Friends gathered at 1:30 and settled into a period of silent worship through which ran a friendly competitive spirit of coughing among our young Friends.

Clerk Stratton Jaquette offered the following opening minute:

We have come together this week for the gathering of Pacific Yearly Meeting. We face challenges to ourselves and our faith. These are also opportunities for spiritual growth, both individual and corporate. Our diversity of gifts can be our strength rather than a cause of dissention. We will need to center ourselves well if we are to listen to that still small voice which is God's voice, as we have posed many difficult questions for ourselves. We seek the truth together, and now take the first step. Listen. Be still and know.

The Clerk, Stratton Jaquette, welcomed Friends to Pacific Yearly Meeting. He then asked the other Clerks of the Meeting to introduce themselves: Nicki Graham-Newlin, Assistant Clerk; Lavinia Spivey, Recording Clerk; Sandy Farley, Reading Clerk; Vanita Blum, Recording Clerk; Kate Lacey, Clerk for Young Friends; Liz Barragato, Clerk for Junior Friends Yearly Meeting; Stacey Tappan and Jenny Mahal, Clerk and Assistant Clerk of Junior High Yearly Meeting.

Stratton Jaquette read a letter of introduction for Antonia Swalgen from Westbury Meeting, New York. He then introduced Friends from outside Pacific Yearly Meeting: Margaret Yarrow, Inter Mountain Yearly Meeting; Jane Scott, Cochise Friends Meeting (Inter Mountain Yearly Meeting); Lois Ellis, California Yearly Meeting (AFSC Bookstore); David and Della Walker, University Friends Meeting, Seattle; Bill Strachan, Friends General Conference (New York Yearly Meeting); and Floyd Schmoe, one of the original members of Pacific Yearly Meeting and now, aged 91, a member of University Meeting, Seattle. Mary Howell of Geneva, Switzerland is expected later in the week. Others who introduced themselves were: Sandra Gey, Western States Field Representative for Friends Committee on National Legislation; Richard Roberts, AFSC, Pasadena.

Clerk Stratton Jaquette announced that the Representative Committee endorsed the Menito (friendship) project requested by Junior Friends. Bob Vogel explained the project and encouraged Friends of all ages to participate by being and adopting a secret pal for the week. Pals would be revealed on Friday.

EPISTLES

Sandy Farley, Reading Clerk, read Epistles from London Yearly Meeting, Meeting for Sufferings; New England Yearly Meeting, written by kindergarten through 5th grade students; and North Pacific Yearly Meeting.
ROLL CALL

Micki Graham-Newlin, Assistant Clerk, read the roll of member Meetings. The following Meetings were represented: Berkeley, Claremont, Davis, Delta, Fresno, Grass Valley, Hayward Area, Honolulu, Inland Valley, La Jolla, Marin, Mexico City, 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, Westwood, and Whitleaf.

The Preparative Meetings present were Conjeo, Humboldt, and Chico, and the only Worship Group, Morongo Basin.

ARRANGEMENTS

Joe Magruder, Arrangements Clerk, announced that most activities would be held in Craig Hall. Rooms for Junior activities and the Book Store were located in Bradley. He also pointed out that Craig Hall was more concerned with security and that doors between Craig and Bradley would be open from 6am to 11pm. The front door would be locked after 11pm. Friends could exit through this door, but could not reenter. Telephone messages, information, mail, and a list of doctors in-residence were available in the communications room. Because of small children, the swimming pool is only open from 1-5 when there was a life guard on duty. However, this time was being renegotiated. TV's and vending machines will remain off during PYM at our request. Friends who were camping were reminded that they could sleep outside in the designated areas only. Joe Magruder concluded his announcements by reminding Friends to refrain from going in and out of the dining room during meal time and to keep all food in the dining room.

Margaret Mossman, Co-clerk, added that the Arrangements Committee could accommodate most groups and that Friends should see her for space assignments. Groups needing audio visual equipment should also make arrangements with her.

JUNIOR FRIENDS

The introduction of Junior Friends followed. Both high school and junior high schoolers have lounges on the second floor of Craig Hall. David Calderon, High School Advisor, has an office in his room, 230A. Messages for Tad Kershner, Junior High Advisor, can be left in the lounge. It was also announced that there were kiosk bulletin boards for graffiti. Brian Vura-Weis, Co-clerk of the Junior Yearly Meeting Committee, encouraged parents of teens who were in the program to attend a meeting in the lounge at 6:00 that evening.

CHILDREN'S PROGRAM

Margaret Jamison, Staff Person, introduced the children's program (0-12 years) which would begin after refreshments at 3:00pm. Projects that the children would be involved in included participating in the Hiroshma vigil, writing to pen pals in Russia, making dolls for refugees, and making a quilt. Family-type movies would be shown in the evenings and parents were encouraged to attend with their children. Adults would be invited to participate in their worship-fellowship. These activities would take place in Bradley Hall. Children were
warned to stay away from the almond orchard. Margaret Jamison concluded by introducing her staff: Susanne Schmidt, Julia Bazar, Liz Jones, Laura Magnani, Lorraine Calkins, Lisa Klein, Pat Daggerty, and Ruth Bergman.

**YOUNG FRIENDS**

Kate Lacey, Clerk of Young Friends (18-early 30's), announced that they would be meeting at 5:40 that evening.

**WORSHIP-FELLOWSHIP**

Ed Flowers, clerk of the Worship-Fellowship groups opened his announcements by thanking those who had helped him: Ed Weiss, Edith Haynes (for preliminary work), Eric Moon, and Adrienne Flowers. He informed Friends that there were 15 groups; 9 traditional and 5 children’s. A drop-in group would meet in the lounge between rooms 106 and 107 for those who hadn't been assigned to a group. Unprogrammed worship would take place at the same time as worship fellowship in the main lounge. He asked that Friends not assigned to a group see him. On Saturday, Worship-Fellowship would last 15 minutes longer than last year (but 15 minutes shorter than on Tuesday through Friday).

**REGISTRAR**

Larry Perry, Co-registrar with Fred Gey, had no announcements, but did remind Friends that if they had questions to ask him or Fred.

**FRIENDS BULLETIN**

Elsa Glines, Clerk of the Friends Bulletin Committee, and her committee members, paraded in front of gathered Friends with placards in a take-off on the old Burma Shave road signs. The placards read: If you are a Friend/or a friend of a Friend follow a trend/and subscribe to/ Friends/ Bulletin.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Maureen Jaquette requested that volunteers who had signed up to help with the children see her for setting a specific time.

The Clerk of the Subcommittee on Workshops announced that they would gather on the patio after the Plenary Session to establish meeting times for this week.

The Meeting concluded with a brief period of silence at 3:00pm.

Lavinia Spivey, Co-Recording Clerk
PACIFIC YEARLY MEETING
8th Month, 3, 1987
Chico, California

PLENARY SESSION 2

Friends gathered in silent worship, setting aside fatigue and care. We rejoice at being together again in the Yearly Meeting family. We are grateful for this opportunity for the centering and tendering which ready us to listen to and respect each other’s deepest experience. We pray that justice, compassion, humility, harmlessness, and humor will be with us as we work together.

Vanita Slum, Co-Recording Clerk
PLENARY SESSION 3
Eighth Month 3, 1987, 7:00 p.m.
Plenary session 3 opened with silent worship.

EPISTLES
The Reading Clerk read from the Epistles of Inter-Mountain Yearly Meeting and from New England Yearly Meeting.

MINUTES
The minutes of Plenary Session 2 (Worship) were read.

INTRODUCTIONS
A visitor not previously introduced was introduced and welcomed: Cilce Grover of Portland, Oregon.

John Draper, in charge of the sound system, was introduced.

ANNOUNCEMENTS
Assistant Clerk, Micki Graham-Newlin, made a few announcements.

REPORT OF REPRESENTATIVE COMMITTEE, 1987
The action minutes of representative committee from March and Session I from August were read by Recording Clerk, Sandy Farley, to remind us of actions that body had approved.

TRAVEL MINUTES
Clerk, Stratton Jaquette, noted that the travel minute he had written for Floyd Schmoe's trip to the USSR was returned without endorsements. The letter of introduction for Gloria Kershner, who attended the Friends United Meeting Triennial gathering was returned with an endorsement from its Clerk. The travel minute written for Phyllis and Walt Jones for their year in Germany was returned with many endorsements. In addition a copy of the Jones' travel minute from San Diego Meeting was presented. Travel minutes are kept in the archives.

MINISTRY AND OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE
Esther Morgan, Clerk of Ministry and Oversight, announced that the following Friends had accepted the nomination to the Epistle Committee: Bill Scott, Reno Meeting; Lois Bailey, Grass Valley Meeting; and Ingrid Petersen, Claremont Meeting.

The Brinton Visitor Committee has recommended, and Ministry and Oversight has approved, the choice of Barbara Graves of Strawberry Creek Meeting as the next Brinton Visitor.
STATE OF THE SOCIETY REPORT

Esther Morgan introduced the committee members of Ministry and Oversight who were to present the state of the society report: Eric Moon, Jean Walton, Asenath Young, David-James Bloom, Leonard Dart, Dotti Vura-Weis, Robert Young, and herself.

The committee based its report on the State of the Meeting reports sent from individual Meetings. The following aspects were considered:

Part I: 1. spiritual growth  
2. strengthening community  
3. concerns for peace and justice.

Selected writings on spiritual growth were read from Rufus Jones, from London Yearly Meeting Faith and Practice, No. 442 by Gerald K. Hibbert and No. 445:

...the adult ...has the same choice: his eyes are either open or closed, his ears either listening or deaf, his mind active or idle, his heart reaching out or turning in upon itself, his will constantly bending towards God or standing proud in its own stubborn course. The preparation of mind and heart and will for the knowledge and love and service of God is a task that can never end: it is what our life is for.

Excerpts from the Meeting reports were read on spiritual growth, emphasizing the continuing process of growth, the strivings and falterings and resistance to growth even as the moving and stirring continues inwardly and outwardly.

Readings on strengthening community were presented from Arlene Kelly in the Friends Journal, and from Parker Palmer:

Community is a place where the connections felt in the heart make themselves known in bonds between people, and here the tuggings and pullings of those bonds keep opening up our hearts.

Excerpts from the Meeting reports followed, revealing that working together, suffering together, and sharing honestly are all ways to grow closer.

Readings on social justice and peace were presented from A Message to all Friends, Friends World Conference, 1952, and from Pacific Yearly Meeting, Faith and Practice, 1957:

A vital religion is one which goes from an encounter with the love of God to an encounter in service to that love, no matter how hopeless the situation may be.

Excerpts from the Meeting reports showed that work for peace and social justice was clearly related to spiritual growth and close community. Over 100 activities were reported. Meetings also commented on a tendency to take on too much work, on becoming catalysts for others, on trying new ideas, and on both individual and group activities.

Friends were invited to respond to the question "How has your Meeting dealt with these topics?"
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Our Friend from Westbury Meeting on Long Island, New York, described how her Meeting has become a Peace Center, involving other churches, presenting a Visions for Peace program which was adopted by the public schools. Children are encouraged to use their imagination to create positive alternatives, to channel anger to positive energy, and find a sense of purpose.

Reno Meeting found Douglas Steere's book Quaker Spirituality very helpful for discussion and deepening worship.

Redwood Forest Meeting celebrates and works with rapid growth. San Diego feels much gratitude and closeness with La Jolla Meeting, which shared a large bequest with San Diego Meeting; San Diego asks our prayers to help them find the right use of the gift. San Francisco Meeting asks our loving prayers as they are called to support members and attenders who suffer and die from AIDS and related illness.

Part II: How do we deal with diversity and conflict?

Clerk of Ministry and Oversight, Esther Morgan, explained that tonight the subject will be dealt with in general. Other sessions will deal with particular topics where there is much diversity of opinion or experience. The topic for this session is How do we approach disagreement? How has the Spirit moved us? How can we use differences for further growth?

Readings were again presented, one from Alison Sharman, writing for The Friend, January 23, 1987, and from Henry T. Hodgkin (1877-1933):

I believe that God's best for another may be so different from my experience and way of living as to be actually impossible to me. I recognize (a change) to have taken place in myself, from a certain assumption that mine was really the better way, to a very complete recognition that there is no one better way, and that God needs all kinds of people and ways of living through which to manifest Himself in the World.

Excerpts from Meeting reports showed some Meetings learning from conflict, another able to confront differences with love, another seeking openings and trusting that truth will advance, though not abandoning the struggle, another seeking guidance and knowing that conditions requiring strength enable us to grow strong, another finding its vulnerability.

Again Friends were invited to share their experiences: discovering that there are many ways to create division and one, worship, to find the patience of the divine spirit; discovering that fear, even panic, rises in us when we experience differences; finding that our little cozy groups are not in possession of all truth and good; finding that diversity is to be praised for the fruit of knowledge is not on one branch only; seeking "Quaker tolerance," the balance of witnessing our truth and being open to another view; noting that we can act corporately only when we find unity; warning that righteousness can be dangerous; finding truth in Punshon's statement that Friends seek not conviction, but the Truth beyond; we agree we are seeking. We were reminded that Friends are serious and need more joy, and we heard that we must be both godparent and godchild to each other.
Friends were reminded that this dialogue can go on during the week and that the complete file of State of the Meeting Reports is in the Communications Room, available to all of us to read.

The session closed with a period of silent worship.

Vanita Blum, Co-Recording Clerk

(NOTE: Excerpts read in Plenary 3 are Archive Attachment 1)
PACIFIC YEARLY MEETING
Eighth Month 4, 1987
Chico, California

PLENARY SESSION 4

Clerk Stratton Jaquette opened the meeting with a query:
Do we arrive punctually and quietly at the appointed time?
A period of silent worship followed, ending with these words offered by a
friend, "Let light and love restore the plan on earth."

EPISTLES

Sandy Farley, Reading Clerk, read Epistles from Friends for Lesbian and Gay
Concerns (Part of Friends General Conference at Oberlin College) and from Ohio
Yearly Meeting.

MINUTES

Lavinia Spivey, CoRecording Clerk, read the minutes from Session 1, and Vanita
Blum, CoRecording Clerk, read the minutes from Session 3. The minutes from
both sessions were amended and approved.

INTRODUCTIONS

Clerk Stratton Jaquette read a letter of introduction for John Salyer from
Canberra Quaker Meeting. He also introduced Marshall Massey from Mountain View
Meeting (Denver, Colorado) and Mary Howell from Geneva Switzerland.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Micki Graham-Newlin, Assistant Clerk, made announcements and wished Happy
Anniversary and Happy Birthday to several Friends.

DISCIPLINE COMMITTEE REPORT

Jane Peers, clerk of the Discipline Committee, introduced the other members of
the Committee: Jim Sanetel, Barbara Perry, Ben Levine, Tad Kershner, Paul
Johnson, and Martha Dart. This Committee met six times during the year and
worked in cooperation with Ministry and Oversight to study not only the issues
raised by the 1985 Faith and Practice but also the issues concerning equality
in marriage. Discussion of equality in marriage, however, will be deferred till
Session 7 on Wednesday.

Jane Peers then reported that in response to the charge given them last year at
PYM to study Friends' concerns regarding the 1985 edition of Faith and
Practice, the Committee had gathered material which could lead to changes in a
future edition. In two letters to the Monthly Meetings and Worship Groups in
PYM, the committee encouraged Friends to continue discussing the current
edition and invited them to share their concerns with the Discipline Committee.
The first letter was intended to help Friends identify their beliefs and the
second to identify actual practices used in the membership process and to
examine their relationship to Faith and Practice. Overall, these letters sent
from the Discipline Committee opened deep and meaningful dialogues among
Friends.
The response from Meetings, individual Friends, and Friends outside PYM to the Discipline Committee's letters was encouraging, and these conversations concerning Faith and Practice even carried over into letters in Friends Bulletin. These letters, even those with the strongest statements on Christianity or Universalism, showed tenderness and love; asking only for respect and consideration for the language used to express the different viewpoints. The letters also indicated that Meetings did not feel "bound" by any one viewpoint and no letter suggested that anyone be dropped from membership because of his or her beliefs.

Jane Peers pointed out that Friends cannot define their beliefs without "hammering out a creed." However, that which unites Friends can probably be described because it is based on spiritual experiences. And as Friends we respect truth founded in experience.

Jim Sanetel read paragraphs from the Discipline of North Pacific Yearly Meeting, which describe the spectrum of Quaker beliefs. These paragraphs have been reprinted with permission for insertion in our own Faith and Practice as an addition to the section on Quaker faith. He also read the text of another insert for our Faith and Practice which makes several clarifications of the intent of certain sections.

(Exerpts from Friends Letters are in Archive Attachment II)

Martha Dart and Paul Johnson read exerpts from Friends' letters. In general these exerpts reflected a common belief that the Spirit goes beyond the bounds of Christianity. They acknowledged the importance of the historical perspective, but pointed out Friends' common belief in continual revelation. Silence, service, search, and a belief in the Inner Light unify us while extremes, or dogmatism, in either Christianity or Universalism will divide us.

Ben Levine read exerpts from letters in Friends Bulletin. These exerpts repeated and supported the feelings and thoughts expressed in the letters written by individuals and Meetings.

Tad Kershner read a statement by Ferner Muhm (from "A Quaker Approach to Christ") which said that Friends should learn to think of Quakerism as the tension rather than the choice between points of view.

DISCUSSION

The following summary statements attempt to reflect the spirit and substance of Friends' sharing.

* Our beliefs are personal as well as private, and within the Light we can recognize Truth where ever it is. In change we can find new meaning.

* We have different religious roots, consequently we need to study all roots of spiritual experiences.

* Quakers come from different cultures. This diversity of backgrounds, which is our strength, should be the starting point of our search not the end.

* If individuals are firmly grounded in their own tradition, they could have
communion with others in different traditions. When we go beyond words and outward forms, there are equivalencies between beliefs. However, achieving this freedom of understanding is difficult because of the limitations of language.

* Friends need to use their diversity in meeting the challenge of relationships with other cultures. In America it is especially important to understand and relate to the Judeo-Christian faiths.

* Although we have a diversity of backgrounds, we think in similar ways. Differences occur in the actions we take.

* There is a seeming contradiction between Friends' invitation to diversity and their continual reference to Christian tradition.

* Defining Quakerism is like trying to pick up a bowl of jello. We have to hold it in the Light to understand it.

Jane Peers concluded the Committee's report and subsequent discussion by encouraging Friends to continue communicating with the Discipline Committee.

The Meeting ended at 3:00 p.m. after a brief period of silent worship.

Lavinia Spivey, CoRecording Clerk

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PLENARY SESSION 5: WORSHIP
Eighth Month 4, 1987; 4:00 p.m.

Friends gathered in silence for worship. After a period of still waiting, vocal ministry opened with a personal query asking if balance in life came from experiencing the simplicity of such ordinary things as a spider's web shining with sun-lightened dew. Friends followed with a diversity of thoughts and feelings and concluded worship in song -- "Master, Let Me Walk with Thee."

Lavinia Spivey, Co-Recording Clerk
PLENARY SESSION 6
Eighth Month 4, 1997
7:00 p.m.

Plenary Session 6 opened with silent worship.

EPSTLES

The Reading Clerk, Sandy Farley, read from the Epistles of Japan Yearly Meeting on its 100th Anniversary of Quakerism in Japan and from the Epistle of Friends United Meeting Triennial, 1987, meeting at Guilford College. The Reading Clerk also read letters from the American Friends Service Committee and from the staff of The Friends World Committee for Consultation at its 50th Anniversary.

INTRODUCTIONS

Clerk Stratton Jaquette read a letter of introduction for Bill Strachan from Northwest Yearly Meeting of Friends Church, a letter replacing his "disappeared" letter from Friends General Conference. Sue Severin of Marin Meeting introduced herself and brought greetings from the recently formed Managua Worship Group in Nicaragua; she thanked Friends for support of her work in Nicaragua.

APPEAL - CHILDREN'S PROGRAM

Mimi Wegrzyn, member of the Children's Program Committee, brought an appeal for help in the care and nurture of our children. She proposed that Friends volunteer a whole morning, afternoon, or evening to provide more continuity for the children. 53 children are enrolled; staff is short; the ratio of staff to children needs to be improved. She asked that Friends consider whether we want a program of 35 hours per week of child care and programs or if we want care for all our sessions, which would be 65 hours per week.

PEACE COMMITTEE

Linda Dunn, Clerk of Peace Committee, introduced the members of the committee so all Friends will know whom to contact: Steve Jones, Ben Levine, George Millikan, Sandra Gey, Catherine Langston, Leta Adler, Franklin Zahn. Gladys Innerst is not present. Linda asked Friends to read the pamphlet by Stuart Innerst and the statement from New Zealand Friends before the Friday Plenary. All Friends are welcome to attend Peace Committee Meetings.

The Hiroshima Day Vigil will be on Thursday, 8th Month, 5. Children have made posters for the vigil which will take place in downtown Chico. Friends will gather at 11:30 a.m., walk to downtown at 11:45 p.m. Rides can be provided. We return at 1:15 p.m. for a late lunch.

WIDER FELLOWSHIP AMONG FRIENDS COMMITTEE

Paul Niebanck, Clerk of the Committee, reviewed the history of this Committee. Two years ago Friends decided not to affiliate with another Friends organization. Instead of formal membership, the Committee was formed and charged with initiating direct, personal, meaningful outreach to other organizations. In doing so, the members have discovered that the contacts have transformed their
awareness. Seeing, at first, other Friends as "them," they saw what they expected to see. With personal contacts, they began to see "them" on their own terms and found there were no boundaries. Instead differences are celebrated. Like flowers in a field "we-they" are together in God, and so we are given a glimpse of God.

The Committee plans for the coming year to consider the potential for a West Coast Gathering of Friends. Many Friends' events will be announced in the Bulletin, making it possible for more of us to experience direct contact with other Friends.

Paul Niebanck introduced the ex officio members who were present and the organizations they are contacting: Neil Fullagar, Friends General Conference; Lenel De Emma, Young Friends of North America; Gloria Kershner, Friends United Meeting; Marie Parker, Friends World Committee for Consultation; Marion Givens, Renewal of the New Call to Peacemaking; David Tappan, representative to Evangelical Friends Alliance. He also introduced three At-Large members, Virginia Heck, Bob Vogel, and Paul Niebanck. Jim Brune, contact for Mexico, was not present.

The committee's interest group will meet on Wednesday afternoon.

FUN AND GAMES WITH CONFAF (Committee on Hidden Fellowship Among Friends)

Taking seriously the suggestion made in Plenary 3 that Friends need to have more fun, Friends agreed to attend the TV Game Show "To Speak The Truth," hosted by none other than our very serious Clerk of the Committee. Paul (Game Show Hosts use first names only) initiated sober Friends in the rules of the unfamiliar game, the purpose of which is to discover which of several guests speaks the truth. The audience in the TV studio is to discover the identity of The Real Quaker. The Host will present questions to allow the puzzled audience to find that Quaker.

Our Host's questions were not of the easy type ("Who was the Founder of the Society of Friends?"). The guests, rather, had to answer the Hard Questions.

First, the Host introduced the guests: Cilde Grover of Northwest Yearly Meeting, Evangelical Friends Alliance; Jim Heilton, Southwest Yearly Meeting, Friends United Meeting; Bill Strachen, Friends General Conference and New York Yearly Meeting; Madge Seaver, Pacific Yearly Meeting, unaffiliated.

As Friends heard our Host's Hard Questions, did those in judgment of the "Real Quaker" ponder their own answers as each guest stood to respond? Are there answers to these questions or are there only tentative reachings toward answers?

The show went on -- a star performance. The guests, one by one, stood and spoke to the Hard Questions. The spoke openly, personally, sincerely, sometimes boldly, sometimes hesitantly. Few answers were complex. The simplest were the deepest and least defined:

What are the essentials of Quaker business practice?
   To find the mind of Christ.

What are the essentials of worship?
Singing. Response to God's presence, addressing God as Thou or You.

What is the place of the Bible?
   The place where I discovered God.

What does the Peace Testimony mean?
   A vision of the future. The condition of the Earth.
   Forgiveness.

What is the influence of George Fox?
   A man of Faith consults God and proceeds from Faith.

In what ways beyond words does your life speak?
   Review daily the measure of God within.
   Whatever we do, our life is speaking; lifestyle evangelism
   means we represent Christ in the World.

In the end we, the audience, knew there was not one "real" Quaker before us.
There were four real seekers, four real Quakers, each moving on an individual
path, all moving in the same direction.

FRIENDS WORLD COMMITTEE FOR CONSULTATION

Marie Parker, one of our five representatives to FWCC, the organization PYM
belongs to, noted that FWCC has 200,000 members from all over the world. This
March, 1987 marked the 50th anniversary of FWCC. Marie Parker introduced the
other representatives: Elizabeth Perry, Jeanette Norton, Earle Reynolds. Kate
Buckner is not present. She also introduced FWCC staff members, Cilde Grover
and Bob Vogel. She directed us to the literature table and expressed the hope
that PYM would consider a special birthday gift for FWCC to further its objec-
tives of "facilitating loving understanding of diversities while we discover
our common spiritual ground...."

Bob Vogel described the history of FWCC, established with an initial endowment
which has been exhausted. It is hoped to raise $750,000 in the next two
years to be used for several projects, such as publications in Spanish of
Quaker classics and original works; expansion of the Wider Quaker Fellowship;
expansion of the Quaker Youth Pilgrimage to include more 3rd World Friends, and
others. A box for contributions is provided.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Assistant Clerk, Nicki Graham-Newlin, made timely announcements.

The Session concluded with songs celebrating the FWCC birthday and with an
invitation to enjoy birthday refreshments.

Vanita Blum
Co-Recording Clerk

8/9/87
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PLENARY SESSION 7:
Eighth Month 5, 1987
9:45 a.m.

The session began with a period of worship.

EPISTLES

Reading Clerk Sandy Farley read epistles from Baltimore and New York Yearly Meetings.

MINUTES

The Minutes of Sessions 4 and 5 were read and approved as corrected.

INTRODUCTIONS

The staff of FCL was presented. Doug Thompson, new lobbyist Emma Childres, Deborah Harper, and Del Powell were introduced.

Interim Recording Clerk Debbie Adler was also introduced.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Hermione Baker, Clerk of the Nominating Committee, listed the members of the committee. These were: Mary Warren from Whitleaf Meeting, Arden Pierce from Palo Alto Meeting, George Gastil from San Diego Meeting, Prudence Myer from Santa Barbara Meeting, and Meta Ruth Ferguson from La Jolla Meeting.

The committee will report on Friday.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Assistant Clerk Micki Graham-Newlin read announcements.

MINISTRY AND OVERSIGHT AND DISCIPLINE COMMITTEES

Jane Peers, Clerk of the Discipline Committee, opened a presentation on Equality in Marriage among Quakers, or, in other words, on Same-Sex Marriage. This question has been discussed in other yearly meetings, and two monthly meetings in our Yearly Meeting have received requests for same-sex marriages this year. We were reminded that the speakers were about to hear were calling upon great courage, love and trust to speak to us, that they were speaking from personal experience and convictions and that we must be tender towards them. We are at the beginning of a process.

Mary Ellen McNelly, a member of Berkeley Meeting and an applicant for marriage to another woman, spoke to us about her experience. Speaking to lesbian and gay Friends, she thanked them for walking before her and with her and expressed her hope that she and Catherine might make the way easier for them. She asked them to hold their oppressors tenderly in the Light. Speaking to the parents and relatives of lesbian and gay persons, she acknowledged their special struggle. She asked that all of us love one another. Addressing the Meeting as
Though both she and Catherine were accepted into membership, after having applied as a couple, way was not open for them to be married under the care of the Meeting.

Jim Sanetel of Santa Monica Meeting assured Friends that he would lay to rest for all time the burning question, "What do they do?" He asked Friends to pardon his spelling as he explained the four "K's." He listed the expressions of intimate affection common to homosexuals and heterosexuals. He went on to remind us of the conclusion of the Kinsey Report that the homosexual population is a substantial, real and enduring part of humanity. He spoke of the powerful reality of sexual attraction, as evidenced by such symptoms as the inability to stop grinning. The single standard of Truth requires that we acknowledge that fact. When he joined Santa Monica Meeting and asked if he could teach First Day School, he was told emphatically yes! However, when he asked if he could be married someday under the care of the Meeting, he was told that that would not be possible until after a certain Friend died. His hope to marry under the care of his Meeting has influenced his search for a life partner ever since.

Rick Troth of Orange Grove Meeting spoke of his 14 year relationship with another man and of their relationship to Orange Grove Meeting. Although they don't call their relationship a marriage, they feel they have a marriage in the eyes of God. While they have the same joys and hassles of any other couple, they feel their relationship to be less validated than a traditional marriage. Now that their relationship is facing some difficulties, they are feeling a new form of this invalidation. Rick found a threshing session on same-sex marriage held at Orange Grove Meeting to be both painful and enriching. He believes that the question of same-sex marriage is an issue of equality: Do we or do we not believe the Testimony of Equality?

Both Robert and Connie Jolly spoke of their experience as the parents of a lesbian daughter. Bob spoke of his experiences with homophobia which he acquired as a result both of cultural expectations and of unwanted physical contact with gay men, during his early adulthood. His daughter's announcement has led him to change his point of view. Connie pointed out that she too was sexually molested, but by heterosexual men. She spoke of her heterosexual son's wedding and her joy that the same meeting is considering same-sex marriage. She sees the applications for marriage of gay Friends rising like a river. Those Friends who feel it is wrong may feel the need to dam the river for a while, while those who simply cannot go along, should stand aside. She reminds herself that, "You can't push the river."

Asenath Young, of Ministry and Oversight and formerly of the Discipline Committee, reminded us that Quaker marriage was originally a religious ceremony outside of the law. It was later that the law was changed. Recently, Friends have begun to discuss homosexuality and at this time 14 yearly meetings have written about same-sex marriage, expressing a full range of points of view. When the Discipline Committee prepared our current Faith and Practice, they sought to allow the Monthly Meetings to make their own decisions on this issue. They ask Monthly Meetings to consider same-sex marriage remembering first and foremost, to care. They suggest that when considering requests for same-sex marriages, Meetings establish a liason between the Meeting and the couple, remembering that the couple is in a lonely spot and that the decision may take some time. They remind us that all of us need tenderness through diversity and change and that we must listen "not just to words, but to the depths through which words come."
Lois Bailey of Grass Valley Meeting spoke of the process through which her Meeting approved a request for same-sex marriage. A year ago, Janet and Violette requested a clearness committee to help prepare for a committed relationship. In the course of 5 meetings, it became clear that the commitment was to be called marriage. The committee asked all of the usual questions a clearness committee on marriage would ask and more. They heartily recommended marriage. It was difficult to find unity on the word "marriage," and, finally 5 Friends stood aside. Having resolved this question, the Meeting feels better able to face other controversial issues. They suggest that difficult meetings always end with a group hug.

The session ended with a brief period of worship, during which Friends spoke of moving towards maturity and of remembering that all of us are persons before we are men or women.

Deborah Adler
Interim Recording Clerk
PLENARY SESSION 8: MEMORIAL WORSHIP
Eighth Month 5, 1987, 3:30 p.m.

Friends gathered in worship to remember those who have died during the past year, to celebrate their lives and to share our own grieving and gratitude.

Ministry and Oversight Committee members read selected passages and named the Friends who have left us as follows:

From Walt Whitman:

There was a child went forth every day,
and the first object he look'd upon, that object he became...
and that object became part of him for the day
or a certain part of the day,
Or for many years or stretching cycles of years.
The early lilacs became part of this child,
And grass and white and red morning-glories, and
red clover, and the song of the phoebe-bird,
and the Third-month lambs and the soul's pink-faint litter,
and the mare's foal and the cow's calf.

His own parents, he that had father'd him and she that had
conceiv'd him in her womb and birth'd him.
They gave this child more of themselves than that,
They gave him afterward every day, they became part of him.
Affection that will not be gainsay'd, the sense of what is real,
the thought if after all it should prove unreal,
Men and women crowding fast in the streets, if they are not
flashes and specks, what are they?
The streets themselves and the facades of houses, and goods
in the window,
The horizon's edge, the flying seacrow, the fragrance of salt
marsh and shore mud,
These became part of that child who went forth every day,
and who now goes, and will always go forth every day.

BILL AMEN, Delta
SYNNOVE BAASCH, Grass Valley
JAMES HILARY BALDERSTON, Davis
GALE DARLING, San Francisco
CHARLES FUSS, Delta

From Gerald Heard, writing of Thomas Kelly's death:

... So I feel I want to sing when I hear of such men emerging,
I know it is an outward loss to us... though even directly we
may gain more than we lose by their joining the more active side
of the communion of saints... but I keep on feeling what it
must be for a man as good as he to be able to push aside this fussy
veil of the body and look unblinkingly at the Light, never again,
maybe, to be distracted, unintentional, unaware, always concentrated.
From Avis Crowe's "Reflections on Time:"

I find my words turning into a prayer. Dear God of all time and all creatures, help me to live fully within this cycle of infinity that is your gift to me. Make me less fearful of the measure of time and more fully alive in the time that simply is. Help me to live time, not just to use it; to breathe it in and return it in acts of love and presence.

From William Penn:

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 do the Seas; they live in one another still.

Friends shared memories of special moments and endearing characteristics of those who have left us. There was the release of tears and of affectionate laughter. We shared sorrow, shock, and the emptiness left by some of these Friends. We shared the joy of knowing and learning from and loving all of them. We felt our own mortality and the wonder of the life cycle of birth and death. We are filled with the rich spiritual gifts from these Friends.
PLENARY SESSION 9
Eighth Month 5, 1987
7:00 p.m.

The plenary session opened with a period of silent worship.

EPISTLES

The Reading Clerk, Sandy Farley, read from the Epistles of Yearly Meeting of India and of the Western Young Friends New Years Gathering.

INTRODUCTIONS

Clerk Stratton Jaquette introduced Ellie Huffman, in-coming Clerk of College Park Quarterly Meeting, and Jack Huffman.

MINUTES

The minutes of Plenary Session 5 (Worship) were read.

REPRESENTATIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

Action minutes from Session II of Representative Committee, August, 1987, were read for our information and action.

Pacific Yearly Meeting approved the following minute brought to us from Representative Committee (REPCOM MIN 87- 22):

PYM MIN 87-2 Finance Committee Guidelines for Committees that are supervising funds in which bookkeeping is not carried out by the Treasurer of PYM:
1. The officer or committee must designate a record keeper and inform the Finance Committee as to the name of this person.
2. The record keeper must keep complete records of all receipts and disbursements.
3. The fiscal year must coincide with the fiscal year of PYM (currently Oct. 1 through Sept. 30.)
4. The record keeper shall prepare and submit to the Treasurer three reports in each year.
   a) At least two weeks before Representative Meeting in midyear (usually March).
   b) At least two weeks before Representative Committee at the beginning of the PYM session.
   c) Within two weeks after the end of the fiscal year.

STATISTICAL REPORT

Betty Hall, Statistical Clerk, reported that this year a new statistical item was a survey of a particular day of the year. Meeting reports showed exactly how many children, visitors, and attenders at Meeting were present on that day, whether or not it was typical. The exact numbers are in the complete report, which is attached. (see packet, ATTACHMENT A)
SECRETARIAT COMMITTEE

Gary Wolff, Clerk, reported that the committee has developed new job descriptions for the three paid staff and for the committee members. He asked for more volunteers to help toward the end of the week. If Friends have any problems concerning the Secretariat, they are asked to speak to a committee member: Gary Wolff or Kim Lacey. Andy Ewbank is not here.

ARCHIVES

Ben Levine, Archivist, reported that the PYM Archives and other historical materials have been moved, with the help of Mike Ferris, to a specially prepared room in Santa Monica Meeting House. Work is in progress on indexing and organizing the material with the help of Santa Monica Friends. Whittier College Librarian, Phil O'Brian, and his assistant have given instruction on procedures. When the work is done, the records will be stored safely at Whittier College, perhaps within a year. Ben will respond to requests for information. It is hoped the materials can be microfilmed if the expense can be met.

EAST-WEST RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Steve Birdlebough, Clerk, reported on the Friends' tour of the USSR. Twenty-two Friends from California and two from London made the trip, which fits the objectives of the committee when it was established in 1985. The purpose of this trip was to make spiritual connections as possible. Contacts were made with members of registered churches, with people not satisfied with the allowed religious practices, with refusniks, with an unofficial peace group, and with the members of the Peace Walk, made up of 200 citizens of the USSR and 200 from the USA.

Participants planned for the tour at a workshop at Quaker Center, through studies and personal contacts.

Participants of the group demonstrated their "balloon diplomacy," sang a child's song in both English and Russian, and showed slides of their trip.

Future direction for the committee might include another tour, establishment of sister cities programs, work on religious freedom. Julie Harlow, organizer of the tour, invites Meetings to ask for fuller presentations by participants, who are willing to come to individual Meetings.

The cost of the trip was approximately $2500 per person. Scholarship help for Young Friends' participation was much appreciated. Pen pals are available for anyone interested.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Joan Johnson, Co-Clerk, reported that the energies of the committee have been devoted to the Quaker Spiritual Quest, the program approved at PYM in 1985.

Laura Magnani, committee member, reported on the Northern California program. Two groups, one in Berkeley, one in Sacramento, spent the year studying Quaker Tradition, Bible, and Christian Thought. Members of eleven Meetings were involved. The program included regular class time, retreats at the beginning.
and end of the program and of each segment. Content ranged from readings to discussion, writing, journaling, sharing. Laura read a psalm based on Isaiah as an example of a Quest activity.

Registration for the next year's program is not yet full. The Quest will be held in three places: Palo Alto, Santa Cruz, and Santa Rosa. The cost is $150 for the whole year, including books and the opening retreat.

Jean Halton, Committee member, reported on the two Quest programs in Southern California, one in Claremont, one in La Jolla. They recognized that covering the three areas of study in nine months was an impossible task, but 20 people, including teachers, participated in each group. The cost there was $120 for a slightly different schedule. For the 1987-88 year in La Jolla, a somewhat different program is planned. Orange Grove plans a program for 1988-89.

Both Laura and Jean read responses from participants indicating how meaningful the Quest has been. Gratitude to PYM was expressed.

Joan Johnson reported on other activities of the Committee. Mexico City needs Pendle Hill Pamphlets for its library. Small Meeting libraries need help. The committee wants to give more attention to First Day School now. The display of materials for children is encouraging. One Friend has developed Queries for 3-5 year olds. Another possible activity is lessons on the committee work of PYM.

The Committee asks PYM to consider expanding the membership of the committee to include two members who would work on children's curricula. Other options might be to form a sub-committee or a separate committee. Friends were asked to give other suggestions to the Committee.

FRIEND IN THE ORIENT

Stratton Jaquette reported that Bob Vogel will be traveling this September in Hong Kong and then in the Peoples Republic of China. He read a travel minute for Bob Vogel from Orange Grove Meeting which he will endorse on behalf of PYM.

PYM: MIM
87-3 Friends APPROVED endorsement of the travel minute for Bob Vogel.

The Committee seeks contact with the Orient to encourage love and understanding. The Committee is now considering a Friend in the Orient in the Peoples Republic of China. The Committee believes it is a good time to send such a Friend to see what is happening in the spiritual life there and to seek Quaker connections there. The committee has contacted Lois and Lewis Hoskins, who served with the Quaker Ambulance Unit of AFSC in the 1960s. The Hoskins are available if they can find a job there. They will be in China again in September; it will be a chance to study the possibilities.

The Committee is also in touch with Nancy Dollahite, who has taught in China for a year and wants to return. She has written about China in the Friends Journal; she hopes to be a bridge between China and the West. The Committee is considering sending the Hoskins for about a year and then Nancy Dollahite, if possible.
The Friend in the Orient Committee asked that a travel minute for the Hoskins be given to the Hoskins from PYM. Akie read a prepared draft minute.

PYM MIN
97-4 Friends approved a travel minute for the Lois and Lewis Hoskins.

Floyd Schmoe, who recently returned from China, reminded us that a Friend in the Orient goes as a good neighbor, not as a missionary. A Friendly presence and reverse visits are the objectives. Earlier Friends in the Orient were David and Catharine Bruner in Hiroshima; Ben and Madge Seaver in Hong Kong; Russell and Ann McArthur in Singapore; Steve Thomas in Macau; Leonard and Martha Dart in India; Lloyd and Margaret Bailey in Korea. Reverse visits were Marjorie Sykes from India and Ham Sok Hon from Korea. It was announced that Ham Sok Hon has recently had surgery.

PYM MIN
97-5 Friends approved a request for the Clerk to send a letter to Ham Sok Hon with wishes for his recovery. Prayers are recommended.

AD HOC COMMITTEE ON PUBLICATIONS

Ellie Foster presented the recommendations of the Committee for Guidelines for Publishing and for the establishing of a Publishers' Consulting Pool. (See Rep Com Minutes 97 Archive Attachment Q.)

PYM MIN
97-5 The Publishing Guidelines were APPROVED. (see packet, ATTACHMENT B)

PYM MIN
97-7 Friends APPROVED the establishment of a Publishers Consulting Pool to be selected by Nominating Committee, with one member of the pool designated as coordinator. (see packet, ATTACHMENT B)

Friends acknowledged that there may be changes in this procedure after some period of time and that the Meeting may benefit from exploring how other yearly Meetings deal with publications.

PYM MIN
97-8 Meeting approved laying down the ad hoc Committee on Publications with much appreciation for their work.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Micki Graham-Newlin, Assistant Clerk, made timely announcements.

The session closed with a period of silent worship.

Vanita Blum, Co-Recording Clerk

8/8/87
: plenary :
Friends gathered for worship felt the cool waters of the spirit. Seeking oneness, we were yet aware of the contrasts in our lives: the practical affairs to be dealt with and the inspirations, the joys and the sufferings of the world, the needs of many and the source of comfort.

Vanita Blum, Co-Recording Clerk
PACIFIC YEARLY MEETING
Eighth Month 5, 1987
Chico, California

PLENARY SESSION II

Friends gathered in silent worship at 7:00 p.m.

EPISTLES

Reading Clerk Sandra Farley read an Epistle from Australia Yearly Meeting and a "Public Statement of the Religious Society of Friends in Britain agreed in Session at London Yearly Meeting."

INTRODUCTIONS

Clerk Stratton Jaquette introduced Marilee Eusebio, who was standing in for Nicki Graham-Newlin.

MINUTES

Minutes for Sessions seven and nine were read and approved with appropriate consultation and corrections.

BULLETIN COMMITTEE

Bulletin Committee clerk Elsa Glines reported to Friends that the primary purpose of Friends Bulletin was to facilitate communication between the three Yearly Meetings which it serves: Pacific Yearly Meeting, Intermountain Yearly Meeting, and North Pacific Yearly Meeting. In order to expand the financial base needed to maintain and increase this communication between the rapidly growing Yearly Meetings and to appropriately support the editor who is currently paid half-time for a full-time job, the Bulletin Committee has initiated a three-year plan to increase subscriptions by asking Meetings to subscribe for all members and attenders. Meetings will receive more information at a later date.

Shirley Ruth, Editor, explained to Friends the impact of the Yearly Meetings' growth on the Friends Bulletin. With 872 adult members in Intermountain Yearly Meeting, 571 in North Pacific Yearly Meeting, and 1,519 in Pacific Yearly Meeting, the numbers of memorial minutes have increased. During our 1986 PYM sessions we memorialized 27 Friends. Friends Bulletin was unable with its limited number of pages to publish all the memorial minutes. Representative Committee in March 1987 instructed the Editor to add the necessary number of pages to meet the communication needs of the expanding and aging Yearly Meetings. Honey, however, is needed to maintain these increased publication costs. Therefore, the Bulletin Committee has initiated a subscription drive and will be needing increased subsidies in the next three years.

To illustrate the importance of Friends Bulletin, Shirley Ruth described the wide range of articles that have been published in the past year and some to come in 1987/1988. She concluded her report by thanking Friends for making the history which she endeavors to record.
TREASURER'S REPORT

Walter Klein, Treasurer, gave the Treasurer's report (including corrections) for fiscal year 1986 and the interim report for 1987.

PYM-MIN

97-0 The Treasurer's report for fiscal year 1986 and the interim report for fiscal year 1987 was accepted. (See packet, ATTACHMENT C)

The clerk asked that we consider Ministry & Oversight's request that travel expenses be paid for an observer from Big Island Friends Preparative Meeting for August 1988. The Preparative Meeting is under the care of PYM's M&O rather than a Quarterly or Monthly Meeting.

PYM-MIN

97-10 The Meeting approved allowing travel funds for an observer from Big Island Preparative Meeting (Hawaii) to attend PYM's Representative Committee and sessions in August 1988 (under the care of PYM).

BUDGET REPORT

John Mackinney, clerk of the Finance Committee, presented the PYM proposed budget for fiscal year 1989 with Representative Committee's recommendations.

PYM-MIN

97-11 The proposed budget for fiscal year 1989 was approved. A copy is attached. (see packet, ATTACHMENT D)

SITES COMMITTEE

Tom Layfield, clerk of the Sites Committee, introduced the committee members. These were: John Randall, John Penery, Harry and Lois Bailey, Roberta Hogan, and Margaret Mints. The committee recommended that the 1988 PYM be held the first week of August at La Verne, California. Pacific Yearly Meeting had previously approved this recommendation. No site has been suggested for 1989 and the committee asked Friends for their recommendations.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Hermione Baker, clerk of the Nominating Committee, read the preliminary report and corrections were noted. The final report will be presented for approval on Saturday.

The session ended after a brief period of silent worship at 9:40.

Last minute announcements were read.

Lavinia Spivey, Co-Recording Clerk

9/7/87
11:plenary11
PACIFIC YEARLY MEETING
Eighth Month 7, 1987
Chico, California

PLENARY SESSION 12

The Plenary Session opened at 9:45 a.m. with silent worship.
"This is the day the Lord has made. Let us rejoice in it."

EPISTLES

Reading Clerk, Sandy Farley, read the Epistle from New Zealand Yearly Meeting and their public statement on peace, "Rejecting the Clamor of Fear."

MINUTES

The minutes from Plenary Session 9 (Memorial Worship) and Plenary Session 10 (Worship) were read.

REGISTRARS

Fred Gey and Larry Perry, Registrars, reported on the attendance at this Yearly Meeting. SEE PACKET ATTACHMENT E.

They asked for evaluations of the registration procedures and reminded us to follow directions for leaving Craig Complex.

PYM HOLDING CORPORATION

Leonard Dart asked Meetings to clarify their desires for disposal of assets in the event a Meeting should be laid down. Since transfer to the Holding Corporation is not automatic, intentions of the Meeting need to be explicit. Incorporated Meetings should indicate the disposal of assets in their Articles of Incorporation or By-laws. Unincorporated Meetings should pass a minute stating their intention; copies of the minute should be sent to the Holding Corporation. Without such directives, property would revert to the State. The only property of unincorporated Meetings that automatically would revert to PYM Holding Corporation is property held in the PYM Holding Corporation name. PYM itself is unincorporated. The Holding Corporation holds bare legal title to property of some unincorporated Meetings.

REPRESENTATIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

Sandy Farley, Recording Clerk, read the action minutes of Session III, Representative Committee, 1987, for our information and action. Two minutes from Representative Committee (Min# 87-24 & 87-26) were approved as follows:

PYM MIN
87-12 Friends APPROVED that any funds remaining unspent in future budget years for Wider Fellowship Among Friends Committee be deposited in a special reserve fund which may be used on the same terms as the committee's annual budget.
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PYM MIN
97-13 Pacific Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends records its approval of its member, Westwood Monthly Meeting of Friends, applying, if it wishes to do so, to become an affiliate member of the University Religious Conference at UCLA (900 Hilgard, Los Angeles, CA 90024.)

EPISTLE COMMITTEE

Lois Bailey presented the first reading of the draft of the PYM 1987 Epistle. Friends who have comments or suggestions are asked to speak to Lois Bailey, Bill Scott, or Ingrid Petersen, or to go to Room 105 between 5:00 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. today. Copies of the draft are posted on bulletin boards.

MINISTRY AND OVERSIGHT: MARRIAGES

Jean Walton explained that recently recorded Quaker marriages in California have not been in accord with a 1959 law, although the law has not usually been enforced. A separate form, The Declaration of Marriage, is required to be filed with the County Recorder, in some counties at a higher fee than the marriage license fee. PYM's Ministry and Oversight has asked Friends Committee on Legislation to help in getting legislation approved to make Quaker procedures acceptable. FCL has found a sponsor and expects legislation to be introduced in the next session. Ministry and Oversight will contact all Meetings with details.

PEACE COMMITTEE

Linda Dunn, clerk of Peace Committee, reported: PYM teaches us we must make choices and there is never a lack of concerns and interests from which to choose. Careful minutes from Peace Committee have sometimes given us power and direction, as was true of the Sanctuary minute. Sometimes a minute not passed helped us grow, as was true of the Declaration of Faith minute last year.

This year no minutes are proposed, but the following queries are offered:

In what measure does the Spirit move one to action?
In what measure does action awaken and nourish the spirit?
How might I increase my ability to make choices by strengthening my faith that in our diversity diverse needs will be addressed?
How can I best seek the strength to act on leadings as way opens?

Linda Dunn introduced the members of the Peace Committee: George Millikan, Lanny Jay, Steve Jones, Ben Levine, Leta Adler, Sandra Gey, Catherine Langston, and Franklin Zahn, emeritus. Gladys Innerst could not attend this year nor could Carmen Broz, Louise Aldrich, Alice Spurrier, and Peter Trier.

The Committee feels released from any judging of the question: What is true witness? The members reported on some kinds of witness that are being done:

Carmen Broz is in Nicaragua in the barrios of Leon working to bring pure water to the people. South West Yearly Meeting is working with New Call to Peacemaking to plan a celebration of peace in the year 2000.

Liz Barragato's written report to PYM of our Junior Friends activity at the Hiroshima Day Vigil in Chico yesterday was read. Serving as monitors for the march and vigil, Junior Friends felt closer to PYM and to the Chico public,
which proved to be friendly. They thanked us for the involvement.

Franklin Zahn reported on the status of the Declaration of Faith. Many Meetings have worked on it and modified or expanded it. The purpose of the Declaration is to show that there is a religious Left as well as a religious Right. The New Zealand Declaration has been published in the Friends Journal. Franklin hopes more Meetings will work on a statement and send it to other political leaders in countries which might feel threatened by the USA. Such action should be reported to the Peace Committee.

Steve Jones described his strong leading to work on informing the public about the hazards and true nature of "Star Wars" (SDI). He prepared the booklet on "Star Wars," copies of which are still available. He speaks to groups and classes. He recommends the statement by Oliver Postgate reminding us that our choice is reconciliation or extermination.

Leta Adler reported on the effort by San Diego Meeting to send $1.43 per person to the World Court as each person's share in the reparations the World Court felt the USA owed Nicaragua. The money has been returned and now some Meetings are sending the money instead for Nicaraguan school supplies. Others may choose to send contributions to Carmen Broz' project (care of Palo Alto Meeting). Notification of such contributions can go to the World Court, Daniel Ortega, and our government. (See also Session 13 on this subject.)

Sandra Gey reported on her joy at discovering that there were people in the world outside her family who made decisions through silent worship. The American Friends Service Committee, the Friends Committee on National Legislation, and the Friends Committee on Legislation of California all seek to serve the leadings of the Spirit, through Meetings or Friends' committees. She commends all three to us.

Linda Dunn then read a list of peace activities and asked Friends to stand if she read any we have participated in: arrested for peace; war tax resistance; demonstrations at Livermore, Vandenberg, Concord, etc.; work for a peace organization; contributing money to a peace organization; teaching peace; praying for peace. When she finished, everyone was standing. The Peace Committee then led us in singing "Peace is like a River."

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Stratton Jaquette read timely announcements.

The session closed with a period of worship.

Vanita Blum, Co-Recording Clerk

8-8-87
12:plenary12
PACIFIC YEARLY MEETING
Eighth Month 7, 1997
Chico, California

PLENARY SESSION 13

The Meeting opened with silent worship.

EPISTLES

Reading Clerk Sandy Farley read epistles from the Junior High Friends of New York Yearly Meeting and from France Yearly Meeting.

MINUTES

Lavinia Spivey read the minutes from Plenary Session 11. The minutes were approved as read.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Nominating Committee Clerk Hermione Baker presented additions to and deletions from the committee's initial report.

SOCIAL ORDER COMMITTEE

Committee Clerk Bruce Folsom reported that the Social Order Committee held five interest and educational groups at PYM this year. They offered two groups on AIDS, one of them on emotional responses to AIDS and the other on facts and information about AIDS. Two groups were also offered on equality of the sexes. One of these groups focused on alternatives to patriarchal religion, and the other considered Friendly techniques for dealing with sexism. A general women's group was not offered, and a need for such a group was perceived. There may also be a need for a general men's group. For the first time, the committee offered a group on physical disability, to which response was enthusiastic. The committee noted with satisfaction that none of these groups were attended only by the particular group to which their titles referred.

It appears that at this time Monthly Meetings (Claremont, Orange Grove, Palo Alto, Redwood Forest, San Diego, San Francisco, Santa Cruz, Santa Monica, and Westwood), as well as Humboldt Preparative Meeting, have attempted in some way to pay their shares of the fines assessed by the International Court of Justice at the Hague, also called the World Court, against the United States for damages in Nicaragua. Although the initial effort by San Diego Meeting was to demonstrate respect for the authority of the World Court, the World Court has not accepted the money. Meetings have directed their contributions to other projects, especially to the School Supplies Project for Nicaragua and to Carmen Broz's clean water project.

UNITY WITH MATURE COMMITTEE

Committee Clerk Michael Dunn listed the members of the committee for the past year: Alan Strain, Robert Schutz, Keith Wedmore, Marianne Wedmore, Susan Hughes, and Kay Anderson. Keith and Marianne Wedmore resigned. Michael spoke of
the need to place the actions of his committee in a spiritual context and to place the spiritual context in the physical landscape. He spoke of the joy which he finds in the work of the committee. He reiterated the committee's charge, namely

1. To actively support Marshall Massey.
2. To increase understanding within the committee of Marshall Massey and his work and of the committee's own concerns.
3. To become more open to the spiritual or religious aspect of environmental concerns.
4. To increase understanding in the wider community of this spiritual aspect.
5. To develop with others practical expressions of this concern.

The committee has met 6 times this year. Last year they met 10 times. Several of these meetings included Marshall Massey. They participated in two conferences. One was a Unitarian conference, entitled, "First Annual Bay Area Conference on Environmental Ethics and Religion." The other was a meeting of environmentalists and religious leaders at Hidden Villa, called "Religion and the Endangered Global Ecosystem." In addition, Marshall Massey spoke to Friends General Conference and organized two interest groups at Intermountain Yearly Meeting. They are currently organizing a conference at Ben Lomond Center. They have raised between $17,000 and $18,000, which they use to fund a newsletter and to release Marshall Massey. The newsletter has been a major effort of the committee. Bob Schutz has served as editor, but will no longer be able to serve in that capacity in the coming year. They had hoped to hire a part-time editor, but the request was not approved in representative committee. At that time, a need was expressed for better communications between the committee and Yearly Meeting. More grass roots involvement was requested. They are requesting volunteers. They hope that monthly meetings will establish their own Committees on Unity with Nature.

In a discussion which followed Michael's presentation, Friends spoke of their concerns for the ozone layer, water, trees, soil erosion, and climate changes. They suggested increased efforts at legislation, especially through the FCL, FCNL, and Friends Mission at the United Nations. They urged that meetings write to these organizations. They urged us to look at our own behavior, to reduce the amount of paper used in handouts, and to involve the committee in Yearly Meeting arrangements. They mentioned the tension between good order and action. Marshall Massey spoke of increased urgency in ecological problems and urged that Friends, therefore, avoid any delay in allocating funds to the committee. Friends offered suggestions for finding volunteers and individual pledges of financial support and expressed a desire to solve the committee's problems. We were reminded that the committee is undertaking a monumental task.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Assistant Clerk: Nicki Graham-Newlin made announcements.

The Meeting closed with a period of silence.

Debora Adler
Interim Recording Clerk

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13:plenry13
PACIFIC YEARLY MEETING
Eighth Month 7, 1987
Chico, California

PLENARY SESSION 14: WORSHIP

Friends gathered in silence for worship at 4:00 PM. In the stillness we heard that we need not fear, for God walks with us, His Love and Light setting us free. They heal that which divides us and renew our spirit. We seek God in men and nature resolving to preserve all that God has entrusted to our care. We go forth, our hearts tendered by His Love.

Lavinia Spivey, Co-Recording Clerk
PACIFIC YEARLY MEETING
Eighth Month 3, 1987
Chico, California

PLENARY SESSION 15
The session opened at 9:30 a.m. with a period of worship.

EPISTLES
Reading Clerk Sandy Farley read a letter from Monte Verde Friends Meeting in Costa Rica.

MINUTES
The minutes of Session 12 were read and APPROVED as corrected.
The minutes of Session 13 were read and APPROVED as corrected.
The minutes of Session 14 (Worship) were read.

MINISTRY AND OVERSIGHT: THE PURE WATER PROJECT
Esther Morgan, Clerk, reported that Palo Alto Meeting accepts designated contributions for Palo Alto Sanctuary Fund - Water Fund, to enable Carmen Broz to do her work in Nicaragua. If Palo Alto Meeting feels the need is not being met adequately, the Meeting can apply for assistance from the PYM Fund for Concerns through Ministry and Oversight.

PYM EPISTLE COMMITTEE
Lois Bailey read the 1987 PYM Epistle addressed to Friends Everywhere.
Friends accepted the Epistle with thanks to the Epistle Committee. (See packet, ATTACHMENT F)

PYM YOUNG FRIENDS EPISTLE
Kim Lacey read the Epistle which had been approved by PYM Young Friends. (See PACKET ATTACHMENT G)

JUNIOR FRIENDS
Liz Barragato announced that a liaison committee has been formed between Junior Friends and Young Friends. She announced that Young Friends hoped that funds would be available to help Jacole Norton go to the USSR next year. Stratton Jaquette read a letter addressed to PYM and other Quakers asking for assistance for Jacole; it was signed by the clerks of Young Friends, Junior Friends, and many other Young Friends. (ATTACHMENT III in Archives)

The Epistle of High School Junior Friends, which that group had approved, was read by Heidi Hartsough. (See packet, ATTACHMENT H)

The Epistle of the Junior High Friends, approved by that group, was read by Jenni Mahal. (See packet, ATTACHMENT I)
NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Hermione Baker, Clerk, presented the report with a few additions and listed the Junior Friends and Young Friends officers and committee.

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07-14 Friends APPROVED the nominees for officers and committees for 1988, (See final report of the 1987 Nominating Committee, ATTACHMENT J.)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Assistant Clerk Nicki Graham-Newlin read announcements.

MINUTES

The minutes of session 15 were read and APPROVED as corrected.

The session closed with a period of worship.

Vanita Blum, Co-Recording Clerk
Amid the cooings and rustlings of small Friends we sought the voice of God. Only if we come to God as one of these little ones, in simplicity and trust, can we enter the kingdom of God. In Him we find unity and love and through Him all things are possible. Spirit and Nature are one, and in Nature is the good order we seek to emulate. As we go forth from PYM, renewed in spirit, let us remember the words of the psalmist, "Be alert, be strong in the Truth, be valued for Truth. Let everything you do be done in love."

Clerk Stratton Jaquette declared the 1987 Pacific Yearly Meeting closed.

Lavinia Spivey, Co-Recording Clerk
STATISTICAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR MAY 1, 1986 TO APRIL 30, 1997

It is with joy and gladness that our statistical report this year includes the addition of two new Meetings, Hemet and Redding. There are now 35 Meetings in Pacific Yearly Meeting.

Who's the average Meeting? Meetings this year were asked to survey attendance in May or June. An average Meeting has 30 adults in worship (such as San Jose), they have 43 members (San Jose). They have 5 members of others meetings (Monterey Peninsula, Orange Grove, Sacramento), there are 24 attenders (San Diego). Who takes responsibility for the decisions of the Meeting? The average Meeting for worship in which business is conducted is attended by 15 people (Orange County, San Jose, Santa Monica); 12 of these are members (Grass Valley, Orange County, San Diego), 3 are attenders (Inland Valley, Marin, Mexico City, Orange County, Pacific Ackworth, Reno, Visalia). On the average only 25% of members attend business meeting (Davis, Honolulu, Santa Monica). Regardless of the size of the meeting membership, the highest attendance reported by any meeting was only 30 people. Only five meetings report 50% or more members at business meeting, with our newest two meetings included in that count. Ten Meetings have 25% or less of their members attending worship on the occasion of business. In our typical meeting there are 12 children (Claremont, Fresno, Santa Monica), but only 4 children were in firstday school on the date of the survey (Davis, Honolulu, San Francisco, San Jose). In addition there were 2 first time visitors that day (Marin, Mexico City, Redwood Forest, Sacramento, Santa Barbara).

Let's get to the numbers. There are 415 children, an increase from 374 last year. Forty-four members transferred into meetings and 41 transferred out. Forty-seven people join as convinced Friends, and 29 were released or removed from membership. Two youth were added as full members. Twelve members died this past year. The number of attenders has increased from 777 last year to 851 this year. Total membership has increased from 1507 to 1518.

Each year meetings are asked to respond to a few questions. This year, taking a cue from the Leader Following Among Friends, and our own queries on Witness, which read in part as follows: What ways do we find to cooperate with persons and groups with whom we share beliefs and concerns? Do we reach out with love and respect to those with whom we disagree? What are we doing to make the larger community aware of our Friends meeting?

Meetings provided these responses on visibility: 13 meetings are in the white pages, 13 are in the yellow pages, and 9 state simply that they are listed. 14 meetings list information in the newspaper. 4 meetings do not list in either the phone book or newspaper. Some meetings reported joint activities with other Meetings or Friends Churches when the event was sponsored by AFSC, FCL, FCNL, FWCC. Very few meetings reported initiating activities or retreats among other PYM meetings or worship groups. And fewer still reported initiating contact with Friends Churches. This was true even for meetings who are less than an hour away from a Friends Church. We may be talking to one another on a regional level, but here at home we barely talk to "those other Quakers". We seem to be a bit better at talking to other religious bodies - B'hai - Catholics, than with other Quakers. Only one meeting reported joint activities with with another "Peace Church", the Church of the Brethren. We seem to like ecumenical organizations alot. Many reports of involvement, from the traditional Church Women United, Council of Churches, and Ministerial Associations, to the action areas of Sanctuary, Peace Fellowships, Legislative Action. Some new ecumenical organizations for some
meetings were Hunger Coalitions, Interfaith Housing, Jail Ministry, and a Half-way House for mentally disabled adults. Only one meeting could recall leading the invocation for a public agency. (Inland Valley - United Way)

WORSHIP GROUPS AND PREPARATIVE MEETINGS

At Representative Committee meeting held February 1987 I began a report on the worship groups. Much attention is still need by meetings to define the term "Under the Care" as we apply it to worship groups and preparative meetings.

Meeting Recorders have reported the following:

- Chico Preparative under the care of Grass Valley
- Linda Rovell, P.O. Box 3767, Chico 95927
- Humboldt Preparative under the care of Redwood Forest
- Margaret Willets, Box 4753, Arcata 95521
- Big Island Preparative under the joint care of PYM & Honolulu
- John Week, Box 2223, Kealakekua, HI 96750

One thing I attempted to do was to clarify the status of all worship groups. From the queries on simplicity: Do we keep our lives uncluttered with things and activities, and avoid commitments beyond our strength and light? From time to time a meeting is laid down, recognizing the commitment of being a Monthly Meeting is beyond its strength. San Luis Obispo is such a former meeting. Although not affiliated with a Quarterly Meeting, San Luis Obispo continues to be part of PYM. Other relationships to PYM are: worship groups under the care; in your area, but not under your care; those organized by your Worship & Ministry Committee; or those organized by your members &/or attenders.

San Luis Obispo: Anna Alexander, 1555 Slack Street, San Luis Obispo 93401

Under the care of (Monthly Meeting)

- Amador County (Delta): 1st & 5th firstdays; contact Clerk of Delta Meeting
- Conejo Valley (Westwood): 1st, 3rd & 5th firstdays: Joan Fasken-Johnson, 2221 Thorsby Rd., Thousand Oaks 91360
- Guatemala (Mexico City): 1st & 3rd firstday: Apartado Postal 20-C, Guatemala
- Hermosillo (Mexico City & Pima County): 11 AM; Apartado 15, Sucursal A, Hermosillo, Sonora, Mexico
- Mendocino (Redwood Forest): 10 AM; Hanneliesel Reeves, P.O. Box 1003, Mendocino 95460 (707) 937-0200
- Morongo Basin (Claremont): Hermione Baker, 8335 Frontera, Yucca Valley 92284
- Napa-Sonoma (Redwood Forest): Carole Kelly (707) 255-3404; Mail: c/o Joe & Diana Wilcox, 57 Chapel Hill Dr., Napa 94559
- Taft (Orange Grove): 10 AM; Bonnie Beaty (805) 765-4755, 104 Center Street, Taft 93268

Organized by Members & Attenders: Contact the Clerk of the Monthly Meeting

- San Lorenzo Valley: 1st firstdays (Santa Cruz)
- Aromas-Hollister-Watsonville: 1st firstdays (Santa Cruz)
- North Berkeley: 2nd firstdays (Strawberry Creek)

Not under the care of a Meeting:

- Gualala -- CPQM is working to establish ties.
- Kauai -- Not under the care of Honolulu, but both Honolulu & HRO of PYM are working to strengthen ties with Molokai -- these worship groups & Big Island Preparative Meeting.
- Ojai -- Not under the care of a Meeting, SCQM does maintain contact.
- South Humboldt -- Not under the care of a meeting, but communicating regularly with Humboldt Preparative & CPQM HRO.

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* "CPQM" means College Park Quarterly Meeting
  "SCQM" means Southern California Quarterly Meeting
  "Unaffiliated" means not affiliated with a Quarterly Meeting
GUIDELINES FOR PUBLISHING

1. PYM Committees considering publishing are asked to take the appropriate time and effort needed to determine whether their publishing project truly reflects the concerns and work of the committee or is more representative of an individual member. If it is determined that the latter is the case, the committee may recommend a list of publishers who might be interested.

2. Committees wishing to publish information for the internal use of PYM are asked to review the "Publication Formats" (found on a following page) for appropriate information. A simple printed statement crediting the committee authoring the piece would serveFriends well.

3. A committee wishing to publish substantive works for an audience that includes those outside of PYM is urged to make use of appropriate sections of the "Publications Formats" and the "Publishers' Checklist" (see attached). The committee is asked to contact the "PYM Publishers' Consulting Pool" (description attached) for support and advice as early as possible. When the manuscript is a full rough draft the committee should enlist the aid of one or more readers from the "PYM Publishers' Consulting Pool" who will assist them in readying it for publishing. If the committee requests funds from the PYM Revolving Fund, the readers would provide Representative Committee with an additional perspective. When the work is published, it should include the following statement, "Published by . . . Committee of Pacific Yearly Meeting of The Religious Society of Friends."

PYM Publishers' Consulting Pool

This pool should be made up of 5 to 10 people skilled and experienced in writing and publishing. The task of finding such people is left to the Nominating Committee.

The pool's task is:
1. To serve as skilled advisers and readers for committees wishing to publish.
2. To compile and have available a list of Quaker publishers and publishers who have interests similar to those of Quakers.
3. To make available the "Publication Formats" and "Publishers' Checklist."

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## Financial Statements

**Pacific Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends**

**Treasurer's Report for Fiscal Year 1986**

**Period:** October 1, 1985 through September 30, 1986

**Interim Report for Fiscal Year 1987**

**Period:** October 1, 1986 through June 30, 1987

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#### Yearly Meeting Session Expenses, Net

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**Subtotal: Support of Friends Orgs.** $2,800.00 $3,050.00 $3,050.00 $3,250.00 $3,250.00

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**Subtotal: Conference Travel** $5,515.00 $3,700.00 $3,100.00 $6,300.00 $3,733.00

### Breakdown of Pym Session Expenses, Net

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**Subtotal: Pym Session, Net** $(3,775.00) $0.00 $595.00 $0.00 $3,282.00
PACIFIC YEARLY MEETING of the RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS

TREASURER'S REPORT for FISCAL YEAR 1986
PERIOD: October 1, 1985 through September 30, 1986

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12. Social Order Series Editor reports a starting balance of $1,295.; additions of $1,910.; reductions of $1,254.; ending balance of $1,951.

13. Quaker Spiritual Quest program reports beginning balance $0.; additions of $12,865.; reductions of $4,560.; ending balance $8,305.

14. Committee on East-West relations reports a starting balance of $446.; additions $1,495.; reductions $1,544.; ending balance $397.

Virginia V. and Walter E. Klein
Treasurers, Pacific Yearly Meeting
# Treasurer's Report for Fiscal Year 1987

**Period:** October 1, 1986 through June 30, 1987

## Balance Sheet

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12. Social Order Series Editor reported previously a starting balance of $1,951.; additions of $619.; reductions of $500.; ending balance of $2,070. No new information received.

13. Quaker Spiritual Quest - All Seed monies were repaid.

14. Committee on East-West relations reported a starting balance of $337.; additions $6,663. (of this $890. was transferred from PYM); reductions $0.; ending balance $7,060. No new information received.

Virginia V. and Walter E. Klein
Treasurers, Pacific Yearly Meeting
PACIFIC YEARLY MEETING BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 1988

Period: October 1, 1987 through September 30, 1988

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| EXPENSES | |
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| General Expenses | |
| 201 Friend's Bulletin | $6600 | 6600 | 6600 | 6900 |
| 202 Clerk's Travel and Discretionary | $450 | 450 | 390 | 450 |
| 203 Expenses of the Officers | $1256 | 1200 | 322 | 800 |
| 204 Depreciation | $118 | 200 | 0 | 100 |
| 205 Insurance and Legal | $70 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 206 Equipment Purchase Account | $300 | 300 | 0 | 300 |
| 208 Travel to Representative Committee | $7177 | 7200 | 2834 | 7600 |
| 209 Young Friends | $200 | 200 | 0 | 200 |
| 210 Audit Account | $100 | 100 | 0 | 100 |
| **SUBTOTAL: General Expenses** | **$16211** | **16250** | **10146** | **16450** |

Yearly Meeting Session Expenses

<p>| 10 Miscellaneous (Contributions) | $-125 | 0 | -25 | 0 |
| 11 Fees from Attenders (Income) | $-34863 | -42700 | 0 | -43300 |
| (3) 12 Jr. Yearly Meeting (Contributions) | $-853 | -700 | 0 | -700 |
| (4) 13 Children's Program (Contributions) | $-1299 | -1300 | 0 | -1300 |
| 20 Registrar's Expenses | $606 | 1150 | 307 | 1150 |
| 21 Secretariat's Expenses | $3043 | 3000 | 0 | 3400 |
| 22 Arrangements Committee | $0 | 500 | 0 | 500 |
| 23 Children's Program | $2974 | 3500 | 0 | 3700 |
| 24 Cost of Facilities | $30159 | 35000 | 3000 | 35000 |
| 25 Junior Yearly Meeting | $942 | 1050 | 0 | 1050 |
| 26 Breakage | $0 | 100 | 0 | 100 |
| 27 Invited Guests | $11 | 400 | 0 | 400 |
| <strong>SUBTOTAL: PYM Session (net)</strong> | <strong>$595</strong> | 0 | <strong>3282</strong> | 0 |</p>
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5. Line 234, FY87: Recommendation F-1 adds 200.


8. Line 278, FY88: Reserve 9-30-86 (780) was 502.

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15. Line 240, FY87: includes Agenda Review Committee.

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REGISTRAR'S REPORT

Number Registered: (families) (individuals) (%)

270 434

Cancelled 27

Registered by deadline 210
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- Margaret Brooks DA 86
- Gretchen Tuthill RF 85
- Naomi Rippin RF 84
- Ed Morgenroth RF 82

Youngest Attender:
- Teiwaz Smith 8 months

First to Register:
- Wilma Gurney
- Hermione Baker

Farthest Traveled:
- John Salyer Australia
- Mary Howells Geneva
- Bill Strachan NY
- Antonia Swalgen NY
- U'Ren family Mexico City
- Jorge Hernandez Mexico City

The Registrars very much appreciate the assistance of Sam Perry, Kimberly Gey, and Valerie Wong. We welcome comments and suggestions.

[Signature]

Fred Gey
Epistle from Pacific Yearly Meeting
Aug. 2-3, 1997

To Friends Everywhere -

We feel especially close to all Friends this year, for we have found ourselves mirrored in your epistles to us, and in the reports on the state of our own Monthly Meetings. There is more light in the mirror, and the images are clearer. Looking more closely, we see many in our Yearly Meeting who have grown richer because of our Spiritual Quest study program. We see that others are concerned and struggling over the issues of religious terminology and the meaning of marriage.

Our vision and understanding were widened when we saw four representatives from different branches of Quakerism all rise at the end of a Tell the Truth Game, when the question was asked "Will the real Quaker please stand up?"

We stepped through the mirror one morning, and stood in the shoes of those among us who are gay and lesbian. We were moved by their asking for true equality in our Monthly Meetings and validation of their love and marriage.

Somehow, this year, we have come to see everything more clearly, to feel more deeply, to think more intensely. Tears have come to eyes more easily. And laughter helps the balancing.

The mirror shows us that our concerns are your concerns. We decry the covert military actions of our government. We love this planet -- its plants, its animals, its people -- and we care for their protection.

We have seen some of our members travelling to the U.S.S.R., East and West Germany, Nicaragua, China, and through their eyes, we experience the differences in culture, yet the sameness of our humanity and the sameness of our universal yearning for peace in our world.

We leave, determined to try more diligently to accept our differences, to realize that "God's best for another may be impossible for me". With tolerance and tenderness, diversity can be enriching. Let us nurture it in our Meetings. It offers us a tension rather than a choice between two opposing points of view.

"... We are to be open and tender toward those who find themselves at other points in this same great magnetic field, which is the field of God's love for us all."

On behalf of Pacific Yearly Meeting

Stratton Jaquette, Clerk

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Young Friends of Pacific Yearly Meeting, August 3-8, 1987

To Friends Everywhere,

We gathered in the summer heat in Chico, California. Introductions had a focus of play to help us get to know new Friends and reacquaint ourselves with old ones. We engaged in Quaker dialogue centering on queries asking how we can nurture one another and how we can welcome newcomers. The concern for nurturance was carried over from previous discussions among Western Young Friends and Young Friends of North America. We also shared our thoughts concerning the future of Young Friends and the unity necessary for a strong group.

During recent years the Young Friends have suffered from a lack of participation and a waning sense of community. In addition to a smaller nucleus of Young Friends, Junior Friends seem to be growing up and not returning to become Young Friends. In response, efforts are being made to strengthen ties within Young Friends and improve the structure of the group. Also, a special effort is being made to encourage interaction between Young Friends and Junior Friends. We shared in activities including a vigil in remembrance of the bombing of Hiroshima, inner tubing on the river, a heart-to-heart discussion about the use and abuse of drugs, and a Young Friends-Junior Friends relations committee is being formed. We look forward to continuing our endeavors to encourage Junior Friends to become Young Friends. We also found rewarding experiences in participating in plenary sessions, worship-fellowship groups, interest groups, and doing committee work.

We are looking forward to a strong future. Renewed desire for growing has in itself created a close bond between the Young Friends.

In Peace,

Kate Lacey
Young Friends Clerk

8-7-87
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Friends everywhere,

Yearly Meeting is a time for love, and for those of us under the canopy of high school friends, our gathering has been a powerful experience. In yearning for companionship, for peace, for guidance, and for heightened spirituality, many of us have come here to find personal sanctuary. A utopia, if you will, where our fears can be expressed, our dreams unleashed, and our hope replenished. The joy, the friendship, and the freedom associated with past experiences are among the forces that have caused us to return here year after year.

This year's senior high school group participated in numerous activities, all adding to the unity and togetherness which enabled us to have a unique and fulfilling experience. The togetherness of the group was not hampered by substance abuse. On our first night together we met with several young friends to discuss the topic of drug use and abuse, where we became aware of behavior which had promoted disunity in previous years. It was the beginning of a week-long campaign to bridge the gap which has separated the senior high-school group and the young friends for years. When we opened ourselves to input from them, we opened ourselves to a better understanding of the people around us — and, surprisingly, to our own selves.

We achieved harmony in the community service we did for the Chico Nature Center. We worked hard collecting garbage and clearing brush while getting closer to nature. This further sharing of ourselves brought us closer together, and in giving, we received. We also received a spirit of Quaker community by the roles we played as monitors and vigilers in memorial of the bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki.

The activities of this week created a special unity amongst us. Friendships grew stronger, trust increased, and love prevailed. The clearest message of this unity we received came to us through a spontaneous silent worship that arose in place of the scheduled night in upper Bidwell Park. The companionship and the love we shared became magical as we found ourselves atop a moonlit hill, unified in silence and absorbed in thought.

This night climaxed our togetherness and let us find a synchronicity within ourselves and with nature which brought us awareness unparalleled in prior Yearly Meeting experiences. Kindled by our past, the fire that erupted within us that night will never be forgotten.

Toward a year of inner growth.

Yours in peace,

high school friends, SYM

Chico, CA 1987

Elizabeth Barragato
High School Clerk

Signed Elizabeth Barragato
Dear Friends,

Hi from the funny farm! Just kidding. The Junior High group had a lot of fun this week. We went river tubing and creek walking. We went on a tour of Bidwell Mansion and we had fun making up our own skit. The first part of the week was marred by the Junior High group not being able to swim whenever we wanted to, but the rest of the week was fun. We wish we could have had a slumber party, but then again there's always next year. We were planning to do brush clearing for the Nature Center to pay for the creek walk. The Nature Center made us pick up trash for 45 minutes on a walk to a 5-minute swim. The "Menito" game was fun and everyone who played it loved it. All in all it was a good week. The indivigils sang, the skit was fun and almost everyone danced till midnight.

Signing off from the funny farm --

Jenni Mahal
Co-clerk, Junior High Friends

P.S. Out of all the places we’ve been, most of us agree that Chico is the best!

P.P.S. Out of all the Worship-Fellowships, ours was the best!
- NOMINATING COMMITTEE FINAL REPORT -

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99 Kay Anderson PA
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90 Robert Vogel OG
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99 Marie Parker LJ
99 Carol Mosher BE

NEW CALL TO PEACEMAKING

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99 Stephen Birdleough SA
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EXCERPTS READ AT PLENARY SESSION #3

INTRODUCTION

Each year Ministry and Oversight Committee is presented with the challenge of reading the State of the Society reports from the monthly meetings and then giving the Yearly Meeting the essence of these statements.

In reading the State of the Society reports, one can not help but appreciate the care that is given to them. Each meeting tries to express as honestly as possible its corporate self. To give you a flavor of this, we want to read to you excerpts from these documents.

Because of the tenor of the last few Yearly Meeting sessions, we had originally thought we would focus on the diversity that exists within the Yearly Meeting and how we react to it. But as we read the documents, many other parts of our life together surfaced. We can't plunge into the issue of diversity and conflict without sharing the state of our Spiritual Growth, the ways of Strengthening our feeling of Community, and our actions and concern for Peace and Social Justice.

I shall quote two of our meetings. One of them said,

"We have struggled with the suggestion that these State of the Meeting Reports need to describe the working of the Holy Spirit in our meetings. It is easy to compile a history of activities and a listing of statistics, but it is much more difficult to describe, or even to know, the extent to which God has been working through us this past year, even though a belief in ongoing revelation is central Quakerism."

Another one commented,

"Our meeting is our mirror, individually and collectively. It is a true reflection of us all. Sometimes we don't like what we see and we try to blame the mirror. And sometimes, the mirror does need a cleaning and polishing."

Our presentation this evening is divided into two sections. The first part will include excerpts from State of the Meeting reports on the topics of Spiritual Growth, Community, and Peace and Social Justice. The second section will reflect the way meetings experience diversity and conflict and how those challenges can be used for growth. Before each section, the topics will be introduced with quotations from other Quaker writings. After each section is presented there will be time for comments from the floor. There are copies of the State of the Society reports in a notebook available after this plenary session.

AT END

We have initiated ideas about these various subjects. Remember that this is an ongoing dialog among us. Let's keep thinking and talking about these things.
But the adult... has the same choice: his eyes are either open or closed, his ears either listening or deaf, his mind active or idle, his heart reaching out or turning in upon itself, his will constantly bending towards God or standing proud in its own stubborn course. The preparation of mind and heart and will for the knowledge and love and service of God is a task that can never end: it is what our life is for.

London Yearly Meeting Faith and Practice, 1960, No. 445

The attitude of the Society of Friends towards education has been determined by their belief in the Inner Light. Holding as they do that there is something of the divine in every man, they have regarded education (in the broadest sense) as the developing of that Divine Seed, or the fanning into a flame of that Divine Spark... To Friends, therefore, education is an intensely religious thing; it means the training and development of the spiritual life, the liberating of the Divine that is within us.

Gerald K. Hibbert, 1930
(London Yearly Meeting Faith and Practice, 1960, No. 442)

I was not "christened" in a church, but I was sprinkled from morning to night with the dew of religion. Rufus Jones 1926

We found that there is a growing faith in and among us. We are growing... in the numbers who worship together, and in the time and money we contribute... but it seems more important that we are growing in willingness to seek the Light, to let the Spirit have way, even though we continue to resist that growth much of the time.

We have continued to strive toward oneness with God and the world around us. Our sense of being a spiritual community has grown as a result of discussion groups, social gatherings and special visitations by Leonard and Martha Dart (the Brinton visitors),
"Moving" or "stirring" might be the condition that best describes our meeting at present. From the silence of our Meeting for Worship come stirrings — inward stirrings of the Spirit, outward stirrings of committees, and small, loving stirrings of children and infants in Meeting.

Last year about this time, we recognized that our children's education was faltering badly. The committee was virtually non-existent, the work was being done by two or three dedicated people whom the rest of us rarely saw, and attendance by the children was sporadic at best. The problem was considered in a series of meetings — committee, threshing, and business — and resulted not only in revamping our children's program but in a complete review of the adult education program and the First-Day schedule, as well. We now have Meeting for Worship first, with adult or intergenerational meetings afterward. A "children's education" program is held once a month, concurrently with the responsibility being passed around during the year. This plan is working well; no one feels overburdened; many children come to the once-a-month program; and children and adults have an opportunity to become better acquainted with each other.

The Christian Education program continues, small but sure. The children are very much a part of the Meeting, as any other meeting anyone can recall. They take part in worship, vigils, bring proposals to Business Meeting, are a part of the spirit of the Meeting.
When we relax into owning our talents as gifts from God to be used in making the Spirit manifest in our daily interactions, and let go of the notion that we are responsible for making everything turn out right, then we are more comfortable in saying both yes and no. We are more open to responding to the pain, turmoil, or anger that we see and hear in the eyes and voice and actions of another. When we are able to let go of our fear of conflict, we can open ourselves to those who are different and build a community that is enriched by diversity.

Arlene Kelly, 1984
(From an article in Friends Journal, October 1, 1984)

Community is a place where the connections felt in the heart make themselves known in bonds between people, and where the tuggings and pullings of those bonds keep opening up our hearts.

(From A Place Called Community by Parker Palmer)

We have been reminded that our Meeting is us, and larger than us. Increasingly, our Members and Attenders seem to be living out what we value. We are doing this within the Quaker community, by focusing on what is seen as necessary, by joining in traditional activities, by working with forebearance and mutual respect. We are extending these attitudes and talents into the larger community.

The help we try to give each other in sickness and sorrow has especially strengthened our bonds and our experience of being given energy and time and grace to deal with adversity. The worst experience—when a long-time attender committed suicide for reasons we cannot grasp—has shaken us so deeply we can't describe or predict what this event is doing to us. At the moment we are not only hurting, but reminded how little we know, how far we have to go.
Our adult program is basically vigorous, also. The time between the rise of Meeting for Worship and noon is used in a variety of ways. One of these is a "Caring and Sharing" session. In this, the participants take turns telling how they feel about themselves, about others, or about the world in general. Sometimes there is a specific theme for the day, other times it is completely open. As we participate in a series of such meetings, we are learning to trust ourselves and each other more and more, and so to be truly open with one another. These are not "co-counseling" sessions; nevertheless, we are offering genuine therapeutic value to them. Participants are becoming able to express fears and angers, often deeply felt and long repressed, in a mutually supportive environment, we are learning more and more about each other.

The Hammond Meeting has always tended to be a silent one, and so we do not have many words to convey our feelings about the decline of the Meeting. It has been a shelter, and a place for strengthening, and it has had a family-kind of warmth. It is our hope these good things will continue and there will be a renewed energy and life and spirit so that the way may open to become a stronger community than it is at present.

We are a warm and loving family, but we need more close relatives.
We must be alert that the warm coziness which we find enveloping us at Yearly Meeting and in our Monthly Meetings does not snare us into imagining that this is all of Quakerism. A vital religion is one which goes from an encounter with the love of God to an encounter in service to that love, no matter how hopeless the situation may be.

Pacific Yearly Meeting, 1967
(North Pacific Yearly Meeting Faith and Practice, page 21)

For our Peace Testimony is much more than our special attitude to world affairs; it expresses our vision of the whole Christian way of life; it is our way of living in this world, of looking at this world and of changing this world. Only when the seeds of war - pride, love of prestige and the lust for power and possessions - have been purged from our personal and corporate ways of living; only when we can meet all as their friends in a spirit of caring and sharing, can we call upon others to tread the same path.

From A Message to all Friends, Friends World Conference, 1952

Last spring we had to try as a meeting to reexamine the work of our Committee on Peace and Social Concerns and how we might all be better involved in its work. The process left many loose ends dangling, but the new committee has already engaged us in a project we had not considered before: Project Home, an activity of the Sacramento Interfaith Service Bureau to establish homeless families in permanent housing.
However, as one person put it, "...it takes on energy beyond its physical strengths and becomes a catalyst for others."

In the past, members and attenders of our Chico Meeting have been quite active as individuals in local groups concerned with peace, justice, and the provision of basic human needs. This year we took some tentative steps toward addressing some of these concerns corporately.

Most of our more energetic members and attenders are over-committed so that we still lack the resources, especially of time, for all the needs and activities that call us.

The predominant feeling in Orange Grove Meeting is that we are in a period of consolidation, of reaching our roots further into the ground for spiritual nourishment. Nonetheless, we are blessed with devoted, hard-working members and we are trying many innovative ideas.
Jean's introduction:

In this second section of our report we want to share excerpts from the State of Society reports which convey something of our experience with diversity, sometimes with conflict growing out of the diversity. There are issues, important issues, on which we disagree — sometimes strongly and with a high sense of urgency — we were aware of some of these issues last year in *Yearly Meeting*. As we think together about the State of Society it seems important to consider how we approach these issues — are there something of the quality of our experiences with them?

*Ministry & Oversight* Com. and *Discipline Com.* have met together on occasion this year. We have planned together three plenary session reports. Our hope tonight in sharing from the State of Society reports is to focus some of our attention on the general question of the Meetings' experiences with diversity and disagreement — how has the spirit moved in these moments — how can we best use these experiences to further our growth? The other two sessions which have been planned will focus on two specific issues which have been central in many Meetings. — In the Two evening plenary the Discipline Com. report will focus on the Christianity/Unanimism question — making use of the replies to the letters sent to all meetings about this issue — replies which show clearly the wide range of responses within our Yearly Meeting. — On Wednesday a plenary session planned jointly by *HPD* and *Disc Com.*
will present a panel on the many aspects of our testimonies on Damage and Equality.

This sharing on these specific issues will come later. Tonight we are thinking more about our approach to our disagreement than about the actual issues we are facing. Our excerpt tonight therefore makes no reference to the specific questions the Meetings were addressing, but focuses on a rich field of testimony about the movement of the spirit among us, in your reports about the effect of these experiences in our Meetings.

As before, I'll introduce this section with quotations from other Quaker writings, but have chosen two. The first is from an article by Alison Sherman which appeared in The Friends' Chamber in London Jan 28, 1867.

The other quotation is by Henry Cadbury, quoted in A Christian Faith and Practice, London 7th 1959.

And now, the excerpts from our own reports.
Possible Quotations

for Ministry & Oversight Plenary

And all Friends take heed of Jars and Strife, for that is it, which will eat out the Seed in you; therefore let not that harbour in your bosoms, lest it eat out the Good in you, and ye come to suffer in your own particulars. Therefore dwell in love and life, and in the Power and Seed of God, which is the honourable, royal state.

George Fox, 1656
(London Yearly Meeting Faith and Practice, 1960, No. 403)

Where any have received offence from any other, first to speak privately to the party concerned, and endeavour reconciliation between themselves; and not to whisper or aggravate matters against them behind their backs, to the making parties, and the breach wider. Even though efforts for agreement by private conference should fail, Friends should avoid engaging one another in legal disputes.

Yearly Meeting, 1692
(London Yearly Meeting Faith and Practice, 1960, No. 321)

And oh, how sweet and pleasant it is to the truly spiritual eye to see several sorts of believers,......everyone learning their own lesson, performing their own peculiar service, and knowing, owning, and loving one another, several places and different performances to their Master, to whom they are to give an account, and not quarrel with one another about their different practices.

Isaac Penington, 1659
(Pacific Yearly Meeting Faith and Practice, 1985, p.85)

Not in the way of the world, as a worldly assembly of men, by hot contests, by seeking to outspeak and overreach one another in discourse......not deciding affairs by the greater vote, ......but in the wisdom, love, and fellowship of God, in gravity, patience, in unity and concord, submitting one to another in lowness of heart, and in the holy spirit of Truth and righteousness, all things (are) to be carried on.

Edward Burrough, 1662
(Pacific Yearly Meeting Faith and Practice, 1985, p.86)

There is a principle which is pure, placed in the human mind, which in different places and ages hath had different names. It is however, pure and proceeds from God. It is deep and inward, confined to no forms of religion, nor excluded from any, where the heart stands in perfect sincerity. In whomsoever this takes root and grows, of what nation soever, they become brethren in the best sense of the expression.

John Woolman, 1774
(Pacific Yearly Meeting Faith and Practice, 1985, p.89)
Inward Light is a universal light given to all men, religious consciousness itself being basically the same wherever it is found. Our difficulties come when we try to express it. We cannot express; we can only experience God. Therefore we must always remember tolerance, humility, and tenderness with others whose ways and views may differ from ours.

Pacific Yearly Meeting, 1953
(Pacific Yearly Meeting Faith and Practice, 1985, p.92)

Different ways of understanding the divine life may occur among us. These differences should not be ignored for the sake of a superficial unity. They should be recognized and understood, so that a deeper and more vital unity can be reached. Convictions which might divide or disrupt a Meeting, can, through God's grace, help to make it creative and strong. Friends should keep faith and fellowship with each other, waiting in the Light for that unity which draws them together in the love and power of God.

Advices on Unity, Pacific Yearly Meeting, 1985
(Pacific Yearly Meeting Faith and Practice, 1985, p.22)

That of God within every person is sometimes recognized as the Spirit of Christ, or the Holy Spirit, or the Inner Light. As Friends we accept and respect that Spirit, however perceived, in all people, and particularly in each other. We can give testimony to our own experience, as honestly and faithfully as possible, but we cannot alter another's spiritual condition. Let us receive Light as it is given to us, and share it as we are able, and trust in the One that can speak the condition of all people, to care for and guide us all.

Helen Park, 1979
(North Pacific Yearly Meeting Faith and Practice, p.17,18)

The ground of the Quaker way is the day-by-day, week-by-week, attempt to listen to the voice of God and to have the strength to respond to it...We do this alone, but...we are Friends because we listen to the voice of God together, with each other...Our very act of being there together, letting our deepest selves be recognized and nurtured, is a recognition of our willingness to recognize and nurture the deepest in others...If we find no agreement among our Friends but have to listen and try to comprehend and still say truthfully where we ourselves stand, we may be more ready to listen and comprehend and speak our truth in the rest of our lives. Does anyone think this task of understanding and truthfulness is an easy one,...let them try sitting down with someone they are at odds with and be truly with that person at the very deepest level, and then think again.

Alison Sharman, 1987
(From an article in The Friend, January 23, 1987, p.93,94)

Friends, it is a long time since our beloved Society was stricken with profound controversy. If we are going to see it, remember that it's because things matter so much. We should all have to learn Isaac Penington's words by heart before we start:"Our life is love, and peace, and tenderness; and bearing with another, and forgiving one another, and helping one another up with a tender hand."

Ormerod Greenwood, 1987
(From a Commentary in The Friend, March 6, 1987, p.284)
Chapter 8: Publishing truth

A universal mission

376 Let all nations hear the word by sound or writing. Spare no place, spare not tongue nor pen, but be obedient to the Lord God and go through the world and be valiant for the Truth upon earth; tread and trample all that is contrary under...Be patterns, be examples in all countries, places, islands, nations, wherever you come, that your carriage and life may preach among all sorts of people, and to them; then you will come to walk cheerfully over the world, answering that of God in every one.

George Fox, 1656

The Society of Friends is called by its deepest principles, and by the lessons of its own history, to a universal mission. It cannot fulfill its service to humanity unless it responds to this call. The very simple heart of the early Quaker message is needed as much today as it ever was. The really universal thing is a living experience. It is reached in varied ways, and expressed in very different language. The common bond is in the thing itself, the actual inner knowledge of the grace of God. Quakerism can only have a universal message if it brings men and women into this transforming knowledge. The early Friends certainly had this knowledge, and were the means of bringing many thousands of seekers into the way of discovery. In virtue of this central experience, the Quaker movement can only be true to itself by being a missionary movement.

Henry T. Hodgkin (1877-1933)

By processes too numerous and diverse even to summarise, I have reached a position which may be stated in a general way somewhat like this: 'I believe that God's last for another may be so different from my experience and way of living as to be actually impossible to me. I recognise (a change) to have taken place in myself, from a certain assumption that mine was really the better way, to a very complete recognition that there is no one better way, and that God needs all kinds of people and ways of living through which to manifest Himself in the World.'

This has seemed to carry with it two conclusions which greatly affect conduct. One is that I really find myself wanting to learn from people whom I previously would have regarded as fit objects for my 'missionary zeal'. To discover another way in which conduct is influenced is the deliberate attempt to share the life and interests of others who are not in my circle... (for) in such sharing I can most deeply understand the other's life and through that reach, maybe, fresh truths about God.
We feel the use of separate terms and standards...does not meet the single standard of Truth. We pray that continued dialogue and seeking God's will in this matter will find Friends in unity, guided with Love and healed of the pain brought to many in this seeking process.

(Our) Monthly Meeting offers friendship, fellowship, and sensitive insight into the conditions in which we find ourselves. Each person is treated as unique and special; differing opinions are encouraged, not squelched.

Much of our attention and energy has been directed to questions (on which we disagree)....We find, as other Meetings have found, that there are deeply-felt attitudes about the subject itself and about the many related issues which affect, and are affected by, the central subject. We are making progress, and we are learning a great deal about ourselves and each other in the process. Regardless of the final result, the effort -- disturbing for all and even painful for some -- is the growth experience for us, both individually and as a meeting.

In our discussion one of us said we could probably follow the Spirit more surely if we simplify our lives and if we confront our differences with more love, perhaps just more often. It may be the other way around. Both the joys and the agonies of this year show us we are not likely to be staying where we are, but we are going to have constant help on the journey.

We minuted our clear assessment that we were not in unity to proceed with (one) request....In the months since, we have continued to search for those openings through which we will transcend the very real pain we suffered in risking disagreement....Many of us, however, have already grown in our understanding of -- and trust in -- the Quaker process of discernment. One of oldest of Quaker queries asks: How does the Truth prosper among you? Despairing of quick and easy unity, we are comforted to remember that the Truth advances in its own time and with its own power, as well as by our human efforts. Held in bonds of love, we cannot abandon the struggle, but neither need we think its outcome depends wholly upon us.

In renewed self-examination we were reminded that our Meetings for Worship teach us compassion which uproots self-righteousness. In seeking God with our whole hearts, our hearts approach wholeness, and we, like little children, can become more and more vulnerable, disarmed and able.

We are aware of the diversities among us, in abilities and in needs. We continue to deal with controversies...We are seeking the guidance of the Light in our many challenges and we try to remain thankful even for these, knowing that the conditions that require strength enable us to grow stronger.

The Meeting for Worship is central to the spiritual health and vitality of our Society. During this year, we have continued to search for a resolution to the turmoil brought about by the manner of ministry of one of our members. We continue our concern for the Meeting as a whole and for each individual member, realizing that we have yet to achieve a balance between the needs of the Meeting and those of the individual.

Query: How can the resolution of basic disagreements become a strengthening rather than a divisive process?
Although Quakerism is rooted in Christianity, continued revelation via the "inner light" has revealed new spiritual insights that transcend the commitment to the Biblical definition of God.

I am increasingly convinced that in our desire to "let all men speak", and to give full weight to the experiential nature of our faith and the demand that we answer as individuals the question, "What can we do?", we have given little thought to the corporate nature of Friends' worship and belief.

I believe that what helps the corporate nature of Friends in harmony and unity is not some common revelation but the freedom to be diverse and for each of us to pursue truth as it is revealed by our "inner light".

I would prefer to use a Faith and Practice which Friends of a century past could at least recognize as derived from their own. And I would prefer that my children learn the ability in their present surroundings, to read through Christological language, so that when they come to read Quaker writings of past times those writings are accessible to them instead of foreign.
Martine P 2.

are not merely what we have become, but also what we came from.

It is by our essence as Quakers that what unites us is greater than that which differentiates us.

Our membership includes Friends whose faith is deeply centered in Christian thought and tradition, but it includes many whose experience of the Spirit is not specifically Christian.

We value our history and recognize that the roots of Quakerism are in Christianity, and we have no desire to rewrite the past.

Yet among our roots is the concept of continuing revelation, personal religious experience. No matter how powerful the experiences of early Quaker leaders, no matter how much we have to learn from those experiences today, we must accept new insight.

We welcome, therefore, all who search deeper truths, who find command waiting upon the Spirit, a satisfying religious experience.
Martin p. 3

I, as Friends, can communicate on a level of silence, service, and search. We must avoid any formal statement of creed. Our faith must be a living transforming power in our lives. There is no conflict among Friends who have found this deeper level of understanding which has no limitations to any creedal formulation.

I strongly support the existing statement in Faith & Practice regarding Christianity. Christian language and membership should be discontinued and changed if they were changed to delete Christian language as words of loyalty to Christ.

Many Meetings are impressed by the passage from Philippians: "There is a principle which is pure,"

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Minute adopted September, 1986
Inland Valley Monthly Meeting

Whereas a number of Friends in our monthly meeting are uncomfortable with the wording in the "Spiritual and Theological Matters" section of "Becoming a Member" on page 45 of the 1985 version of Faith and Practice, we will be considering interpretive changes in that section as we seek clearness to admit new members into our monthly meeting. Changes in interpretation we will consider will include broadly reading the second sentence so that the "Light of Christ" takes on the more general meaning of "Inner Light" (see Glossary). For our membership purposes, the "Inner Light" would be so inclusive as to be clear to admit members who would hold the Light as discussed by John Woolman in the following passage:

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Our monthly meeting does not seek to re-write the Faith and Practice but wishes to pass a minute with which all members are comfortable which does not exclude those seekers of the Truth who take their Light directly from their Christian experience nor those who see the Light directly from God. During the next months we will be seeking clearness to pass such a minute and we are asking the Quarterly Ministry and Oversight Committee to assist us in this important matter.
Dear Jane,

The Maui Worship group, a subsidiary of the Honolulu MM, decided that there was such divergence in their concept of what Quakers have in common that they elected to communicate with you individually, with copies to Alice Bender in Honolulu. This is my attempt.

It seems to me that there is one over-riding thing, from which both the unity and divergence of Quakers arise, and i- not shared with any other religious organization that I know. This is the concept of THAT OF GOD IN EVERYONE: the Inner Light, as we think of it. We may disagree about the relative quantity, quality or effectiveness of this, but no one, that I know of, questions that basic premise and calls himself a Quaker. And it is from that concept that all principals arise: honesty, simplicity, equality, pacifism, etc., stem and flower. Our efforts are to build walls to include people, not, like most religions, to exclude! "The tree bears, without the leaf."

No elitism here. We are all one.

I admit that I, personally, take this a bit farther than many, for I feel that we are but a bit part of the totality of the universe, an element in a far more complex Periodic Table. But my belief is not what you are seeking.

However, I find the restrictiveness of the present FAITH AND PRACTICE to be unsettling: if one must be a Christian to be a Quaker, then I really don't belong in this group. I recognize that the Society of Friends evolved from a Christian heritage, but through its belief in continuing revelation I had thought that it had grown beyond those restrictions. I do not question that these concepts are found in Christianity, I only claim that they are also found elsewhere, from African Animism to Zen, from Gilgamish to the Koran. "We are all one," to quote Kipling's THE JUNGLE BOOK, and we must share or we all die.

My "Aloha" goes out to you and the whole committee in this most difficult task,

John Dart
Why not ask God instead of Source? This view was widely shared. One participant referred to the fact that we don't hesitate to speak of "that of God in everyone."

What pulls us together is the experience of what happens as we wait together in the light.

We need to focus on the experiential rather than the conceptual.

Christ-oriented language is less vague and imprecise, but the "vague" terminology leaves the primary emphasis on the experience which is beyond words. Preaching in words interferes with the process of inner experience.

We would like to see diversity acknowledged and nurtured within the Society of Friends.

The idea that someone would feel frozen out of any meeting is scary to me.
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I joined Orange Grove MFG. 35 yrs ago because I found I could worship in a way uniquely suited to me. I did not have to be a Christian. I was accepted as a Universalist. I loved it that we had Jewish Quakers, a Buddhist Quaker, & The Quakers did not have to give up their approaches to faith. I knew our roots were in Christianity, but I felt great gratitude that we were diverse in our beliefs. (There were many different Jewish groups in the area.)

Do not let a word become a stumbling block to true love for 1986, one another, in creative interaction, but "for the Lord".

...Do not put the word "Christian" in a box, but let it soar, embracing all Creation in universal, love and peace.

I joined Orange Grove MFG. about 2 yrs ago after 1707 yrs. of attending. I had not joined in all those yrs. because I felt I was difficult for me to overcome the sense that to become a Quaker was to reject my Jewish heritage and my connections with the suffering history of the Jewish people, inflicted mostly by Christians. But I had reached the point, when I applied for membership, that my connections with the people of the Orange Grove MFG., in particular, with Quakerism, in general, had become so important a part of my life that I felt I had to live with the dichotomy of my feelings. I decided to declare myself a Jewish Quaker.
The guiding and sustaining force of the society was not based on
individual corporate experience, not definitions, we live by creeds.
We use words to the best of our ability, but not perfectly, to describe
experience. Possibly, since we don't use creeds, Friends have
find it necessary to write voluntarily and of all proportion,
our past or present members individually, in order to describe
as best we can our experience.

This experience continues to be available revealed to us
as we come toward membership, enter into membership, grow
together as individuals corporately as members of the Society.
This experience is incomprehensible as the miracle of life
itself and perhaps we should not strive to examine it too
deeply.
Paul

As I read the Gospels and Acts, Jesus clearly seems to be a "universalist," pushing us one for love and conformity to his perspective....

As a Quaker, I feel I am free to search for knowledge and truth regardless of where the "right" may lead me.

Part of the group feels that any effort to limit the source of light to Jesus Christ leaves them out of Quakerism. Another group seems to feel that the unrestricted source of light threatens the integrity of their Christian commitment. All seemed to find the passage from Faith and Practice of North Pacific yearly meeting acceptable.

I cannot feel at home or belong to a community which would welcome any and all believers and any or all human interpretations of God. For me a too "universalistic" perspective would as surely destroy the meeting as a fundamentalist perspective.
we are a religion born of Christianity; we
negate our roots at our peril.

Difficulties in communicating thoughts
on Christian language issues are massive
semantic lead rapidly down paths long
forewarned by Quakers (in a real Christian:
you guys are a bunch of chauvinistic mud
sippers).

The inward light is a universal light
given to all men, religious consciousness itself
being basically the same whatever it is
found. Therefore we must always
remember tolerance, humility, tenderness
with others whose views may differ from our own.

We are all seeking God, whether we
use that specific name or not.
I believe the Quakerism is a Christian body and of course has a strong Christian heritage. However, I do not believe that someone must be a Christian to be a member of the Society, any more than pacifism is a prerequisite.

It is not necessarily right for all Quakers to merge into the Faith & Practice but only to respect & value each other's point of view.

Faith & Practice is a witness to lifestyle, language & lifestyle some seasons. Friends found spiritually helpful + wish to share.

Faith & Practice is not intended to be a definitive statement but rather is witness to our ongoing spiritual quest, which may be expressed in different ways at different times & by different people.

We felt penalties to the need not to use language which unnecessarily distresses either group.
The need for a personal God in Jesus
contrasts with an impersonal concept of "the Light"—
we must see the whole continuum as valid.

Cherish, Jesus, the Universal Spirit, the Light
within. These are part of a single circle and
we are not that far apart—how accept
people across the circle for us because
they are in the same circle.

I believe all the great spiritual truths are contained
within Christianity. Many people come to some of these truths
through different channels. Even so, these truths are still
Christian, as well as Animist, Jewish, Mohawk or... what
seek studying Christianity is one of the efficient ways to speak
spiritual truth.
We have two pieces of paper for you. One is entitled "Note" and reads as follows:

"Quote note"

We sent to aid in your discussions,

we sent to you with our letters

an excerpt from NPYM's Faith and Practice

on the matter of "Friends' beliefs." Your

responses to this were strongly positive,

and as a result, we requested and

received NPYM's permission to use this

section. We offer reprints for

your use and seasoning in the month's

ahead.

Reading from NPYM's letter:

The Steering Committee gladly approved

Pacific Yearly Meeting's use of the section

"Friends' beliefs" from North Pacific

Yearly Meeting's Faith and Practice . . . .

Your request was also shared with the

Yearly Meeting at a Plenary Session and

we all felt pleased and honored to be

sharing in the light with Pacific Yearly Meeting.

Usually we don't recognize the author of a

section, but since it was announced to our

Yearly Meeting and since he may be known to

long-time Pacific Yearly Meeting Friends, I'll add

that Tom Head wrote the section of Friends' beliefs.
WITH LOVE AND GREETINGS FROM NPYM,

SUSAN DIMITROFF

STEERING COMMITTEE CHAIR

QUOTE #3 4 & 5 FROM INSECT —

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prepare for the experience of corporate worship. Quaker worship in itself is a reflection of many of the most cherished beliefs of Friends. It is set in silence and thus reflects the importance we give to stilling ourselves and being centered in the Divine Presence. It emphasizes the immediate experience of the Divine in a community whose members share in a common journey and a common opportunity for participation and ministry. When we are blessed with a sense of gatheredness we often find the strength for approaching worshipfully the variety of tasks and challenges to which we return. Living worshipfully is an aim of recurring importance.

The absence of outward rites and ceremonies in Friends worship is a result of our emphasis on the reality of the inward experience. Desiring to avoid symbolism that may tend to supplant substance, we do not observe the traditional Christian sacraments. Instead Friends seek to view all of life as sacramental. In the pages which follow, the reader will find discussion of several other practices and testimonies which are of importance to Friends: simplicity, sincerity and integrity, equality and social justice, peace, and others. These outward testimonies flow from our faith and are in a sense fruits of the spirit. Our very name, the Religious Society of Friends, finds its source in Jesus' statement (John 15: 14-15) that "You are my friends, if you do what I command you. I shall not call you servants any more, because a servant does not know his master's business; I call you friends, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father." The inseparability of faith and practice is a truth which pervades both our past and our present.

A number of Friends have expressed their appreciation of North Pacific Yearly Meeting's statement on "Friends' Beliefs" in their 1986 Faith and Practice. With NPYM's permission, the Discipline Committee of Pacific Yearly Meeting offers this reprint as an enrichment to the section on "Worship and Faith" (pp.5-7) in our own 1985 Faith and Practice.

August 1987
Friends' Beliefs

FOR MANY UNFAMILIAR WITH QUAKERS, the way we speak of our faith and the diversity of belief found among us may be perplexing. Even those who have been among Friends for a while may find it challenging to sort out our theology. This difficulty arises in part from the fact that the Society of Friends is not a single, homogeneous group but a large spiritual family with several branches that have evolved in different directions over the past three centuries. Another part of the challenge in understanding Quaker faith derives from our attitude toward creeds or other formal statements of faith. Friends do not make a written creedal statement the test of faith or the measure of suitability for membership.

The lack of a creed has sometimes led to the misconception that Friends do not have beliefs or that one can believe anything and be a Friend. However, most Quakers take the absence of a creed as an invitation and encouragement to exercise an extra measure of personal responsibility for the articulation of faith. Rather than rely on priests or professional theologians, each believer is encouraged to take seriously the personal disciplines associated with spiritual growth. Out of lives of reflection, prayer, faithfulness, and service flow the statements of belief, both in word and in deed, which belong to Friends. The reader will find many such examples in the sections which follow.

As one reads the statements of Friends in Faith and Practice and in the wealth of Quaker literature, of which these quotations are only a small sampling, patterns of belief appear. But it is only in careful, sustained observation of our work and ministry as individuals and as a community of faith that an understanding of Friends' beliefs emerges with fullness and clarity. The brief generalizations offered here are no substitute for thorough study and reflection; at best they offer a few signposts which will draw one into a richer journey and remind one of deeper insights.

One central area of belief which has received considerable attention over the years is the relationship of Quakerism to Christianity. Whether one interprets the Quaker movement as a strand within Protestantism or as a third force distinct from both Protestantism and Catholicism, the movement, both in its origin and in the various branches which have evolved, is rooted in Christianity. However, from its inception it has offered both a critique of many accepted manifestations of Christianity and an empathy with people of faith beyond the bounds of Christianity. Some Friends have placed particular emphasis on the Gospel of Jesus Christ, while others have found more compelling a universal perspective emphasizing the Divine Light enlightening every person. One of the lessons of our own history as a religious movement is that an excessive reliance on one or the other of these perspectives, neglecting the essential connectedness between the two, has been needlessly divisive and has drawn us away from the vitality of the Quaker vision at its best.

In yearly meetings such as ours, the concern of Friends is not that members affirm a particular verbal formulation of this faith but that it be a living and transforming power within their lives. Challenged by the words of Jesus as quoted in Matthew 7:21—"It is not those who say to me, 'Lord, Lord,' who will enter the kingdom of heaven, but those who do the will of my Father in heaven"—we do not place emphasis on the naming of God. Instead we encourage one another, in John Woolman's phrase, "to distinguish the language of the pure Spirit which inwardly moves upon the heart." In the course of following this spiritual path, many Friends do come to find great depths of meaning in familiar Christian concepts and language, while others do not. Although sometimes perplexing to the casual observer, this phenomenon does not trouble many seasoned Friends who have discovered a deep unity with one another in the Spirit.

Another area of Quaker belief and experience that deserves attention is the attitude of Friends toward the Bible. Friends find the Jewish and Christian writings which make up the Bible to be a rich and sustaining source of inspiration and a record of God's revelation over many centuries. The Quaker movement began at a time when the Bible had recently come into wide circulation in England, and Friends drew greatly from it. George Fox and others knew the Bible well, studied it earnestly, and quoted it often. The inspiration of the scriptures was affirmed, but a distinction which has remained important to this day was also emphasized by early Friends. In Henry Cadbury's words: "Divine revelation was not confined to the past. The same Holy Spirit which had inspired the scriptures in the past could inspire living believers centuries later. Indeed, for the right understanding of the past, the present insight from the same Spirit was essential." Thus, in emphasizing the power which gave forth the scriptures and the accessibility of this same power to us today, Friends have avoided making written records alone a final or infallible test. Instead we are invited to be drawn into that same spirit which gave forth the Bible, both in order to understand its contents and to be led in a continually maturing discovery of the ways of God.

Such discovery is fostered through the study, contemplation, and work of each individual, and these private acts of devotion and service in turn
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To East West Relations & Pym & All Quakers

Jacole Norton (a high school young friend) is going to the Soviet Union this next year. She is an open and friendly young woman, whom we feel carries our wishes for peace as a citizen diplomat to USSR.

Her tour is associated with the renowned 'Peace Child' play, sharing peace with song & drama.

She is not at this time connected to the East-West Committee & has been given the task of assembling well over 2½ thousand dollars on her own.

Please help this event occur.

Clerk of YF of Pym

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Dear Friends,

Pacific Yearly Meeting is pleased to introduce our member, Marsha Chevalier, who will be traveling throughout the United States during the next year. She has developed a workshop on nurturing one's God-given gifts which has been seasoned through the San Francisco Monthly Meeting (where she was sojourning), and is offering this workshop to interested Friends. In addition, she and her husband will be sharing their talents as professional musicians. They have been very generous in giving this musical ministry throughout Pacific Yearly Meeting.

It is our custom in Pacific Yearly Meeting that Monthly Meetings, rather than the Yearly Meeting, write traveling minutes, and Marsha does bring a travel minute from Redwood Forest Monthly Meeting. We join them in commending Marsha to your care.

Stratton C. Jaquette
Presiding Clerk
Dear Friends:

This will introduce our Friends Lois and Lewis Hoskins who have been appointed by the Friend in the Orient Committee of Pacific Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends (Quakers) to be our Friends in the Orient. They are people of wisdom and sensitivity, and we feel sure they will well represent Friends as they travel among you.

The Friend in the Orient Committee was first set up in 1961 to foster communication and understanding with Friends in Asia through correspondence and visitation. Over the years the Committee has sponsored several American Friends who have travelled to Asian countries, and Asian Friends who have come to this country to visit among us and interpret the life and work of Asian Friends. These visits have been of great help in increasing our understanding of the culture and values of Asian people. Earlier visits we have sponsored have included Japan, Hong Kong, India, Korea, and Macau.

Lois and Lewis Hoskins were members of the Friends Ambulance Unit in China prior to Lewis' long tenure as a staff member and later Executive Secretary of the American Friends Service Committee. Most recently Lewis has been teaching at Earlham College. We are delighted that they are willing to blend their desire to return to China with our wishes to send a Friend to that country.

We commend them to your loving care with our sincere wish that such exchanges will help to promote peace and justice in the world.

Stratton Jaquette
Presiding Clerk
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