30 p.m. Introductions  
Approval of Agenda for Representative Committee  
Preliminary Report of Committee to Name Nominating Committee Laura Magnani  
Items from March Representative Committee  
Membership in FUM and FGC Lowell Tozer  
Ad Hoc Committee on Publications Jack Leshefka  
Sites Committee: 1986 and Permanent Site Marie Schutz  
M. & O.: Workshops for Clerks Marie Parker  
Reports and Approval of Agenda for PYM 1985  
Agenda Review Committee recommendations Jeanette Norton  
Arrangements Becky Layfield  
Worship-Fellowship Sub-Committee Brian Vura-Weis  
Children's Program Pat Wolff  
Junior Friends Nancy Salzman  
Young Friends Ross Mackinney  
Epistle Committee Robert Young  
Friends JOURNAL reporter Shirley Ruth  
Ministry and Oversight: Fund for Concerns, Mental Illness and Brinton Visitor Robert Young  
9:45 p.m. Adjournment

#### Monday, July 29

8:30 a.m. Worship  
8:45 a.m. Concerns brought to PYM  
Public Witness Against Sexism (to Social Order) Honolulu Meeting  
Children's Membership (to Discipline & M. & O.) La Jolla Meeting  
Death Penalty (to Social Order) Delta Meeting  
Friends Committee on War Tax Concerns (to Peace) FWCC & Clerk  
Concerns brought by Standing Committees since March  
Religious Education Laura Magnani  
Discipline Committee Pegge Lacey  
Peace Committee: Conscience Fund; Peace Tax Fund Bard McAllister  
Social Order Committee  
Ad Hoc Committee on History and Archives Aimee and Langdon Elsbree  
East-West Committee Steve Birdlebough  
Friends BULLETIN Committee Elsa Glines  
Friend in the Orient Committee Rose Lewis  
Finance Committee & Treasurers Virginia Croninger & Walter Jones  
Statistical Clerk John Draper  
Registrars Joanna & Joseph Magruder  
Secretariat Committee Andy Eubanks & Lois Richter  
Concerns brought by Representatives to Friends Organizations  
FWCC, AFSC, FCNL, FGC, New Call to Peacemaking, General Reunion of Friends  
Other items  
10:45 a.m. Adjourn for session on Orientation for Everyone at 11:00 a.m.