Friends gathered at 1:30 p.m., greeted each other warmly, and settled into a period of silent worship.

Clerk Stratton Jaquette read the following opening minute:

Dear Friends: We have gathered to create anew our Pacific Yearly Meeting as we meet for the 40th session of Pacific Yearly Meeting this week at La Verne University in La Verne, California. We are part of a Society of Friends of many varieties and gifts, as we will recognize as we greet each other and share our lives and faith. We think also of those Friends with whom we have met as Pacific Yearly Meeting over the past 40 years, especially those now in our neighboring yearly meetings. How this week unfolds will depend on the measure of Light that we each bring and share here, our preparation and our prayerful work together. With God's help we will find ourselves rededicated to that life that lives in the Light and Spirit.

and announced that Pacific Yearly Meeting is now in session.

The Clerk, Stratton Jaquette, introduced the Assistant Clerk, Micki Graham-Newlin; Recording Clerks, Vanita Blum and Margaret Mossman; Reading Clerk, Anne Friend; Clerks of Junior Yearly Meeting, Heidi Hartsough and Corita Warner; Clerk of Young Friends, Maura Hogan Leos.

Stratton Jaquette then introduced Stephen Morgan, the President of the University of La Verne, who welcomed us hospitably and noted that the Brethren Founders of the University and present Brethren feel close to Friends. He invited us to learn more about the University and to return in future years.

Micki Graham-Newlin, Assistant Clerk, read the roll of member Meetings. The following Meetings are represented here today: Berkeley, Claremont, Davis, Delta, Fresno, Grass Valley, Hayward Area, Honolulu, Inland Valley, La Jolla, Los Angeles, Marin, Marloma, Mexico City, Monterey Peninsula, Orange County, Orange Grove, Pacific Ackworth, Palo Alto, Redwood Forest, Reno, Sacramento, San Diego, San Fernando, San Francisco, San Jose, Santa Barbara, Santa Cruz, Santa Monica, Strawberry Creek, Visalia, Westwood, and Whitleaf.

The following Preparative Meetings are represented: Conejo Valley and Humboldt. Worship groups represented are Morongo Basin, Taft, and Big Island.

We welcomed visitors from Friends Church: Southwestern Yearly Meeting, formerly California Yearly Meeting: Edith Haynes, Paul McCracken, and Peggy Paull; from Intermountain Yearly Meeting: Marshall Massey, Jane Scott, and Margaret Yarrow; from North Pacific Yearly Meeting: Floyd Schmoe, Mildred Burke, and Marilyn Schiffman; from Philadelphia Yearly Meeting, Sarah Rivers; and from Cleveland, Ohio, Seth Blevens.

The two new Meetings in Pacific Yearly Meeting, Redding and Hemet, are not represented.
ARRANGEMENTS

Becky Layfield, Clerk of Arrangements, described where to find maps, schedules of meetings, the Daily Miracle, the bookstore, craft store, displays, the children's program, the Secretariat, camping, phones, swimming, etc. She warned of parking restrictions and the hours when buildings will be locked. Pegge Lacey, Assistant Arrangements Clerk, described the procedures for scheduling group meetings and finding necessary equipment.

CHILDREN'S PROGRAM

Laura Magnani, Clerk of the Children's Program Committee, described the program for children from birth to 12 years of age. She introduced Margaret Jamison, the staff in charge. Margaret expressed the hope that Friends will nurture families, parents and children alike, and that the end of this stressful week will find our children happy and healthy. Margaret introduced all the staff working with children and asked both pre-school and school age children to stand to be recognized.

JUNIOR YEARLY MEETING

Nancy Salzman, Clerk of Junior Yearly Meeting Committee, introduced the Clerks and advisors for both junior and senior high school programs. She explained that the Junior Yearly Meeting plans its own program and asked for the cooperation of parents and all Friends.

WORSHIP-FELLOWSHIP GROUPS

Brian Vura-Weiss, Clerk, urged Friends to take a spiritual approach to the worship-fellowship groups; he provided written guidelines to be followed.

REGISTRAR

Fred Cey, Co-Registrar with Larry Perry, reminded us to be careful not to lose keys.

EPISTLES

Reading Clerk, Anne Friend, read the Epistles from Australia Yearly Meeting in Brisbane; excerpts from the Junior Northern Yearly Meeting from Chetec, Wisconsin, and the conclusion of the epistle from Rocky Mountain Yearly Meeting of the Friends Church, Colorado Springs.

Vanita Blum, Recording Clerk
PLENARY SESSION 2: WORSHIP
8th Month, 4, 1936; 4 p.m.

Friends gathered in silence to worship together.

Despite warm weather and squeaky chairs, the Spirit was felt among us. In vocal ministry Friends shared prayerful visions of God and the future, gratitude toward our spiritual forebears, and hopes that Pacific Yearly Meeting will find its way, knowing that inner guidance and revelation are available to us.

Vanita Blum, Recording Clerk

8/7/36
5: WORSHIP2
Plenary Session 3 opened in silent worship.

EPISTLES

The Reading Clerk read from the Epistles of Nebraska Yearly Meeting, Monte Verde Friends Meeting in Costa Rica, London Yearly Meeting, and Southeastern Yearly Meeting.

MINUTES

The Minutes of Plenary Session 1 were read and approved as corrected. The Minutes of Plenary Session 2 (Worship) were read and accepted.

INTRODUCTIONS

Visitors not previously introduced were introduced and welcomed; Anna and Will Alexander, San Luis Obispo; Sandra Gey, in her capacity as Field Representative for the Friends Committee on National Legislation; Marilyn Schiffman, North Pacific Yearly Meeting; Mimi Wegrzyn, Co-Clerk of El Centro de Paz; and Sarah Brown, Pima Meeting, Arizona.

The members of the Epistle Committee, who are appointed by Ministry and Oversight Committee, were introduced. They are Elizabeth Jones, Ingrid Peterson and Michael Dunn.

REPORT ON THIRD MONTH, 1986, REPRESENTATIVE COMMITTEE

The Minutes of the Representative Committee, meeting Third Month, 1986, were read by its Recording Clerk, Susanna Matthay, to remind us what that body had done.

STATE OF THE SOCIETY

Members of Ministry and Oversight helped us to look at the State of the Society. (See Attachment A.) Thirty-one of 35 Monthly Meetings had forwarded State of the Meeting reports. The Committee had reviewed them, with an emphasis on community and from the standpoint of size of each Meeting. First the members of the committee, and then the Meeting, responded to the following Queries:

1) What are the strengths and what must you compensate for, with relationship to the size of your Meeting?
2) Is your Meeting in a process of growth or change or both?
3) Are there characteristics in our Meetings inherently related to their size?
The Committee reported that small Meetings (0-25 people), Preparative Meetings, and Worship Groups struggle to learn more about Quakerism and appreciate the help of larger Meetings and visiting Quakers. They are concerned about First Day Schools and being better known in the larger community. The work of individuals is often shared within the Meeting, which increases the Meeting's outreach while providing support for the individual. Time is set aside for discussion of varied topics. In these groups, there is much that binds people together: committee work done by the Meeting as a whole; marriages, births and social occasions; participation in Quarterly and Yearly activities.

Medium-size Meetings (31-56 people) show diversity in the issues facing them, yet seem secure in their identity as Quaker Meetings seeking the Light on their various concerns. In this group there is an almost universal awareness of size and its effect on the Meeting. A constant thread is the concern to maintain community, to ensure that members and attenders know and care for each other in spite of an increase in size.

The Committee reported that larger meetings (63-144 people) have activities to help people know one another. They are concerned with issues related to Meeting for Business, First Day School, and keeping members and attenders involved in the Meeting. They seem to be anxious to be busy. Diversity and large numbers of people are appreciated. However, the Committee suggested that the State of the Meeting reports reflected little emphasis on the spiritual center of these Meetings.

The Meeting responded to the Queries in a variety of ways. One spoke of balancing the treasure of spoken ministry in a large Meeting against the difficulties such a Meeting presents in knowing one another. Another remembered that when her Meeting was small, the members intensely concentrated on learning to be Quakers; and that it was heartbreaking not to know the faces in the room now that it had grown larger. One felt that, in small Meetings, people had to learn to work together because they could not avoid one another. Another felt that a small Meeting expects unity, does not want to work for it, and will not fight for it; and that the expectation of unity can be daunting.

Friends wondered how Meetings resolved the problem of Meetings that had become too large, "dinosaurs" in the words of one. "Who gets custody of the Meetinghouse?" she asked; and Friends responded with a number of ways in which overly-large Meetings had dealt with the problem.

Ministry and Oversight's reports are attached to the file copy of these Minutes.

After our period of corporate self-searching, we closed in silent worship.

Margaret Rossman
Co-Recording Clerk

3/5/86
5:PLENARY3
PLENARY SESSION 4
3rd month, 5, 1986. 9:45 a.m.

We opened the session with silent worship.

Reading Clerk read from the following Epistles: North Carolina Yearly Meeting of Friends, Switzerland Yearly Meeting, New England Yearly Meeting, and North Pacific Yearly Meeting.

MINUTES

The minutes of Session 3 were read, amended, and approved.

INTRODUCTIONS

Susan Hughes of Chico Preparative Meeting is present.

BRINTON VISITORS

Hermione Baker, Clerk of the Brinton Visitors Committee, introduced our present Brinton visitors, Leonard and Martha Dart, and noted that three of our past Visitors are with us as well: Madge Seaver, Ed Morganroth, and Margaret Yarrow. She reminded us that the Howard and Anna Brinton Memorial Visitor was established in 1975 to commemorate the work of the Brintons, who helped establish Pacific Yearly Meeting and contributed to the understanding of Quaker roots and life. She described the varied backgrounds of education, work, and study, as well as service of each of the Darts. She explained that the work of the Visitors is most needed to help explore needs and problems of meetings and Worship Groups as well as bringing stimulating ideas and information.

Hermione made a strong appeal that Monthly Meetings include in their budgets an item for the Brinton Visitor Fund.

Martha Dart thanked us for the opportunity to make the visitations, which have covered areas from Hawaii to Intermountain Yearly Meeting Worship Groups and Meetings. The visits included 43 Friends' groups; the Darts traveled 7000 miles in the West. Leonard described small groups in Moab, Utah; Laramie, Wyoming; and Caspar, Wyoming, where the Friends have combined with Unitarians to increase the size of the group. He told of a single Friend at Chaco Canyon who invites the campers and visitors to the Canyon to worship with him on First Days. They were much moved by Friends who are or work with Native Americans in the Gallup area. In Hawaii they were impressed by the great differences in the Worship Groups on various islands which are visited so infrequently by Friends from Honolulu or other areas.

The schedule of visits by our Brinton Visitors will continue this fall as they go to Northern California and North Pacific Yearly Meeting.
FRIENDS COMMITTEE ON WAR TAX CONCERNS

Our delegate Anne Friend invites us to read a full report on the work of this committee. (See Attachment B.) She explained that the committee had been charged with 1) holding a conference for employers whose workers do not want tax withheld, 2) writing a study guide, a series of eight pamphlets; and 3) holding conferences for Friends in all areas requested. The pamphlets are available in the book store. They cover the bases of tax protests in Biblical and Quaker thinking, information on evaluating spiritual leadings, and legal considerations. Friends are invited to discuss the issue with our delegate and to arrange visits in the Bay Area and Sacramento in September.

COMMITTEE ON FRIENDS IN UNITY WITH NATURE

Alan Strain, Clerk of the Committee, first presented a personal statement of his inner journey which has brought him to this work on the stewardship of God's Earth. Past contact with Hopi Native Americans, with Frank and Josephine Duveneck, with various teachers and teaching, with readings, and with Marshall Nassey's talks at PY in 1985 have led him to feel that spiritual environmental concerns are of primary concern. He also has found during this year that other religious people from many churches or none have taken on the stewardship of the earth as a religious cause, replacing economic and political causes in their lives. Among influences on his thinking are the following authors and texts: Roger Wilson's Authority, Leadership, and Concern; Frank Waters' Pumpkin Seed Point: Two Views of Nature, the Hopi View of Time; S.C. Northrup's Meeting of East and West; Gregory Bateson's Mind and Nature, a Necessary Unity; Jeremy Rifkin's Declaration of a Heretic, and writings of John McHale. Alan also shared the experience of Palo Alto Meeting's moving toward consideration of the inner questions: What does it mean to be in unity with Nature? What does it mean to live on God's Earth in harmony? His conclusion from his experience is that our fundamental attitudes need to be transformed.

The second part of Alan Strain's presentation was the formal report of the committee. (See Attachment C.) He reported that the committee has met 10 times and has developed a newsletter with a circulation of 1000 which functions as a forum for many viewpoints and a source of information. The committee has not yet written a statement of a testimony to which all can subscribe, believing that a testimony must be clearly spoken in our lives before it can be put into words. Marshall Nassey's work has been progressing on the writing of a handbook for study of environmental concerns from the religious viewpoint. He has also been speaking to many groups. Committee plans for the future include a conference on stewardship of the Earth for church environmental workers: "Good planets are hard to find," putting top priority on the completion of Nassey's book, and planning a conference at Hidden Villa in 1987.
Long range plans (or visions) to be considered as funds are available are: 1) funding an intern to FCNL to work on environmental concerns; 2) continuing the Newsletter, perhaps expanded; 3) setting up a resource center with a library and computer file; and 4) staffing the work of the committee with the equivalent of three full-time persons. To fund all of these plans would cost over $100,000 through 1987. The committee believes that most of the projects would eventually become self supporting. The present expenses are $18,000 per year; $7565 are in the PYM fund.

Pacific Yearly Meeting is asked to consider prayerfully the possibility of eventually setting up a separate entity to accomplish the planned projects. The committee thanks us for our support as they and we pray for grace and clearness. Materials and the committee members are available all this week for our information.

Clerk Stratton Jacquette noted that the concerns presented will be discussed at a future Session.

MINUTES OF REPRESENTATIVE COMMITTEE

Susanna Matthay, Recording Clerk of Representative Committee, read the action minutes from 8th month, 3, in the evening and from 3th month, 4, in the morning. Copies of those action minutes will be available for all.

FRIENDS COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL LEGISLATION

Marion Givens, PYM representative, introduced Sandra Gey of Berkeley Meeting, the Western Field Secretary of FCNL. Sandra stated that Friends' lobbying began when George Fox addressed Oliver Cromwell as "Friend." Ed Snyder of FCNL will be going to the USSR in September to be better able to inform our Senators of what he learns there. FCNL's work is supervised by Friends Meetings and Churches through Meeting contact persons and Yearly Meeting representatives. Meetings are asked to return questionnaires on their priorities of issues to be dealt with by FCNL. They must be returned by this September 21. Priorities are reviewed every two years, and policies every five years.

Sandra also reminded us that we have a California Friends Lobby, the Friends Committee on Legislation. The two groups are allies spiritually, but separate financially. Both need our support. We are invited to attend interest groups on FCNL and FCL.

The session was concluded with a period of silent worship.

Vanita Blum, Co-Recording Clerk

3/5/86
7:PLENARY
WORSHIP SESSION 5

We are called to obedience -- a word which stems from the Latin "to listen all the way through" -- through the customs of our busyness, through the habits of our mind, through the formulations of our ego -- until we are one with the Spirit which unites. Then what we do and what we say will be healing.

In an experiment, there is always the risk of failure -- of being wrong -- but the scientist remains part of the scientific community and committed to its processes. For us, likewise, faith lies in obedience and openness to the corporate search for truth.

We are asked to be faithful, not necessarily to be successful.

Margaret Mossman
Co-Recording Clerk

8/6/86
6:worship5
PLENARY SESSION 5
Eighth month, 5, 1985, 7 p.m.

Plenary Session 5 opened in silent worship.

The Reading Clerk read from the Epistles of Wilmington Yearly Meeting, Northern Yearly Meeting, and Sweden and Finland Yearly Meeting.

The Minutes of Session 4 were read and approved as corrected.

INTRODUCTIONS

Visitors not previously introduced were welcomed: Stephen Naismith, Bristol Meeting (Great Britain); Glynnis Golden, Linda Lots, David Edinger and Richard Roberts, American Friends Service Committee, Pacific Southwest Regional Office, staff; Cleve Jones and Doug Thompson, Friends Committee on Legislation Legislative Advocate and Development Secretary, respectively; Lind Coop, Presiding Clerk of Friends Church: Southwestern Yearly Meeting, formerly California Yearly Meeting, and his wife, Jeananne.

Lind Coop, “speaking from the heart,” noted all Friends share a common theological bond. He related the “hour I first believed,” in the hymn Amazing Grace, to the moment George Fox first understood that we could be one with God, under the direction of the Holy Spirit and otherwise without intervention. This understanding, as well as God’s promise that “wherever two or more are gathered together, I am present,” is the basis of an enormous power. Friends have used this power well. The challenge for Friends now is to focus that power to eliminate economic, social and human discrimination which depreciates the quality of life worldwide. “What do Friends have in common?” he asked. “Certainly enough to work together.”

Lois Richter, Clerk of the Secretariat Committee, introduced the staff of the Secretariat: Chris Laning, Ellie Hitchcock and Joanne Clapp.

AD HOC COMMITTEE ON ARCHIVES AND HISTORY

Aimee Elsbree reported for the Ad Hoc Committee on Archives and History. She and Langdon Elsbree had been asked to complete arrangements for placing the archives of Pacific Yearly Meeting and its Quarterly and Monthly Meetings in the Whittier College Quaker collection, which has been done. She expressed gratitude for the work of Jan Tappan, Pacific Yearly Meeting Historian/Archivist; the Committee members; Phillip O’Brien, Head Librarian at Whittier College; Elizabeth Potts Brown at the Quaker Collection of Haverford College; and Albert W. Fowler at Friends Historical Library of Swarthmore College. A guide for placing archives at Whittier and forms for loans and gifts are attached to the file copy of these Minutes and will be provided to all Meetings at the close of this Yearly Meeting. (Attachment “D”) The Committee reported that it felt its work completed and asked to be laid down. The Meeting approved.
The Ad Hoc Committee on Archives and History is laid down with gratitude for its work.

VIGIL AT VANDENBERG AIR FORCE BASE

A Minute that had been approved by Representative Committee and forwarded to Plenary, regarding a planned vigil at Vandenberg Air Force Base, was read. After a brief discussion, the following Minute was approved.

Pacific Yearly Meeting joins with College Park Quarterly Meeting and six Monthly Meetings in sponsoring a vigil and witness in front of the main gate to Vandenberg Air Force Base on Sunday morning, August 10, 1986. The purpose of this vigil is to express our religious resistance to the work on testing and deployment of nuclear weapons being done at Vandenberg and to maintain our right to worship peaceably on the county right-of-way at the entrance to the base. We urge those Friends who can, to participate in this witness.

Concerns regarding the implications of such sponsorship, as well as implementation of the Minute were referred to the Peace Committee.

OUTREACH BUDGET

A Minute was read, which was approved and forwarded by Representative Committee, regarding the procedure by which recommendations related to budgetary items for outreach to other Friends' bodies are determined. The Meeting approved the following Minute.

The procedure set up in PYM Minute 1979-14, requiring an annual survey of the Monthly Meetings by the Finance Committee in regard to their Meeting's practices and wishes in regard to outreach, is laid down.

We were reminded that recommended changes in outreach budget items should be minuted by the Monthly Meeting and forwarded to Pacific Yearly Meeting in the same manner as other concerns.

DISCIPLINE COMMITTEE

The members of the Discipline Committee initiated a lengthy period of thoughtful sharing by asking, "What defines you as a Friend?" Lowell Tozer, Clerk of Discipline Committee, began by suggesting three themes that may help to define what it means to be a Friend: 1) revelation is continuous, 2) our corporate nature as Friends is important in testing the received Light, and 3) there is a spiritual source from which Light ultimately derives. Other
Members of the Committee read groups of quotations from our Faith and Practice, after each of which Friends spoke out of the silence, struggling to explain in words and with labels, that which is beyond words. Among the responses were the following:

One Friend felt that revelations are not so much continuing, as renewed. Another had come to believe that Biblical happenings still occur after accompanying displaced persons in El Salvador, who were trying to return to the land from which they had been forced by Operation Phoenix, in which area was heavily bombed and the remaining life had been killed by surrounding ground forces, and who were yet able to say "The Lord is my Shepherd." One Friend did not expect to hear something different than what a Moses might have heard, but was unwilling to say it would not be possible. "Otherwise, I would be putting a limit on my God, and I dare not."

Another Friend considered Quakers Christian but regretted that we let others define Christianity. Being a Friend, for one speaker, was centered in the discipline of the corporate body—"a tough discipline but one which gives us our soul," she thought. Another said, "It is clear from that I comprehend of the Universe that we are not the only planet, millennium and species to achieve unity with the Source. Indeed, given our infinitesimal place in the universe, it is a wonder that we do have this connection."

A Southern Baptist spoke to another's condition. The form of the message was unfamiliar, but, said the messenger, "You know what I mean." One hopes we would not cut ourselves off from the community of others. "There are different paths up the mountain," she said. "One is probably best, but which one depends on where you started."

One knew that path as Scripture and "put in a good word for the Word of God." Another, as the Gospel according to his grandmother, Gigi, "There is one power in the Universe. I call it God. Whatever you call its name, nothing can ever prevail against it."

"By their works you will know them" echoed in many hearts.

We closed in silent worship.

Margaret Rossman
Co-Recording Clerk

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PLENARY SESSION 7
8th Month, 6, 1985. 9:45 a.m.

The session began with a period of silent worship.

EPISTLES

The Reading Clerk read excerpts from Illinois Yearly Meeting, Nebraska Yearly Meeting, Netherlands Yearly Meeting, and Ohio Valley Yearly Meeting.

MINUTES

The minutes of worship session 5 were read.
The minutes of session 6 were read, corrected, and approved.

INTRODUCTIONS

Members of Hemet Monthly Meeting have arrived: Nanci Yoder and Ann Rush.
Brian Frye, administrator from John Woolman School is here representing the school. Inez Voorhis was introduced.

REPRESENTATIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES

The minute on Mental Illness, recommended by Representative Committee, was read, discussed, and approved. The Recommended Actions for action by Monthly Meetings were also approved with minor changes.

PACIFIC YEARLY MEETING

Pacific Yearly Meeting is concerned about the plight of more than 15 million people in the United States who are considered to be "mentally ill." We are aware that mental illness touches us both through our families and through our meeting families. Also, we recognize that sometimes our meetings for Worship seem to be particularly attractive to those who have been set adrift from community and family through the very nature of their illness and by the pitifully inadequate care, attention, facilities, and funding given to them. We see, too, that when families attempt to maintain the mentally disabled member within the family structure, the drain on family life, resources, and health is discouraging and potentially destructive. The mentally disabled are often not able to care for themselves or to cope with the complexities required for them to secure what little public support is available. We, therefore, call upon Friends, Friends Meetings, and all levels of Government to be active in seeking information, funding, and viable programs to enable the long term mentally ill to leave their existence among the homeless and live lives as productive and satisfying as may be possible.
We urge the maintenance of and respect for basic legal and moral rights and urge that they be honored by all who find themselves caregivers to the mentally disabled. Pacific Yearly Meeting strongly urges Monthly Meetings to take action in support of this Minute within the capacity of the Meeting.

RECOMMENDED ACTIONS

1. Monthly Meetings and individual Friends to inform themselves about the extent of the problem within their own meetings and communities.

2. Either one Friend or a Committee in each Meeting to take responsibility for being knowledgeable about resources within the community.

3. Friends to inform themselves of legislation and programs designed to meet the needs of those who are mentally ill and of their families and to give urgent and active support to appropriate legislation, funding, and programs.

4. Friends to continue the tradition among Quakers of seeking the Light within each person, treating any individual who is seen as mentally disabled as an individual worthy of respect and deserving of love, and continuously to serve as models and examples in leading other members of the community in the direction of respect-filled and worth-enhancing attitudes toward the mentally disabled.

5. Friends to advocate against policies which continue the discrimination against the mentally disabled and to support policies which would lead to a quality community mental health system.

6. Friends to inform themselves of the reality of remission and recovery and to enjoy normal relationships as appropriate.

FRIENDS WORLD COMMITTEE ON CONSULTATION

David Tappan described the wide range of Friends who make up the FWCC as highly varied in language and geography as well as in beliefs and practices. The goal of FWCC is to facilitate loving understanding of our diversity, to find common ground for expressing our Quaker witness for peace and justice. Two of its many activities are publishing Quaker Information Network, and operating two United Nations offices; the American Section operates Right Sharing of World Resources, The Wider Quaker Fellowship, Friends Committee on War Tax Concerns, Quaker Youth Pilgrimage (with the European Section), and other programs.
Kate Buckner, one of our representatives to the Triennial Meeting of FWCC in Oaxtepec, Mexico, in 1985, described the excitement of the gathering of 220 Friends from 28 countries. Many participants were from Third World countries like Bolivia. The newest section of FWCC after The Americas, Africa, and Europe is the Asia-West Pacific Section, which will have its office in Australia. FWCC plans continuing work on the World Aid Program, Scholarships for Zimbabwe, assistance to refugees. One of the speakers at the Triennial was Ham Sok Hon from Korea. Virginia Heck, David Tappan, and Kate Buckner are available for more discussion and have a slide show of the Triennial Conference.

Marie Parker described the Annual Meeting of the Section of the Americas, held in 1985 in Greensboro, North Carolina. One of the goals of the American Section is visitation between Friends from different parts of the Friendly spectrum. Marie at this time appropriately introduced Paul McCracken of Friends Church: Southwestern Yearly Meeting (formerly California Yearly Meeting) and Marilyn Schiffman from North Pacific Yearly Meeting, who are with us. The program at the Greensboro Conference included a talk by Marshall Massey and a time for responses. Marie invited us to see the literature table for FWCC which includes a list of all their publications.

A gathering between Pacific Yearly Meeting and Friends Church: Southwestern Yearly Meeting is now being planned for next spring in Southern California to explore our spiritual journeys and testimonies together. Friends are asked to save the dates of that gathering: April 2 and 3 of 1987.

David Tappan concluded the report by reminding us that the FWCC allows us to meet and learn from each other. Each of us has emphasized a strand of our original heritage; together we can experience the wholeness of early Friends.

FRIEND-IN-THE-ORIENT COMMITTEE

Akie Reynolds reported that it has been a quiet year, and the committee is now ready to explore new activities. The committee's purpose is to foster love and understanding and information between the Orient and our West Coast. The Committee publishes Windows East and West, five issues a year. Copies are available here and subscriptions are invited. Akie told us that Lloyd and Mary Margaret Bailey, our former Friends in the Orient, keep in touch with Friends in Seoul, Korea, on a regular basis. This fall Floyd Schmoe is planning a trip to China and will carry our greetings. He has requested a travel minute and $400 for expenses, about 1/3 of his costs. Floyd is himself the history of Friend-in-the-Orient, since he has been well known and loved ever since his project of rebuilding homes in Hiroshima and Nagasaki after WWII. Friends are invited to contribute to the Friend-in-the-Orient fund for Floyd's expenses.

The following Travel Minute for Floyd Schmoe was approved:

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August 5, 1985
To Friends in Japan, Korea and China:

Floyd Schmoe, valued and much loved member of University Meeting in Seattle, Washington and Pacific Yearly Meeting will be
travelling among you in October and November of this year. He comes with a concern from the Friend-in-the-Orient Committee of Pacific Yearly Meeting for more contact between our countries.

Floyd Schmoe is a published author, scientist, teacher and humanitarian. He has degrees from the University of Washington and from New York's State College of Forestry and several honorary degrees. He has taught at the University of Hawaii and lectured at a number of other universities. With his writing he has plumbed the depths of the meaning of life for himself and others.

During or after three wars he has done relief and reconstruction work with Quaker service and United Nations agencies, in Europe, Japan, Korea and Egypt. He is perhaps best known for his project of building homes in Hiroshima and Nagasaki after 1945.

We commend Floyd Schmoe to your loving care.

Stratton C. Jaquette, Clerk
Pacific Yearly Meeting

Clifford Cole then described the visit from China of James and Jean Chai, who spent several weeks in Southern California, hosted by Meetings. They had worked with an ambulance unit during wartime and were able to visit hospitals here.

Akie Reynolds then explained that the Committee is exploring the idea of having a Friend in China. The Chais may be contact persons. More information is needed before a formal proposal can be made. Both the committee and Floyd Schmoe will be studying the feasibility of the project during the coming year.

EAST-WEST RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Steve Birdlebough reported that there are about 150 Friends in the German Democratic Republic and one in Czechoslovakia. Probably there are none in the USSR. The Committee had a workshop last fall at Quaker Center and plans future workshops. They hope to build bridges, but find it difficult. To bridge the gaps between East and West the Committee hoped to have a work camp in the German Democratic Republic, but it took too long to get permits. Now there is an opportunity for a Friend to go there for six months to work with handicapped people. At present the London Friends are making more progress in bridge building; so our committee is letting them take the lead in making direct contacts. The Committee is working on increasing community outreach to overcome the common concept of the Soviet Union as the "evil empire," as it was designated by President Reagan. They have available the slide show "Faces of the Enemy," from Fellowship of Reconciliation. The Fellowship of Reconciliation has a teach-in scheduled for November 5 - 12, 1986, "Windows on the USSR." Our visitors to the Youth Gathering in Moscow, Meredith Mercer and Chris Hoyness, are available to talk to Meetings.
Another opportunity for outreach may come in February with a TV series which categorizes Americans as either collaborators or resisters of the Soviets. Steve hopes the series can be used for reconciliation.

The Friends trip to the Soviet Union next summer will include a workshop before the trip. The East-West Committee hopes that at least two Young Friends could go on the trip, which costs $2335 per person. It is hoped that PYM could contribute 1/3 of the cost for each. Thus a group of Friends with information will be built up to help educate each other and the public.

There was considerable discussion on the mechanics of such funding and some discomfort from those who have known suffering from the Soviet system. The clerk requested that those who wish to contribute may send funds ear-marked for the East-West Committee Fund. The Clerk requested that Finance Committee and East-West Committee bring a recommendation to Representative Committee on the mechanics of funding beyond the individual contributions. Meeting approved.

It was announced that Walt and Phyllis Jones will be traveling to the German Democratic Republic and The German Federal Republic shortly, carrying a letter of introduction from PYM. They plan to visit Friends as possible.

PRELIMINARY REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Jim Sanatel presented the report, which is not yet filled in completely and invited Friends to volunteer for positions they would like to fill or to suggest nominees to members of the Nominating Committee.

The meeting was closed with a short period of silent worship.

Vanita Blum, Recording Clerk

3/6/85
12:PLENARY7
We gathered to celebrate the lives of the twenty-seven Friends who have died in the past year. Their names were posted in bold and graceful calligraphy before us, a gift of Pat Wolff. Members of Ministry and Oversight read inspirational passages followed by the names of those we are remembering.

The end is where we start from...
Every phrase and every sentence is an end
And a beginning.
Every poem an epitaph. And any action
Is a step to the block, to the fire, down the sea's throat
Or to an illegible stone: and that is where we start.
We start with the dying:
See, they depart and we go with them.
We are born with the dead: See, they return and bring us with them.

T.S. Eliot, "Little Giddings"

WILLIAM ALLEN ACORD (CLAREMONT)
JOHN WILLIAM ADLON (SACRAMENTO)
ISABEL BACHELS (SAN FRANCISCO)
JANE WALKER BLEW (BERKELEY)
AL "DOC" BROWN (HONOLULU)

They that love beyond the World, cannot be separated by it.
Death cannot kill what never dies.
Nor can Spirits ever be divided
that love and live in the same Divine Principle,
the Root and Record of their Friendship.
If absence be not Death, neither is theirs.

Death is but Crossing the World, as Friends go the Seas;
they live in one another still.                  William Penn

PETER BRENDAN CRONSHAW (SANTA BARBARA)
KAY DART (HONOLULU)
PAT DULCICH-SUTTON (REDWOOD FOREST)
STELLA FREEDMAN (BERKELEY)
LYNN GOEDELL (FRESNO)
GERALDINE HOUSE (ORANGE GROVE)

What can our living answer to our dying?
In living, can a soul become a good jumper, a good self-spender?
Can it learn in living how to die?
In living, has the soul had to leap at times to reach a farther side? Has it known the thrill of being swung safely across the abyss without seeing a hold beyond?
In living, has the soul learned to spend itself on the highest it knew without assurances of compensation?
And, giving all it possessed, worn out in the service of that highest, its own claims on life worn away,
Did it discover what it meant not to live but to be lived?

after Douglas Steere, "On Beginning from Within"

CLINTON HULING (DELTA)
LUIS IJAMS (PACIFIC ACKWORTH)
MYRA KEEN (PALO ALTO)
RUTH KENNEDY (SANTA MONICA)
HERBERT A. KREINKAMP (SAN JOSE)

Eternity is at our hearts, pressing upon our time-worn lives, warming us with intimations of an astounding destiny, calling us home to itself.

Thomas Kelly

MILTON MAYER (MONTEREY PENINSULA)
KENNETH MILLER (ORANGE GROVE)
DOROTHY MCCULY (MONTEREY PENINSULA)
ROSA POY (MEXICO CITY)
JOHN RAY (BERKELEY)
BENJAMIN SEAVER (SAN FRANCISCO)

Something has spoken to me in the night burning the tapers of the waning year;
Something has spoken in the night, and told me I shall die, I know not where, saying:
"to lose the earth you know, for greater knowing;
To lose the life you have, for greater life;
To leave the friends you loved, for greater loving;
To find a land more kind than home, more large than earth, whereon the pillars of this earth are founded, toward which the conscience of this world is tending;
A wind is rising and the rivers flow."

Thomas Wolfe, "You Can't Go Home Again"

SUZANNE SEIN (MEXICO CITY)
RALPH SHUGART (LA JOLLA)
ANN BEVAN SIMS (PALO ALTO)
JOHN A. TYLER (MONTEREY PENINSULA)
JOHN WAY (PACIFIC ACKWORTH)

Friends expressed gratitude for the gifts these Friends have given: love and tenderness, inspiration, practical and spiritual services, examples of purity, integrity, and promises kept. They will be missed.
"The communication of the dead is tongued with fire beyond the language of the living. What the dead had no words for when living, they can tell us, being dead."

The last gift of silence we accept with gratitude from the dead.

Vanita Blum, Recording Clerk

6/7/00
17: WORSHIP
Eighth Month, 5, 1933; 7 p.m.

Plenary session S met in silent worship.

The Reading Clerk read from the Epistles of New England Yearly Meeting, Ireland Yearly Meeting, Ohio Yearly Meeting and the German Democratic Republic.

MINUTES

The Minutes of Plenary Session 7 were read and approved as corrected.

STATISTICAL REPORT

Betty Hall, Statistical Clerk, reported. A copy of her statistical report is attached. (See Attachment E.) She noted that the way of reporting children has changed. In previous years the number of Junior members was reported. This year’s report reflects the number of children attending meetings. Two new monthly meetings were approved after the April cutoff date for submitting Recorders’ reports, so neither appear in this summary. They are Hemet and Reading.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Greet Kershaw, Clerk of Religious Education Committee, reported that the Northern California Subcommittee on the Quaker Spiritual Quest subcommittee plans to start two programs in the Fall: one in Berkeley and the other in the Sacramento Valley. In Southern California, programs are planned for La Jolla and Claremont. She hoped that the Committee’s baby had been successfully born. A copy of her report is attached. (See Attachment E.)

WIDER FELLOWSHIP AMONG FRIENDS COMMITTEE

Paul Kiebanck reported for the newly-formed Committee either on or for Wider Fellowship among Friends. He stressed the difference between these words, "on," implying looking at other Friends organizations and "for," the taking of action to achieve unity. It seems our relationship with other Friends is something which troubles us, eludes us, and about which we have some anxiety.

The Committee interprets its role as 1) affirming our history and familial ties with these groups, 2) bringing them more vividly to PYF’s awareness, and 3) making the alphabet soup of Quaker organizations more humane and accessible.

Members of the Committee had an all-day meeting this year with persons closely related to Friends United Meeting (FUM), Evangelical Friends Alliance (EFA) and Friends General Conference (FGC), and heard from PYF at an interest group. In the coming year, the Committee hopes to 1) meet twice to deepen its own understanding of other Friends’ groups, 2) provide a calendar
of events of these groups to Friends Bulletin. 3) expand representation of PYH at gatherings of these groups, and 4) be alert to opportunities for efforts in common among Friends at every level.

FRIENDS GENERAL CONFERENCE

Neil Fullagar, PY. Representative to FGC, briefly summarized his report. (See Attachment G.)

PEACE COMMITTEE

Jard McAllister, Clerk of the Peace Committee, spoke of that Committee's work this past year. Will Alexander led us into silent prayer in remembrance of the victims of Hiroshima and Nagasaki.

Minute on Declaration of Faith

Franklin Zahn read a proposed Declaration of Faith by PYH, which was intended by the Peace Committee to be a modern restatement of the Peace Testimony. (See Attachment H.) Numerous Friends spoke to the proposed minute. Some emphasized the sobering vision of actually living by such a statement. Others were comfortable reading it as aspiration and not reality. While some felt the language lacked clarity of intent, others praised it. There emerged a sense that such a statement needs wide circulation and study among Monthly Meetings. It was referred back to Peace Committee for further consideration.

Minute on Terrorism

George Milliken read a proposed minute on terrorism. (See Attachment I.) The meeting struggled to edit the language so that it might more clearly reflect our abhorrence of violence as a response to terrorism and our understanding of the role injustice plays in breeding it. In the end, the language seemed not to mirror our intent and the proposed minute was referred back to Peace Committee.

As a result of the late hour and a planned memorialization of the bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki 41 years ago, we felt unable to proceed with other minutes proposed by the Peace Committee. We were asked to all reflect on how best to proceed with these concerns.

We closed in silence.

Margaret Rossman
Co-Recording Clerk

3/7/86
16:plenary3
PACIFIC YEARLY MEETING -- RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS -- 1950 MINUTES

PLENARY SESSION 10: WORSHIP Eighth Month, 7, 1950, 4 P.M.

The spacious firmament on high
And all the blue ethereal sky,
A shining train,
The great Original proclaim.
The unbearied sun from day to day
Does his creator's power display
And publishes to every land
The work of an almighty hand.

Margaret Rossman
Co-Recording Clerk

3/3/50
15:WORSHIP10
PLENARY SESSION 11
8th Month, 7, 1986 7:00 p.m.

The Meeting opened with a period of silent worship.

EPISTLES

The Reading Clerk read the Epistles from Ohio Valley Yearly Meeting, Southern Appalachian Yearly Meeting and Association, and the 1985 Epistle from Friends in the German Democratic Republic.

MINUTES

The minutes of Session 8, the Memorial Meeting for Worship, were read.
The minutes of Plenary Session 9 were read and approved.
The minutes of Session 10, Meeting for Worship, were read.

INTRODUCTIONS

Recent arrivals were greeted: Katharine Faulconer from San Diego, Arthur Vail from La Jolla, and Margo Elias from Fresno.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Walter Klein explained that the financial statement dated July 20 is accurate for that date, but there have been changes since that time. (See Attachment J.) He reminded Friends that additional contributions to the Sharing Fund are still needed to replenish the amounts sent to Mexico City last year. Contributions can also be sent to the Brinton Visitor Fund. Other special funds are the Peace Tax Fund, the Fund for Concerns, and the Friends in Unity with Nature Fund. Walter explained that there are two accounts, one for Yearly Meeting Sessions and the other for the year-round activities of PYM. Walter told us of some of the thank-you notes he has received for contributions we made to Friends' organizations. William Penn House also offers a seminar for PYM visitors. The FCNL sent three thank you's; the letter from the AFSC in Honolulu was read in full.

REGISTRAR'S REPORT

Fred Gey explained that he had accepted the position from naiveté last year and will accept it for next year from masochism. The accounts are not yet complete for this year, but well over $2000 has been received in contributions for the children's program and Junior Yearly Meeting. Over $500 in late fees has been received.

The Meetings best represented are Orange Grove with 42 attending, Claremont with 32 attending, and Berkeley with 30. The most distant attenders are from Hawaii, Mexico City, and Pendle Hill.

Larry Perry reported that 313 adults are registered—about 1/7 of the Yearly Meeting's total numbers and about 30 less than last year. With children, there
are 402-405 registered. There are 39 first-time attenders, 268 families (down from 237 last year.)

The oldest attender is 93; the youngest, 5 weeks. Friends are most particularly asked to remember to return their badges and keys before they leave. There is a charge to PYM of $10 for each lost key.

Special thanks were given to several adults, teen-agers and one 9-year-old who gave much time and service in helping the Registrars.

FINANCE COMMITTEE: BUDGET FOR 1997

Walt Jones, Clerk, presented the proposed budget. He announced that member fees would remain the same for next year as for this. He noted that some committee expenses have been cut because the committee did not use as much as budgeted. He noted that the Friends Committee on Legislation has been added to the list of Friends organizations receiving support from PYM. The PYM guidelines say that contributions should be made to organizations which serve more than one state; therefore FCL had been dropped earlier. It is now clear that FCL's work affects more than California. Reno, Mexico City, and Honolulu Meetings agree.

Walt listed the guidelines for conference travel payment:

1) For one delegate $250 is the maximum to go East;
2) For two or more $150 per delegate is budgeted, assuming they may not all go.
3) The maximum to one person is $250 generally
4) The entire cost of travel is not given.

There was discussion of a few items, and clarifications provided.

Pegge Lacey, speaking for the Administrative Committee of Friends Committee on Legislation, thanked PYM for the support. Although it was intended that contributions should be more than token assistance, it was noted that the amounts are generally too small to be considered more than token payments.

Our representative to the Committee on War Tax Concerns asked that a token amount be given to that organization. Walt reminded Friends that the correct way to make such requests is through a Monthly Meeting. However, Bard McAllister, Clerk of the Peace Committee, announced that one third of the interest from the Peace Tax Fund will be given to the War Tax Concerns as a contribution.

Alan Strain, Clerk of the Committee on Unity with Nature, noted that his committee will exercise fiscal restraint, but that the committee will need to raise extra moneys in some way to meet obligations already undertaken.

Meeting approved the proposed budget, which is attached.
SITES COMMITTEE

Tom Layfield, Clerk, reported that the committee has not been able to recommend any new sites. Each of the three sites used recently is acceptable, but each has both problems and advantages. The committee recommends meeting at Craig Hall, Chico, in 1987; La Verne University in 1988, and La Honda in 1989. This tentative schedule can be changed if an additional site becomes available.

There was considerable discussion on the proposal, particularly on problems at the YMCA camp at La Honda. Problems at other sites were mentioned, but it was pointed out that there is no place that is best for everyone.

PYM-MIN

The tentative schedule was approved: 1987 - Chico; 1988 - La Verne; 1989 - La Honda.

PEACE COMMITTEE SPECIAL REQUEST

Linda Dunn introduced Carmen Broz of Palo Alto Meeting who recently returned from her native country, El Salvador, where she went with a group of religious and lay workers to accompany 400 campesinos who decided to return to their own village after being evacuated and kept in refugee areas. Carmen hopes we can break the news black-out on El Salvador by broadcasting the obscenities being witnessed there. She read Amos 9:14-15, the scripture read the first night she arrived in El Salvador, a passage which accurately describes the plight of the present day Salvadoran campesinos returning to destroyed homes and lands. Those who tried to return were surrounded by army troops, threatened with starvation, and intimidated. Leaders of grass roots organizations were taken prisoner.

Carmen requested that the Clerk of PYM write a letter on this concern. The Meeting approved the following minute:

Meeting approved that the Clerk of PYM send a letter to Napoleon Duarte, President of El Salvador, to Edwin Corr, United States Ambassador to El Salvador, and to the Latin American Desk of the State Department, based on the letter presented to us by Carmen Broz (attached). The Clerk will include these requests for action by the government of El Salvador: 1) To permit a permanent international religious presence in the communities of Augacayo and San Jose de las Flores, 2) to release immediately Joaquin Rodriguez and Inocencio Orellana, 3) to cease persecution of displaced Salvadorans and their legitimate grassroots organizations, and 4) to demilitarize these two communities. The Clerk has discretion to word the letter appropriately. A Spanish translation is to be prepared and sent.

The Meeting was closed with a period of silent worship.

Vanita Blum, Recording Clerk

8/7/36
17:plenary11
PLENARY SESSION 12
Eighth Month, 8, 1986; 9:45 a.m.

As we met in worship, we were asked to pray for the Clerks, that they may be patient but not indulgent.

The Reading Clerk read from the Epistles of Japan Yearly Meeting, New York Yearly Meeting, and the World Gathering of Young Friends.

MINUTES

The Minutes of Session 11 were read and approved as corrected. The Meeting asked that its appreciation for the work of the Recording Clerks be recorded.

INTRODUCTIONS

Visitors were introduced: Bill Wright, member of Friends Church: Southwestern Yearly Meeting and Clerk of Whittier Monthly Meeting; and Asia Bennett, Executive Secretary of the American Friends Service Committee and member of Swarthmore Monthly Meeting and Philadelphia Yearly Meeting.

Asia Bennett remarked that it was her first opportunity to visit Pacific Yearly Meeting, although she had been a member of University Meeting in Seattle when it was part of PYM. She spoke of an in-the-family dialogue which is now engaging the AFSC. Currently all members of the Board of the Corporation must be members of the Religious Society of Friends; Clerks of regional Executive Committees are members of the Board if they are Friends. A concern has been raised that Executive Committee Clerks who are not Friends be allowed to serve as members of the Board. The Corporation engaged in a searching discussion on this issue last year at its annual meeting. Further discussion is planned for this year's Corporation meeting, to be held Tenth Month, 31, 1985. In addition, the Executive Board, in two long sessions, labored with the question.

REPRESENTATIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

Susanna Matthay, Representative Committee Recording Clerk, read the Minutes of action from Representative Committee Session III. No action by the Plenary was required.

EPISTLE COMMITTEE REPORT

Michael Dunn, for the Committee, read the draft Epistle for Pacific Yearly Meeting, 1985. Friends were urged to communicate any comments to the Committee.

FRIENDS BULLETIN REPORT

Elsa Glines, Clerk of the Friends Bulletin Committee, reported that the
Committee met three times last year and plans to meet quarterly this coming year. Much time has been devoted to the Committee’s budget with apparently beneficial results.

David Wilson read a revised statement of what the Committee believes its charge to be and encouraged the Meeting to respond. Friends praised the Bulletin and also made some suggestions, among which were the following:

The Committee is urged to seek out the broadest possible viewpoints, and take more risks, publishing material that does not lead to easy acquiescence and too-ready emotional closure. It was hoped that reports of Friendly gatherings, such as Ben Lomond Quaker Center retreats, and of work undertaken by recipients of Fund for Concern monies could be published.

Shirley Ruth, Friends Bulletin Editor, describing her job as that of communicator and enabler of communication, reminded us that the lives of three Yearly Meetings were recorded in its pages. She reported that computerization of her job is continuing. Jeanne Lohmann, who will no longer serve as Associate Editor, was particularly acknowledged as the chronicler of our passage and poet of the real.

DISCIPLINE COMMITTEE REPORT

Concern on Junior Membership

Lowell Tozer, Clerk of the Discipline Committee, reported the Committee had considered concerns forwarded to it by Representative Committee regarding Junior Membership. The Committee recommended the Meeting refer to its previously issued report. (See Attachment L.)

A concern was voiced over the phraseology of the last paragraph of the report. If Meetings follow a different practice than that delineated in Faith and Practice, Friends trusted that they do so, not because they choose to ignore corporate wisdom, but because they perceive it differently. Furthermore, the phrase, "if we love each other," seems to imply a conditional love among Friends which is not in accord with that which many have experienced.

Friends felt that children often feel a deep connection to the Meeting, even when they are unable to articulate it, which should be remembered in interpreting the statement that there should be no category of membership that does not indicate a personally committed relationship between a person and a Meeting.

Concerns on Christian Language and Process

Lowell read a report of the Committee regarding Minutes forwarded to Plenary from Santa Monica and Berkeley Monthly Meetings by Representative Committee. (See Attachment M.) Friends spoke in response to a proposed Minute, included in the report, which relates to the process to be followed in creating any new edition of Faith and Practice. The Committee intends the Minute to embody the procedural concerns, regarding new editions of Faith and Practice, reflected in the Minutes from Santa Monica and Berkeley Meetings. We were reminded that any reprint of Faith and Practice already requires the approval of Representative
Committee or the Yearly Meeting.

Friends noted that Representative Committee has requested Ministry and Oversight to look at the procedure by which new editions are approved or accepted, and wondered how its work would be affected by this Minute. Some spoke of the need to extend this Minute to cover the reprinting of Faith and Practice, as well. However, upon reflection, the Meeting was able to approve the Minute as presented.

PYM-MIN
86-10

When Pacific Yearly Meeting initiates the request for a new Faith and Practice, the Discipline Committee, in consultation with Ministry and Oversight, shall propose to Yearly Meeting a clear description of the process to be followed in creating the new edition. The suggestions made in the Minutes from Berkeley Meeting (July, 1986) and Santa Monica Meeting (July, 1985) shall be a part of the deliberations leading to such recommendations on procedure, along with existing practices and new Light which may have been received.

The Meeting then turned to a more general discussion of the report. Friends spoke first of uneasiness with it. Then, both those closely involved in the process of creating the 1985 Faith and Practice and those who felt excluded from it, were moved to speak of pain, distrust and anger. Unity did not emerge at this time from the truth-telling of these wounded ministries. We were, however, urged to continue to season the present edition to see where we might be led: to do as the mountain climber does, looking to our next step with every one we take.

As we closed in a rich and complex silence, we were told of the death yesterday of Larry Scott of Cochise Monthly Meeting (Intermountain Yearly Meeting), and former member of Pacific Yearly Meeting. Friends spoke in warm gratitude for his life.

Margaret Mossman
Co-Recording Clerk

3/9/86
5:plenary12
Plenary Session 13
3th Month, 3, 1986, 1:30 p.m.

The meeting began with a period of silent worship.

EPistles
The Reading Clerk read from the Epistles of Philadelphia Yearly Meeting and Canadian Yearly Meeting.

Faith and Practice, the Discipline
Clerk Stratton-Jacquette noted that we had not finished dealing with concerns about the discipline. He outlined several alternative actions we might ask of our committees on Discipline and Faith and Practice.

After much discussion and several proposed minutes, it became clear that there was not unity on any of the suggestions that had been made. It was clear that there is concern and caring for the members of the Discipline Committee who had spent so long working on the new Faith and Practice; there is concern and caring for the Friends who are disturbed by the new discipline, and there is concern that our Quaker Practice be used faithfully, with care and seasoning when there are differing lights, knowing that we hold with different ways of expressing our faith in God. We have the opportunity to continue to be seekers of the Light.

Nominating Committee Report
Jim Sanetel presented the report with still some vacancies, which should be filled by tomorrow.

Social Order Committee
Bruce Folsom, Clerk, reported on the following topics which the Committee had worked on. 1. South Africa. The Committee has been unable to come to unity on a meaningful minute. 2. Racial equality. Requests to Meetings for help on racial equality did not bring enough response to warrant more work at this time. 3. Equality of the Sexes. The interest group on Women and Work has prepared a report which is attached. (See Attachment P.) Only one man was a participant in that interest group. 4. AIDS. Four proposed minutes were received by the committee on AIDS. The committee presented the following minute, which was approved:

Pym-Min
86-11

We are increasingly aware of the suffering involved in the epidemic called Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS) and AIDS Related Conditions (ARC). This epidemic represents a great spiritual crisis for our time. Persons with AIDS and those most at risk of contracting AIDS frequently face anxiety and persecution. Those who work with or are close to persons with AIDS are also affected by the public climate of fear and hostility, which is being expressed in subtle as well as overt ways.

It has been shown that education and support services are the proper responses. We applaud the efforts of the gay community, government officials and other individuals towards these ends.

AIDS is a health crisis worthy of reasonable and appropriate legislation aimed at controlling this epidemic. We know that AIDS is not spread through casual contact and presents little
risk to those who are not sexually active or do not share needles with persons who carry the AIDS virus. Any proposed legislation requiring antibody testing or quarantine will be ineffectual in curtailing the spread of AIDS, but instead will present a grave danger to a free society. We believe that mandatory AIDS antibody testing or quarantine measures are an infringement of civil rights that must not be allowed. In particular, we oppose Proposition 64 on the November 1986 California ballot, while we continue to hold in loving concern those who support this proposition.

In seeking God's will for us in this crisis we look to Jesus' many lessons in healing, and we strongly urge the following:

- Educate ourselves and others about relevant health issues, as well as social and theological issues;
- Recognize irrational fears about AIDS and try to move beyond them to loving concern;
- Actively oppose any legislation which would curtail civil or human rights in the guise of combatting AIDS;
- Give of our time and money to AIDS projects and research institutions;
- Create a supportive environment for persons with AIDS and ARC both in our religious and our secular society;
- Pray for and with persons with AIDS.

Bruce explained that the Social Order Committee has plans to distribute the Minute in appropriate places.

5. The World Court and the United States. Bruce presented the letter written by San Diego Meeting to the World Court in which they enclosed their share of the penalty Nicaragua asked from the United States. An explanatory statement was also presented. Both the letter and the explanatory statement are attached. (See Attachment Q.)

Meeting approved the following Minute:

PYM-MIN
86-12 Pacific Yearly Meeting requests that Monthly Meetings consider the action of San Diego Monthly Meeting regarding the World Court ruling of June 27, 1985.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

John Mackinney reported that the Finance Committee requests an addition to the budget of Ministry and Oversight Committee of $700 for 1987. Meetings in the Hawaiian Islands have requested visitation from PYM's Ministry and Oversight. The costs of travel between the Islands is considerable, creating isolation between Friends. The amount is to be taken from reserves. Honolulu Meeting may also need funds for travel to the other Islands. If so, they can ask for help from the sharing fund. Friends were reminded of the great need for visitation that our Brinton Visitors had noted in their travels.

PYM-MIN
86-13 Meeting approved the addition of $700 to the Ministry and Oversight budget for 1987.
Again we were reminded that the Sharing Fund can be replenished by individual contributions.

MINISTRY AND OVERSIGHT
Esther Morgan, Clerk, reported that Ministry and Oversight is appointing a Clearness Committee for the Committee on Unity with Nature to find greater clearness on their charge from PYM.

Big Island Worship Group has applied for Meeting status.

Esther noted that there have been changes in the forms in California used for non-clergy marriages. Meetings are advised to check with their county Registrars.

Ministry and Oversight is also working on questions about membership in Meetings. A Session on membership is planned for 1987 to discuss such questions as: What is the meaning of membership? What commitments do we ask of our members? Can there be different categories of membership? Should we encourage children to become members? If so, how? When? Do we have a status for inactive members? absent members? non-residents? people far from any Monthly Meeting? A list of resource materials and resource persons is being compiled.

Esther reminded us that last year an ad hoc committee was set up to provide workshops on clerking in both southern and northern California. These events were well attended and found to be very helpful. Ministry and Oversight would like to set up a sub-committee charged with creating workshops for clerking or Quaker process on an annual basis. Meeting approved the following minute:

PYM-MIN 86-14 PYM approved formation of a sub-committee of M & O on workshops.

PEACE COMMITTEE
Bard McAllister presented a set of minutes which the Committee hopes will be passed, but will be sent to the individual Meetings for study and consideration if PYM does not pass them. Linda Dunn presented background material for Minute #1 from Peace Committee on the News Media and Central America and for Minute #2 which calls for action by Monthly Meetings. Meeting approved the following:

PYM-MIN 86-15 In keeping with the Quaker tradition of seeking and publishing the truth, PYM urges Friends to write letters to the national television news media requesting that consistent, ongoing, unbiased in-depth coverage of the events in Central America be provided to the people of the United States. In order to meet our responsibilities as citizens, it is essential that we have access to this information. The news media have an obligation to seek out and provide this news coverage.

PYM-MIN 86-16 We call upon monthly meetings to seek and speak truth regarding Central America and related U.S. policies. As the way opens, we suggest Meetings: 1. Release members of your Meeting to go to Central America and accompany our brothers and sisters in their daily suffering. 2. Find ways to halt the destruction,
injustice, and the mounting international violations being committed in our name. 3. Network with ecumenical groups, including the sanctuary movement, to extend our Quaker testimony and seek to realize our covenant with God. 4. Urge government representatives to seek negotiated settlement through the Contadora process.

The explanatory material is attached to these minutes. (See Attachment N.)

A third minute was discussed on the subject of "Star Wars" (SDI); there was not unity on the minute as worded. Peace committee will send it to Monthly Meetings for further discussion and seasoning. There were concerns expressed that we had not given the thorough consideration to the work of the Peace Committee that was appropriate. Southern California Quarter had approved sending these minutes to PYM. One Friend thought our process needed work so that no committee will feel like a minority group.

It was announced that our member Jim Brune, seismologist, was one of the scientists sent to the USSR to place sensors for detecting nuclear tests. Soviet scientists will also come here.

A Friend explained that the purpose of the Peace Minutes is to ask us, "What canst thou say?" We were urged to speak to our Senators on the debate now continuing on military aid to the Contras against Nicaragua.

The session concluded with a period of silent worship.

Vanita Blum
Recording Clerk

3/9/86
14:pienry13
Plenary Session 14: Worship
Eighth month, 8, 1986; 4 p.m

Friends gathered for worship in need of the slight breeze that flowed over us from the open door and in need of the calming movement of the Spirit among us. A Quaker of long ago, John Greenleaf Whittier, spoke to us through the shared hymn, "Dear Lord and Father of Mankind."

The healing breath of song helps us pray "forgive our foolish ways," ... "take from our souls the strain and stress," ... "breathe through the heats of our desire thy coolness and thy balm," ... "speak through the earthquake, wind, and fire, 0 still small voice of calm."

We learn through bumps and bruises. Pain persists. But struggling too hard does not help. Growth takes place in silence and creative darkness.

Vanita Blum
Co-Recording Clerk

8/8/86
14:worship14
PLENARY SESSION 15
Eight Month, 9, 1986

The Meeting opened with a period of silent worship.

The Reading Clerk read from the Epistles of the General Conference of Friends in India, North Pacific Yearly Meeting and North Carolina Yearly Meeting.

MINUTES

The minutes of Session 12 were read, amended, and approved.
The minutes of Session 13 were read, corrected, and approved.
The minutes of Session 14, Worship, were read.

EAST-WEST COMMITTEE

Steve Birdlebough reported that the Committee will be visiting Monthly Meetings during the year, allowing time for Friends to consider the proposal to contribute PYM funds toward the travel expenses of two Young Friends for the trip (sponsored by East-West Committee) to the USSR in 1987. The Committee will bring a recommendation to Representative Committee in March.

PYM EPISTLES

The Young Friends Epistle was read by Maura Hogan Leos. (See Attachment V.)
The Pacific Yearly Meeting Epistle was read by Michael Dunn (See Attachment R.)
Meeting accepted the Epistle.
The Friends for Lesbian and Gay Concerns--West Coast Epistle was read by Rick L. Troth. (See Attachment S.)
The Junior High Friends Epistle was read by Oneda House. (See Attachment T.)
The Junior Yearly Meeting Epistle was read by Carl Magruder. (See Attachment U.)

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

Jim Sanatel read additions to the report. It was explained that the nomination members of a subcommittee of Ministry and Oversight do not require the approval of PYM.

PYM-MIN 86-17 Meeting approved the nominations as presented.
A Friend expressed appreciation of the way the Nominating Committee reports have been presented.

The appreciation of the whole Pacific Yearly Meeting was expressed for those who have labored for many years, during the year as well as at PYM sessions, who are now finishing their terms of office.

The Assistant Clerk read a Letter of Introduction from PYM Clerk, addressed to German Friends for Walt and Phyllis Jones, who will be teaching and traveling in Germany for the coming year.

Assistant Clerk also read a letter of sympathy from Stratton Jaquette, PYM Clerk, to Jane Scott, whose husband Larry Scott, a former member of PYM and a long-time activist for peace, was killed in an automobile accident during this year’s PYM. Gratitude was expressed that such a worker for God’s will has been among us.

Stratton Jaquette, our Clerk, displayed the needlework that he and his wife Maureen have made, working on during Representative and Yearly Meeting Sessions from 1974 until 1985.

It was announced that Young Friends of North America will meet at Quaker Center, Ben Lomond, in 1987 with the suggestion that it would be good for an officer of PYM to be present. Miki Graham-Newlin may be able to go.

SECRETARIAT COMMITTEE

Lois Richter reported on the stresses and achievements of the week. She thanked all those who have been helping. Help will still be needed for the collating and preparation of packets of PYM materials.

 Appreciation was expressed to all those who made arrangements and taken care of the practical details of our stay at LaVerne University and to John Draper for the sound system.

The Minutes for Session 15 were read, corrected, and approved.

The Meeting was closed with a period of silent worship.

Vanita Blum
Recording Clerk
PLENARY SESSION 16: Worship
Eighth Month, 9, 1986; 11:00 a.m.

We gathered in worship for the last meeting of Pacific Yearly Meeting, 1985. The ministry spoke to invisible red balls and relationships, of obedience and truth, however uncomfortable, and of words misunderstood. We are called to a new articulation of the vision which informs us but for which we have no words.

The 40th Session of Pacific Yearly Meeting is now closed, to meet again at Craig Hall, Chico, California, in Eighth Month, 1987.

Margaret Mossman
Co-Recording Clerk
REPORT ON THE STATE OF SOCIETY

SMALL MEETINGS

We look at the small meetings and worship groups and see a similarity and yet a number of variations. Worship Groups struggle to learn more about Quakers and Quaker ways of worship and business. They appreciate the help of larger meetings and visiting Quakers.

Most groups are sorry they do not have more children and young people—so it was a surprise when two worship groups commented on the proportionally large number of children. The arrangements for a First Day School, for small or large groups of children, is always a thoughtful concern as it extends the feeling of family and community.

The desire of meetings to be better known in the larger community has been attempted by putting notices in the local paper or writing articles for the religious section of the newspaper. Another way to be better integrated in the community has been to join in mutual concerns with other religious groups working on peace and social justice.

Individuals' work on issues has been shared with meetings—others giving support to the individual and keeping the meeting informed. This works well both for greater outreach and also helps individuals to feel close to each other.

A great number of concerns are covered in this way including Friends' organizations such as Friends in Unity with Nature, AFSC, FCL, and others.

Meetings set special time to study limitless topics including ecology, roots of peace, social injustice in our own communities, Sanctuary, non-Christian religions, and the new Faith and Practice. One Meeting comments, "In our discussions of the new Faith and Practice, we discovered that we are able to share our differing beliefs without disrupting the harmony of the meeting and to grow through the experience."

An unusual problem is presented by the L.A. Meeting:

"When we consider the large Korean population of L.A., we might ponder how to attract a greater number of Koreans to us... Along with this question goes a larger one—Should our Meeting move along the lines of becoming completely Korean? This would remove the need for translating back and forth and would therefore provide for a direct, first-hand experience of ministry, and most important of all, a completely Korean meeting would be better able to understand and practice the 'sense of the Meeting', and perhaps, through the aid of a study group, see and feel Quakerism as individuals."

In these small meetings and Worship Groups there is much that binds the people together. Committee work is often done by the Meeting as a whole, frequent potluck suppers, sharing time at the end of Meeting for Worship, participation in PYM and Quarterly Meetings, retreats with other Meetings, singing together, and the joy of celebrating a marriage or a birth helps the Meeting to feel
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like an extended family. A number of meetings commented on the visits of Leonard and Martha Dart as the Brinton visitors as not only bringing people together, but helping them to feel connected to the larger Quaker community.

Many expressed the feeling of community and its importance to the total Meeting. Some quotes are:

"...our silent worship is full and gives an important quality to our lives. It keeps us coming back each First Day."

"We seem pretty much of a 'loving family', even upon those occasionally tense situations which challenge us to grow spiritually."

"Members continue close and supportive in sharing the day-to-day events of our lives and the happenings of our world as we search individually and collectively for deeper spiritual insight.

REPORT ON THE STATE OF SOCIETY

MEDIUM MEETINGS

Our Monthly Meetings are alive and vigorous, showing diversity in the immediate and specific issues facing them, yet secure in their identity as Quaker meetings seeking the Light on their various concerns. Here are some examples:

"We put aside the Peace and Social Order Committee until we could write a new job description. Because our Meeting expected too much of the committee and too little of itself, we exhausted our Peace and Social Order people."

"Our clerkship is open at this time and a temporary incumbent is serving our Meeting. We feel guided to set aside consideration of speedy action and wait in the Light until our Clerk emerges."

"We do not have a great deal of vocal ministry and we note that there seems to be only a few who do most of the speaking. We want to encourage all participants to have individual responsibility for vocal ministry."

In the group of middle-sized Meetings there is, almost universally, keen awareness of the size of the Meeting. Their reports mention size explicitly and discuss its effect on the Meeting. A large majority of these speak of growth and changing size.

"Because we are rapidly growing, it seems as if we are running fast just to keep up."

"Our Meeting has grown not in spite of problems encountered, rather because of problems. We are growing in numbers and in willingness to face difficulties."
"Our Meeting is changing ... In the beginning we had no committees and the meeting as a whole carried out all the necessary functions. Now we have most of the usual committees."

"The corporate life of our Meeting continues to grow and change. We are not a small meeting any more."

In reporting this growth, a constant thread in all the meetings is the concern to maintain community, to ensure that members and attenders know and care for each other. They seem to fear that an increase in size will make it more difficult to achieve community. In the words of one report: "This is a spiritual community and we have to work to keep it alive." Reports are full of specific ways meetings are attempting to do this:

- A very satisfying Gathering with the theme "Opening Unto Others,"
- A retreat, a series of seekers' meetings, and the sharing of the week's events after the close of meeting,
- Several small group discussions, both formal and informal, and two one and one-half hours threshing meetings,
- Meeting once a month during the fall and spring in groups of six for dinners and worship sharing.

At the center of each of our meetings is the meeting for Worship, and the reports speak of the depth and quality of worship and its importance in nurturing the meeting. But the comparable emphasis on community makes it clear that members recognize another essential that also nurtures the Meeting. They seek to know and care for each other, to give and receive support, to know the reality of a loving community—a community so rooted in our shared faith that it can maintain love in the midst of diversity. As one report put it:

"Most importantly, though, we relearned that diversity does not necessarily mean disunity."

REPORT ON THE STATE OF SOCIETY

LARGE MEETINGS

These meetings are aware of how much of each other we do not know. There is concentration on activity arranged to promote exchange such as: breakfasts, potlucks, picnics, and swim parties. Several meetings have attended to the faith and practice through study groups, some focusing on: "Equality of the sexes," "Same-sex relationships with an application for marriage," "Christian and universalist bases of Quakerism," and "Strengthening worshipful participation" in all meetings. Quaker practice in the wider community is expressed through work of the Peace and Social Order Committees, activity in
Sanctuary, and local concerns. Retreats, Quaker Dialogue, Creative Listening, and study groups are seen to "foster relationships between Friends."

Almost every Meeting said something about meetings for Business and First Day School. Membership census detail is prominent as is description of efforts reaching out to inquirers and keeping attenders and members active parts of the Meeting.

What is written in these State of Society Reports may reflect response to Parker Palmer's description of community. But it would require stretching what has been said and result in questionable interpretation. Something is missing.

"Is our community centered with the Religious Society of Friends?" A reader perceives very hard, dedicated work to build community and anxiousness to be busy. It would seem that people in our Meetings are working by themselves without knowing reality of the living community we are as the Religious Society of Friends. Are we becoming a secular Society?

We speak of the "sense of community we maintain," "backgrounds and skills within the Meeting community," a strenuous year "fostered great sense of community among Friends," and "we nurture others toward membership." We refer to our way as "major ministries," "Quaker Process," spiritual issues, "a two-hour format" for worship/First Day School, "practical concerns," a "Social Action Committee" (rather than "Social Order"), and "local outreach." We parse the life of our Meetings so that Meetings and children have a "role" and are "integrated" into the Meeting. There is "involvement with concerns pertaining to our Meeting community." We appreciate our "diversity and variety." "Generally ministry is worthwhile." We count our membership and attenders as if the numbers were a primary affirmation. We were unaware of San Jose Meeting's centennial year.

The word "God" is used three times; "Light" is used twice; "spirit" is used twice and isn't spelled with a capital "S." Our Spiritual Center is more likely to be noted here and there than to be the pivotal center of our Reports. We pursue "search for unity and truth." We recognize our "loving community . . . being carried by grace." We work to practice "worshipful attention to God's voice."

Our Religious Society of Friends is in a state of transition, and its future is with us. For all there is deep "need to stretch ourselves as we open to the Light and to each other."

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May, 1986

To: Friends in Intermountain, North Pacific and Pacific Yearly Meetings

From: Anne Friend, Representative to Friends Committee on War Tax Concerns

What is the difference between our spiritual and our rational concerns? How can we test our leadings? When called to witness, how do we do it most effectively? By resistance? By supporting resisters? By quiet interaction with others as way opens?

Friends and thoughtful, conscientious people in all times and places have tried to find answers to these questions, knowing that they do not call for answers, but for decisions.

In its new series of booklets, Friends Committee on War Tax Concerns responds to these old questions in relation to a particular contemporary issue.

War Tax Concerns: A Quaker History
War Tax Concerns: We Friends Assembled
War Tax Concerns: What Does the Bible Say?
War Tax Concerns: Resources for Study

Three of these four pamphlets are now for sale and the fourth is at the printers, so I hope all of them can be available at the Yearly Meeting sessions, although divine providence will be a factor in getting the Bible booklet to Intermountain.

Conferences have been held in New England and in the Middle Atlantic states. Three more are scheduled, Minnesota in August, North Pacific in November, and Austin, Texas sometime in the fall.

We originally hoped to hold the conference for employers in Denver in the fall and have it open to all participants in New Call to Peacemaking. However, response from potential attenders in the west was poor and the Mennonites are exhausted after their struggle, so that the conference is now to be primarily for Friends in late fall, either at Pendle Hill or in Philadelphia.

We have a draft of the pamphlet, *War Tax Concerns: Spiritual and Rational Eeses*, for review and work is progressing on the ones on legal issues, on Friends experiences, and on legislative alternatives. We will probably not publish a pamphlet for employers, but the resources prepared for the conference and the queries we expect it to write will be available to those who need them.

In addition to attending all the meetings of the committee, I have attended and co-led workshops on war tax issues at North Pacific and Pacific Yearly Meetings, and will be attending Intermountain and Pacific this summer. I am also in touch with California Yearly meeting Friends about presenting some of the material to their yearly meeting in July because the FUM representative will not be able to be there. I represented Friends Committee on War Tax Concerns at the annual meeting of the National War Tax Resistance Committee, held in
Los Angeles. I have had only one request to lead a discussion group at a monthly meeting in northern California and was not able to go but sent copies of two pamphlets and took others to the May meeting of Southern California Quarter. I contacted the APSC bookstore in Pasadena, which has ordered the pamphlets and I have asked Linda Coffin, Friends Committee on War Tax Concerns staff, to send information to the bookstores in San Francisco and Seattle. (Oregon Friends may find getting them from the Center for Peace Learning at George Fox College more convenient.)

One other matter was discussed at the April committee meeting. At both conferences and from other sources, we have had requests for information about socially responsible investment in general. After discussion and silent reflection, we agreed that publishing such a pamphlet is beyond the scope of our work. I thought that Friends in Unity with Nature might consider it more closely related to their work and wrote Robert Schutz. He replied that it would probably be suitable for the Social Order Series published by PYM Social Order Committee, but there is no one presently available to work on it. I know of two sources of material, one general and one on the environment, but do not have time to do it myself. Do you know of one we could recommend, or does one of you have time to update the material on hand?

As you can see, the committee is well on the way to accomplishing its purposes: (1) to publish a guide on war tax concerns; (2) to encourage consultation on war tax issues throughout the Society of Friends; (3) to develop queries and advices for Quaker employers.

There have been only two problems. The more important one is that we did not get expected foundation grants and may not be able to publish the remaining pamphlets until money comes in from sale of the ones in print. The other is that in the fourteen months of its existence, for various reasons, there has been high turnover among the representatives. Because the committee expects to lay itself down when the work is done, probably meeting for the last time in April, 1987, they have asked me to make two requests of the yearly meetings. One is that you consider making a one-time contribution to the work of the committee in addition to your share of the cost of sending a representative. The other is that you continue to send me. Please consider both these requests at your yearly meeting sessions.

I believe this work will be valuable for a long time to come. It will be even more valuable if you use the material for study and discussion in your meetings. Not everyone is called to resist, but all are called to share their light, and our society is strengthened when we thresh these issues out together.

P.S. Spring attending Inter-Faith was a rich and rewarding experience.

I do have four books now and like to bring them to meetings.

IMYM and NPYM have reappointed me and plans for the employers' gathering are well advanced.
Robert Schutz recently reported to the committee a discussion with the Executive Committee of Friends Committee on Legislation in which the suggestion was made that Friends might fund a legislative intern working in Washington D.C. with Friends Committee on National Legislation to track environmental issues and consider how F.C.N.L. might bring Friends religious concerns and perspective to bear on legislation related to the environment. Your committee believes that this might help F.C.N.L. to further implement Part IV of its Statement of Legislative Policy, titled "We seek an Earth restored", which defines legislative goals concerned with stewardship of natural resources, conservation of energy, and nuclear energy policy. The committee asks the approval of Pacific Yearly Meeting to explore this idea with F.C.N.L., and if funds can be found, to bring a proposal to Representative Committee during the year.

If your committee is successful in securing outside funding which would make it possible for a major part of the work we propose to go forward, questions are thereby raised about the proper future relationship of this work to Pacific Yearly Meeting. Your committee notes a body of experience already within Pacific Yearly Meeting in guiding the development of ventures born out of Friends' concerns - at the Ben Lomond Quaker Center, John Woolman High School, and Friends House. Each of these enterprises began as an association of Friends within College Park Quarter and this Yearly Meeting which grew to a point where it seemed wise and necessary for it to be a separate corporation, but with the Quarter retaining a clear interest and responsibility through the nomination of its governing board.

If the environmental concern and activities of Pacific Yearly Meeting continue to develop as your committee proposes, such an evolution towards a separately incorporated body with staff and facilities, at some future date may become appropriate. Since the committee does not yet have any clear answers to its requests for outside funding, we ask your approval to develop, as seems warranted and in consultation with appropriate Friends and committees within P.Y.M., a proposal which might be brought back to this Yearly Meeting as early as 1987.

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INTRODUCTION TO
A GUIDE TO THE CARE OF MONTHLY MEETING RECORDS

Whittier College Library has become the home for archives of Pacific Yearly Meeting, its Quarterly Meetings and its Monthly Meetings. They will be in files or shelved separately in the Quaker Room of the Library. Archives will be open to anyone wishing to use them unless otherwise specified by the group depositing documents. Meetings will be responsible for file cabinets, cases, or boxes used to store archives. Meetings will also be responsible for cost of microfilming or other duplication for deposit or use by the Meeting. Whittier College will cover overhead costs such as space and staff. If the College Librarian finds law enforcement officials using the materials, he would require a court order. Once having such an order, he will comply with the law in addition to communicating with PYM representatives.

Staff at The Quaker Collection at Haverford College Library and the Friends Historical Library of Swarthmore College have been gracious in their invitation to Pacific Yearly Meeting to use any of their materials which may be helpful. Having reviewed them, we are happy to accept the wealth of their experience and have adapted their guidelines and forms with hardly any change. Their Records Committee has prepared the enclosed guide to assist Monthly Meetings in the care of their minutes and other important records. We have changed the name of Philadelphia Yearly Meeting to Pacific Yearly Meeting.

"Record Keeping is a responsibility of all Quaker meetings, not only those belonging to Pacific Yearly Meeting. Many Yearly Meetings have Records Committees to advise Monthly Meetings in the care of records, and this guide [provided by Elisabeth Potts Brown at The Quaker Collection at Haverford College] has profited from practices and suggestions developed by others, particularly New England Yearly Meeting.

"The many requests for advice received by members of the Records Committee and the staffs of the two Quaker libraries at Haverford and Swarthmore indicate a clear need to distribute information to Monthly Meetings on the ways of keeping and preserving records. Many Friends assigned responsibility for the care of records are not familiar with the tasks involved. These guidelines were thoughtfully prepared by the Records Committee and were reviewed and slightly revised at the recommendation of General Services. They reflect the experience of knowledgeable archivists, including the staffs of the two Quaker libraries, and incorporate many of the current practices commonly used in the preservation of documents."

Materials should be directed to: Philip O'Brien, College Librarian, Whittier College, Whittier, CA 90608 (213) 693-0771, X 245.
GUIDE TO THE CARE OF MONTHLY MEETING RECORDS

This outline prepared by the Records Committee (Philadelphia) is intended as a guide to Clerks, Recorders, and Historians for methods of preserving Monthly Meeting records and related historical material, as well as sharing the responsibilities involved in record keeping. Monthly Meetings vary in size and circumstances and may need to adapt these suggestions to their own particular circumstances, in consultation with the PYM Archivist or Archivist Committee.

Records are created, collected, and the important ones preserved. In some small meetings the Clerk is responsible for all aspects of record keeping, but most meetings have a Recording Clerk and a Recorder to assist in the management of the meeting’s records. The Clerk, usually with the aid of the Recording Clerk, formulates the minutes which are considered, revised, and approved by the meeting.

Once the minutes are corrected and finally approved, they can be compiled in permanent form (see II for details). When they have outlived their current reference value in five years or so, the minutes should be placed for preservation in an appropriate depository. For Pacific Yearly Meeting this depository is the Quaker Room, Whittier College Library. Deposits of records may be made at the library and the library staff will be glad to advise on specific questions related to record keeping, though inquiries may also be addressed by mail to Pacific Yearly Meeting Archivist whose name is recorded in the list of PYM Officers and Committees. (The Archivist may answer questions or refer Meetings to someone on the Committee.)

The most important records of a Monthly Meeting to be preserved are the minutes of the monthly meetings for business. Other records typically kept permanently are minutes of important committees such as Ministry and Counsel, copies of marriage certificates, membership records, and registers of births and deaths. Important correspondence, deeds and related property records, wills, financial papers, school records, and other documents may also warrant permanent preservation. Any arrangements for microfilming of records will usually be made by individual meetings and be done at their own expense. Meetings will be responsible for costs for file cabinets, cases, or boxes used to store archives. Whittier will cover overhead costs such as space and staff.

I. Collection and maintenance of current minutes and reports. The Clerk of the Monthly Meeting or some other designated person is to be responsible for:

A. Maintenance of minute books and other current records which may still be in the Meeting’s possession and copies
of such records (either photocopy or microfilm) if the originals have already been placed in the depository library.

B. Collection of committee minutes and reports.

C. Designation of any current records which should be kept permanently, forwarding them to the Recording Clerk or other person assigned to the preparation and care of the Meeting's permanent records.

II. Care of the permanent records, usually the responsibility of the Recording Clerk.

A. The worst enemies facing preservers of records are poor quality, acidic paper and atmospheric environment, especially high temperature and high humidity, conditions under which mold and mildew flourish. This is why low acid paper, good quality ink, and good storage conditions such as are found in the archival areas of Whittier College are so important.

B. Any Meeting may obtain buffered paper of low acid content, best for permanent records. However, Philip O'Brien, College Librarian at Whittier College, advises keeping records in acid free file folders. These are available through a company named "Light Impression" (839 Monroe Ave., P. O. Box 940, Rochester, NY 14003).

Typed minutes are preferred, though clear handwriting is acceptable. Ordinary ribbon is satisfactory, and for handwritten minutes ordinary permanent ink is advised. Ball point pens are not recommended because the ink can offset, smearing or copying over other writing. Xerox ink flake off after a time and xeroxed materials should not be stored in plastic binders at all. Headings and indexes for important subjects facilitate their location later. To make binding easier, there should be a margin of 1 1/2 inches on the left side of each page and also on the right side overleaf if both sides of the paper are used.

C. Labelled and identified pictures, clippings, and related items including photocopied materials should be filed separately from other records. However, such materials can be valuable for the Meeting's archives. They should be stored in non-acidic folders or boxes and may be forwarded with other records periodically to the depository library. It is desirable to photocopy clippings and other short-lived materials before they deteriorate. Scotch tape and other pressure sensitive adhesives must not be used, because they are very acidic and deteriorate rapidly. Since ordinary metal paper clips rust, use plastic clips only. Before
attempting repairs to paper or bindings, please consult library for advice.

III. Maintenance of membership records and related statistical data, usually the responsibility of the Recorder.

A. Forms for recording membership information may be obtained from the Yearly Meeting Statistical Clerk/s. It is important to maintain this file accurately and keep it up to date. Completed forms for former members may be forwarded to the depository library at any time, but the Recorder will want to retain a copy.

B. The annual statistical report is forwarded to the Yearly Meeting on forms provided, with a copy to be retained for the Meeting's own records.

C. Copies of marriage certificates for weddings held under the care of the Meeting become part of the permanent records. Xeroxies, photostats, typed, or handwritten copies are acceptable. These certificates are historically valuable in order to reveal variations in marriage practices and as a source for genealogical information.

IV. Histories of the Meeting and recollections of members, activities which might be the task of the Historian if the Meeting has one.

A. Historical items such as pictures, sketches, or clippings from local newspapers of articles worth preserving concerning the Meeting or its members should be included in the Meeting's archives. Of course they should be clearly labelled or identified.

B. A short written history of the Meeting would be a valuable resource for the Meeting's use and for inclusion in the holdings of the Quaker Room.

C. Diaries and tapes which record recollections of older members, programs of important events in the life of the Meeting, and the like, are also of value and interest. Some may warrant permanent preservation in the Meeting's archives or at the Quaker Room. (It may be important to know that tapes "bleed" after a few years and should be fast-forwarded and rewound about every two years to prevent this deterioration.)

D. Monthly meetings for business should practice to reminding members of the importance of donating items of historical interest.
I/we hereby give, transfer, and deliver all of my/our right, title, and interest in and to the property described below to the Quaker Room of Whittier College Library of Whittier College as an unrestricted gift and dedicate to the public without restriction and thereby place in the public domain whatever literary rights I/we may posses to this property.

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Special Collection Librarian
Although Yearly Meeting membership has increased by only about 1%, there has been a great deal of activity, particularly transfer of memberships. Many Meetings are continuing to work towards encouraging transfers into the Meeting where an individual is attending worship. Forty-three Friends transferred into Meetings and 40 transferred out to other Meetings. Several Meetings have encouraged their long-time attenders to become members; a total of 64 people joined as convinced Friends. Also Meetings have been active in caring for members who lives no longer are expressions of being a member; 31 individuals were released or requested to be removed from membership. Three youth were added as full adult members. However, 25 members died this year. Thirteen Meetings increased in members, 6 were unchanged, and 14 decreased in membership. The number of attenders decreased by about 2%, partially represented by the 64 convinced new members. Attenders increased in 12 Meetings, 1 was unchanged, and 20 decreased in the number of attenders.

Attenders play a vital role in the life of the Meeting. Looking at membership alone the five largest are Palo Alto, Berkeley, Claremont, Honolulu and Orange Grove with membership ranging from 146 down to 86. But when looking at members and attenders the picture changes. Then the five largest Meetings are Berkeley, Palo Alto, San Francisco, Claremont and Santa Cruz, with the number of adults ranging from 294 down to 130. A third perspective are the number of children. The outlook changes considerably with the five largest Meetings ranked only by the number of children are La Jolla, Santa Cruz, Strawberry Creek, Palo Alto and Grass Valley, with the number of ranging from 36 down to 27.

For several years in consultation with PYM M&O Committee the Statistical Clerk asks Meetings to respond to a variety of questions and issues such as wheelchair access or inactive members. In keeping with current issues Meetings were asked this year to respond to questions regarding care of children and the study of the new edition of Faith and Practice.

CHILDREN:

This year's statistical form for the first time asks for the number of juveniles who attend Meeting, and represent a much more realistic number of children who participate in our Meetings. The total number of young people is 394, down 130 from the previously report which included junior members. This does indeed represent primarily junior members who rarely or never attend Meeting. Three Meetings have no children.

The most frequently mentioned way in which infants are recognized are either a special Meeting for worship or introduction the infants following a regular meeting for worship. This was noted by 14 Meetings, four of which have certificates of welcoming. Several have social functions to welcome babies, some in connection with the Meeting for worship. Nine Meetings have no special recognition of infants, one Meeting makes quilts.

The presence of older children in recognized by presentations of Bibles, Faith & Practice, other books and subscriptions to Friends Bulletin. Social events designed to make young people a part of the gathered Meeting are holiday & graduation parties for the entire Meeting. Several Meetings emphasize religious education by having reports at the rise of Meeting from young people or First Day School workers. One Meeting has reports from young people who attend Yearly Meeting. Another Meeting after age 16 invites a young person to consider membership.
Six Meetings, Marin, Orange County, Orange Grove, San Diego, San Francisco and Westwood have 7 young people serving on committees: 4 on Education, 2 on Peace & Social Order and one each on Fellowship, Hospitality, and Welcoming (greeters at worship) Committees. Several Meetings expressed the hope of including young people on future committees.

THE NEW EDITION OF FAITH & PRACTICE:

Meetings were asked in what ways they have used or studied the new edition of Faith & Practice. Nine Meetings have had discussion groups using the new Faith & Practice, but only 6 have studied the changes in the new edition. Eight Meetings reported reading the new Queries aloud; one Meeting reported the old queries were better for vocal reading and continue to use them. Eight Meetings cited Faith & Practice as a reference work for procedures. Several Meetings stated that there had been no special need expressed for studying the new edition.

Ministry & Oversight Committees of PYM, SCQM & CPQM will be receiving copies of these Meeting responses so that they may study the issues & concerns in depth.

I would like to mention that after the April 30th end of this Statistical Year that Hemet & Redding were approved as new Monthly Meetings by their Quarterly Meetings. We welcome them and I urge you to visit with them when your journeys take you to the desert lands of the southeastern part of California or to the upper most part of the state.

It's a lot of work to maintain accurate membership lists and files. I would like to thank the following Meetings for being on time, with no corrections or problems: Delta, La Jolla, Mexico City, Monterey Peninsula, Reno, Sacramento, Santa Barbara and Strawberry Creek. I am always available to assist the Recorder or Overseers with membership concerns and those special problems that arise over waiting for the Certificate of Acceptance as the final step in a transfer of membership.

As of April 30, 1986 there are 1507 members in Pacific Yearly Meeting.

Betty L. Hall, Statistical Clerk
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The Committee would like to thank PYM for its generosity in making available sufficient seed money for the development of a northern and a southern program of the Quaker Spiritual Quest.

The Committee formed separate subcommittees for the North and the South. The committees have done a great deal of preparatory work and QSU will start in both areas this Fall.

The Northern California QSU committee has set up two programs for the coming year: one in Berkeley, one in the Sacramento Valley area. The Berkeley is drawing from a wide range of meetings including Palo Alto, San Francisco, Redwood Forest, Napa-Sonoma, Hayward, Strawberry Creek and Berkeley. It will be conducted on the Philadelphia model of weekly classes, in eight week sessions, interspersed by retreats. The Sacramento Valley group is not filling as fast and may end up using the Southern California model of monthly, all day sessions, minimizing travel problems. The leaders who have been lined up are excellent and we continue to be amazed at the vigor of the Spirit moving us onward in this process.

The Southern QSU committee, aware of the number of small meetings and the considerable distances between meetings, developed its own model, which differed from the Philadelphia model. Instructor-leaders and interested participants will meet for three quarters, once a month after an opening one day orientation meeting. We have been lucky in finding qualified and enthusiastic instructors from within the Quaker community. Both programs, in La Jolla and in Claremont, have been filled to capacity and have started waiting lists, which probably will mean that most of those on the waiting lists will have to wait until the following year.

03/05/86
RELIG-ED
Report of Representative to
FRIENDS GENERAL CONFERENCE

MORE THAN A GATHERING: The summer gathering is so visible that people sometimes think that the Gathering and FGC are identical. Other areas of FGC activity include publications, religious curriculum development, advancement, nurture of small and isolated meetings, and the Meetinghouse fund.

BUT QUITE A GATHERING: Seventeen people from PYM were registered for the FGC Gathering— with fifty from our three western independent Yearly Meetings! Total attendance was over 1700 for a full week of learning, sharing, fun, and worship. Our Friends Pat and Jim Corbett were among the speakers.

ONE OF OUR OWN: Marty Walton, who has deep roots in our Yearly Meeting, is now Executive Secretary of FGC.

COMPLETED AND PLANNED ACTIVITIES: Your representative mailed letters to every PYM meeting and worship group, urging Friends to consider attending the Gathering. I also prepared a call to the Gathering, published in the Bulletin. Like many other Friends, I had the pleasure of hosting Bill Strachan in San Francisco as he bicycled through on his nationwide tour on behalf of FGC. At the Gathering, I had valuable discussions with FGC staff and committee people, and assisted with various administrative tasks. This fall I plan to attend the meetings of FGC Central Committee.

NEXT YEAR: Gathering is July 4-11 in Oberlin, Ohio.

Neil Fullagar
FGC Representative for PYM

8/6/86
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A PROPOSED DECLARATION OF FAITH BY PACIFIC YEARLY MEETING OF THE RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS:

In the light of our faith, and living in today's world filled with increasingly dangerous weapons, Pacific Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends declares our total reliance on the power of God's love as our protection. This is our testimony to people everywhere, that we want not a single one of you to be injured or threatened by any violence in the name of our security.

Query: What are the implications of Friends peace testimony today? Does it mean complete, immediate, and unilateral disarmament?

"We utterly deny all outward wars and strife and fightings with outward weapons, for any end or under any pretense whatsoever; This is our testimony to the whole world."

-- English Friends, 1660.

"The most basic task of our peacemaking is to fill the spiritual void of our world by replacing the fear which cripples human efforts with faith in the power of God's love."

-- Pacific Yearly Meeting Faith and Practice
PROPOSED MINUTE ON TERRORISM

We deplore our country's recent actions in Libya and Lebanon, believing terrorism breeds terrorism. There is a better way. We are convinced that the root of terrorism is injustice, and that terrorism will continue as long as deeply-felt wrongs remain un-redressed. Therefore, we believe that responding to terrorism with terrorism is a major error of our time.

08/06/86
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### TREASURER'S REPORT for FISCAL YEAR 1985

PERIOD: October 1, 1984 through September 30, 1985

**INTERIM REPORT FOR FISCAL YEAR 1986**

PERIOD: October 1, 1985 through July 20, 1986

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#### YEARLY MEETING SESSION EXPENSES, NET

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#### COMMITTEE EXPENSES

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### Total Expenses

- **$16,953**
- **$34,400**
- **$28,811**
- **$33,650**
- **$14,627**

#### Breakdown of PYM Session Expenses, Net

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PACIFIC YEARLY MEETING of the RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS  

TREASURER'S REPORT for FISCAL YEAR 1986  
PERIOD: October 1, 1985 through July 20, 1986

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EXPLANATORY NOTES - SEE REVERSE SIDE

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NOTES:

1. Under control of PYM Ministry and Oversight Committee; not available for general PYM use.

2. Specifically contributed funds for use of the Friend in the Orient Committee; includes funds for "Windows" ($245.); "Project" ($888.); not available for general PYM use.

3. Represents printing costs, etc., that should be recovered by sale of the publication. Faith and Practice is selling regularly and activity is expected to continue.

4. For use of the Clerk, not available for general PYM use.

5. Friends Bulletin monies; not available for general PYM use.

6. These funds invested in WORKING ASSETS MONEY FUND and money market checking accounts.

7. Travel reserves are funds set aside for future travel costs that PYM has already agreed to pay; some of these meet every 2 to 3 years, but we budget a portion of the cost each year.

8. These are the only funds available for general PYM use.

9. Specifically contributed funds for use of the Committee on East-West Relations; not available for general PYM use.

10. Represents printing costs, etc. of Social Order Series that should be recovered by sale of the publications. Of the total advanced $849 was for the Bulletin (Massey) Publication and $1,217 for the Social Order pamphlet. All "Massey" costs have been repaid.

11. Fund located in money market checking account. Contributions are specified for the specific account. Not available for general PYM use.

Virginia V. and Walter E. Klein
Treasurers, Pacific Yearly Meeting
# Pacific Yearly Meeting Budget for Fiscal Year 1987

**Period:** October 1, 1986 through August 6, 1986

## Revenue

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## Expenses

### General Expenses

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**TOTAL EXPENSES**                                        | $ 28811        | $33650                  | $10259         | $34300
PYM Discipline Committee

REPORT ON JUNIOR MEMBERSHIP

Background

In August, 1985, Pacific Yearly Meeting referred to the Discipline Committee the concern from La Jolla Meeting on the absence from the 1985 Faith and Practice of a reference to junior membership.

The new Faith and Practice does not "eliminate reference to our children"--as the La Jolla concern asserts. On the contrary, there is substantially more on the important relationship of children to our meetings than in the previous edition. We hope Friends will be pleased.

Reasons for eliminating reference to junior membership

There is no persuasive unity in PYM on the category of junior membership; half our meetings use it, half don't.

Junior membership has long been a source of trouble, both in PYM and in other parts of the world. Over the years, the Discipline Committee has received reports from meetings about these problems: Does junior membership begin at birth, or only upon the parents' request? Is it the same as birthright? What if a parent asks for junior membership and the child says No? (That has happened in PYM, and the child's wishes were overridden!) When do such memberships end? At the parent's request? The child's? Does the Meeting cut them off? When? At twenty-one? On a case-by-case basis? Can we have a junior member who is thirty-five? Forty? The problems have been numerous, persistent, sometimes comical--and usually distressing.

Finally, the Committee is united in its strong concern for truth in membership. We feel Friends will agree that membership should always indicate a personally committed relationship between a person and a Meeting, and that there should be no category of membership that means less than that.

Recommendations

We urge that meetings think seriously about the meaning of membership. Friends may wish to be inventive and explore possible new ways to help children feel part of the meeting family--ways that will leave the true meaning of membership intact.

Meetings clearly have the authority to retain junior membership if they wish to. That has always been true. Faith and Practice is not a rule book, but a guide, a way for Friends to learn how most, if not all of our meetings handle certain procedures, to find out "what works best" for most of us at this time. Meetings are free to ignore that corporate experience and wisdom, but are probably unwise to do so. If we love each other, we will be glad to share our insights, and to be helped by the experience of other Friends.

August, 1986

Paul Johnson       Jane Peers       Lowell Tozer, Clerk
Tad Kershner       Barbara Perry
Peggemae Lacey     Jan Tappan, ex officio

August, 1986
Current procedures for reprinting the Discipline and for producing a new edition are long-standing and are clearly spelled out. The reprinting of extra copies of an existing Faith and Practice requires the direct authorization of the Representative Committee or of the Yearly Meeting. The revision of the discipline and the production of a new edition is done under instruction from Yearly Meeting.

The practice from the beginning in Pacific Yearly Meeting has been to accept a completed new edition of Faith and Practice. When a Discipline Committee has, to the best of its ability, assembled and organized the material which may go into a revision of Faith and Practice, and has submitted it to the Yearly Meeting for study and discussion, the product of its labor is then presented to be accepted as the new edition of Faith and Practice. Acceptance, in our practice from the beginning, has implied unity with the spirit of the book, as a guide; approval would suggest unity with the letter of it, as a book of "creed and rules," rather than a Faith and Practice.

At the time that Yearly Meeting directed the Discipline Committee to begin work toward a new edition, we had lively discussions about whether to begin the practice of approving the expected new edition. In the absence of unity for making that change, the existing practice was followed.

RECOMMENDATION

When Pacific Yearly Meeting initiates the request for a new Faith and Practice, the Discipline Committee, in consultation with Ministry and Oversight, shall propose to Yearly Meeting a clear description of the process to be followed in creating the new edition. The suggestions made in the Minutes from Berkeley Meeting (July 1985) and Santa Monica Meeting (July, 1986) shall be a part of the deliberations leading to such recommendations on procedure, along with existing practices and new Light which may have been received.

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Further, to substitute the 1073 edition, or to use it concurrently with the new one, would be a serious mistake. It would misrepresent Pacific Yearly Meeting.

Major changes have been made in the new edition to reflect our actual practices. Sexist language has been eliminated. Important new sections have been added to show our current concerns. Language has been made clearer and more direct throughout the book. The new edition reflects as clearly and accurately as possible the faith and practice of Pacific Yearly Meeting, as the Committee understood them.
Friends will want to use the 1973 edition of Faith and Practice, as well as other editions and books of discipline, for historical reference, for enrichment, and for insight into the ways in which we change and grow.

MINUTES FROM MONTHLY MEETINGS

Berkeley Monthly Meeting, Religious Society of Friends
Minute to Pacific Yearly Meeting
July 1986

1. At its Meeting for Business, Seventh month, 1986:

Berkeley Monthly Meeting minutes its discomfort with the phrases on page 41, 1985 Faith and Practice, "We are a Christian fellowship..." and "We are committed to following the life and teachings of Jesus..." because this language may imply that Monthly Meetings of PYM accept into membership only those applicants who can, without reservation, aspire to such identification.

2. Berkeley Monthly Meeting recommends to Pacific Yearly Meeting that the 1985 Faith and Practice not be reprinted until such reprinting is approved by PYM or Representative Committee, after Meetings have had a chance to review the complete text.

Santa Monica Meeting sent the following minute and asked that it be placed before a plenary session of the 1986 gathering of Pacific Yearly Meeting:

A new procedure is established in which new editions of Faith and Practice are published and distributed throughout the Yearly Meeting at least one year before they are presented for approval. At that time, after seasoning and discussion, they will be considered as thoroughly as any other matter before Meeting. The decision to accept a new Faith and Practice will be held over as long as necessary until unity is truly attained.

Until the new edition of Faith and Practice can be written and accepted by the Yearly Meeting, the 1973 edition will be considered as current and valid along with the 1985 edition. The 1973 edition will be reprinted in a timely manner for use of Meeting and individual Friends.

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The Peace Committee has given careful consideration to the many helpful suggestions from Friends on the subjects of these minutes. We hope Friends will find agreement on the basic ideas contained herein and will give them general approval. We hope that minor changes in sentence structure, etc. can be left to an editing committee. Hopefully each minute can be approved within the time available. If approval is not forthcoming, the Peace Committee asks that the minutes be attached to the PYM Minutes as an appendix. Monthly meetings will be asked to pursue each topic and take action as the Spirit moves them.

Approved minutes will be sent to appropriate elected officials of government or as specified in the minute.

1. MINUTE ON THE NEWS MEDIA AND CENTRAL AMERICA

Background:

It is our perception that the national television news media (ABC, CBS, NBC and PBS television news) in the past two years have not provided consistent, unbiased, in-depth coverage of the events taking place in El Salvador, Guatemala, Nicaragua, Honduras and Mexico. In particular, there has been a near “black-out” on news about the civil war in El Salvador, the plight of Salvadoran refugees in Honduras, Mexico and the United States, and the plight of civilians in El Salvador who have been displaced by aerial bombing and Operation Phoenix who now reside in refugee camps. Nor has there been coverage of the continuing massive violation of human rights by Salvadoran Security forces (which include torture of civilians while held in incommunicado detention, disappearances, extrajudicial executions, and bombing of civilians).

Similarly, there has been little or no coverage of either the on-going armed conflict or the human rights violations in Guatemala, nor have we had in-depth coverage documenting the extent to which U.S. military forces are involved in the militarization of the border area between Honduras and Nicaragua. We have at times heard a rather one-sided view about the Contras and the Sandinistas, but we have not been given analyses of life in Nicaragua before and after the Sandinistas or coverage of the Contra activities from the perspective of the civilians under attack by the Contras.

Since U.S. foreign policy is playing a significant role in determining the events which take place in Central America, it is imperative that the American people be informed about both the events which occur in Central America and the policies which work to shape these events. The news media have a responsibility to provide unbiased, comprehensive coverage of the events taking place in Central America.
In keeping with the Quaker tradition of seeking and publishing the truth, PYM urges Friends to write letters to the national television news media requesting that consistent, on-going, unbiased in-depth coverage of the events in Central America be provided to the people of the United States. In order to meet our responsibilities as citizens, it is essential that we have access to this information. The news media have an obligation to seek out and provide this news coverage.

2. MINUTE ON CENTRAL AMERICA

BACKGROUND

As seekers of the truth, we have experienced a living exodus in the suffering and strength of our Central America neighbors. Friends of the Pacific Yearly Meeting are compelled to speak from our experience:

Kate Buckner of Strawberry Creek Meeting tells of the compromises of Costa Rica's neutrality as that country seeks to bolster its deteriorating economy with U.S. dollars.

Bob Barnes of Grass Valley Meeting writes and Sue Severan recalls personal stories of Nicaraguans who are suffering the trauma of Contra terrorism.

Frances Turnerwright, of Santa Cruz Meeting tells of the horrifying transition of Honduras into an occupied military territory.

Carmen Broz, of Palo Alto Meeting, testifies to the professional training of the El Salvador military personnel for the sole purpose of destroying their brothers and sisters and desecrating the land.

Virginia Flagg of San Diego Meeting describes her experience accompanying families of the disappeared in Guatemala as they continue to appeal to President Cerezo for information about their missing loved ones.

Archbishop Oscar Romero charged that the work of the church is to attend to: victims of the conflict; the conflict itself; and the eradication of the conflict.

We give thanks to the prophetic witness of the Central American search for justice and pray for our own expansion in light and faith.
PACIFIC YEARLY MEETING -- 1935 MINUTES ----------------- ATTACHMENT "N"

MINUTE

We call upon monthly meetings to seek and speak truth regarding Central America and related U.S. policies. As the way opens, we suggest Meetings:

1. Release members of your Meeting to go to Central America and accompany our brothers and sisters in their daily suffering.

2. Find ways to halt the destruction, injustice, and the mounting international violations being committed in our name.

3. Network with ecumenical groups, including the sanctuary movement, to extend our Quaker testimony and seek to realize our covenant with God.

4. Urge government representatives to seek negotiated settlement through the Contadora process.

3. A DECLARATION OF FAITH BY PACIFIC YEARLY MEETING OF THE RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS:

In the light of our faith, and living in today's world filled with increasingly dangerous weapons, Pacific Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends declares our total reliance on the power of God's love as our protection. This is our testimony to people everywhere, that we want not a single one of you to be injured or threatened by any violence in the name of our security.

Query: What are the implications of Friends peace testimony today? Does it mean complete, immediate, and unilateral disarmament?

"We utterly deny all outward wars and strife and fightings with outward weapons, for any end or under any pretense whatsoever; This is our testimony to the whole world."
-- English Friends, 1660.

"The most basic task of our peacemaking is to fill the spiritual void of our world by replacing the fear which cripples human efforts with faith in the power of God's love."
-- Pacific Yearly Meeting Faith and Practice

4. STATEMENT BY THE PEACE COMMITTEE ABOUT TERRORISM

We believe that responding to terrorism with violence is contrary to Friends' deeply held Peace Testimony and is a major error of our time. We deplore our country's recent military actions in Libya and Lebanon, believing that violence only breeds more violence. There are better ways. We believe that terrorism is a response to injustice, and that terrorism will end only when deeply-felt wrongs have been redressed.
5. MINUTE ON A COMPREHENSIVE TEST BAN AND SALT II TREATY

Secretary Gorbachev invited a group of U.S. seismologists (including one of our members) to place test monitoring equipment in the Soviet Union.

In view of this invitation and in the spirit of Friends Peace Testimony, Pacific Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends urges the U.S. Government to stop all nuclear weapons testing now and to negotiate immediately a Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty.

We also strongly urge observance of the Salt II Treaty. As Robert McNamara, former Secretary of Defense and former President of the World Bank has said, this is of primary importance to both the USA and to the USSR. Call the Capitol, 202-224-2131, as soon as possible. Ask your representative to support amendments to require the president to stop nuclear testing, and to continue the Salt II limits on strategic nuclear arms. The vote is imminent.

*Jim Brune, former Clerk of La Jolla Meeting, is the member mentioned above. He urges Friends to write Secretary Gorbachev in approval of the past year's Test Ban observed by the USSR and his efforts to show that nuclear tests can be accurately monitored.

6. MINUTE ON STAR WARS

BACKGROUND

The Star Wars program of President Reagan's is so dishonest, so dangerous to the continuation of life on our planet, so greedy in its continuing supply of large amounts of money to the military-industrial complex, and so paranoid in its depiction of another great country that it is important to examine Star Wars very critically. Because the President masks Star Wars in the clothing of peace, we must not allow ourselves or others to be deceived.

There are some pertinent questions that need to be answered about this Administration's nuclear arms program:

1. If President Reagan really wishes to attain the world peace that he mentioned in his Star Wars declaration, then why have his negotiators refused to even consider the Soviet proposals of:

   a. No first use of nuclear weapons
   b. A mutual bilateral nuclear weapons freeze.
   c. No weapons in space
   d. A bilateral step-wise reduction in nuclear weapons.

Cooperating with the Soviets on their four proposals could lead to the elimination of nuclear weapons without the estimated trillion dollars expense of Star Wars, and the real chance of an accidental nuclear war.

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2. If President Reagan believes, as he has stated, that a nuclear war is unwinnable, which is the basis of our ABM treaty with the USSR, then why did his Secretary for Defense sign a Pentagon program document to the effect that the US must become able to fight and to win a nuclear war?

3. How does the President explain to the Soviets that our buildup of first strike, ASAT, and Star Wars weapons is not a way to achieve victory over their country?

These questions indicate the great difference between the Star Wars fantasy expressed by President Reagan and the Star Wars plan being developed by the Pentagon. To help clarify the position of our President and to return his Administration to a sane nuclear policy, the following minute is presented:

MINUTE

The Pacific Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends at its meeting in La Verne, California, on 8/3/85 agreed to compliment President Reagan on the statement in his Star Wars announcement that called for the US scientific community to turn its attention to world peace. Unfortunately, he expanded this request to include his Star Wars fantasy. This now seems to be a plan for starting and winning a nuclear war with the USSR. We feel compelled to affirm our Quaker peace testimony as the real way to a peaceful world. Therefore, the acceptance of the Soviet peace proposals of no first strike, no weapons in space, a nuclear weapons freeze, and stepwise weapons reductions rather than Star Wars must be the Quaker direction. We also urge the President to appoint new US peace negotiators dedicated to cooperation with the Soviets on mutually beneficial steps towards peace and not some supposed US advantage.

To the same purpose we ask Congress to stop all funding for First Strike, Anti-Satellite, and Star Wars weapons. The dollars or rubles spent on Star Wars by the US or the USSR will deprive people of necessary human needs and other important benefits, and will significantly increase the danger of nuclear war. The elimination of these weapon programs will stop their tremendous drain on our economy. It will allow our two nations to work together on the ever more urgent environmental problems that face all humanity, and allow a feeling of hope rather than fear to pervade our societies.

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87 Vanita Blum BE
88 Ruth Peters OG

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87 Sandy Farley PA

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87 Letty Hall ST

TREASURERS
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87 Virginia Klein LJ/SF

HISTORIAN/ARCHIVIST
87 Pegge Lacey RE/SF

ARRANGEMENTS CLERK
87 Joe Magruder SA

ASSISTANT ARRANGEMENTS CLERK
87 Margaret Mossman BE

REGISTRARS
87 Fred Gey BE
87 Larry Perry ST

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87 Esther Morgan RF, Clerk
87 Jean Walton CL
87 Asenath Young PAC
88 David-James Bloom RF/SF
88 Ken Knight LA
89 Bill McRae BE
89 Walt Damon-Ruth OG
89 Leonard Durr CL
89 Dotti Vora-Weis IV

Ex Officio: Presiding Clerk

BULLETIN COMMITTEE
87 Jan Tappan OG
87 David Scofield Wilson DA
86 Ernie Bicknell HA
88 Elsa Glines HA, Clerk
89 Ellene Foster SC
88 Mary Ellen McNally BE

CHILDREN'S PROGRAM COMMITTEE
87 Jean Malcolm SD
87 Pat Wolff OG
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Report from the Women and Work Interest Group

Our definition of "work" included volunteer work, housework, care-giving, and home industry. Using this definition, we discussed the following queries:

1. Have I been discriminated against on the basis of sex (or do I know anyone who has)?
2. What have we as "employers" done to equalize tasks?
3. From a Quaker viewpoint, what is the meaning of comparable worth?
4. What can we do to support women in their struggle for equality?

We found that almost all of us have experienced sex discrimination. We try to avoid sex stereotyping in assigning tasks to employees, committee members, and students. We discussed comparable worth in regard to "men's" and "women's" work and pay, and in regard to the degree of status associated with different kinds of work (e.g., teacher vs. engineer), committees in our Meetings (Peace vs. Hospitality), and members vs. attenders. To help in the struggle, we urge Meetings to survey who does what in meeting life and encourage men and women to take non-traditional roles (e.g., do men wash dishes or serve as clerks of Hospitality, and do women serve as treasurers or clerks of Property Committees?).

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PACIFIC YEARLY MEETING -- 1985 MINUTES -------------- ATTACHMENT "Q"
PROPOSED MINUTE FROM SOCIAL ORDER COMMITTEE

Pacific Yearly Meeting requests that Monthly Meetings consider the action of
San Diego Monthly Meeting regarding the World Court ruling of June 27, 1986.

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REPORT FROM SAN DIEGO MONTHLY MEETING ON WORLD COURT DECISION OF 6/27/85

Friends' historic testimony is to support peaceful resolution of international
conflicts through agencies like the International Court of Justice ("World
Court").

The Republic of Nicaragua sued the USA in the "World Court" for 15 hostile and
unlawful acts (mining harbors, arming "contras," etc.) and has asked that
these actions be stopped and for a rather modest payment of damages.

On June 27, 1986, the Court gave its decision, which was in favor of Nicaragua
on most counts. The U.S. chooses to ignore the Court, at least on decisions
it does not like.

San Diego Monthly Meeting decided to uphold the process of international
justice to a small extent, at least by paying our own proportional share of
the damages, as explained by the attached copy of our letter to the Presiding
Justice of the International Court of Justice.

San Diego Monthly Meeting recommends that other Monthly Meetings assess
themselves $1.48 per member to do the same, with their own letters to the
"World Court." Copies of the letter should be sent to Daniel Ortega,
President of Nicaragua (Managua, Nicaragua), President Reagan, U.S. Senators
and Congresspeople, QUNO, FCNL, and others. (Note: By enclosing your own
Spanish version, you may avoid having a bad one made by an inexperienced or
biased translator. A Spanish translation of the attached San Diego letter is
available from the San Diego Monthly Meeting.)

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The Honorable Nagendra Singh, President
International Court of Justice
The Hague
The Netherlands

Your Honor:

We are members of the San Diego Monthly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends. Most people know us as "Quakers". Also, we are responsible citizens of the United States of America.

We are writing this letter in response to the decision of the International Court of Justice on June 27, 1986 in the matter of the Republic of Nicaragua versus the United States of America.

We want to support the cause of international justice and to uphold our integrity and honor by paying promptly our share of the damages which Nicaragua has requested.

According to our information, Nicaragua is asking for $370,200,000 (US). With a US population of 250,000,000 people, this is $1.48 (US) per person. We are a group of 34 members, so we enclose a check for $50.32 (US). Please forward this money promptly to the government of Nicaragua.

Very truly yours,

San Diego Monthly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends

Anne Penery, Clerk
Pacific Yearly Meeting Epistle
La Verne, California
Eighth month 6, 1987

To Friends everywhere:

A fresh breeze each afternoon and evening brings hints of the distant Pacific Ocean, and cools the surface of the earth we call La Verne, California. In the evenings, our children’s voices sparkle in the dusk as they gather to play games which rely on speed and agility. We pause to listen to the music of their voices, then we quicken our pace as we go on our way to the next plenary. This has been a meeting rich in experience and activities for the children, and their presence has been a delight.

In his greeting to Pacific Yearly Meeting, Lind Coop, the Presiding Clerk of Friends Church: Southwestern Yearly Meeting, spoke of our common theological bond, George Fox’s discovery that we can be one with God under the direction of the Holy Spirit. Herein, different branches of Friends share an enormous power to affect the quality of life worldwide.

In our sessions and interest groups, our actions spring from our faith. The endangerment of the earth’s eco-systems by human activities is wrong, and this has become a deeply religious concern of Yearly Meeting. We are just beginning to explore the dimensions of this concern. There is much uncharted territory. A good planet is hard to find.

We are deeply moved and our faith is tested by the human suffering and injustice which continues in Central America. The suffering has been brought close to our hearts, both through the individual experiences of several Friends who have traveled to Central America, and through our work at home with refugees who have fled here in fear for their lives to seek safe haven.

It is by our lives that we are known. Many of our number in these immediate days have lives speaking in important ways. In her attempt to help resettle campesinos, a Friend has just been forced from her native El Salvador. Another Friend has just placed seismic instruments at the USSR bomb test site. Veteran Quaker activists spent Hiroshima Day at the Nevada bomb test site. The Meeting was stunned to learn that two days later one of these veteran activists, Friend Larry Scott, was killed in an automobile accident. Our own youth helped refugee families from Central America, they visited the sick, they packed medical supplies for Nicaragua, they sorted clothes and they handed out food (including their own luncheon sandwiches) on the street. They found this work project experience on Los Angeles’ Skid Row sobering, frightening, and quite sad.
In order to show our solidarity with gay men during these times of the AIDS epidemic and the threat of the quarantine initiative, many Friends wore pink triangles. This was the Nazi designation for gays.

The Faith and Practice of 1828 has left some Friends feeling excluded. The different reactions have made it a necessity for all of us to examine our own beliefs and willingness to accept the ways in which other Friends express their experiences of religious truth. We have struggled individually and corporately to sort out what is essential.

We do not want to exclude, nor do we want to be excluded. We want to read Faith and Practice with the focus on its spirit rather than on its words. We want to find true unity beyond our individual visions and self expressions. We are all part of a whole, of the earth and of life itself. We must find our place in it, but not try to control it.

In the spirit of letting go, this Yearly Meeting struggled with the question: "Are we strongly enough rooted in the power of God that we dare to declare:

In the light of our faith, and living in today's world filled with increasingly dangerous weapons, we of Pacific Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends declare our total reliance on the power of God's love as our protection. This is our testimony to people everywhere, that we want not a single person to be injured or threatened by any violence in the name of our national security."

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EPISTLE OF FRIENDS FOR LESBIAN AND GAY CONCERNS - WEST COAST

To Friends Everywhere,

This year our sharing group for lesbians and gays became more inclusive. We were enriched by the presence of non-lesbian women, bisexuals and transsexuals. From the depths of our joys and sorrows we built a precious community. In personal suffering we discovered we had become a family to one another, offering caring in time of need and ever holding each in the Light. From our hearts we shared in Quaker dialogue, song and poetry.

Our lives have been touched with a special outpouring of Divine Love in a time of great tragedy. Several of us have lost close friends to AIDS. Friends in our Yearly Meeting have died from or otherwise had their health affected by AIDS or ARC (AIDS Related Complex). We, as Friends, are not immune from the public climate of fear. Nevertheless, we are pleased that our Yearly Meeting is beginning to address the spiritual dimension of AIDS and ARC.

As women and sexual minorities, we are all the object of violence and increasing economic threat. Gay bashing and overt homophobia are increasingly affecting our lives. The poverty women so frequently know is little different from the economic ruin faced by many gay men as a result of the AIDS crisis. We are hopeful however, that as Friends we can begin to build new economic and social structures to better serve our needs. Several of the women among us shared that they have been the victims of rape, battering or incest. We also acknowledge that some of the men among us have similarly been victimized. We celebrate the rebuilding of our lives to the wholeness the Spirit intended.

We are deeply troubled that a same-sex marriage was not approved by one of our Monthly Meetings. Do we really mean what we say about equality and maintaining a single standard of truth?

We look forward to a family reunion of the newly formed Friends for Lesbian and Gay Concerns - West Coast at Ben Lomond Quaker Center this coming fall. There we will again share in the fellowship of Friends and sing Praise.

On behalf of the Epistle Committee,

Rick L. Troth.
EPISTLE
JUNIOR YEARLY MEETING
OF THE RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS
La Verne University, California
August 9, 1985

To Friends Everywhere:

The Junior High group this year at Pacific Yearly Meeting experienced what we called "co-operation and co-ordination" skills by playing many traditional, as well as improv theatre, games. On Tuesday the Junior High group went to Skid Row. Some feelings about this were that it was a first time experience and people were horrified by the living conditions. While we were only able to go for one day, we were inspired by the more permanent volunteers. We found it a valuable experience and think we should do something like it again next year.

Four girls formed a singing group called THE INDIVIDUALS. They sang on Hiroshima Day. Most importantly, we really enjoyed sharing and sitting quietly.

But there was another fun aspect to it all... beaches, lakes, sewing, pool, pingpong, football, and last but not least, our traditional favourite, Capture the Flag.

"PEACE"

Hope to see you next year.

On behalf of Junior High Friends,

Oneda House, Junior High Clerk

August 9, 1986
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Friends:
This year at PYM, the variety of experiences were as unique as the people themselves. The high school Friends illustrated diversity in belief, race, and geographic distribution, with Friends from Ohio, Hawaii, and as far away as Armsberg, Germany.

Here is a sampling of comments about the most memorable parts of this year's PYM:

"My memories are of body surfing in the waves of Laguna Beach."

"I fell in love with Skid Row kids."

"This year I acquired many skills in being a friend. I learned new ways of communicating in, and looking at relationships."

"I'll remember the conflict between socializing and spirituality in our high school fellowship."

"This year, Capture the Flag died as a tradition."

"I've noticed the changes in people more this year than I ever have before."

"I was amazed at how honest everyone was."

"God has a sense of humor."

We couldn't agree on the best amount of structuring for the high school program. Some of us enjoyed the freedom of having a flexible schedule, and some wanted more group unity and spirituality. These conflicting viewpoints led to an emotional discussion, where concerns were shared by all. This led to a clearer understanding of our needs. Peace to All.

In disharmony,
Junior Yearly Meeting High School Friends
La Verne University, 1986
TO FRIENDS EVERYWHERE:

At this gathering we've had difficulty finding the sense of our own Young Friends community. Our loving nurture of worship, business and fellowship of our children's program, Junior Yearly Meeting, and "Grown-up" Yearly Meeting has left us feeling scattered. We also miss Young Friends who could not be with us as Young Friends have become more geographically scattered. A few of us recall the sense of community at our spring gathering and hope to share this connectedness with Young Friends at our Western Young Friends New Years Gathering, our Young Friends Of Pacific Yearly Meeting spring retreat and Young Friends of North America to be held at Ben Lomond this coming summer.

We joyfully sponsored a candlelight walk and Friends of all ages joined us in rememberance of Hiroshima Day and in celebration of our hope for a world without occasion for war.

We worked with the Junior Friends and successfully organized a morning of games for all of the Yearly Meeting where fun was had by all.

We struggled with outreach to High School-aged Friends noting the demographic split in our Yearly Meeting between Young Friends and Junior Friends. Junior Friends seem to feel a Generation Gap that separates them from us, both socially and with regard to their priorities and concerns at Yearly Meeting. We wonder how we can open the way for them to join with us, enriching all our Yearly Meeting experiences.

Lovingly,
Young Friends
Pacific Yearly Meeting
LeVerne University, California
1986
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