We gathered quietly on a foggy morning in a spirit of worship.

Birds sing soprano

Bass provided in hums by

Meeting House heater.

Reading Clerk, Connie Jolly, recalled for us our own epistle from last summer.

Presiding Clerk, Stratton Jaquette, invited our hosts to orient us to the meeting house and invited us each to introduce ourselves.

Stratton presented the agenda. It was APPROVED as circulated. (Q)

Stratton reviewed the duties of the "Committee to Name the Nominating Committee," and asked friends to offer suggestions of persons to serve. First named was Susanna Matthay followed by Nakatani, and Paul Niebanck. Betty Hall and Greet Kershaw agreed to serve as alternates. This slate will come before us at this evening's session for final approval.

Arden Pierce reported for the Nominating Committee that they are working on filling some vacancies on Peace Committee and on Discipline Committee and that we still need a co-registrar. (She brought one interim nomination, Keith Wedmore as Clerk of Social Order Committee. Myrtle Haworth had resigned and Keith, as a member of the committee has been filling in. We will be asked to review this nomination at our evening session.

Walter Klein, treasurer, gave his financial report for 1987. It is attached. (A) Recently returned from East Africa, Walter greeted us "Jambo" in kiSwahili. When appreciation was expressed for his presentation, he graciously accepted, "asani sana," and the Treasurer's Report was ACCEPTED.

Greet Kershaw, Clerk of Southern California Quarterly Meeting read a brief though disquieting, State of the Society report in which she summarized that "The Quarter is not what it could be in bringing before those who attend and Monthly Meetings the seasoned thinking and waiting in the decisions of issues which also should be its goal." (The full text is attached -B-)

Ellie Huffman, Clerk of College Park Quarterly Meeting, described Col. Park Quarterly Meeting as in a state of dynamic response to the stirrings of the Spirit. They are working on Quaker community and visualizing peace in the year 2020. The teens need a program, and the dead need burial space. Chico has been accepted as a new Monthly Meeting and Humbolt Preparative Meeting has made application for Meeting status. Two Meetings have held weddings of lesbian couples. One meeting is considering joining Friends General Conference. CPQM is a member of the Northern California Ecumenical council. Reports from the three sub-associations reveal that 1. Ben Lomond Quaker Center has welcomed new directors, 2. John Woolman School will be seeking a new principal for September, and 3. Friends House in Santa Rosa is expanding in space and services.
Mexico City Meeting sent a written report (attached -C-) but no representative. This lack caused a brief discussion on the hardships of travel created by poor currency exchange rates. Distance and culture may be greater barriers than financial issues.

Alice Bender reported for Hawaiian Friends. The resignation of paid staff has caused a slump in the Honolulu First Day School program. The Big Island Preparative Meeting is growing and strengthening. Their concern for the rights of Pacific Island Indigenous Peoples was referred to the Social Order Committee.

Following a short break for delicious goodies, Stratton Jaquette gave his Pacific Yearly Meeting Clerk's Report. He attended the Yearly Meeting Clerks of North America Retreat in October 1987, which he found most valuable. A full report is attached (-D-). Among his ecumenical activities, Stratton has been attending the Council of Judicatory Executives and Bishops of the Northern California Ecumenical Council. This group has been interesting to Stratton. (attached-E) Stratton also reported in some detail his experiences during the Pope's visit to California. Much of the good in the visit came from the preparation for it, writing a letter to John Paul expressing Friends' concerns. (-F-)

The Clerk receives much correspondence. Canada Yearly Meeting asked for assistance on how to best use our time at Yearly Meeting sessions. Stratton has asked Lowell Tozer to respond. New York Yearly Meeting has asked how we budget and raise funds. Stratton will ask our Finance Committee to respond. The Friends World Committee for Consultation has sent concerns regarding same sex marriage and "gender relationships," as well as concerns for Young Friends. FWCC has available a rose for your gardens, a new variety commemorating the 300th anniversary of George Fox's death.

Stratton receives quite a bit of correspondence on Education, especially regarding Quaker schools and colleges, to which there is no appropriate committee to send it.

Arrangements for August 1988 in Chico:

Walter Jones reported for the Sites Committee that LaVerne College had double booked us with another group and had informed us "you can't come that week." Chico was available. Rather than change the dates by a week, the committee in consultation with the Clerk of PYM opted for a change of location. We concurred and APPROVED Chico as the site for our 1988 sessions.

Harry Bailey has been assured by LaVerne that we won't be bumped again, but he recommends that we offer a refundable reservation fee more than a year in advance to secure the dates we want. The Sites Committee recommends a return to LaVerne for August 1989. This was APPROVED.

We engaged in a brief discussion on the recording of Minutes for PYM sessions. Recommendations included the desire for brevity coupled with a desire to know something of the process to enlighten those using the archives in the future. We want to approve minutes as close as possible to the session at which they were taken. Some repetition of material is inevitable and valuable since "We only half hear what is presented, remember only half of what we have heard, thus bring to our actions one quarter of the whole."

We closed our morning session with worship followed by announcements.
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(afternoon session)

Stratton introduced the focus of the afternoon meetings as preparation for our Yearly Meeting sessions in August.

Larry Perry, co-registrar, announced that Craig Hall has called for some increases in food costs for non-residents, and the children's program was anticipating greater expenses. The Arrangements committee wants to spread these costs among all attenders by raising the daily meal fee by one dollar and the daily registration fee by one dollar. The family maximum remains set at the equivalent of three adults. These changes in the fee schedule were approved.

Margaret Jamison and Mary Miché reported on plans for the children's program at Yearly Meeting. Margaret will coordinate again this year. They are asking for a major increase in budget in order to start the program on Sunday, and to add a paid "volunteer coordinator". This latter was questioned until the scope of the job was outlined: coordinating 461 different volunteers for a total of 1,384 volunteer hours. Happy, well-supervised children make for a good Yearly Meeting family experience.

Margaret reported a sense that support for the children's program is good and growing. Because the teachers of the morning program miss worship fellowship, it is requested that one or more afternoon W-F groups be established perhaps also including persons who for whatever reasons can not participate in the morning group. There will be more life guard hours during the committee days and the pool will be closed in the morning.

Brian Vura-Weis reported for the Junior Yearly Meeting committee. Their committee has met twice, planning for Summer: They like being at Chico, and plan to repeat the best loved activities such as the menito secret friend program, river tubing, and service projects. They want to have a parent meeting early in the week. Tad Kirshner and David Standish will be the Jr. Hi. advisors—since this is a FULL TIME job, they want two more leaders.

The committee has concerns that the Yearly Meeting agenda is "anti-family" and asks "How do children get to know adults?" Brian then introduced three leaders: Andrea Hartsough, David Standish, Lisa Klein.

Andrea Hartsough: 1987 was better than '86 she hopes to continue the trend with a "drug free" PYM and wants to cross the barriers of age and cultures within the Yearly Meeting.

Lisa Klein suggests that a program filled with enjoyable activites will "squeeze out drugs", She reminded us that Young Friends are often in great need of financial support for attending Quaker gatherings.

David Standish spoke as a member of the informal liaison committee between Young Friends and High School Friends that they want to continue to good contacts begun last year.

Michael Dunn reported his observation that the Christ Church Meeting in New Zealand has put the Children's program as the highest priority with the result that there is an influx of new families.

It was suggested that the Finance Committee would welcome budgetary plans developed by Young Friends and High School Friends.
Gary Wolff reported for the Secretariat Committee, that they plan to use a different computer technology for the minutes this year based on the systems most familiar to the two recording clerks. They hope to run the secretariat with more part-time people. Photocopying is convenient but more costly than mime—and it is appropriate for certain tasks. The committee requests a budget increase of $530. Finance Committee will consider it. Chris Laning, who will head the secretariat again thanked us for holding down the number pages of printed matter last year to a mere 30,000 sheets (most double sided).

After a stretch break, Jean Walton, clerk of Ministry and Oversight Committee made her requests for time at Yearly Meeting: Monday evening State of the Society, another time to work on same gender marriage issues and an interest group slot. The Committee has had more travel expense and requests a budget increase. They also proposed a minute on travel funding for representatives from Preparative Meetings. (attached G) This being a policy issue it will be considered at Yearly Meeting Plenary session in August.

The Brinton Visitor Committee presented its report. (attached R) Barbara Graves will be touring from September 1988 to April 1989.

The Workshops Sub-committee wants its function clarified: Its concern is to lead workshops for the Yearly Meeting on Quaker Process.

Ingrid Petersen will clerk the Worship-Fellowship sub committee.

Ministry and Oversight is working with Discipline Committee on membership issues. They are also discussing with Sacramento Meeting their interest in affiliating with F.G.C. This issue may come before the Yearly Meeting.

The Mental Illness Sub-Committee wants an interest group.

Jane Peers reported for the discipline Committee. They are still working on a statement of faith, and on same gender marriages. They are expected more responses from Meetings on the meaning of membership. They request plenary session time and an interest group slot. Representatives were asked to verify that their meetings' copies of Faith and Practice included the addenda.

Joan Johnson reported for the Religious Education Committee (attached H), Quaker Spiritual Quest has been the committee's focus for the last two years. That program in continuing in various forms in both the north and south. They requested plenary session time for a report and an interest group.

Keith Wedmore reported for the Social Order Committee that they are drafting a minute on California Prisons and Jails (attachment I) and are considering revising the pamphlet "Toward a Quaker View of Sex". The committee requested four interest group times, and a plenary session time for reports.

Linda Dunn reported for the Peace Committee. The Conscience Fund for Students was used for the first time this fall. In the process, the committee has revised the guideline for fund use. (attached J)
Linda continued with a full report of Peace Committee activities since August 1987. They would like a brief (10 min) time in an early plenary session and a longer time (60 min) at a later session. 3 interest group times were requested. Plans for the Hiroshima day vigil are not yet firm, needing to coordinate PYM schedule and Chico Peace Group plans. Peace Committee room needs wheel chair access.

Martha Dart spoke for the Friend in the Orient Committee, updating us on the asian travels of various Friends. They requested a 20 min. report time at plenary and an interest group time.

Steve Birdlebough reported for the East-West Relations Committee. His oral report included delight over the correspondances which have continued from the first Soviet trip and plans for trips in 1988 and 89. They hope to establish a Quaker presence in an Eastern block country, the German Democratic Republic, or Czechoslovakia. Should a visitor from Eastern Germany come to PYM this year, they'd like some plenary session time, as well as two interest groups in any event. The East-West relations committee has seen the value of underwriting travel by Young Friends and hopes to continue to support it within the budget process.

Paul Ntebanck brought the report from the Wider Fellowship Among Friends Committee. He felt that "crossing the barriers" would be a fine theme for PYM this year. The Committee will be facing its first turn over of membership and beg special tenderness of the Nominating Committee. Plans are developing for a West Coast Gathering of Friends, and an interest group on this topic was requested along with 30 min. of plenary session time for reports on intervisitation.

The afternoon sessions ended with a period of Worship followed by announcements.

(evening session)

Returning from dinner break, we settled into silent worship to continue with our preparations for Yearly Meeting.

Michael Dunn reported for the Unity with Nature Committee (Attachment M) In summary, the committee has been active: three meetings since Yearly Meeting, a conference sponsored at Ben Lomond. The Newsletter had been renamed "Befriending Creation" has a much broader base and is entirely subscription supported. They plan a supplement edition to the Friends Bulletin in June. This will be a sample of a potential Journal on religious ecology. The committee requested an increase in travel funds and made time requests for both plenary and interest group sessions.
Jane Yett, editor of the Journal spoke briefly of its aims. She sees environmental ethics as closely related to other Friends concerns. Responses to questions revealed that the committee is tapping into the editorial of the Bulletin Committee and proceeding in good order.

Elsa Glines reported for the Friends Bulletin Committee. They need some plenary session time, a display table, a meeting room. They also request an increase in travel funds for their committee members and make a special request for $250 this year so the Shirley Ruth, Editor, may attend the triennial in Japan. Each of the three Yearly Meetings served by the Bulletin are being asked for $250. Shirley was specifically invited to attend by Friends World Committee for Consultation. The request was forwarded to Finance Committee. Representative Committee APPROVED having our Clerk write a letter of introduction including a special greeting to Seoul Friends she also hopes to visit.

Kitty Baragatto, of the Finance Committee, requested interest group time and then proposed a minute that the P.Y.M. treasurer serve as a conduit for funds only with the prior authorization of the Yearly Meeting. This was not immediately approved because it felt like a policy decision, and Friends were uncomfortable with the words "conduit." Stratton sat to search for a minute, and the meeting fell into a worshipful silence.

The clerk then offered a substitute minute: The Treasurer of P.Y.M. may accept funds specified to be contributed to other organizations only with the approval of P.Y.M.

Recognizing that this is not new policy, but a statement of how we have been operating, and promising to transmit this minute to the Yearly Meeting it was APPROVED.

Kitty continued her report suggesting that in August we will need to look at increasing our membership assessment. Travel budget policy will be examined including adding a line for Young Friends travel. The committee will work with those committee which administer their own funds - such as Unity with Nature.

The following budget augmentation requests were APPROVED:

- Social Order Committee: $650 for committee travel
- Bulletin Committee: 100 " " "
- Ministry and Oversight Committee: 300 Travel and Sub-Committee Expenses
- East-West Committee: 700 conference travel (from reserves)
- Unity with Nature Committee: 300 Committee Travel
- Bulletin Committee: 250 Bulletin Subsidy (for FWCC Triennial travel)
- Children's Program Committee: 300 Committee travel

The following changes in Yearly Meeting Sessions' expenses were APPROVED:

- Secretariat: $530 Copier
- Junior Y.M.: 250 Staff
- Children's Program: 1,000 Staff
- Registrar: [550] (efficiency?)
- Contribution JrYM: 300 Increase in budgeted income to match facts

The Nominating Committee had no changes in its time requests.
Holding Corp: It was reported that Santa Barbara Meeting may invest in Meeting House notes through the Friends General Conference.

FCNL Requests interest group time to discuss legislative priorities.

The Agenda Review Committee is clerked by Marilée Eusebio as the Assistant Clerk of the Yearly Meeting. Some YM clerks and committee clerks serve ex officio on this planning body, which schedules the events and gatherings during Yearly Meeting (interest groups, workshops, threshing sessions, and sharing groups) but does not plan the sessions' agendas.

Looking at our schedule, we contemplated adjourning for the night and resuming in the morning. We decided to put off until August any discussion of Representative Committee's role and to press on with the agenda to finish.

The proposed schedule for August PYM sessions was presented (Attachment Q). Some Friends considered the schedule anti-family, some felt Thursday to offer little to newcomers, and some asked about the role of Representative Committee. The following suggestion had general support: move Standing Committees to Wed. p.m., Memorials to Wed. eve, and Plenary to Thurs. a.m. The clerks agreed to try to accommodate this change in the schedule presented in August for approval.

Betty Hall, Statistical Clerk gave a report (attachment O) and requested a few minutes of plenary session time for a shorter than usual statistical report and a progress report on the Quaker Marriage bill.

Ben Levine, Historian - Archivist reported on the resolution of several past problems hindering his work. He requests time at an EARLY session, and passes along a request for file drawers.

Anne Friend submitted a report from the War Tax Concerns Committee. They are in the process of publishing a handbook on Military Taxes and Conscience due to be out in May. (attachment P)

The Committee to Nominate the Nominating Committee was APPROVED as constituted in our morning session: Susanna Matthay Convenor, Kimi Nakatani, and Paul Niebanck, with alternates Betty Hall and Greet Kershaw.

The Interim nomination of Keith Wedmore as Clerk of the Social Order Committee was APPROVED.

The Meeting closed in worship followed by brief announcements.

Sandra M. Farley
Recording Clerk

(List of attendees is attachment S)
### Financial Statements

#### Part 1: 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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1. Under control of UPM Ministry and Oversight Committee; not available for general PYM use.
2. Specifically contributed funds for use of the Friends in the Orient Committee; includes funds for "Winders" ($41). "Project" ($571); not available for general PYM use.
3. Represents printing costs, etc., that should be recovered by sale of the publication.
4. For use of the clerk, not available for general PYM use.
5. Friends Bulletin includes; not available for general PYM use.
6. These are funds invested in WORKING ASSETS MONEY FUND and money market accounts.
7. Travel reserves are funds set aside for future travel costs that PYM has already agreed to pay; some of these meet every 2 to 3 years, but we budget a portion of the cost each year.
8. These are the only funds available for general PYM use.
9. Specifically contributed funds for use of the Committee on East-West Relations. Not available for general PYM use.
10. Represents printing costs, etc. of Social Order Series that should be recovered by sale of the publications. Of the total advanced $40, was for the Bulletin (Massey) publication and $1,217 for the Social Order pamphlet. All "Massey" Costs have been repaid. $571 remains of Social Order pamphlet.
11. Funds located in separate account. Contributions are earmarked for the specific account. Not available for general PYM use.
12. Social Order Series Editor reported previously a starting balance $1,977; additions $2,403; reductions $1,243; ending balance $3,137.
13. Quaker Spiritual Quest Program reporting beginning balance $0; additions $2,585; reductions $12,673; ending balance $7,912.
14. Committee on East-West relations reported a starting balance of $395; additions $52,880; reductions $50,551; ending balance $2,724.
15. Committee on Unity with Nature reports an ending balance of $3,226.
Report from the Clerk of Southern California Quarterly Meeting to Representative Committee of P.Y.M.

There is little to report which was not already said last year at the 1987 Meeting of the Representative Committee at Orange Grove. No new Meetings have asked to become Monthly Meetings, no Meetings or Worship Groups were laid down.

Quarterly Meeting continues to be attended by those whose primary objective is fellowship and for many this is the principal reason why the Quarterly Meeting exists. This is also the view of Monthly Meetings; when they are asked what they want the Quarter to be, they are hard pressed for an answer beyond "fellowship for those who seek it". The needs for fellowship are real, however they tend to overshadow all other tasks and functions the Quarter could and perhaps should shoulder. The first day Meeting of the Quarter consists of a Meeting for Worship for Healing, a Meeting for Worship, Worship Fellowship Meetings, and at the end of the day, a Plenary Meeting for Worship for Business. The Peace and Social Order Committee has met the afternoon of the previous day, and while some of their deliberations may find their way to the Plenary Meeting in the form of minutes, too few of those who attended Peace and Social Order have remained to discuss them, and those who did not attend the Peace and Social Order Committee Meeting do not expect to give much time to its affairs. Monthly Meetings do not often bring matters of Business, the limited time, the structure of the day do not encourage it. All this makes the Meeting for Business too often a series of reports and announcements, which in itself does not stimulate attendance. The Quarter is not what it could be in bringing before those who attend Monthly Meetings the seasoned thinking and waiting in the decisions of issues which also should be its goal. Yet I do not see a solution in the mere restructuring of the Quarterly Meeting, this can only come when we are ready to rethink why we exist and what our tasks should be.

Devoted work has been done by Clerks of several committees. The children at the Quarter have been served by offered excellent programs and the committee is now also offering programs between Quarterly Meetings. Some of these will be arranged together with the Retreats Committee; in this way their work will increasingly reach parents and children. The programs for Junior and High School Friends, which also attempt to function between Quarterly Meetings, have had to retrench after a promising start but the committee is exploring how its work can be revitalized.

March 2 1988

(Great Kershaw)

Clerk S.C.Q. Meeting
As a result of the Pope's visit to California in 1987, the Society of Friends were 'found out' by other religious bodies. Two things have happened since last summer that are worth reporting on to the yearly meeting. We are not completely isolated from other religions, denominations, and other Quakers even though we often act as if we were.

In the summer, I was invited to attend the installation of a new bishop of a new Lutheran synod. Now that I am taking OSO, I may even ought to know what a synod and a bishop are. The installation was held in a Catholic cathedral in Oakland in October, and I was able to go. Naturally I was the one in the procession of 'heads' of churches without the fancy robes, but I did opt for a suit rather than shorts, slippers, and aloha shirt. Even so I did get a consent weeks later that my plain dress made an impression and statement, and it was appreciated. Personally I found the service very interesting. The only implication for PYM in the event was that we Quakers are here.

I was also enlisted to join the council of Judicatory Executives and Bishops of the Northern California Ecumenical Council, which meets every couple of months. The same group acts as NCEC's Faith and Witness Commission. PYM is not a member: I would be uncertain about PYM being a member of a council of churches in which we would be bound by a vote to any petitions, as I, and I think Friends, believe that thrust is not found by vote. I speculate that this is a reason that London Yearly Meeting does not belong to the World Council of Churches. The Roman Catholic diocese in northern California do not belong to NCEC as members either, but attend as observers, and I gather it is for similar reasons.

I attended the meeting in November, and was eager to listen to the discussion, as the Faith and Witness Commission has been sharing and discussing the various denominations' responses to the World Council of Churches' Proposal, (Eucharist, and Ministry) (BER). I had just last summer discovered London Yearly Meeting's pamphlet "To Lima with Love: a Quaker Response to Baptism, Eucharist, and Ministry" and found it very interesting and helpful. The November gathering covered the Methodist response and part of the Roman Catholic response. When I allowed as how there was this Quaker response, I was put on the agenda for January.

Preparing to explain and lead a discussion on Quakers' response to BER was a rewarding time for me. It was a time of careful preparation, prayer, and reading. I explained that "To Lima with Love" was not PYM's response and not a response for the Society of Friends, but that I felt the pamphlet did reflect Friends' beliefs. I recommended the pamphlet to all Friends; you can get it from FVMC. Those gathered in January received the Quaker position with interest, and as I had expected, it was quite different from the other church responses. It is the story of the Quaker stance on the Eucharist, and it differs from the other responses differ with the Beren on details, such as whether or not a nonmember may receive communion (sacrament) and whether or not the ordained attendance (Eucharist). We learned that the Quakers believe in the Kingdom of God, and the same in the Christian Church.

I will continue to meet with NCEC and religious groups as I am invited, have the time and energy, and feel the appropriateness of it as your Clerk. I do not feel comfortable during my first year to do beyond PYM, but now am able to and can see a value to the Society of Friends and PYM.

*LYM does not consider "To Lima..." to be a rejection of BER.
TO: All Yearly Meeting Clerks, and Clerks of EFA, FCC, FMU, and FACC.

FROM: The clerks who gathered in Los Angeles, 10/9-11/87.

November 1, 1987

Eleven yearly meeting clerks, and the clerk of FCC, gathered in a retreat center in Los Angeles in the second such gathering (the first was in 12/85) to share and worship together. The opportunity was set up by the Friends World Committee, but we ourselves determined its course. Janet Hoffman, just-retired clerk of New England Yearly Meeting, carried through her offer at the close of the first one to coordinate this gathering, very effectively.

We found it stimulating, informative, and affirming. There was an ease and unity among us as we quickly realized how typical our experiences and challenges were.

The "yearly meeting shop talk" seemed to begin between individuals and among us all the moment we met each other on arrival, and never really stopped. However, we did draw up a list of matters which most concerned us:

1. Preparation of agenda.
2. Caring for failing meetings.
3. What is clerking? How can we nurture a sense of worship throughout the meeting for business?
4. Eldering in the business meeting.
5. How can we help all to listen to the experience and concern behind diverse and sometimes unloose expressions?
7. The approval of minutes and the process of their final distribution.
8. What is "good order"? What structures enable committees to do their work effectively?
9. Sharing of "successes" and "failures" in clerking.
10. Faith and Practice (Discipline) revision process.
11. A typical day at our Yearly Meeting.

We chose to share systematically on 1, agenda; 3, clerking; 5, diversity; and 11, typical days. In addition we gave each other a better idea of the nature of each of our yearly meetings as ongoing organizations as well as what annual sessions are like. We soon realized that even though we were diverse in size and composition (though often 1/3 of our attenders at sessions are children), we clerks all had the same kinds of responsibilities and problems. We missed having clerks from EFA and from yearly meetings affiliated only with FMU, and felt sure that our sharing would have been deepened and broadened by their presence.

We agreed to send minute books from our 1987 yearly meeting sessions to each other (when published), and signed up to purchase copies of each others' books of Faith and Practice as we were interested.

We felt renewed and enabled by our sharing and blessed in our worship. Those newly-appointed clerks who had not yet clerked a yearly meeting session were particularly grateful for the opportunity to learn from the experience of more seasoned clerks.

We believe that another gathering would be beneficial, and proposed that there be another such retreat for clerks of our yearly meetings and clerks of EFA, FCC, FMU, and FACC, in two years.

We propose a location to which airline fares are likely to be reasonably low, and accessible by car for some clerks. We also wish to meet again in a setting conducive to a feeling of retreat, where clerks can be by themselves for all the time. Our proposal: Chicago, in late September or early October 1989.

We will ask the Friends World Committee, Section of the Americas, to sponsor one third clerks' gathering and to handle the mechanics of mailings. A small committee of clerks - Paul Buckley, Betty Munnoch, and David Nagle - is prepared to write letters and make site arrangements.

We hope that your or your successor will be able to take advantage of this experience, and that with this much advance notice, each yearly meeting or organization could do some budgeting or think about possible sources of funds so that all clerks can afford to attend.

Paul Buckley (Illinois)
Mary Potter Cadbury (New York)
Mary Dudley (Intermountain)
Janet Hoffman (New England - outgoing)
Stratton Jaquette (Pacific)
William Kriebel (New England - incoming)
Steve Lymes (Missouri Valley)
Elizabeth Munnoch (Friends General Conference)
David Nagle (Ohio)
Dee Rogers (South Central)
Jesse Snyder (North Pacific)
Richard Taylor (Lake Erie)
Ray Trelease (North Carolina - Conservative)
Visit of Pope John Paul II to California, 1987

During early 1987 some Friends suggested that it would be appropriate for the clerk of PFM to meet with John Paul II during his visit to California in September, 1987. After discussing this possibility with members of NAC and others, I wrote to the Archbishop of San Francisco to suggest such a meeting. I reported the possibilities to Friends in August. During the late summer, a number of Friends in PFM shared the basis for their discomfort with any action by PFM’s clerk that would appear to condone some of the positions of the Roman Catholic Church, especially regarding the position and treatment of women, gays, and lesbians in the church. On the other hand, Quakers have met with popes over the past 300 years to discuss a variety of matters, and in October 1986 Val Ferguson, general secretary of FCN, met John Paul II during the Day of Prayer for Peace at Assisi.

I therefore spent some considerable time preparing for a possible meeting with John Paul II. I decided to write a letter to him explaining both reasons for Quakers’ disagreement with some Church doctrine while at the same time being supportive of the Church’s activities in trying to foster peace, etc. It took me quite some time to prepare a letter to John Paul. The preparation for the letter and for a possible meeting with him was a rewarding personal spiritual journey, which included reading, discussion, meditation, and prayer. I did call Val Ferguson in London and received her report on her meeting with the pope; I wanted to be able to have some continuity in the message and dialog that the Society of Friends had with the Roman Catholic Church.

The letter that I wrote to John Paul II is, of course, my letter rather than a letter of the yearly meeting. I sent it to him through both of the archdiocese in California that were hosting his visit, along with a note expressing my hope that the letter would actually reach him and not be filed within the church correspondence. I did receive a reply from the Vatican in October; the reply is very short and is an acknowledgement only. Both my letter and the reply are attached to this report.

In the process of trying to arrange a visit with the pope in San Francisco, I was put in touch with the ecumenical office of the archdiocese. This led to a fair amount of correspondence and many phone calls at this time. The upshot of it was that I did have an opportunity to meet with John Paul II personally, but I could attend the mass to be given by John Paul II at Candlestick Park in San Francisco. I decided to attend to offer my prayers as well. I was able to attend to offer my prayers as well. I was able to attend the mass, just before he left on sabbatical.

I cannot say that the mass was a personally moving religious experience for me, but it was interesting and useful for me to understand better the Roman Catholic Church. Having never been to a Roman Catholic mass before, it was a new experience. John Paul II’s homily seemed to define Christians in a narrow way that would tend to exclude Quakers, and for that I was sad. I have no doubts but that we are Christians, but as Friends understand Christianity perhaps.

Somewhat unexpectedly, I was also invited to attend an interreligious event in Los Angeles as well: Nostra Aetate Alive. This event followed the Vatican II document “Nostra Aetate”; it included 100 representatives from each of the Jewish, Islamic, Buddhist, and Hindu communities in greater Los Angeles plus 400 Christians. I was able to attend after doing some business in Los Angeles. There were musical/theatrical presentations from the various religious communities in the Japan America Theatre for over an hour before John Paul II’s arrival. For security reasons we had to be inside the theater well before John Paul II arrived. This was followed by formal presentations to John Paul by the four leaders and a formal response by the Pope.

I was struck by one common thread in three of the four presentations to the Church. This was strong concern for the protection and preservation of the earth, its people, and environment, and a call for the religions of the world to take an active part in slowing and stopping the despoliation of the earth. The Jewish representative had a special agenda on anti-Semitism and recognition of Israel. They all called for better understanding and relations between the religions. I was able to video tape the presentations at home, and I think it would be good for Friends to recognize the message of the other religions. I was disappointed that the atmosphere at the gathering was one of theater rather than religious experience.

In all of this, I was preparing myself to be able to meet with John Paul II personally with whatever message might come from the Spirit. I thus spent several weeks preparing; the call to live in the presence of the Spirit constantly for days and weeks is by itself rewarding. It is something I do not do except for the week of yearly meeting, so I found the whole affair valuable for me, even though the message of Friends to John Paul II was not as personal and direct as it might have been. As I mentioned in a separate report, the contact with the archdiocese in San Francisco did lead to continued contact and discussion with various churches within the Northern California Ecumenical Council, of which PFM is not a member.

March 1988

Stratton C. Jaquette
clerk
PACIFIC YEARLY MEETING
of the RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS

September 11, 1987

Pope John Paul II
Offices of the Papal Visit
Archdiocese of Los Angeles and of San Francisco
933 Grattan Street
445 Church Street
Los Angeles, California 90015
San Francisco, California 94114

Dear John Paul II,

I write you this letter in advance of your visit to California, knowing that I am unlikely to have the opportunity to convey a personal welcome to you or to share with you the concerns and joys of Quakers in Pacific Yearly Meeting. The message that I send you is offered, limited by my understanding of the common leading of God among Friends in the Yearly Meeting. We share the same discipleship and the same God, the Truth that Friends come to know, after corporate and individual searching in the direct presence of God, must come to be the same that you understand to be the Truth.

As Pacific Yearly Meeting, we find ourselves sometimes uneasy members of the Christian community because of the significant differences we see between our approach to God and that of most Protestant, Catholic, and Orthodox sects or orders; ours is not one of doctrine, but of direct communion with the Spirit, seeking God’s will. This is evident in the Faith and Practices and Books ofChristian Discipline of the Society’s varied yearly meetings; it is also restated in other more direct responses to the Church, such as in “To Lima with love - Baptism, eucharist, and ministry: a Quaker response.” Believing that there are many paths towards divine understanding, many Friends are led to explore common bases of our faith with those of Hindus, Buddhists, Jews, Muslims, and others. I am very glad, therefore, to meet with you and other religious leaders in Yustra Aeta Alive, in what I see as a process to gather the churches and religions of the world into a dialog and a common understanding. As we find within the Society of Friends, diversity is an opportunity for greater understanding and deeper sharing in the Spirit, but this comes with difficulty, and only when we allow ourselves to be guided by that Spirit.

I have talked with many Friends, some who doubt the wisdom of seeking to endorse your Church practices and some who hope for constructive sharing of our concerns and hopes. We feel great joy when we see a convergence of our Quaker testimonies with the Church’s doctrine and practice. At the same time I must share the disappointment and sadness of Friends when the leadings of God, which are clear to us, are not shared by the Catholic Church. I pray and wait with the sure knowledge that there is one standard of truth, and as our mutual understanding of that Truth develops under the revelation and guidance of God’s love, we will come to a commonality of belief.

One example of convergence of our testimonies is our concern for peace: Quaker testimony for peace has spoken clearly for over 300 years that our opposition to all wars and violence is firmly grounded in the equal value of each of God’s children. Wars and violence are antithetical to our calling as disciples. Val Ferguson, General Secretary of Friends World Committee for Consultation, shared her meeting with you at Assisi in the Day of Prayer for Peace. This common call to peace represented an exciting occasion of common testimony for Quakers, Catholics, and other religions. Our Queries and Advices remind us that it is through our lives that we reveal our faith; they remind us to remove the obstacles for war and to foster the occasions for reconciliation and peace. I hope that your Church will be a church of peace, love, and reconciliation. We have a common hope for peace, and I trust that Friends, Catholics, and all mankind will be led to the same depth and breadth of conviction that God’s way is to have us live in peace.

Other pronouncements of your Church give us disquiet and sadness and tend to divide Catholics and Quakers: these include doctrine on equality of women, sexual practices, and homosexuality. In particular, our understanding of homosexuality does not seem to agree with yours, and we hope for growth in the Church’s understanding and response. Friends believe in equality of human worth before God, and the inner Light of God provides us all with the ability to come to understand, know, and live according to the leadings of God. This does not mean that we all achieve a ‘life as might be’. Our value and potential to do God’s work is not dependent on heterosexuality or homosexuality, and the gay and lesbian members of our meetings can be as valued, gifted, and inspired by the Spirit as our heterosexual members. The Minutes of our Yearly Meeting continue to reflect our unity in our acceptance of homosexuals and to remind us that the love we show to all our fellows on earth must be complete. I offer one Minute for your reflection: “Now more aware of the socially inflicted suffering of people who love others of the same sex, we affirm the power and joy of non-exploitive, loving relationships. As a Society and as individuals we oppose arbitrary social, economic, and legal abridgement of the right to share this love.” (Pacific Yearly Meeting, 1972)

The Church’s position on homosexuality, and on some other issues, are cause for concern and much searching, and many Quakers will be addressed these prayers and actions towards you, hoping that you will come to understand as they do.

I will be holding you and those travelling with you in the Light and in my prayers during your visit within the bounds of Pacific Yearly Meeting, especially with you in Mass at Candlestick Park. I hope that your common understandings will grow and that your visits will be a visible step towards this end. I close.

With Love,

Stratton C. Jaquette
Presiding Clerk
258 Cherry Avenue
Los Altos, California 94022-2270
REPORT FROM PEACE COMMITTEE TO PYM REPRESENTATIVE COMMITTEE

MARCH 5, 1988

Submitted by Linda Dunn, Clerk

SECTION A. Report of Activities Since Yearly Meeting, 1987

1. The Clerk received a request for a loan from the Conscience Fund for Students (CFS) which subsequently was considered and approved by the CFS Committee. In working through the process, it became clear that the guidelines needed to be removed to more clearly reflect the original intent. Peace Committee members developed suggestions contained in the revised guidelines attached and forwarded to Representative Committee for consideration. The student receiving a loan and the Meeting involved have offered to consult with any other student or Meeting interested in seeing that the fund is used.

2. Peace Committee met on 2/6/88 with the following in attendance: Members--Linda Dunn, Euclid Baumste, Barbara Graves, Stephen Jones, Lisa McKinney-Adler, and George Rudenister; Ex Officio--Glade Innerst, Sandra Gay, and Catherine Langston. Franklin Zahn attended to provide a status report on the Declaration of Faith. Members Lanny Jay and Peter Trier were unable to attend.

In addition to planning for Yearly Meeting (see SECTION B), Peace Committee discussed the following:

a. A letter to be sent to Meetings containing an update on the Declaration of Faith, a copy of the press release about the Declaration of Faith sent to the media by Earmont Meeting, and a copy of the newspaper article that resulted. The letter would describe plans for Yearly Meeting, ask for participation, and remind Meetings about forwarding minutes.

b. Support of the effort to publicize and to encourage Quaker participation in the Nevada Test Site demonstration beginning March 11, 1988. We revised a flyer and developed a cover letter which was sent to all Meetings on 2/12/88. A Quaker village and affinity group will be formed at the test site.

c. Increasing contact of Peace Committee members with Meetings by assigning each member several Meetings to contact, by phone and in person (when possible). The first contact was to have been made as a follow-up to the mailing on the Nevada Test Site Demonstration.

(Cont.)

Peace Committee Report
March 5, 1988

d. Sponsoring a program on Non-Violent Direct Action at the Southern California Mid-Winter Quarter Meeting to be led by Carol Nevers, Program Director at the AFSC Office in Pasadena. (The program, attended by over 50 Friends, was enthusiastically received.)

The Committee also heard a talk by Bea Miller about the need for peace in the Middle East.

SECTION B. Plans/Requests for Yearly Meeting

1. Clerical Sessions Peace Committee would like to have ten minutes early in YM to introduce members, describe our role and schedule, and to mention minutes that have been received. We would like a second, longer (2 hours?) time during which we plan to discuss "Living Our Witness of Nonviolence" (to be led by Peter Trier) and to address minutes.

2. Interest Groups Peace Committee is trying to limit the number of interest group requests (and thus the number of simultaneous programs). We plan one interest group on the Crises in the Middle East. Our second request is for an "Urgent Action Workshop" to present a brief overview on Sanctuary/Central America, S&F and First Strike, and Middle East issues. After the presentations resource people will be available to assist in letter writing. Barbara Graves will coordinate this workshop.

3. Hiroshima Day Vigil This year we plan the noon Hiroshima Day Vigil on Friday, August 6 (which is August 6 in Japan). We again will seek the assistance of the children in making signs and of Young Friends to monitor the group as we walk to and from the park. Peace Committee will coordinate with the Chico Peace Group and Chico Meeting.

4. Sharing Group Peace Committee would like to invite the Peace Committee Clerks from Meetings to discuss our role within our Meetings and PYM. We also discussed a joint Sharing Group on Central American Issues with the Social Concerns Committee and the Unity with Nature Committee.

5. Arrangements We would like a table for display, and a permanent meeting room that is wheelchair accessible.

In Peace and Love,

Linda Dunn
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Report of Friends in the Orient Committee

1. Lois & Louis Haddad are our Friends in the Orient in China. Both speak English at the Asia Mission Institute. They have spread their Mid-Winters (February) break in Hawaii & South America due to Lois's health. Hopefully both will return to China by Mid-March. Friends will find reports from the Heads in the Friends Bulletin.

2. Nancy Doolittle
3. The F30 Committee sent out a letter recently to Monthly Meeting Chairs describing what we would like to do this year regarding financial help to the Project Fund for individuals. The overall amount is being set aside in the current account. The Friends are all supporting the need in some financial need from us.
4. Nancy Doolittle from P.P.Y.M. returned last summer from 1½ years in China, teaching English to professionals preparing to come to the United States. Nancy has become fluent in Chinese, plans to travel in and the country in rural areas, and her outstanding skills. The F30 Committee encourages her to travel among Friends with some travel money. She may go back to China as an East Friend in the Orient but this isn't settled yet. If she does she will require travel expense to and from China plus travel within China. She would have a salary for whatever teaching position she has.
5. A request to help young Asian Friends attend the Friends in Tokyo. We would like to be able to exhibit 2000-3000 to FWO CC for this purpose.
6. FWC CC has 1 Friend from India, 1 from the Philippines, 1 from Taiwan, 2 from Korea, 1 from Hong Kong who needs help. F30 Committee would like to make a basic contribution as that Pauline Tutmar from India be one of those helped.

2. Stephen & Ruth Yang from Chengdu in China are being sent to the Conference of the Federation of Physicians for the Prevention of Nuclear War in Montreal then to go on to the Triennial in Tokyo. The F30 Committee would like to invite the Yang to attend P.Y.M. on their way to Tokyo.

— Marta Day

3. The Committee will send plenary time to if Stephen & Ruth Yang come, an interest group as well.
This report covers the time interval since PYM, 1987. During this interval, the Committee has met three times. Two additional meetings in this fiscal year are planned, one at Yearly Meeting, and one in mid-September. Our Committee work has been characterized by joyous meetings in which our business has been conducted in an atmosphere of corporate worship. Our work this year is focused in areas intended to strengthen awareness of the environmental concern within PYM at the Monthly Meeting level. We anticipate that this will continue to be an important aspect of the Committee's activities.

This report is subdivided into five parts: (1) The Ben Lomond Conference, (2) The Unity with Nature Newsletter, (3) Preparation of a special supplement to Friends Bulletin, (4) Request for Supplemental Travel Funds, (5) Requests for Representative Committee and Plenary Time at PYM, and a request for Interest Group time at PYM.

(1) The Ben Lomond Conference. Our conference, entitled "Being in Unity with Nature" was held last weekend (Feb. 24-28, 1988), beginning with Friday dinner and ending with Sunday lunch. Our purpose was to bring together PYM Friends to explore the nature of our concern for the environment. Each Monthly meeting was requested to send at least one representative. Forty-six people were registered at the Conference, at least 15 Monthly Meetings. Four visitors from outside PYM were also in attendance (two from Australia, one from New Hampshire and one from Minnesota). Activities included discussions held in small groups along the worship-fellowship format, meetings for worship, experiential outings to explore and interrogate the redwood forest, participation in a game simulating eco-collapse, folk dancing, and sharing and discussion in the large group. These activities gave expression in many forms to our concern for the environment, and generated a heightened awareness of our relationship to all of God's creation. We looked together on the concept of being in unity with nature. We initiated a discussion to explore the elements of a Friends testimony on the environmental concern. It was the consensus of this gathering that Friends need to examine our faith and practice in the light of the environmental concern; the following minutes was approved.

Our concern for the earth is a spiritual one. We feel the need to examine our faith and practice in the context of this concern. We invite and celebrate the light each meeting has to shed on this.
Our reasons for contracting this work are as follows. (1) To produce a journal of the quality necessary to best serve this concern, we believe that it is essential that the editor have a professional background in the area of religion and environmental ethics. No volunteer with the necessary professional skills and background has come forward. (2) For this demonstration project to be viable, the special supplement should be produced in a way that approximates as nearly as possible the journal we envisage. Production and distribution of this supplement in June via Friends Bulletin will give PYM Friends a unique opportunity to determine whether or not the creation of an environmental ethics journal with a hired part-time professional editor is something PYM wants to sponsor.

To provide you with further information about our special supplement, and to allow you to become acquainted with its editor, I have asked Jane Yett to make a brief presentation.

(Presentation by Jane Yett)

If there is a strong, favorable response to this supplement to the Bulletin, then our Committee will bring a detailed proposal for the creation of an environmental ethics journal to PYM in August. Currently, we are making a detailed analysis of the production costs for a quarterly publication. Our preliminary figures indicate that the project may need some seed money from PYM for the first and second years. We are exploring the possibility of sharing the production costs with other Friends bodies. If this possibility becomes a reality, then it is likely that we would request that PYM be the employer of record for a part-time professional editor.

Preliminary calculations indicate that at a subscription rate of $15/yr., between 1,000 and 2,000 subscriptions would make this journal self-supporting. We believe these subscription levels are realistic. Friends Bulletin has a current subscription of 1,000, while Friends Journal has 7,000. We expect that the journal will appeal to a wide religious audience.

(4) Request for Additional Travel Funds. The Committee has exhausted the PYM travel funds for fiscal year 1988. We plan to meet at PYM in Chico, and again in mid-September before the end of the fiscal year. We anticipate that this second meeting will require an additional $300 to meet airfares and mileage costs for transportation. Therefore, we request an additional $300 be added to our budget to meet these anticipated expenses.

(5) Requests for Representative Committee and Plenary Time at PYM, and Request for Interest Group Time. If the response of PYM membership to the prototype environmental ethics journal issue is strong and favorable, then the Committee will bring a detailed proposal with one or more funding plans to Representative Committee at PYM. Thus, adequate time should be set aside so that the proposal may receive adequate seasoning. If the proposal proceeds beyond Representative Committee to Plenary, then sufficient Plenary time will be required for consideration of the proposal by the full Yearly Meeting. We estimate that at least one hour of Representative Committee time will be required at Monday's meeting. Thirty minutes plus time for discussion should be sufficient for presentation of the proposal to Plenary. However, because the issue is potentially complex, it may be that additional Representative Committee and Plenary time will be needed. We will also need to consult with the Finance Committee and our Treasurers so that the financial plans we expect to bring forward receive detailed examination.

Finally, we request that an interest group on the environmental concern be scheduled early in the week of PYM so that those in attendance at PYM who are especially interested in the Committee's work and in the journal proposal will be able to learn about our activities and plans.

We need a meeting room as well.
The work of the Quaker Spiritual Quest Program, a sub-committee of the Religious Education Committee, continues to be the major focus of the Committee.

This year in the College Park Quarter we find three 9 month programs being offered. The sites are Santa Cruz, Palo Alto and Redwood Forest Meeting. Each program is fully enrolled with 20-25 participants. The three groups meet together for their retreats. These groups have retained the form and structure of the original model of the Quaker Studies Program that originated in Philadelphia Yearly Meeting.

In other areas of PYM variations have grown out of the QSQ Programs offered in 1987 and 1988. Some of these are follow-up programs. The Valley Group in the Sacramento/Davis area has enjoyed two follow-up sessions and plans a third.

The Grass Valley Meeting has designed an "economic model" that is called the Quaker Roots Study Program. It is a 3 trimester series of sessions without retreats. The form is different from QSQ but the objectives are the same.

In the Southern Quarter area the La Jolla Meeting is offering 8 Tuesday evening sessions in the San Diego area as a requested follow-up and extension of their previous program.

The rest of the Quarter is experimenting with a "Circuit Rider Program" that features 3 Friends traveling with a message to 4 locations that have been chosen in the hope that they will permit most of the meetings in the Quarter to participate if they wish. The locations are Claremont Meeting, Orange Grove Meeting, San Clemente area and Santa Monica Meeting. The program is designed as a 3 hour lecture and study series and meets on Saturday or Sunday afternoons.

We will make a full report available at Yearly Meeting in August.

The Committee continues to struggle with the frustration of not being able to adequately respond to the charge of the Religious Education Committee to promote the Religious Education of both the adults and the children of PYM.

We do wish to request an Interest Group at PYM on First Day School concerns.

Greet Kershaw and Joan Johnson, Co-Clerks of the Religious Education Comm.
FYM BRINTON VISITOR PROGRAM
TENTATIVE SCHEDULE FOR BARBARA GRAVES, BRINTON VISITOR FOR 1988-89

September 15, 1988 to November 1, 1988  North Pacific Yearly Meeting
November 10, 1988 to November 20, 1988  Northern area of the College Park Quarterly Meeting
November 25, 1988 to December 9, 1988  Hawaiian Islands
December 12, 1988 to December 19, 1988  Mexico City Meeting
January 1-15, 1989  Southern area of College Park Quarterly Meeting
March 19, 1989 to April 30, 1989  Intermountain Yearly Meeting

Barbara Graves of Strawberry Creek Meeting will be traveling amongst us as a Friendly Visitor prepared to facilitate sharings on whatever problems and/or opportunities for growth Friends are wanting to think through with a seasoned Friend, experienced in consultation among Friends.

Areas on which Barbara can be expected to have some perspective from her years of experience with Friends would include:

1. The "good order" of Friends.
2. Deepening our spiritual lives, individually and collectively.
3. Translating our Quakerism in social action.
4. Our Quaker heritage as a prophetic religion: Is it relevant today?

STATISTICAL REPORT, REPRESENTATIVE COMMITTEE, MARCH 5, 1988

It's always a pleasure to report on new monthly meetings in Pacific Yearly Meeting. In October, College Park Quarterly Meeting approved Chico as a Monthly Meeting. We welcome them as the thirty-sixth Meeting of PYM.

Also, I am glad to report that Redwood Forest Meeting has recommended Humboldt Preparative Meeting to become a Monthly Meeting. That request will be reviewed by the Ministry and Oversight Committee of College Park Quarterly Meeting.

In addition, Big Island continues as a Preparative Meeting of the joint care of Honolulu Meeting and Pacific Yearly Meeting.

As part of last year's Statistical Report, meeting recorders were asked to clarify the status of Worship Groups in their vicinity. Some worship groups are steady streams; others ebb and flow with the tides, convening only when there exists a specific need. It has become confusing over a period of time as to which groups are under the care of a preparative, monthly or quarterly meeting, verses those groups which state that they meet in the manner of Friends. Such an error was reported to the Statistical Clerk regarding Ojai Worship Group. Ojai is NOT under the care of, or affiliated with, either a monthly meeting or Southern California Quarterly Meeting. Listings of Worship Groups found in Quarterly Meeting Directories does not constitute being under the care of a meeting. The inclusion of some worship groups in the directories is for informational purposes only. Therefore, the Statistical Report will continue to annually inquire of monthly meetings as to the status of Worship Groups and I shall make this data part of the Statistical Summary at yearly meeting.

Finally, Meeting Representatives are again asked to bring picture of members and attenders who have died in the past year with them to yearly meeting. The photographs will be displayed prior to the Memorial Worship and then returned. Your meeting recorder will be able to furnish you with the names of members who have died since last yearly meeting.

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CONSCIENCE FUND FOR STUDENTS

Pacific Yearly Meeting has created a fund to assist students who are not eligible for federal or other student loans because their conscience will not let them register for the draft. The following guidelines are presented in order to help Monthly Meetings assist students affected by draft registration.

Guidelines

Any individual who, for reasons of conscience or religious belief, is not eligible for federal or other student loans because of the restrictions imposed by the Solomon Amendments may apply for aid from the nearest Monthly Meeting to his place of residence. Applicants are not required to be members of the Society of Friends.

The Monthly Meeting, through its appropriate committee, will appoint a Clearance Committee to work with the applicant. The clearance committee should explore with the applicant his decisions involving registration, career goals and financial needs to complete his education. The Monthly Meeting should assist the applicant in securing legal counsel regarding the act of non-registration. The Monthly Meeting should consider the extent to which it can meet the needs of the student without turning to the PYM Conscience Fund for Students.

The applicant should be encouraged to explore non-governmental assistance available through the school of his choice, or to consider alternative schools where aid is available, or tuition is within his financial means.

Loans from the Conscience Fund for Students are limited to $1,000 per school year. The terms are 5% interest until two years following the student’s graduation from (or leaving) school. Thereafter the loan shall bear 7% interest per annum on the unpaid balance.

Consideration should be given to using the Fund to pay the difference between the interest on a commercial loan and that required on a government loan, or paying the interest on a commercial loan.

Meetings located near schools might consider assistance in the form of subsidized housing in the home of a Meeting member; assistance in securing part-time employment; material gifts or loans of books, typewriters, computers and other student equipment; used clothing, etc.

When the Monthly Meeting is clear that a loan from the Conscience Fund for Students is in order and necessary, it should communicate with the PYM/CFS Committee through the Clerk of the Peace Committee, detailing the arrangements and understandings worked out with the student.

The Monthly Meeting shall receive Conscience Fund monies and be responsible for making payment to the student, for continuing contacts with the student, for handling repayments from the student, and for returning all receipts to PYM.

The PYM/CFS Committee shall be responsible for administering the Fund, allocating loans to students as funds are available, and directing the Treasurer to disburse funds to the Monthly Meeting Treasurer.

The PYM Conscience Fund for Students Committee shall consist of the Clerk of the Peace Committee, the Clerk of the Finance Committee, and a designated member of the N&O Committee.

Each Monthly Meeting is urged to contribute to the PYM Conscience Fund for Students. Special fund raising events as well as yearly budget allocations are appropriate. Individual Friends are encouraged to contribute to the Fund.

The annual activity of the Conscience Fund for Students will be reported at Pacific Yearly Meeting.

When the Conscience Fund for Students is laid down, all remaining funds and loans collected and repaid will go to the PYM Fund for Concerns.

August 12, 1965
Revised February, 1966
Dear Friend,

Your letter of January 12 concerning the Representative Committee Meeting to be held March 5 was presented to our Monthly Meeting last evening and, after discussion, it was decided not to try to send a representative.

We felt that we are somewhat on the margins of the concerns of Pacific Yearly Meeting and that the presence of a representative would not aid greatly in planning for next August. Add to that the distance and expense, plus the fact that we are now very few in number.

We will try to send someone to Pacific Yearly Meeting in August, though at present we do not know who it will be. He or she will be prepared to report on our principal activities, namely, Casa de los Amigos, Refugees, Earthquake Reconstruction, "Inter-Exchange" Student Exchanges, the Biblioteca Jorge Fox, and our relations with the XII General Session of Friends in Mexico, which we hosted here at the Casa on February 5-7 last.

With friendly greetings,

Donald Campbell, Clerk

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The special issue "Environment in Friends Concerns," will feature: ecojustice perspectives (how environment and justice are intertwined) in Central America, the surge of environmental interest in theological and religious circles worldwide, and an overview of the fascinating realm a Friend's journal on environment can cover. Make the journey with us. We all know what's at stake.
provide for initial distribution of the Handbook and staff support during the transition. However, committee members and Linda Coffin plan to attend Yearly Meetings and other gatherings through the summer in order to distribute the book and to be available as resource people.

The February Employers' Conference was held at the request of and in cooperation with the New Call to Peacemaking. Copies of the draft Manual for Employers were sent in advance to all participants and the Quaker participants, many of them resource people for the conference, met in advance for more intense discussion. The conference was very successful. In addition to producing additional material and suggestions for the Employer's Manual, it provided a valuable opportunity for newer leaders in the denominations to get to know each other better.

It appears that the Manual, now undergoing the final revisions, is likely to reach a wider audience than originally anticipated. There have already been inquiries from groups associated with other churches than those in New Call, and much of the material could be valuable to secular employers with tax resisters among their employees. Publication in loose leaf format to allow for updating is scheduled for early summer.

Again, I would like to thank you all for appointing me as your representative to FCWTC. I will not be able to attend North Pacific Yearly Meeting this year, but plan to be at Intermountain and Pacific. I also hope to lead an interest group when Friends Church southwest Yearly Meeting meets in Southern California in June, and I am considering trying to get my employer to allow me enough additional unpaid leave to join other committee members in presenting the Handbook to Friends General Conference. The blurring of boundary lines that has come from being an FCWTC representative, sometimes "from" and sometimes "to", has been one of the joys of the job and a real source of spiritual growth.

Expense Statement

FRIENDS COMMITTEE ON WAR TAX CONCERNS

Report from Anne Friend to Intermountain, North Pacific and Pacific Yearly Meetings

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SPECIAL NOTICE TO MONTHLY MEETINGS

There is a real need for one-time contributions designated for publication costs of the HANDBOOK ON MILITARY TAXES AND CONSCIENCE. These funds will have to come from individuals and Monthly Meetings because we hope the book will be for sale at Yearly Meetings and the committee laid down. Please consider making a contribution and encourage your members and attenders to help finish this project.

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The "Handbook on Military Taxes and Conscience" will be published in May, 1988 if enough money to pay the printer ($12,000 in addition to what is presently pledged) can be raised by mid-April. It will contain all the material in the published booklets, four additional chapters, a study guide and an index. The additional chapters will cover personal experiences (several from our meetings), legislative history (written by David Bassett and revised and edited for the book by me), statements of other religious groups and a description of current international activity on the issue (an area where there has been major development in the last two years).

The anticipated price of $12.00 each with a special pre-publication price of $9.00 is expected to cover the cost and distribution of the first printing. Order forms will be sent to all monthly meetings the first week in May.

The next meeting of the committee in Washington, DC, May 5-6 is expected to be the last. The main items on the agenda are: (1) seeing copies of the completed Handbook; (2) hearing reports on the February employers' conference and feedback on the final draft of the Employer's Manual (see below); (3) laying the committee down. At the January meeting, there was considerable discussion of the manner of devolution, and we have written to the FWCC Section of the Americas. The minute asks the section, possibly by establishing a new standing committee on peace concerns, to receive and distribute the literature produced, to respond to inquiries, to assist in arranging meetings and conferences, to consider the possibility of sponsoring a national Quaker conference on war tax concerns and to continue the ecumenical contacts which FCWTC has begun. The FCWTC budget adopted covers staff and office expenses through June to
I will mention first in this report the items that I bring for action.

1. Requests for time at PYM

   a) M&O requests its traditional time slot in the Monday evening plenary session. We will focus on the state of our Meetings. The committee hopes to incorporate some sharing on concerns related to the meaning of corporate action, particularly on issues of peace and social justice.

   b) M&O requests also some significant time at a second plenary session, to be devoted to the issue of same sex marriage. It seems essential to us to acknowledge that the wide range of responses to this issue now existing in our Yearly Meeting includes many not in sympathy with the concept of same sex marriage. We want to continue our search for the Light with a chance for open expression of this diversity. We consider many possible approaches to this goal, but are united in our belief that a plenary session presents the best opportunity. It is our hope that we can hold a meeting in a spirit of worship, trying to listen to each other with love, tenderness, and trust. We hope also that Discipline Committee will want to join us in planning and presenting this issue at the plenary session.

   c) M&O also wishes to plan an interest group on "good order" in PYM plenary sessions. Pegge Lacey left some concerns with us at our last M&O meeting during her last PYM session, and we would like to share these concerns with those interested and initiate conversations about some of our current procedures in plenary sessions. (For example, use of handiwork, repeated cries of "clerk, please", head waving for applause.)

2. Request for budget increase

   We are asking a request for an increase of $300 in our budget for the current fiscal year. Details of our budget have been submitted to the Finance Committee. Primary reasons are increased travel costs for our committee meetings and needed expenses for our new Workshops Subcommittee.

3. Proposed minute

   In August '87, at PYM, the Finance Committee forwarded to M&O a proposal they had received that PYM provide each year travel subsidies for one person from each Preparative Meeting to attend Representative Committee and PYM sessions. M&O considered this proposal in our February meeting. We believe it important to further the relation of Yearly Meeting with its Preparative Meetings, and we approved that the following minute be presented to Representative Committee:

   Pacific Yearly Meeting will regularly reimburse part of the travel expenses for one representative of each Preparative Meeting to attend the Representative Committee and Yearly Meeting session in August. This reimbursement will be made on the same basis as reimbursement to comparably located monthly meetings—that is, 7 cents a mile for representatives from meetings in California, and $100 to Big Island Friends Preparative Meeting, which is the amount paid for Honolulu Monthly Meeting and Mexico City representatives. Travel to Representative Committee session in March will not be reimbursed for preparative meetings.

Many of the concerns of M&O are dealt with in subcommittees:

1) Brinton Visitor Subcommittee - Joan Johnson, Clerk
   Her report, attached, outlines the tentative schedule for Barbara Graves, Brinton Visitor for '88 - '89.

2) Mental Illness Subcommittee - Hermione Baker, Clerk
   A book, A Family Affair, has been sent with a cover letter to all meetings and worship groups of PYM. The committee has received some generous gifts and donations which will cover its expenses this year.

3) Workshop Subcommittee - David James Bloom, Convener
   We have agreed that it will be helpful to make the function of this committee more explicit by expanding its title to Subcommittee on Workshops on Quaker Processes. A workshop will be presented at Ben Lomond, March 25-27, on decision making, clerking, and community. Two members of this committee from Southern California had to resign. The current membership, Marty Carson, Lowell Tozer, and Asenath Young, are initiating plans for a workshop in the south next fall.

4) Big Island Friends Oversight Committee - Leonard Dart, Clerk
   We are in communication with the Big Island Friends and with the Honolulu members of the Oversight Committee. There has been some change in membership of the BIFOC. The current group has not yet requested a change from Preparative Meeting status.

5) Worship Fellowship Subcommittee - Ingrid Petersen, Clerk
   Ingrid Petersen has agreed to serve as clerk of Worship Fellowship Committee for the year 1988, assisted by Lyman Carney in the south. Bob Barns from Grass Valley has agreed to assist this year and to serve as clerk in 1989. We expect to appoint an additional member from the north.

6) Fund for Concerns Subcommittee - Eric Moon, Convener
   There is no report at this time from this committee.

Additional items of interest are the following:

1) M&O worked with Discipline Committee in preparing a letter on issues regarding membership to be sent from our two committees to all meetings and worship groups. A report on our responses will be made at a later date. Copy of letter is attached.

2) We have had conversations with representatives from Sacramento Meeting regarding their interest in considering affiliation of their Meeting with FOC. If they decide to request affiliation it will need approval of PYM. They are still considering this move.

Respectfully submitted,
Jean Walton
Jean Walton, Clerk M&O
# Pacific Yearly Meeting

**Representative Committee — March 5, 1988 — Tentative Agenda**

**PACIFIC YEARLY MEETING**

**of the Religious Society of Friends**

**MARCH 5, 1988**

**Berkeley Meeting House**

2151 Vine St., Berkeley, CA 94709

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**Thursday, March 10, 1988**

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  - Worship
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**Friday, March 11, 1988**

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**Saturday, March 12, 1988**

- **Session 11**
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**Sunday, March 13, 1988**

- **Session 11**
  - Worship
  - Session 12
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To: Clerks of Monthly Meetings and Worship Groups

Dear Friends,

We believe that most Friends are aware that the Committee on Ministry and Oversight and the Discipline Committee of Pacific Yearly Meeting have been working together on questions which arose around the introduction of the new FAITH AND PRACTICE in 1985.

We are hoping at this time to learn more about the meaning of membership among Friends in PYM and are interested in whatever you can share about your Meeting's views and practices. There are many facets to this broad topic. We offer the following specific questions as possible tools to help your Meeting focus a discussion. Any responses you may wish to make to some or all of these or related questions will be helpful.

- What topics do your Clearness Committees generally discuss with prospective members?
- How do you describe to applicants the responsibilities of membership?
  - What are the benefits of membership?
  - What action has your Meeting taken about the recording or membership of children?
- What are your procedures in handling the transfer of membership?
- Do you have more than 1 category of membership; if so, what are they and how did you arrive at them?
- Has dual membership been an issue in your Meeting?
- Has the '85 FAITH AND PRACTICE changed any of your practices relative to membership?

Many Friends will recall that two years ago three areas of primary concern were identified: the Christo-centric language of the new F&P, same-sex marriage, and issues around membership. We received a wide range of thoughtful responses to our questions on the matter of Christo-centric language and were able to share these at PYM. We know that we have not yet received a comparable expression of the variety of opinions in regard to marriage. Although this current letter is centered on membership,

we remind you that your comments on any of these topics - or, indeed, others - will always be carefully considered and welcomed.

Please send any responses you care to make to the address below. Be assured that your comments will be shared with members of both committees and discussed thoughtfully.

On behalf of the committees,

Jean Walton
Jean Walton, Clerk,
Ministry and Oversight

Jane Peers
Jane Peers, Clerk,
Discipline

Please send responses to:
Jane W. Peers
808 Melba Rd.
Encinitas, CA 92024

Members, Committee on Ministry and Oversight:
Jean Walton, Clerk (CL)
David-James Bloom (RF/SF)
Eric Moon (BE)
Walter Damon-Ruth (OG)
Leonard Dart (CL)
Dorothy Vura-Weiss (IV)
Hermitone Baker (CL)
Jeanne Lohmann (SF)
Edward Flowers (RF)
Ex officio: Presiding Clerk:
Stratton Jaquette

Members, Discipline Committee:
Jane Peers, Clerk (LJ)
Tad Kershner (GV)
James Sanetel (SH)
Lois Bailey (GV)
Martha Dart (CL)
Ben Levine (SM) (Ex officio
Historian/Archivist)

(over)
To: PYM Officers and Committee Clerks, Quarterly Meeting Clerks, and Monthly Meeting Clerks for the Monthly Meeting Representatives and Observers; and to others for information

Dear Friends,

We now have less than two weeks before Representative Committee meets in Berkeley. You should have received my letter of last month covering the date and arrangements for Representative Committee hosted by Strawberry Creek and Berkeley meetings at Berkeley meeting house on March 5, and if needed on Sunday the 6th. If you need to arrange for hospitality or transportation to or from the meeting, call Laura Magnani (facilities: 415 843-9725), Erica Orvis (hospitality: 415 841-9616), or Patricia Stewart (transportation: 415 841-0621). If you fly to San Francisco, the bus you take is not called the Airporter; take the bus to Berkeley to the Durant Hotel. Virginia and Walter Klein have sent travel checks to PYM officers and committee clerks. If you have questions on travel reimbursement or are uncertain how meeting representatives get travel funds, see the Kleins. There is a map of Berkeley on the back.

It might be particularly helpful this year if you review our Faith and Practice on who is on Representative Committee and the role and function of the committee. Pages 68-69 describe the committee. As there was some concern raised about Representative Committee last year, the role of Representative Committee is on the agenda. I have also included some of my thoughts on the committee in an attachment. I am not sure how much time we will be able and willing to take to discuss this item in March.

I have also included some discussion of Minutes in the attachment. Some concern was expressed in the evaluation session last year on this as well. I hope that the thoughts I have put down will help crystallize your ideas so that we can move through that item on the agenda with good speed and order. We will probably also hear from M&O Workshops subcommittee on what they have in mind for recording clerks.

As you can see by the enclosed agenda for March 5, we have a great deal to cover. I think we would all like to complete our work on Saturday, but to do this we will all have to be mindful of our time and energy. We should address ourselves to those areas that bear on our plans for August. We do need to hear what interest groups and what plenary session time you want so that we can plan accordingly. Other items that do not require action at this time might better be postponed or given as a written report later. Any committee or officer who intends to propose any change in the budget for this year should get the proposal and material to Finance Committee, Kitty Barragato clerk, before March 3.

The enclosed sheet of agenda for Representative Committee and schedule for PYM are for your consideration before you arrive. The RepCom agenda is quite ambitious; I hope we will get ahead of the agenda, especially in the morning. If you need to have changes to the agenda, please let me know. The agenda gets longer whenever we add more standing or ad hoc committees, etc. The PYM schedule for 1988 that is enclosed is about the same as last year. Recall that we did change the Sunday afternoon and evening schedule last year, and I hope it worked out better this way. The clerks found having Sunday evening available to complete the agenda (Agenda Review) and go over RepCom I in preparation for RepCom II to be a great help. I think committees found Sunday evening more useful after RepCom I. The committee meetings scheduled for Thursday again provide a chance to complete proposals or actions that have come up during the week and/or to have open committee meetings. Any new actions coming out of the morning committee meetings can then go to Representative Committee for final seasoning in the afternoon. Please consider the whole tentative schedule, and come thinking how the schedule can best server the needs of the yearly meeting.

With love,

Stratton C. Jaquette, clerk
Minutes

Several concerns were raised at the evaluation session after 1987 PYM about the reading, approval, and editing of the minutes. The concerns were primarily on the plenary session minutes, rather than on the Representative Committee minutes. I am writing down these thoughts to provide some background for discussion and to offer my own opinion on how minutes should be handled. As a start, I think that it is important to give the clerks fairly wide latitude in the preparation and reading of the minutes. The presiding clerk and the recording clerks from year to year have different ways of working: some recording clerks are happy to write nearly final minutes during the session for 'instant replay' at the end of the session while others are very uneasy with this and need to review their notes and compose the finished minutes later. I hope that PYM does constrain future clerks, but Representative Committee should rightly advise and offer suggestions for alternative ways of handling minutes.

It is my own feeling that minutes of the plenary session should be read in their entirety at the beginning of a subsequent session. This allows time for the recording clerk to complete the minutes of discussion or minutes of exercise and to decide what is essential to include and what can be left out. The reading of the minutes allows those Friends present to participate in the exercise of the meeting in the previous session, see how the Spirit moved Friends to reach the unity they did, and know what the decisions were and what the discussion was. This brings the Friends who were not able to attend the previous session to be a part of the continuing work of the meeting. In monthly meetings especially, I think that reading of the whole minutes in the next month's business meeting also reminds Friends what decisions were made (these do not need to be brought up again), what actions were put off from last month to this (along with the background of the previous discussion), and what actions we intended to take during the previous month (especially those that fell through the cracks, so that the reminder to ourselves may get them done this month).

You may notice that I think in terms of various kinds of minutes: minutes of action, minutes of discussion, and minutes of exercise. I may think of more, or you may. The minutes of action are those we approve. These should always be read either just before or just after the meeting gives its approval and the clerk records the approval. This practice will avoid later discussion on whether the recorded minute was the one Friends had in mind when they approved of it. I remind the recording clerks to interrupt me if I forget to have the minute of action read or recited. The minutes of discussion give the minutes a completeness that they need as a record of our work together. They provide the reasoning behind the actions and record in brief form the reports or other discussions that took place. As a clerk I found I needed these minutes when having to refer to prior years' minutes: the minutes of discussion tell why the minutes of action were as they were. The minutes of exercise provide a record of a search for unity in the Spirit that was not completed. When we cannot reach unity, the minutes record what the clerks felt to be the condition of the meeting and the exercise that the meeting was undertaking. This also provides help to us and to our clerks in the future.

If the meeting has proceeded as I have tried to, the minutes of action are not at all uncertain when the minutes are read back in the next session. The minutes of action were read clearly in the session in which they were approved. The other parts of the minutes then capture what was going on in the previous session, but they do not record minutes. They therefore need not, in my mind, be approved in terms of the exact words read by the recording clerk. I ask for corrections, when some item is reported incorrectly or attributed to the wrong person, and for clarifications, where the minutes are not quite clear or complete enough as minutes of discussion or exercise. With brief expressions from the floor of the session on these items, I expect that the recording clerks can then complete the minutes without further approvals. The approval of the minutes then still allows the clerks to make minor editorial modifications that do not change the sense of the minutes except as requested from Friends at the time the
minutes were read. Friends who expressed concerns about some part of the minutes may offer further clarifications on the points they raised to the clerks later.

The clerks sometimes are hearing the minutes for the first time when they are read by the recording clerk. It would probably be better if the presiding and assistant clerks read over the minutes after the recording clerk prepares them but before they are read. I believe that in some yearly meetings the minutes are read before being read back to the yearly meeting by someone else than the clerks. Since I am not comfortable presiding and asking the recording clerk to make changes when the minutes are read, I have instead made my comments to the recording clerk later. I have asked the recording clerk to insert a sentence or two of explanation or discussion before a minute of action or to correct some minor error, but the recording clerk can at that point decide that my suggestion is not appropriate and leave the minutes alone. The minutes of action remain as they were approved.

Most other yearly meetings have their minutes printed up as a bound book. The minutes are typeset, printed, and distributed months after the yearly meeting sessions. In most cases the minutes are given to an editorial board to edit, revise, and change as they see fit before having them printed. Without permanent staff, I do not think that PYM should do this. The fact that other yearly meetings feel comfortable having their minutes edited later does not mean that we should be too.

Representative Committee

There have been concerns raised from time to time on the role of the Representative Committee. Without going into great detail and researching the old minutes for all of the historical practices, I will summarize my understanding. In August Representative Committee has usually met twice before sessions start and once during, but this has not always been the practice. Different clerks have had different uses for the committee. The committee has met on the weekend of the first first day in March ever since the midyear Executive Committee became Representative Committee with the addition of monthly meeting representatives. Three broad roles of RepCom are to plan for PYM sessions, act on PYM's behalf, and advise yearly meeting committees, etc. and season their requests for action. I have the definite feeling over the years that PYM sessions go more smoothly and are better experiences for everyone if RepCom is active and does its work well. Some Friends may remember when the budget took all of the Thursday night plenary, now RepCom works more efficiently through the issues, approves the budget, and forwards it to plenary for (usually) easier discussion and approval.

All of these functions are performed by RepCom, but the Thursday session obviously does not include the part about taking action in PYM's behalf. Thursday is when RepCom can rescue the yearly meeting by careful work on schedule and actions/minutes. This is particularly so when issues come up during the week: these issues are almost always poorly seasoned, often ill formed, and usually emotionally carried by some Friends. RepCom can help by considering these items, suggest how to schedule them, and give preliminary consideration to proposed actions. The preliminary consideration provides a chance for seasoning when needed. Although sometimes actions are considered fully, sometimes reformed, and sometimes approved by Rep Com for submittal to PYM plenary, the committee also serves the yearly meeting by advising committees on how to rework proposals, by recommending that some items not be brought for approval but instead be offered for future work and study, by finding those aspects of a proposal that are unclear or controversial. The assurance to the committee wanting to bring an action and to the yearly meeting in hearing the request in plenary comes from the advice given explicitly by RepCom or implicitly by Rep. committee's inability to understand or reach unity on the proposal, when the committee takes the advise and works further.

Whether RepCom or plenary should receive reports that do not require action is a separate issue that I will not have room or time to write about. If reports go to RepCom only, plenary will only hear of the report in RepCom minutes. I think we generally think plenary sessions should be for consideration of actions or spiritual exercise.
PACIFIC YEARLY MEETING
of the RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS

REPRESENTATIVE COMMITTEE — MARCH 5, 1988 — TENTATIVE AGENDA
Berkeley Meeting House
2151 Vine St., Berkeley, CA 94709

Saturday, March 5, 1988

8:50 Worship
9:30 Introductions
   Approval of Representative Committee Agenda
   Naming of the Committee to Name the Nominating Committee
   Interim Nominations (Nominating Committee)
Treasurers' Report (Final 1987 and Status)
Reports and Concerns of Constituent Meetings:
   Southern California Quarterly Meeting
   College Park Quarterly Meeting
   Mexico City
10:45 BREAK
11:00 Honolulu
   PYM Clerk
   Arrangements for PYM 1988: Selection of Site
   PYM Minutes
12:00 LUNCH (at the meeting house provided by Strawberry Creek & Berkeley Friends)
1:30 Approval of minutes of the morning session
   Sandy Farley
   Arrangements, Plans, and Programmatic Requests for PYM 1988
   Arrangements
   Registration Fee (Arrangements, Finance)
   Registration
   Children's Program Committee & Coordinator
   Junior Yearly Meeting Committee
   Junior High Clerks
   Junior Yearly Meeting Clerks
   Young Friends Clerks
   Secretariat Committee
3:00 BREAK
3:15 Ministry & Oversight Committee
   M&O Subcommittees reports if needed
   Discipline Committee
   Religious Education Committee
   Social Order Committee
   Peace Committee
   Friend in the Orient Committee
   East-West Relations Committee
   Wider Fellowship Among Friends Committee
5:15 SUPPER (walk to local restaurants for supper or dinner)
7:00 Approval of minutes of the afternoon session
   Unity with Nature Committee
   Friends Bulletin Committee & Editor
   Sites Committee
   Finance Committee
   Nominating Committee
   Holding Corporation
   Agenda Review Committee: Tentative Agenda & Schedule for PYM 1988
   Statistical Clerk
   Historian Archivist
   Other Delegates (FCNL, Wm. Penn, AFSC, FCWTC)
6:00 Publishers Consulting Pool
   Role of Representative Committee
   Approval of Interim Nominations
   Approval of the Committee to Name the Nominating Committee
   Other Business and Concerns
9:30 Adjournment

Sunday, March 6, 1988

9:00 - 10:30 Representative Committee &/or Agenda Review Committee if needed to complete business
10:00 - 11:00 Meeting for Worship with Strawberry Creek Meeting or other nearby meetings
11:00 - 12:00 Meeting for Worship with Berkeley Meeting
# Tentative Schedule

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PACIFIC YEARLY MEETING

of the RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS

TO: PYM Officers, Committee Clerks, Quarterly Meeting Clerks, and Monthly Meeting Clerks (for Monthly Meeting Representatives)

RE: Representative Committee Meeting to be held March 5, 1988 and possibly March 6, 1988 hosted by Strawberry Creek and Berkeley Meetings at Berkeley Meeting House, 2151 Vine Street, Berkeley CA 94709 (415) 843-9725

Pacific Yearly Meeting to be held August 1 - 6, 1988 at Craig Hall Complex, Chico, California (Committee day July 31, 1988)

Dear Friends,

PYM's Representative Committee will meet on Saturday, March 5, 1988 at the Berkeley meeting house from approximately 8:45am to 9:30pm. Our agenda may be longer than usual this year, and if we cannot finish by 9:30pm, we will plan to complete our work on Sunday morning. Agenda Review may meet on Sunday morning too. Some committees will meet on Friday, March 4, 1988; arrangements for these meetings and announcements of committee meetings will be made by the committee clerks individually. As we will need to start early and promptly on Saturday morning, Friends coming from farther away than the Bay Area should plan to travel on Friday.

It is a real treat this year to have our Representative Committee co-hosted by two monthly meetings. Strawberry Creek and Berkeley Friends will be helping with the arrangements for our meeting. Here is the list of whom to contact for various types of arrangements:

Committee meetings space & facilities assignments : 
Laura Magnani 2153 Vine St., Berkeley CA 94709
(415) 843-9725

Overnight Housing needs: 
Erica Atkins Orvis 2805 Kelsey St., Berkeley CA 94705
(415) 841-9616

Transportation to/from: 
Patricia Stewart 48 Gravatt Dr., Berkeley CA 94705
(415) 841-0621

A few important notes on your arrangements: Please let Erica know if you need a bed or can sleep on the floor. Also let her know what days you will need hospitality and how late you will arrive Friday night. When coming to the Berkeley area by plane, you should try to come to Oakland Airport, where you will be picked up. If you come to San Francisco, you should plan to take the airoperator bus to Berkeley; it may be cheaper to make advanced reservations for the bus, and you should get off at the end of the line at the Durant Hotel. Please give Patricia your arrival and departure times. Also try to make your plane reservations early, as there are usually much cheaper fares if you plan early. Reimbursement for travel expenses will come from the treasurers directly for everyone except monthly meeting representatives; monthly meeting representatives should expect to get travel funds from their monthly meetings, as the treasurers will be reimbursing the meetings.

There has been uncertainty in our meeting time and place for PYM sessions in August. We had reserved La Verne University for the first week of August, but they have now told us that they cannot accommodate us. Perhaps Walter Jones will give us more details at Representative Committee. Given the choices of changing the dates or place of our sessions and the time pressure to pin down our plans, we have decided to plan to return to Craig Hall in 1988. We were very fortunate to find that they had the week we wanted available and that our Southern California arrangements clerks were willing to work with the change.
I have not prepared an agenda for Representative Committee yet. I wanted to get this letter to you as soon as possible to get Representative Committee time, place, and arrangements plans to you and to tell you of the change in our plans for August. I hope to get an agenda to you in February.

Representative Committee meets in March to take action on behalf of PYM and to prepare for PYM sessions in August. We may take action in the name of PYM if the action is needed now, rather than in August, and if the action does not involve any new principle for PYM. Our agenda will be quite full this year, as we may need to discuss two matters that were of concern to Friends in the evaluation meeting last year: (1) the writing, editing, reading, and approval of minutes at PYM and (2) the role of Representative Committee, especially in hearing reports that do not require any action. The full agenda makes it important to have reports that are well prepared and thoughtfully considered, so that we will have the background we need presented to us and the action requested of us made very clear. The actions we will need to take include:

1. Name the Committee to Name the Nominating Committee, a 3 member ad hoc committee to report to Representative Committee in August with the new Nominating Committee;
2. Prepare the agenda for the 1988 yearly meeting sessions and consider what matters that committees and others wish to bring to PYM for consideration in August;
3. Hear the work, plans, reports, and recommendations of our committees, etc; and
4. Advise our committees, officers, and meetings on work to be done in the coming months.

One of the things that we do during Representative Committee is to gather all of the requests for sharing groups, interest groups, and plenary session time so that we can start laying detailed plans and agendas for August. It is helpful if you can get requests for sharing groups and interest groups to Marilee Eusebio, Assistant Clerk, as soon as you know your needs. Marilee is also clerk of the Agenda Review Committee.

Monthly Meetings are encouraged to appoint representatives to Representative Committee who are active in the life of the monthly meeting, capable of representing the views of the monthly meeting, interested and able to carry reports and requests for action back to the monthly meeting for action or discussion, and interested in the work of the yearly meeting. It is also very helpful to the yearly and monthly meetings if alternates or observers are appointed who can attend Representative Committee and Yearly Meeting to become familiar with both. It is more helpful to the monthly meeting if representatives are chosen who do not already have PYM responsibilities as officers or clerks of committees.

Reimbursement for travel expenses should be arranged with the treasurers, Walter and Virginia Klein (La Jolla). They will probably give you more details than you need. The only note I will add is that subcommittee clerks are reimbursed for travel to Representative Committee if they are asked to attend, to give reports, etc., by the clerk or their committee clerk.

With love,

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