

**PACIFIC YEARLY MEETING
Representative Committee - Session 1
July 31, 1988, Chico, California**

Stratton Jaquette, Presiding Clerk
Marilee Eusebio, Assistant Clerk
Sandra Farley, Recording Clerk

We gathered in silence as refreshing as the air conditioning on a summer afternoon.

Stratton Jaquette, Presiding Clerk, welcomed representatives to Pacific Yearly Meeting. All were asked to introduce themselves, naming their Meeting and their function.

Rep Com

88-11 The Tentative Agenda for Representative Committee was approved.

Clerk's Report: 1. Ben Levine, our Historian-Archivist, is in New York attending to a seriously ill brother and greatly regrets not being here this week. 2. The request which we received from Canadian Yearly Meeting for scheduling ideas, and which the Clerk forwarded to Lowell Tozer for response, has been responded to in a well-written report.

Susanna Matthay reported for the Committee to Name the Nominating Committee that they completed their work easily via conference phone calls (though operators are unnerved by the customary moments of silence at the beginning) She brought forward four names:

Connie Jolly, Berkeley '91
Akie Reynolds, Santa Cruz '91
Jane Mills, La Jolla '91
Sally Davis, Sacramento '89

Arden Pierce reported that Nominating Committee, in consultation with the Presiding Clerk, had made an interim appointment of Walter Kersey to a vacant seat on the Ministry and Oversight Committee.

Rep Com

88-12 Representative Committee approved the appointment of Walter Kersey to Ministry & Oversight Committee for the 1988 term.

Statistical Clerk Betty Hall advised Friends, in a phrase picked up at Friends General Conference, to "lighten-up!" She reported that we have two new monthly meetings, Chico and Humboldt, bringing our total to 37.

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Stratton Jaquette called our attention to the materials he disseminated on the role of the Representative Committee. Several people found these and the previously distributed materials helpful and suggested that we consider sending a similar packet each year to the new representatives.

Rep Com

88-13 The Schedule for Pacific Yearly Meeting, 1988 Session was approved.
[See Packet Attachment T.]

Walter Jones spoke for the Arrangements Committee. He introduced Ruth Roberts (whom you see to arrange for a meeting room) and George Rudenko (whom you see regarding equipment). He encouraged us to save paper and time by using the three overhead projectors which we now have.

Secretariat Committee Clerk Gary Wolff reported that we will be using Macintosh computers for the minutes. He introduced Chris Laning, the Secretariat Manager. Chris reminded us that Room 129 is a QUIET ZONE. Photocopies may be made at yearly meeting expense ONLY by clerks of committees, convenors of scheduled interest groups, and PYM officers. All others pay \$.05 per copy. The other, "staff only", copier can enlarge, and make transparencies for the overhead projectors. Volunteers are needed at the Secretariat for routine as well as complex jobs. At the end of Yearly Meeting, packets will be sent to Monthly Meeting Representatives and the incoming committee clerks. Other interested persons may pay (\$5.00) to have a packet sent; individual items are also available.

Jim Kratzer, Clerk of the Children's Program Committee reported that a full staff has been hired and is already at work. He announced that the pool will be open from 7:30 am to 11:00 pm. No lifeguard is scheduled until noon, so children are not to swim before noon.

Some discussion ensued regarding our expectation that children will all participate in the planned morning program and that we do not want to provide an attractive alternative. Some also felt that adults as well as children might need a lifeguard. We referred the issue of lifeguards and pool hours back to the Arrangements Committee who will report to us on Monday morning.

Margaret Jamison, Children's Program Coordinator, reported that we have a 40% increase in children's enrollment, so there will be even more opportunity to volunteer. Peter Trier is the Volunteer Coordinator. Children's Worship-Fellowship groups have been redesigned to be smaller and hopefully more worshipful. She urged committees and interest groups to make allowance for the needs of parents to pick up children or put them to bed.

Brian Vura-Weis, Clerk of the Junior Yearly Meeting Committee, introduced Christina Tappan, Co-Clerk of the Junior High group. Advisors are Tad Kershner, for the Junior High group, and David Standish, for the High School group. The Junior High group will be coordinating the Menito (secret friend) program. A camp-out is planned for Tuesday evening with Junior/Senior High and Young Friends. Parents will meet Monday from 4 - 5 pm.

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David Calderon and Lisa Klein, Co-Clerks of Young Friends, used the overhead projector to share the Young Friends agenda.

Ingrid Petersen reported for the Worship-Fellowship Committee that, in addition to the traditional Worship-Fellowship groups and unprogrammed morning worship, a 12-step group is an option this year. She also reported that groups meeting with the children will get a little "training." A possibility exists for a p.m. Worship-Fellowship group to accommodate Children's Program leaders and others who can not come to a morning group.

Registrar Larry Perry announced that registration is up this year. All dormitory rooms have been assigned. We may have to hold meetings in our rooms. This year, at the insistence of Craig Hall, we have a meal ticket system.

Marie Parker spoke for the Friends World Committee for Consultation which has requested a person to jointly represent Pacific Yearly Meeting, North Pacific Yearly Meeting, and Intermountain Yearly Meeting (the "independent" Yearly Meetings) on a committee overseeing the "Friend to Friend" program. Pacific Yearly Meeting would probably be expected to provide one third of this representative's travel costs. Kirby Urner, a Young Friend from Multnomah (Portland OR) Meeting, has been approved by North Pacific Yearly Meeting. We are asked to concur in this appointment. This request will come to us for approval at another meeting.

Marilee Eusebio, Assistant Clerk, received requests for changes in the printed agenda for plenary sessions and interest groups. She received several minor adjustment requests which will be considered by the Agenda Review Committee. She noted that the Agenda Review Committee is unwieldy at its present size and would like it to be restructured.

Our worship closed with a few moments of silence.

Sandra M. Farley, Recording Clerk

PACIFIC YEARLY MEETING
Representative Committee - Session II
Eighth Month 1, 1988
Chico, California

Stratton Jaquette, Presiding Clerk
Marilee Eusebio, Assistant Clerk
Sandra Farley, Recording Clerk

Our worship began at 8:40 a.m. in silence. Stratton Jaquette, Presiding Clerk, introduced the session.

REP COM

88-14 The minutes from our previous session were read, corrected, and approved.

An attendance sheet was circulated and the few new arrivals were asked to introduce themselves.

REP COM

88-15 The nominations of four Friends to serve on Nominating Committee were approved, the names having been brought before us yesterday:

Connie Jolly, Berkeley	'91
Akie Reynolds, Santa Cruz	'91
Jane Mills, La Jolla	'91
Sally Davis, Sacramento	'89

The committee also proposed Lowell Tozer as clerk of the Nominating Committee. We will be asked to approve this recommendation on Thursday.

ARRANGEMENTS

Ruth Roberts reported for the Arrangements Committee that a lifeguard has been secured for all the hours the pool is open and reminded us that it is adults only in the morning. She announced that our vital communications center needs volunteers. Ruth tried to clarify which doors are closed and alarmed at which hours.

AGENDA

The revised interest group schedule and plenary session agenda were distributed. (See Packet Attachment T.) Marilee Eusebio, Assistant Clerk, presented the interest and sharing group list. She announced that two of the meeting rooms are equipped with video replay monitors. The exact locations of each interest group will be announced in the *Daily Miracle*. A few minor changes were offered.

Rep Com

88-16 The interest and sharing groups list was approved.

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Rep Com

88-17 The 1988 Plenary Sessions Agenda was approved with some small adjustments.

CONCERNS FROM MONTHLY MEETINGS

We have received minutes from two monthly meetings. A minute from San Diego regarding international law has been forwarded to the Social Order Committee. Keith Wedmore, Clerk of Social Order Committee indicated that they are ready to propose it to a plenary session. The minute from Honolulu deals with the rights of indigenous peoples, Pacific Islanders as well as Native Americans. Alice Bender of Honolulu asked that this issue be held over because new light is expected from a conference being held this week in Hawaii.

No one was present to report for Mexico City Meeting, apparently due to car trouble. A report is expected on Thursday.

MINISTRY AND OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

Jean Walton, Clerk of Ministry and Oversight, read a list of nominees for the Epistle Committee.

Rep Com

88-18 The following names were approved for our Epistle Committee:

Bill Scott (clerk)	Reno
Rick Troth	San Francisco
Leta McKinney-Adler	Westwood
Alice Bender (auditor)	Honolulu

Jean Walton continued the M. & O. report with a proposed minute which we approved to forward to the plenary session:

Rep Com

88-19 Pacific Yearly Meeting will regularly reimburse part of the travel expenses for one representative of each Preparative Meeting to attend the August Representative Committee and Yearly Meeting Sessions. This reimbursement will be made on the same basis as reimbursements to comparably located Monthly Meetings. (currently 7 cents a mile in the continental U.S. and \$400 to Hawaii and Mexico City). Travel to Representative Committee session in March will not be reimbursed for Preparative Meetings.

Jean Walton further reported that Sacramento Meeting asked Pacific Yearly Meeting Ministry and Oversight Committee to season its request of Pacific Yearly Meeting to join Friends General Conference as an individual monthly meeting. Ministry and Oversight Committee is satisfied that Sacramento Meeting has already well considered this issue, both within their meeting and with PYM's Wider Fellowship Among Friends Committee. A number of Friends within Sacramento Meeting have already attended FGC. Ministry and Oversight recommends that Sacramento Meeting receive Pacific Yearly Meeting's consent to join FGC.

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Some Friends felt uncomfortable with the minute, for giving "consent" seems to put the Yearly Meeting in an hierarchical role which it would not assume on its own. Be that as it may, FGC may feel that a Monthly Meeting needs some kind of "permission" in order to affiliate. A substitute minute was offered and with some modification was accepted as follows:

Rep Com

88-20 We acknowledge and affirm the clearness process through which Sacramento Monthly Meeting has gone in its consideration of affiliation with Friends General Conference.

Jean Walton requested a re-organization of an M&O sub-committee, including the former sub-committee on the Fund for Concerns in a "Sub-committee on Special Funds". Stratton advised that a committee of the Yearly Meeting is free to organize its own sub-committees as needed and approval is not required of either PYM or Representative Committee.

DISCIPLINE COMMITTEE

Jane Peers, Clerk of Discipline Committee, said they would report to a plenary session on the meaning of membership. They have a proposal regarding the structure of their committee that they want the Yearly Meeting to season for a year: The proposal is that there be two Committees:

1. a small committee to keep track of changes in procedures and handle information requests.
2. a large committee of 20-21 members appointed when the need arises for a seven year term to write a draft of a new edition in six years. Such a large committee would ensure a broader representation of our diversity and hopefully produce a document which will last for many years.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Walter Klein, treasurer, announced that the treasurers would bring a report to the Thursday plenary session.

Kitty Barragato, clerk of Finance Committee, brought some revised figures to the current budget. Some of the figures represent errors in what was reported from our March sessions.

REP COM

88-21 We approved the following augmentations to the current budget:

Children's Program Committee (travel)	+350	total 550
Junior Y.M. (staff)	+950	2,000
Children's Program (staff)	+2,300	6,000
Nominating Committee (travel)	+250.	1,050
Social Order Committee (travel)	+100	1,200
Representative Committee (travel)	+1,800	9,400

SITES COMMITTEE

Harry Bailey, Clerk of Sites Committee, announced that we have reserved, with a deposit, LaVerne University for August 6-12, 1989 for our next PYM session. For 1990 the committee is looking for a site in the Bay area. However we would be facing a minimum of 25% increase in fees.

BULLETIN COMMITTEE

Elsa Glines, Clerk of the Bulletin Committee, said their committee would be reporting on Thursday. She added that next year, to help defray costs and as a service to Friends, they would begin accepting advertising in a manner similar to Friends Journal.

Stratton Jaquette announced that he has asked Bruce Folsom to prepare a report on our 1988 sessions for publication in the Friends Journal.

SOCIAL ORDER COMMITTEE

Keith Wedmore, Clerk of Social Order Committee, reminded us of several interest groups and indicated that should any minutes arise we would hear them on Thursday.

PEACE COMMITTEE

Linda Dunn, Clerk of Peace Committee, reviewed its interest and sharing groups and announced plans for a Hiroshima Day Vigil on Thursday August 4. They will be bringing a minute from Berkeley Meeting.

EAST-WEST RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Harry Bailey, in the absence of Steve Birdleough, reported for the East-West Relations Committee that two interest groups are occurring. The Committee wants to continue annual trips to Soviet Bloc countries and wants to continue to underwrite some of the travel costs for Young Friends.

FRIEND IN THE ORIENT COMMITTEE

Martha Dart, Clerk of the Friend in the Orient Committee, invited us to meet with the Hoskins this fall as they travel about the country, sharing their experiences in China. She alerted us that an increase in travel budget may be needed.

FRIENDS IN UNITY WITH NATURE COMMITTEE

Michael Dunn, Clerk of Friends in Unity with Nature Committee, plugged the sample issue of *Environment in Friends Concerns*, published this June. There will be no proposal to establish a quarterly journal at this time. He told us that the committee would be providing some of the program for the youth camp-out this week. He announced interest groups.

WIDER FELLOWSHIP AMONG FRIENDS COMMITTEE

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Paul Niebanck, Clerk of the Wider Fellowship Among Friends Committee, announced an interest group. They will seek approval of three delegates to attend a consultation meeting with the five western Yearly Meetings to plan for the first West Coast Gathering of Friends. He asked help in the selection process.

The eventual gathering will include Friends from Pacific Yearly Meeting, North Pacific Yearly Meeting, and Intermountain Yearly Meeting, as well as Northwest Yearly Meeting and Southwest Yearly Meeting, which are bodies of Friends Churches.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Joan Johnson, Clerk of the Religious Education Committee, requested no plenary time but presented us with a brief report of the Committee's work. The Quaker Spiritual Quest program in various versions is continuing this fall into its third year. Laura Magnani reported that in northern California there would be one class this year offered in San Francisco and there are some scholarship funds available. Last year, three groups met involving some 70 Friends in Santa Cruz, Palo Alto, and Redwood Forest. Joan Johnson reported for the Southern California group on the success of the Circuit Rider program meeting with 150-200 participants. Fall and Spring programs were scheduled in the San Diego/La Jolla area last year. Quaker Spiritual Quest will be offered in Pasadena starting this fall. The Religious Education Committee is ready now to turn its attention to the needs of children in the coming years.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE had nothing to report.

HISTORIAN/ARCHIVIST Ben Levine reported through Stratton Jaquette that he has plans to hire assistants to help organize our files. His written report is anticipated before our Thursday meeting.

SOCIAL ORDER SERIES publications appear to suffer from a lack of oversight. The issue was referred to the Clerks of Social Order and Finance Committees, and any interested parties, to confer and make recommendations to our Thursday Representative Committee Session.

REP COM

88-22 Representative Committee approves the "Friend to Friend" program of the Friends World Committee for Consultation and joins North Pacific Yearly Meeting in the appointment of Kirby Urner as our shared representative; assuming that this appointment makes Kirby an ex-officio member of our Wider Fellowship Among Friends Committee.

After a few announcements, Stratton closed the business by reading to us from paragraph 715 of London Yearly Meeting *Church Government* regarding the purpose and worshipful nature of meetings for business.

We settled into a period of silence to end our meeting.

Sandra M. Farley, Recording Clerk

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PACIFIC YEARLY MEETING
Representative Committee -- SESSION III
Eighth Month 4, 1988

Stratton Jaquette, Presiding Clerk
Marilee Eusebio, Assistant Clerk
Sandra Farley, Recording Clerk

A revised agenda for our session was taped to the wall while we gathered in worship. Returning vigilers walked quietly past the back windows. Stratton Jaquette, Presiding Clerk, introduced the agenda.

REP COM

88-23 The minutes of Representative Committee II were read, corrected, and approved

REP COM

88-24 The name of Lowell Tozer was approved as clerk of Nominating Committee

Stratton read a report from Ben Levine, Historian Archivist (Archive Attachment U) in which he described the work of his position and asked us to join the Quaker Historical Association. This was referred to Finance Committee. He also requested a letter to Whittier College officially informing them of the Santa Monica location of our archives. This will be done.

Ingeborg Jones read the State of the Society Report from Mexico City Meeting (see Packet Attachment V). In it they commented on their continuing efforts to make Quaker literature available in Spanish. They recently purged their roles of inactive members and began an outreach campaign. They continue to support, as best they can, the worship groups in Hermosillo and Guatemala City.

Betty Hall arranged to get together with her to correct the statistical report. It was suggested to the Discipline Committee that we ought to provide a translation of Faith and Practice into Spanish. In response to a question, it was learned that a representative of Guatemala City Worship Group attends Intermountain Yearly Meeting.

The Budget and Treasurer's report was handed out so that we could consider the budget portion (Archive Attachment W).

Kitty Barragato, Clerk of the Finance Committee, presented a budget which, in order to balance, would require that we dip into our reserves for \$5,900 and increase our contributions to PYM per member in the continental U.S. by \$3.00 and in Hawaii by \$2.00. She added that if committees were cautious in their use of travel funds and if the Yearly Meeting sessions run in the black, we might not have to dip that deeply into the reserves. The Finance Committee recommends maintaining a reserve equal to one year's operations and we are currently within that guideline.

REP COM

88-25 After review, a budget for fiscal year 1989 was approved, including withdrawing \$5,900 from reserves and increasing Monthly Meeting contributions by \$3.00 for each member in the continental U.S. and \$2.00 for each in Hawaii.

REP COM

88-26 Noting that currently only either treasurer may sign on our checking accounts and that they frequently travel together, Representative Committee approved adding the name of the Presiding Clerk to our signature cards.

Keith Wedmore reported back on the status of the publishing of the *Social Order Series* and its oversight. He recommended creating a PYM Publishing Committee. Stratton summarized the history of the "Ad Hoc Committee on Publishing" within the Yearly Meeting. For the purposes of this discussion it was assumed that we were talking not about our minutes and internal communications but about "outreach publications". This issue is one that will not let itself be stuffed back into the bottle, but keeps coming up and it may expand to include videotape programs as well. The Bulletin Committee which has a wealth of experience in publishing has agreed to discuss the needs and responsibilities and report back to us in March. It was noted that the *Social Order Series* would continue to function (and perhaps publish) without oversight.

The proposal we made to the Plenary session supporting the FWCC Friend to Friend project among Young Friends did not meet with approval. Paul Niebanck indicated that since Young Friends were already represented in the Wider Fellowship Among Friends Committee, the addition of the Friend to Friend representative to that committee was not necessary. We agreed to resubmit the minute to plenary session, with the third section deleted, along with a fuller explanation of the intent of the project. Kitty Barragato noted that we had already approved a budget allocation for this project.

Arden Pierce, clerk of Nominating Committee, reported that they dissuaded the Junior Yearly Meeting Committee from expanding its membership, and agreed with Unity with Nature Committee's request to augment its number by one.

REP COM

88-27 Representative Committee approved expanding the Unity with Nature Committee from six to seven members.

Jean Walton spoke for Ministry and Oversight and briefly described the announcements M&O will have for plenary session.

Paul Niebanck, clerk of Wider Fellowship Among Friends Committee, announced the names they are proposing as delegates to the planning meeting for a west coast gathering of Friends -- a gathering which will include the five Yearly Meetings (PYM, NPYM, IMYM, NWYM, and SWYM) The three delegates are: Paul Niebanck, Gloria Kershner, and Margaret Willits. The alternates are: Bob Vogel, Kim Lacey, and Carol Mosher.

Some discussion followed over the propriety or necessity of Representative Committee approving these delegates. Although some felt that by approving

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them we would affirm the project, or affirm the concept of decision-making by the whole, what prevailed was the idea that participating in the planning meeting for a West Coast conference was exactly the "charge of the committee" and that, though we are glad to be informed of the progress being made, no action by Representative Committee is required.

Marilee Eusebio, Assistant Clerk, made several announcements.

REP COM

88-28 The Minutes of action for this our third session were read and approved.

We closed in silent worship to reconvene in March 1989.

Sandra Farley, Recording Clerk

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PACIFIC YEARLY MEETING
 JULY 31-AUGUST 6, 1988 - CRAIG HALL COMPLEX, CHICO, CALIFORNIA
 SCHEDULE

Sunday July 31	Monday August 1	Tuesday August 2	Wednesday August 3	Thursday August 4	Friday August 5	Saturday August 6	
	(7:15-8:00) - - - - - BREAKFAST 7:00 - 8:00 A.M. - - - - -						
Committee Meetings at Call of Clerks	Representative Committee II 8:30-11:30	Worship-Fellowship Groups & Meeting for Worship 8:15-9:30				W/F 8:15-9:15	
		- - - - - 9:45 - 11:45 - - - - -				Session 15-Plenary 9:30-10:45	
	Session 4 Plenary	Session 7 Plenary	Session 9 Plenary	Session 12 Plenary	Session 16 Worship 11-12		
(No Lunch)	(12:00-1:15) - - - - - LUNCH 11:45 - 1:15 - - - - - (12:00-1:15)						
↓	Session 1 Roll Call, etc. 1:30-2:50	Interest Groups 1:30-3:30	Interest Groups 1:30-3:00	Representative Committee III 1:30-3:30	Session 13 Plenary 1:30-3:30	Evaluations 2:00-3:30 (PYM Officers & Comm. Clerks)	
	Refreshments 3:00-3:45		Session 8 Worship for Memorials 3:30-5:00				
Representative Committee I 3:30-5:30	Session 2 Worship 4:00-5:00	Session 5 Worship 4:00-5:00	Session 10 Worship 4:00-5:00	Session 14 Worship 4:00-5:00			
	(5:30-6:30) - - - - - DINNER 5:00 - 6:30 P.M. - - - - -						
All Committees Meet 7:00-9:30	Session 3 Plenary 7:00-9:00 Ministry & Oversight	Session 6 Plenary 7:00-9:00	Standing Committees 7:00-8:30	Session 11 Plenary 7:00-8:30	Family Night 6:30-8:30		
					JYM Dance 9:00-		
	Sharing Groups 9:30-	Sharing Groups 9:30-	9:00	Interest Groups 9:00-			

PYM RepCom 1988 -- Packet Attachment T

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PACIFIC YEARLY MEETING - AUGUST 1988

APPROVED AGENDA (Sessions)

All plenary sessions except Worship begin with worship, reading of Epistles received from other yearly meetings, introductions of visitors, and approval of minutes of previous sessions.

Monday August 1

1. Roll Call: Introductions, Roll Call, Orientation (Children's Program, Arrangements, Assistant Clerk)
2. Worship
3. Ministry & Oversight: Naming of the Epistle Committee; M&O State of the Society exercise

Tuesday August 2

4. Several: Committee to Name the Nominating Committee report; Action Minutes from March and July Representative Committee; FIOC (Yang); Social Order
5. Worship
6. Several: Action minutes from Representative Committee; FWCC; Discipline; Children's Program status

Wednesday August 3

7. M&O + Discipline: Same Sex Marriage; Preliminary report of Nominating Committee
8. Worship: Memorials

Thursday August 4

9. SO, U w/N, M&O, P: Justice, Peace, & Integrity of Creation; Bulletin
10. Worship
11. Financial +: Treasurers' report; Finance Committee; Budget 1988-89; Unity w/Nature

Friday August 5

12. Peace/Rep Com: Action minutes from Rep Com III; 1st reading of the Epistle; Peace; Statistical Clerk; Registrars
13. Several: Additions to Nominating Report; Wider Fellowship Among Friends; East-West Relations; (maybe Unity w/Nature)
14. Worship

Saturday August 6

15. Final Session for Business: Reading of the Epistles; Approval of Nominating Committee report; other items held over
16. Final Worship

(Evaluation in pm is for Officers and Committee Clerks. Others, incl. representatives, should pass their comments and concerns to someone else.)

Pacific Yearly Meeting — Religious Society of Friends
Interest Group / Sharing Group Schedule

Monday, August 1

Sharing Groups (9:30 pm)

Mental Illness; Peace Committee (Meeting Clerks of Peace Committees)

Tuesday, August 2

Afternoon Interest Groups (1:30-3:30)

Middle East Panel Discussion; Ethical Investment; Wider Fellowship Among Friends Committee; Good Order; Friend in the Orient (Stephen Ysng, guest); Mental Illness

Sharing Groups (9:30 pm)

Mental Illness; Non-Violent Action follow-up

Wednesday, August 3

Afternoon Interest Groups (1:30-3:30)

Urgent Action Panel (Middle East, SDI, Sanctuary, Central America); Unity with Nature; AIDS; East-West #1 (Letter to Gorbachev); Friends World Committee for Consultation; John Woolman School

Evening Interest Groups (9:00-10:30 pm)

Discipline on Discipline; Results of the Clerking Workshop; Quaker Spiritual Quest; Spiritual Gifts (Betsy Dearborn); Employment, Work and Survival; AFSC.

Thursday, August 4

Evening Interest Groups (9:00-10:30 pm)

Alternatives to Imprisonment; Finance (How do our Meetings manage the funds and property entrusted to our care?); East-West #2 (Seeking in the USSR — Julie Harlow); Friends Committee on National Legislation (Martin Cobin, Field Rep); AFSC panel on Guatemala; Friends Committee on War Tax Concerns

8/1/88

11:ig/sg-sched

STATE OF THE MEETING

1988

Mexico City Monthly Meeting

In October of last year, the Committee on Oversight began to look into the status of those members whose complete inactivity seemed to demonstrate their lack of interest in the Meeting. After interviews and/or letters, six were dropped from our membership list.

This pruning operation has coincided with an effort at outreach in order to attract new members. We feel certain that there are many potential new members in Mexico City, and we have determined to try to seek them out. At present, out of a total membership of 26, we count only nine active members.

One weak point in our attempts at outreach has been a scarcity of suitable reading material in Spanish and in May we resolved to initiate steps toward issuing new editions of three Quaker classics already existing in Spanish and to seek out a publishing house in order to achieve wider distribution. The three books are:

Rufus Jones's La fe y experiencia de los Cuáqueros

Domingo Ricart's Antología espiritual

Howard Brinton's Reuniones y métodos de los Amigos

We also feel the need to have a translation of Pacific Yearly Meeting's Faith and Practice, but have made little progress with it.

In February we hosted the XXII General Reunion of Friends in Mexico which was attended by pastoral Friends from Ciudad Victoria and Satelite, evangelical Friends pastors from northern Mexico and unprogrammed Friends from Mexico City, Hermosillo and Managua. The theme was "Listening to God and Each Other" (Saber escuchar a Dios y al prójimo).

At monthly one-day retreats at Villa Jones in Oaxtepec we have examined perennial themes, such as "Who are we?... What is our role in Mexico?... What is our future, if any?"

A healing group extends love and faith to sufferers.

The activities mentioned in last year's report, mainly refugee relief, earthquake housing reconstruction and student exchange programs, under the Association of the Casa de los Amigos, are an expression of the Meeting's felt concerns. These programs continue without substantial modification. The Casa itself continues to be host to groups of the most varied kind and offers, in addition to bed and breakfast, a general orientation on Mexico and facilities for group meetings.

We have been extremely fortunate over the past few years in having Casa directors and assistants of the highest quality and dedication. We are open to volunteers who feel moved to join us in our programs. A Canadian Friend will be with us in September to help out with the refugee program for a 10-month term, thus freeing one of our active members for work in

reorganizing and building up the Biblioteca Jorge Fox where we are also open to volunteer help. The full potential of this ecumencial peace library is still to be realized.

We look forward to the coming of the Anna Brinton Memorial visitor, Barbara Graves, next December.

We continue to support as best we can the activities of the worship groups in Hermosillo and Guatemala City. The Guatemala group has recently requested recognition as a Monthly Meeting within Pacific Yearly Meeting.

And so, Friends, here we stand, a beach-head of Quakerism on an alien strand. May we, like Tennyson's Ulysses, be

strong in will
To strive, to seek, to find, and not to yield!

MEXICO CITY MONTHLY MEETING
July 1988

PACIFIC YEARLY MEETING

of the RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS

258 Cherry Avenue
Los Altos, California 94022-2270

June 26, 1988

To: PYM Officers and Clerks of PYM Committees

V.L

Dear Friends,

You should have received a mailing in April containing the minutes from the March Representative Committee. If you did not receive that mailing, please let me know.

Representative Committee and PYM are fast approaching, and it is time to lay our plans as definitely as possible as we prepare for PYM 1988. I have enclosed several items that will help you to prepare for our Representative Committee meetings on July 31, August 1, and August 4. Please come early enough on Sunday to be settled before Rep Com I at 3:30 pm on July 31. The agenda is very full, so we will start punctually.

I have enclosed several items to help us prepare for Representative Committee. Please bring all of this material with you to PYM.

- (1) There was a request in March for another copy of the flow chart of a concern from an individual to yearly meeting; this is copied on the back of this letter.
- (2) There was also a request for a copy of the Discipline Committee's insert for our Faith and Practices; this section from North Pacific Yearly Meeting's Faith and Practice is enclosed.
- (3) The tentative schedule for PYM 1988 is also enclosed; note that this schedule has switched Standing Committees and Plenary 9. This proposed schedule should speak to the concerns raised in March; it is proposed after consulting with various committee clerks. Note that it calls for three sessions on Thursday, so expect your clerks to be exhausted that day.
- (4) The tentative agenda for PYM sessions is copied on the back of the schedule if I managed to prepare it in time. Hopefully it will meet the requests of the various committees, etc.
- (5) The agenda for the three Representative Committee meetings is also enclosed. Since there still seemed to be a need to discuss the role and function of Representative Committee, this is on the agenda.
- (6) To help prepare for this discussion, I have prepared some additional thoughts on Representative Committee; see the back of the agenda.
- (7) I have also enclosed a reprint describing the role and function of Representative Committee from our current Faith and Practice along with the corresponding description from the previous edition; note that Representative Committee has replaced Executive Committee.

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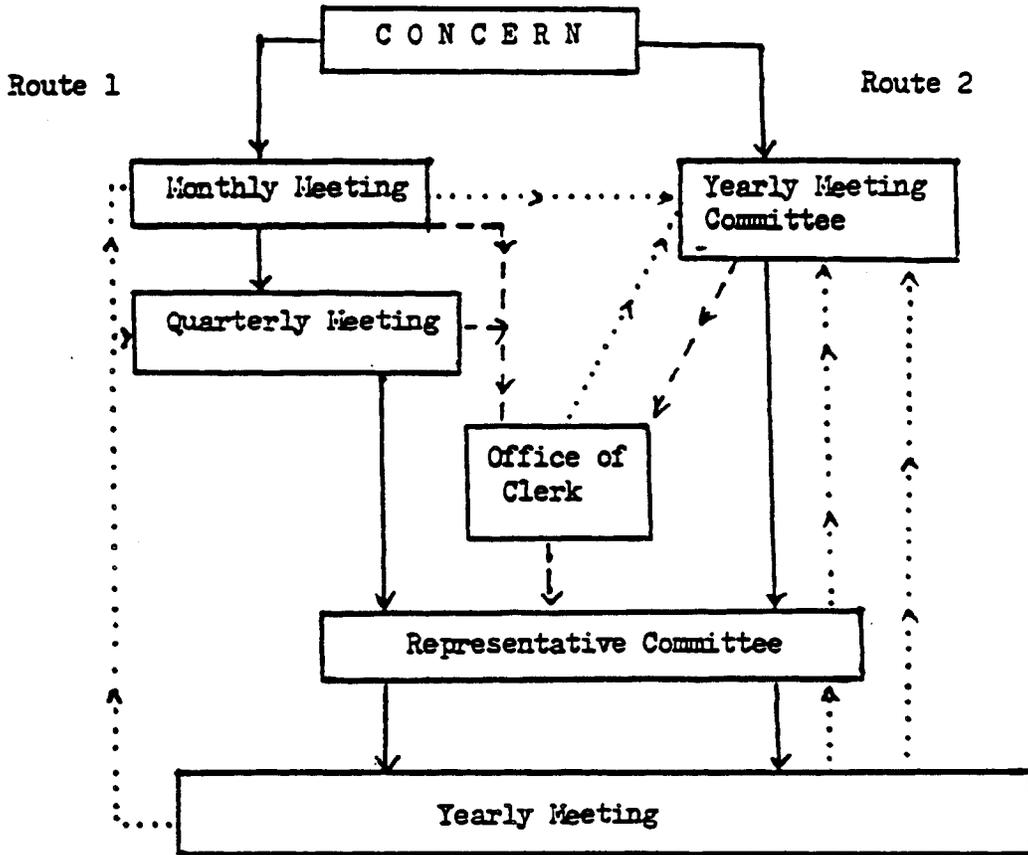
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PACIFIC YEARLY MEETING

FLOW CHART OF A CONCERN FROM INDIVIDUAL TO YEARLY MEETING
 (See Faith and Practice revision)



—— Normal flow
 Referral for action or seasoning
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prepared by R. S. Vogel
 January 1985

PACIFIC YEARLY MEETING

of the RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS

258 Cherry Avenue
Los Altos, California 94022-2270

June 26, 1988

To: Clerks of Monthly Meetings, also Preparative and Quarterly Meetings and Worship Groups

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Dear Friends,

You should have received a mailing in April containing the minutes from the March Representative Committee. If you did not receive that mailing, please let me know.

Since it is difficult to keep track of all the monthly meetings' representatives, I write to you as clerk to pass the enclosed package on to your meeting's representative and observer. If you are clerk of a worship group, your representation is through the monthly meeting under whose care you meet, and this packet is for your information. If you are clerk of a preparative meeting, you may or may not have a representative to whom to pass this information. I hope there is ample time to appoint representatives and observers if your meeting has not already done so.

Travel reimbursement for monthly meeting representatives' travel is expected to come from the monthly meeting. These expenses are subsidized by PYM, and a check will be sent to the monthly meeting. You can simply endorse that check to your representative if you wish.

Representative Committee and PYM are fast approaching, and it is time to lay our plans as definitely as possible as we prepare for PYM 1988. I have enclosed several items that will help you to prepare for our Representative Committee meetings on July 31, August 1, and August 4. Please come early enough on Sunday to be settled before Rep Com I at 3:30 pm on July 31. The agenda is very full, so we will start punctually.

I have enclosed several items to help us prepare for Representative Committee. Please bring all of this material with you to PYM.

- (1) There was a request in March for another copy of the flow chart of a concern from an individual to yearly meeting; this is copied on the back of this letter.
- (2) There was also a request for a copy of the Discipline Committee's insert for our Faith and Practices; this section from North Pacific Yearly Meeting's Faith and Practice is enclosed.
- (3) The tentative schedule for PYM 1988 is also enclosed; note that this schedule has switched Standing Committees and Plenary 9. This proposed schedule should speak to the concerns raised in March; it is proposed after consulting with various committee clerks. Note that it calls for three sessions on Thursday, so expect your clerks to be exhausted that day.
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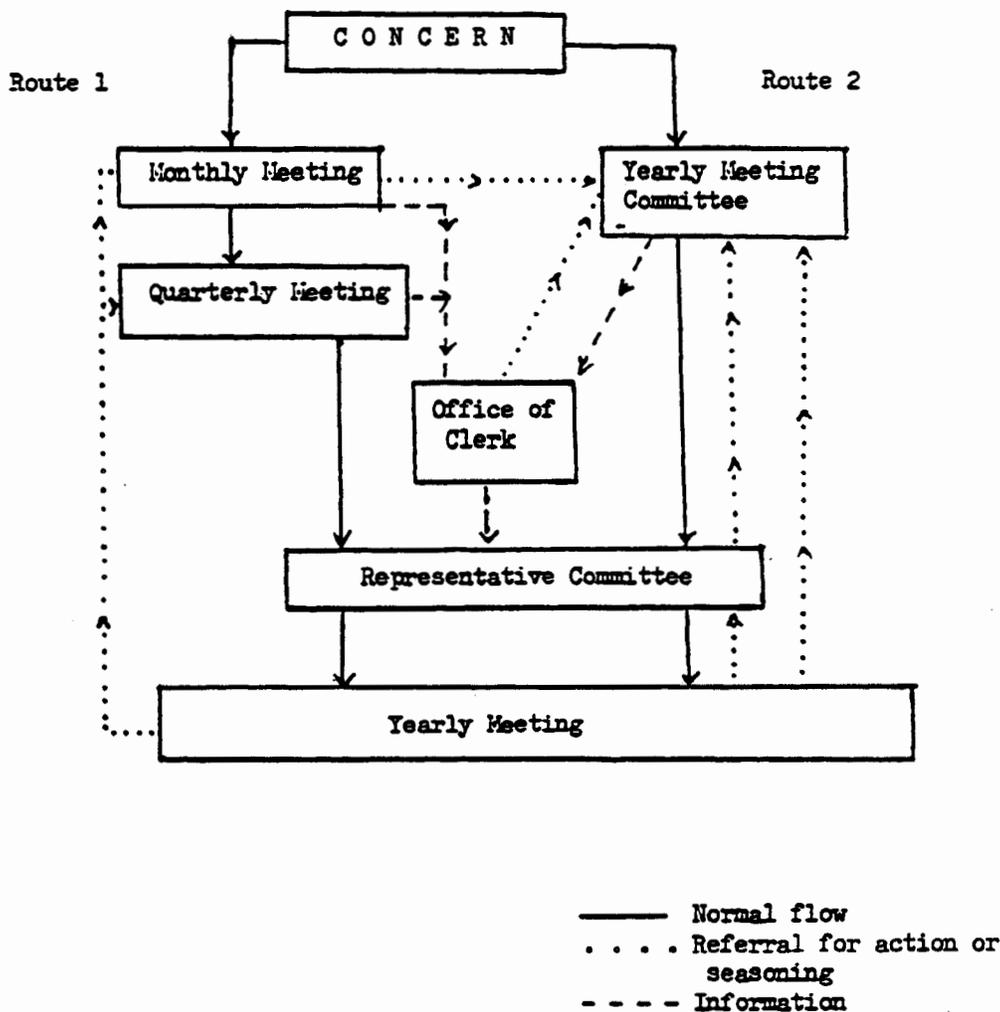
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Friends' Beliefs

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

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

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

One central area of belief which has received considerable attention over the years is the relationship of Quakerism to Christianity. Whether one interprets the Quaker movement as a strand within Protestantism or as a

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

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

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

Such discovery is fostered through the study, contemplation, and work of each individual, and these private acts of devotion and service in turn

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

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

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

August 1987

PACIFIC YEARLY MEETING

of the RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS

TENTATIVE AGENDA FOR REPRESENTATIVE COMMITTEE
Craig Hall Complex, Chico, California

SUNDAY, JULY 31, 1988 (Representative Committee I)

- 3:30 Worship
4:00 Introductions (sign attendance list)
Clerk's Report Stratton Jaquette
Report of the Committee to Name the Nominating Committee . Susana Matthay
Items from March Representative Committee and Interim Actions:
Interim Appointments Arden Pierce
Changes to the List of Meetings Betty Hall & QM Clerks
Role and Function of Representative Committee
Plans for Pacific Yearly Meeting 1988 (critical arrangements and requirements):
Schedule for PYM 1988 Stratton Jaquette
Arrangements Walter Jones & Ruth Roberts
Registration Larry Perry
Secretariat Gary Wolff
Children's Program Jim Kratzer & Margaret Jamison
Junior Yearly Meeting Committee Brian Vura-Weis & Becky Layfield
Junior Yearly High Friends Christiana Tappan & Molly Green
Junior Yearly Meeting Andrea Hartsough & Greg Green
Young Friends Lisa Klein & David Calderon
Worship-Fellowship
Agenda for PYM 1988 (Interest Groups, Sharing Groups, Videos, etc. & Sessions Agenda):
Agenda Review Committee Marilee Eusebio
Plenary Sessions Agenda Stratton Jaquette
5:30 Adjournment for dinner

MONDAY, AUGUST 1, 1988 (Representative Committee II)

- 8:30 Worship
8:50 Approval of Minutes of Rep Com I Sandy Farley
Approval of PYM Agendas and Schedules, if needed
Concerns, Minutes, & Actions Brought by Monthly & Quarterly Meetings or Individuals:
(Report from Mexico City, held over from March)
Actions, Minutes, and Requests by Committees and Officers of PYM:
Ministry & Oversight Jean Walton
Subcommittees of M & O
Discipline Jane Peers
PYM Holding Corporation Robert Young
Treasurers Walter & Virginia Klein
Finance Kitty Barragato
Sites Harry Bailey
Friends Bulletin & Bulletin Editor Elsa Glines & Shirley Ruth
Social Order Keith Wedmore
Peace Linda Dunn
East-West Relations Steve Birdlebough
Friend in the Orient Martha Dart
Unity with Nature Michael Dunn
Wider Fellowship Among Friends Paul Niebanck
Religious Education Greet Kershaw & Joan Johnson
Nominating Arden Pierce
Fraternal Delegates (other than WPAF):
Officers, Etc.
Other
11:30 Adjournment

THURSDAY, AUGUST 4, 1988 (Representative Committee III)

- 1:30 Worship
1:45 Approval of Minutes of Rep Com II Sandy Farley
Budget Proposed for 1988-89 (Finance Committee) Kitty Barragato
Minutes or Actions Arising from PYM 1988 (for Action &/or Scheduling)
Reports to Representative Committee by Committees & Officers
Other
Approval of Minutes of Rep Com III Sandy Farley
3:30 Adjournment

PACIFIC YEARLY MEETING
 JULY 31-AUGUST 6, 1988 - CRAIG HALL COMPLEX, CHICO, CALIFORNIA
 TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

Sunday July 31	Monday August 1	Tuesday August 2	Wednesday August 3	Thursday August 4	Friday August 5	Saturday August 6	
	(7:15-8:00) - - - - - BREAKFAST 7:00 - 8:00 A.M. - - - - -						
Committee Meetings at Call of Clerks	Representative Committee II 8:30-11:30	Worship-Fellowship Groups & Meeting for Worship 8:15-9:30				W/F 8:15-9:15	
		- - - - - 9:45 - 11:45 - - - - -				Session 15-Plenary 9:30-10:45	
		Session 4 Plenary	Session 7 Plenary	Session 9 Plenary	Session 12 Plenary	Session 16 Worship 11-12	
(No Lunch)	(12:00-1:15) - - - - - LUNCH 11:45 - 1:15 - - - - - (12:00-1:15)						
Representative Committee I 3:30-5:30	Session 1 Roll Call, etc. 1:30-2:50	Interest Groups 1:30-3:30	Interest Groups 1:30-3:00	Representative Committee III 1:30-3:30	Session 13 Plenary 1:30-3:30	Evaluations 2:00-3:30 (PYM Officers & Comm. Clerks)	
	Refreshments 3:00-3:45		Session 8 Worship for Memorials 3:30-5:00				
	Session 2 Worship 4:00-5:00	Session 5 Worship 4:00-5:00		Session 10 Worship 4:00-5:00	Session 14 Worship 4:00-5:00		
	(5:30-6:30) - - - - - DINNER 5:00 - 6:30 P.M. - - - - -						
All Committees Meet 7:00-9:30	Session 3 Plenary 7:00-9:00 Ministry & Oversight	Session 6 Plenary 7:00-9:00	Standing Committees 7:00-8:30	Session 11 Plenary 7:00-8:30	Family Night 6:30-8:30		
					JYM Dance 9:00-		
	Sharing Groups 9:30-	Sharing Groups 9:30-	9:00-	Interest Groups 9:00-			

Representative Committee

The formal stated function of Rep Com is given on the back of this report in the form of excerpts from our two most recent Faith and Practices. Please read them. The March Rep Com packet contained some discussion of Rep Com as well; depending on space, it may get into this mailing. Also you will note that things are not quite where my letter says they are; another item would cost another ounce of postage, and would delay this mailing, as I am not finished with the sessions agenda.

Representative Committee functions to serve the yearly meeting in several ways. Overall Rep Com facilitates PYM. Some specific ways are described here:

Rep Com acts on behalf and in the name of PYM in mid-year when PYM is not in session. There are limitations, i.e. Rep Com cannot approve an action that involves a new principle. All Rep Com actions come to PYM so that they can be reviewed if PYM wants to do so.

Rep Com is a seasoning body for minutes and other actions brought to PYM. Much time and energy is saved on plenary floor if items come to the floor after the consideration and recommendation of Rep Com. Rep Com is a body of more experienced Friends and monthly meeting representatives, and it therefore views issues and requests from action with broader perspective and with deeper consideration of the item as historical testimonies and other PYM or meeting actions might shed light on the item. If a request comes unseasoned to PYM, Rep Com can often untie the knot or cut to the heart of the issue, so that the item can be reformulated in clear and acceptable form for plenary. This can greatly speed the item's approval or disapproval: a clear minute well formulated can be handled in plenary with much greater speed and insight.

Rep Com can function as the communications hub of the yearly meeting, sending items and issues to the appropriate Friends body. Items that come to Rep Com can be sent to monthly meetings, some PYM committee, some other Friends body, e.g. FWCC, or to plenary floor. By switching the traffic to the right place, proper consideration of each item is better assured. It is important, however, that representatives continue to provide the communications function by bringing meeting concerns and minutes to Rep Com and representing the yearly meeting and its actions to the home meeting. This includes taking all of the stuff we send to the meetings and getting it to the right place in the meeting; we do not know how each meeting divides its work and concerns so do not know to which meeting committee to send each item.

Rep Com takes care of all the arrangements and organization of the yearly meeting sessions. This includes schedules, agendas, and activities. Although the clerks usually propose these, Rep Com can and does change them.

Rep Com clears the plenary of business to allow greater time for worshipful consideration of the matters that count for us. Rep Com can hear reports with some dispatch and save plenary time, especially reports that deal with internal workings of PYM and work in progress. PYM arrangements do not need to be dealt with entirely on the floor. The budget used to take a whole plenary session; now Rep Com does the hard part, and the budget can be fun in plenary.

These things that Rep Com does for PYM are not all taken care of before PYM sessions start. New items come up, and confusion sometimes reigns. Rep Com on Thursday stands ready to replan the agenda and to hear requests that arise unseasoned in the course of the week. Often some work is not finished by Monday, e.g. site selection, budget, and sometimes appointments to nominating committee.

Stratton Jaquette
June, 1988

YEARLY MEETING COMMITTEES

The Representative Committee

The Representative Committee shall meet at the time of Yearly Meeting, and may meet at other times, as directed by the Yearly Meeting or, if needed, at the call of the Clerk. It shall help to prepare the agenda of the Yearly Meeting; give preliminary consideration to matters which may come before the Yearly Meeting from its committees, from the regional and Monthly Meetings, or from individual members; advise the committees and Meetings in matters which concern the Yearly Meeting. It shall name the members of the Nominating Committee. It makes recommendations to Yearly Meeting in matters that involve a new principle, and is authorized to act for Yearly Meeting in matters that do not.

The Representative Committee shall consist of the Officers of the Yearly Meeting; Clerks of the regional Meetings and a representative, each as agreed upon, from areas in which there are Monthly Meetings not as yet joined in a regional Meeting; the Clerks of the Yearly Meeting Standing Committees; the Clerk (or alternate) of the Yearly Meeting Arrangements Committee; one representative from each Monthly Meeting; representatives of special committees as approved by the Clerk; and the immediate past Clerk of Yearly Meeting. The Clerk is authorized, at his discretion, to appoint one or two other persons to serve on this committee.

Officers and selected committee chairmen of Junior Yearly Meeting shall meet at the same time as the Representative Committee meets.

The Monthly Meeting *representatives* shall be appointed for two-year terms, one-half being replaced or re-appointed each year. Each Monthly Meeting should select for its representative a member active in the life of the Meeting and capable of representing its views, who should inform himself on matters likely to come before the Representative Meeting and have with him needed documents. He should be prepared to report to the Monthly Meeting, with such materials as are helpful.

In addition to its representative, each Monthly Meeting should appoint an *observer* to attend and observe the Representative Meeting, so that members may be trained for possible later appointment.

The Executive Committee

The Executive Committee shall meet once a year, approximately at midtime between Yearly Meetings, at a convenient place determined by the Clerk. It shall make preparations for the Yearly Meeting; review matters which may come before the Yearly Meeting from its committees, constituent Meetings, and members; counsel with and advise committees and Meetings; consider problems within the Yearly Meeting; make recommendations to the Representative Committee and to Yearly Meeting; and act for the Yearly Meeting between its sessions in matters not involving a new principle.

The Executive Committee shall consist of the Yearly Meeting officers; Clerks of the regional Meetings and representatives, as may be agreed upon, of Meetings in areas lacking a regional Meeting; Clerks of the standing committees and the Clerk of the Arrangements Committee; representatives of special committees as authorized by the Clerk; and the immediate past Clerk of the Yearly Meeting. At his discretion, the Clerk may invite one or two other Friends, whose presence he considers useful, to meet with the Executive Committee.

Selected officers and chairmen of the Young Friends Meeting shall meet at the same time and place as the Executive Committee.

REPRESENTATIVE COMMITTEE

The Representative Committee meets at the time of Yearly Meeting and in the interim between Yearly Meetings (usually the first weekend in Third Month), alternating its meeting place between Northern and Southern California. It may meet at other times, as directed by the Yearly Meeting, or, if needed, at the call of the Clerk. The Committee helps prepare the agenda of the Yearly Meeting, and gives preliminary consideration to matters which may come before the Yearly Meeting from its committees, the Quarterly and Monthly Meetings, or from individual members. (See p 64, Concerns in Quarterly and Yearly Meeting). The Committee may make recommendations to the Yearly Meeting or may act upon a concern itself. It is authorized to act on behalf of the Yearly Meeting if the matter is covered by longstanding policy or historical position and if the Committee is meeting when Yearly Meeting is not in session and action is required. All actions of the Representative Committee are reported to Yearly Meeting with the usual opportunity to reconsider any minute reported.

At its interim meeting the Committee names an *ad hoc* Committee to Name the Nominating Committee. It approves three Friends, selecting one to act as Convener and naming a fourth as alternate. (See p 72). At its meeting during Yearly Meeting, having heard the report of the *ad hoc* Committee, the Representative Committee appoints the new members to the Nominating Committee. On the recommendation of the Ministry and Oversight Committee it also appoints the members of the Epistle Committee.

The Committee consists of the officers of the Yearly Meeting, Clerks of the Quarterly Meetings, the Clerks of the Yearly Meeting standing committees, the Clerk of the Yearly Meeting Arrangements Committee, one representative from each Monthly Meeting, representatives of special committees as approved by the Clerk, and the immediate past clerk of Yearly Meeting. The Clerk is authorized, at his or her discretion, to appoint one or two other persons to serve on this committee.

A Representative and observer shall be appointed by each Monthly Meeting for a full term of at least one year. The Meeting chooses as Representatives Friends who are active in the life of the Meeting and are capable of representing its views. The Representative keeps informed on matters likely to come before the Committee and brings any necessary papers or minutes to Committee meetings. Each representative reports to the Monthly Meeting, keeping it informed upon issues, proposals and decisions before the Committee. Representatives have an important role in the work of the Committee. Although they bring the thoughts, feelings and convictions of their Meeting to matters under consideration, they also come to listen to other members of the Committee and join with them in seeking Divine guidance for the corporate sense of the meeting. The Monthly Meeting also selects an observer who is encouraged to use the experience as an opportunity to become familiar with the work and procedures of the Representative Committee. Because the Yearly Meeting needs continuity of service, the representative and the observer may be reappointed. As a result of the observer's experience, the Meeting may find that the observer is the most appropriate person to be its next representative.

PACIFIC YEARLY MEETING

of the RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS

July 10, 1988

Dear PYM Committee Clerks and PYM Officers,

You might notice that this mailing is going out to a subset of Representative Committee and an even smaller subset of the entire mailing list that gets most of the mailings. Please share this information with subcommittee clerks, PYM delegates, and representatives to PYM from your monthly meeting if you have time and you think it would be helpful.

You should have received last month's mailing, which included the Representative Committee agenda and overall PYM schedule. This letter just adds the last of the schedules and agendas for you to consider before we meet late this month. The enclosed sheet contains a tentative agenda for each of the PYM sessions throughout the week and, on the other side of the agenda, the current list of interest groups and their current assigned times.

If you know of any changes, additions, or deletions to the interest groups, please let Marilee Eusebio know as soon as possible. The list and schedule will get as frozen as it ever gets on Sunday evening, July 31. If you know of any problems with the order of interest groups and the related plenary time for your committee, please let both Marilee and me know.

If you foresee the need to change the plenary agendas, by moving, adding, or deleting items, please let me know. We will finalize this for distribution to attenders at PYM Sunday evening, July 31. I am sure other items will come up during the week and that we will adjust.

See you soon.

With love,



Stratton C. Jaquette
clerk

PACIFIC YEARLY MEETING - AUGUST 1988

TENTATIVE AGENDA (Sessions)

All plenary sessions except Worship begin with worship, reading of Epistles received from other yearly meetings, introductions of visitors, and approval of minutes of previous sessions.

Monday August 1

1. Roll Call: Introductions, Roll Call, Orientation (Children's Program, Arrangements, Assistant Clerk)
2. Worship
3. Ministry & Oversight: Naming of the Epistle Committee; M&O State of the Society

Tuesday August 2

4. Several: Committee to Name the Nominating Committee report; Action Minutes from March and July Representative Committee; FIOC (Yang); Social Order
5. Worship
6. Several: Action minutes from Representative Committee; FWCC; Discipline; Children's Program status

Wednesday August 3

7. M&O + Discipline: Same Sex Marriage; Preliminary report of Nominating Committee
8. Worship: Memorials

Thursday August 4

9. SO, U w/N, M&O, P: Justice, Peace, & Integrity of Creation; Bulletin
10. Worship
11. Financial +: Treasurers' report; Finance Committee; Budget 1988-89; Religious Ed; Unity w/Nature

Friday August 5

12. Peace/Rep Com: Action minutes from Rep Com III; 1st reading of the Epistle; Peace; Statistical Clerk; Registrars
13. Several: Additions to Nominating Report; Wider Fellowship Among Friends; (maybe Unity w/Nature or other)
14. Worship

Saturday August 6

15. Final Session for Business: Reading of the Epistles; Approval of Nominating Committee report; other items held over
16. Final Worship

(Evaluation in pm is for Officers and Committee Clerks. Others, incl. representatives, should pass their comments and concerns to someone else.)

Interest Groups - PYM 1988
(7-1-88)

Tues. 1:30-3:30 pm

1. Middle East (Peace Comm.)
2. Looking at Queries (Kel. Ed.)
3. WFAFC
4. Friend in the Orient
5. Ethical Investments (Soc. Order)

Wed. 1:30-3:00 pm

1. Urgent Action: Mid East; Saeed; SDI, Cent. Am., non-violent action follow-up (Peace Comm)
2. Unity w/ Nature
3. Same Sex Marriage (M+O and Discipline)
4. FWCC
5. East-West -1
6. Aids (Soc. Order)

Wed. 9-10:30 pm

1. Discipline (Discipline)
2. Good Order (M+O)
3. Mental Illness
4. Employment - Work + Survival (Soc. Order)
5. Results of Clerking Workshop
6. Spiritual Gifts
7. AFSC

Thurs. 9-10:30 pm

1. AFSC - Guatemala
2. FCNL
3. East-West 2
4. Alternatives to Imprisonment (Soc. Order)
5. FCWTC
6. Finance