PACIFIC YEARLY MEETING
Eighth Month 1, 1988
Chico, California

PLENARY SESSION 1

Friends gathered at 1:30 p.m., after crowding into a very full meeting room, and settled into a period of silent worship.

Clerk Stratton Jaquette offered the following opening minute:

We have gathered for a week of retreat, fellowship and search together in the Spirit as Pacific Yearly Meeting. We seek a unity to be found in our corporate understanding of God's leading for us. As we enter this year's sessions, we bring our insights, concerns, joys, sorrows, and prayers, with hearts open to that same voice that reached the prophets' ear. Our PYM family will grow closer together and our faith stronger, through our fellowship, worship, play, and business together.

The Clerk, Stratton Jaquette, then announced that the 42nd gathering of Pacific Yearly Meeting was now in session.

INTRODUCTIONS

Stratton Jaquette introduced himself as Presiding Clerk of Yearly Meeting, from Palo Alto Monthly Meeting, and asked the other Clerks to introduce themselves: Marilee Eusebio from Davis Monthly Meeting, Assistant Clerk; Ruth Peters from Orange Grove and Steve Smith from Claremont, Co-Recording Clerks; and Connie Jolly from Berkeley Monthly Meeting, Reading Clerk.

Stratton Jaquette then asked Friends from other Yearly Meetings to introduce themselves: Anthony Manousos from Philadelphia Yearly Meeting; Mildred Burck from North Pacific Yearly Meeting; Martin Cobin, Jane Scott, Virginia Petersen and Goodwin Petersen from Intermountain Yearly Meeting; Katie and Gray Chynoweth from New England Yearly Meeting; Steven Yang and Ruth Zhang from the People's Republic of China, and Tomoe Hayashi from Tokyo Monthly Meeting.

EPISTLES

Connie Jolly, Reading Clerk, read the Epistle from the Junior Yearly Meeting of New England Yearly Meeting, and a letter from the Religiose Gesellschaft der Freunden in Wien, a small Monthly Meeting of Friends in Vienna, Austria.

ROLL CALL

Marilee Eusebio, Assistant Clerk, read the roll of member Meetings, which included two new Meetings: Chico Monthly Meeting and Humbolt Monthly Meeting. Representatives were present from 34 of the 37 member Meetings. No one was present from Hemet Monthly Meeting, Los Angeles Monthly Meeting, and Mexico City Monthly Meeting, but representatives from these...
Meetings may arrive later in the week. Representatives were present from our only Preparative Meeting, Big Island in Hawaii; but only two of the 19 Worship Groups were represented: Conejo Valley under the care of Westwood Monthly Meeting, and Morongo Basin under the care of Claremont Monthly Meeting.

CHILDREN'S PROGRAM

Jim Kratzer, Clerk of Children's Program Committee, reminded us that it takes time and energy to create a good children's program and asked for help from the Yearly Meeting, not only in the form of volunteers to assist the paid teachers, but help in picking up the children on time.

Margaret Jamison, Coordinator of the Children's Program, announced a 40% increase in the number of children registered this year. All children under junior high age were asked to stand and wave so that all could see them. To facilitate volunteering for Children's Program this year, Peter Trier is serving as a coordinator of volunteers. The theme of this year's Children's Program is Quaker history and each morning will be devoted to structured activities, even in the preschool program, so parents were asked to be sure to have their children present at the designated starting times. Cars and drivers are needed to transport children on three planned field trips. Additional plans for the Children's Program were described; and each of the teachers were asked to introduce themselves: Frank Odia and Lisa Klein, morning preschool teachers; Sharon Wesson and George Castil, afternoon preschool teachers; Rhea Farley and Kaino Hopper, morning elementary teachers; Linda Koenig and Janet Phillips, afternoon elementary teachers; and in the evening, Ruth Bergman for younger children and Bede Smith for older children.

JUNIOR YEARLY MEETING

Brian Vura-Weis, Co-Clerk of Junior Yearly Meeting Committee, introduced Christina Tappan and Molly Krieger-Green, Co-Clerks of the Junior High Program; Greg Green and Andrea Hartsough, Co-Clerks of Junior Yearly Meeting; David Standish, Advisor to the High School Program; and Tad Kershner, Advisor to the Junior High Program. The Junior High Program is coordinating the Menito program again this year, and Friends were encouraged to sign up for a "secret pal." Christina Tappan explained the rules of the Menito game. Brian Vura-Weis announced the times and locations of meetings for the parents of junior and senior high school students, so that additional details of these programs can be explained. In particular, plans are underway for a joint camp-out on Tuesday evening for three age groups: junior high, senior high, and post-high school young Friends. At this point, Brian Vura-Weis announced that the Junior Yearly Meeting was ready to begin and all junior and senior high Friends rose and left the meeting room.

YOUNG FRIENDS

Lisa Klein and David Calderon, Co-Clerks of Young Friends, announced an organizational business meeting for interested young Friends.
ARRANGEMENTS

Walter Jones, Arrangements Clerk, introduced Ruth Roberts, Assistant Arrangements Clerk, who is responsible for making all room assignments for meetings of all kinds. He also explained that Helen Perkins is in charge of the Communications Center and desperately needs volunteer help; George Rudenko is the person to see about equipment; and Virginia Flagg is the camping coordinator. The swimming pool will be open from 7:30 a.m. to 11:00 p.m., and PYM has asked that a life guard be on duty at all times. No children are allowed in the swimming pool before 12:00 noon. Additional announcements concerned respecting the private property rights of neighboring orchard owners, doors to be kept open and doors that would be locked at specified times, use of the microphones during plenary sessions and thermostats in dormitory rooms, policies concerning food service and failure to return room keys, and the importance of maintaining a Quiet Zone outside the meeting room when a plenary was in session.

WORSHIP-FELLOWSHIP GROUPS

Ingrid Petersen, Worship-Fellowship Coordinator, announced that there would be 16 traditional Worship-Fellowship groups this year, with one additional traditional group to be filled with latecomers. These groups, along with their leaders and room assignments, will be posted. Adults who signed up for Children-Adults Worship-Fellowship groups were invited to attend a special orientation meeting.

SECRETARIAT

David-James Bloom announced on behalf of Chris Laning, the Secretariat Manager, that volunteers were needed in the Secretariat and a sign-up sheet was being circulated.

The Assistant Clerk read several announcements and the Meeting closed at 3:00 p.m. with a brief period of silence.

Ruth Peters, Co-Recording Clerk

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Against the quiet background hum of air conditioning, Friends gathered at 4 p.m. for their first worship session of Yearly Meeting.

In the week that lies before us, may we recognize God's blessings and guidance not only in large and dramatic moments, but also in small, everyday events. Remembering that "All things work together for good, to those who love God," may we see the truth on both sides of each question, in the light and in the darkness. If we are driven by anxiety always to do the "right" thing, we may lose faith, and draw seeds of destruction into the great collective soul that we are. Instead, may we discern the gifted Clerk, the true Quaker, the saint, that of God within each person, and see one another as the precious gifts that we are.

Steve Smith, Co-Recording Clerk
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PLENARY SESSION 3

Plenary session 3 opened at 7 p.m. with a period of silent worship.

EPISTLES

Reading Clerk Connie Jolly read the epistle from North Pacific Yearly Meeting.

INTRODUCTIONS

Elizabeth Dearborn introduced herself, her daughter Shoshana, and her husband Richard Grady, all from Adelphi Monthly Meeting of Baltimore Yearly Meeting. Another recent arrival was Chad Meyers, Director of Programs at the Pasadena offices of the AFSC. Rev. Jack Elliott Corbett, Vice President of the PAX World Fund, who is a guest of Social Order Committee, was also introduced and welcomed.

MINUTES

Minutes of Plenary 1 were read and approved with minor changes. The record of Plenary 2 (Meeting for Worship) was also read.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Several announcements were made by Walter Jones, Arrangements Clerk, and Marilee Eusebio, Assistant Clerk.

MINISTRY AND OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

Jean Walton, Clerk of Ministry and Oversight, reported the names of the Epistle Committee: Bill Scott, Clerk; Rick Troth; Leta McKinley-Adler; and Alice Bender, who will sit on the committee as an auditor.

STATE OF SOCIETY REPORT

Jean Walton introduced the State of Society Report, noting that the report could be based on statements submitted by the individual Monthly Meetings, or could instead focus on the state of the Yearly Meeting as a distinct gathering. This year's State of the Society Report attempts to do both.

During the past year, Pacific Yearly Meeting has been dealing at all levels with the issue of same-sex marriage, and thus a State of the Society Report would naturally include discussion of this topic; but since same-sex marriage is to be dealt with in Plenary Session 7, it is only briefly mentioned in tonight's report.
Jean Walton introduced the members of the Ministry and Oversight Committee: Leonard Dart, Claremont; David-James Bloom, San Francisco/Redwood Forest; Walt Kersey, Sacramento; Eric Moon, Berkeley; Dottie Vura-Weis, Inland Valley; Jean Lohmann, San Francisco; Hermione Baker, Claremont, Coordinator of Morongo Basin; and Ed Flowers, Redwood Forest.

The State of the Society Report consists of four parts — Jean Lohmann presenting a brief summary of the Monthly Meeting reports, Eric Moon leading the group in an exercise, Ed Flowers presenting queries regarding the corporate life of the Yearly Meeting, and Walt Kersey with concluding remarks. Each of the four presentations was followed by time for responses from those in attendance, in a spirit of worship and reflection. [See Packet Attachment A.]

Jean Lohmann's brief summary highlighted key images by which various Monthly Meetings described themselves — as an "extended family"; as "a valued melting pot"; as "an energy waiting to be channeled"; as "a presence and a promise," and others. It dealt with themes of conflict and harmonization, of exhaustion and renewal, of educational efforts and struggles with commitment.

Eric Moon addressed the meaning of unity which, unlike mere unanimity, may be discerned by only one or a few meeting members. He pointed to an ideal in which true unity becomes a tangible and recognizable reality in our Quaker process; noting that in the past year that ideal has been challenged by the difficult issues we have faced. In his mock summary of the state of a meeting, he regaled us with a compendium of Quakerese phrases, then concluded by inviting members to consider two questions:

1. What is the meaning of our Meeting to us? What is its Purpose (capital "P") or purposes (small "p")?
2. Given these purposes, how are we doing? What keeps us coming back? What do we find disappointing?

There followed a period of sharing of deep concerns and reflections concerning why people come to Meeting, and what they would like to see changed. We may come for a deeper experience of God and to hear of others' spiritual experience. Should we hear more from other traditions such as Buddhism, Twelve-step Programs and the like? The children's program was praised; perhaps some adults are brought by their children. Might we return to the basics of our peace testimony, and drop many nonessential details? In the name of efficiency, are we slipping into prepackaged programming that drains away the excitement and growth potential of Yearly Meeting sessions? Have we so overscheduled ourselves that there is no longer any time truly to "wait upon the Lord"? Remembering that our Yearly Meeting Epistle is addressed to "Friends everywhere," let us avoid pious "sweetness and light" and be mindful that many whom our Epistle may reach have been diminished and harmed by the actions of the United States government.

Ed Flowers posed a series of concerns regarding our corporate life. How are individual concerns related to the corporate concerns of the Meeting? What is the relationship of contemplation to action in the Meeting? Has Meeting become a mere collection of committees? Do we sometimes hear a self-righteous tone
in Business Meeting? Do we find ourselves diluting our minutes in order to achieve a spurious "unity"? Have we become overspecialized, so that we work with the same persons year after year? Do persons involved in direct action feel unsupported by the Meeting? Do we find ourselves responding to concerns with a dutiful "should" rather than the full commitment of an open heart? Do we sometimes feel like an outsider in our own Meeting?

A variety of responses followed. We do often give each other the strength and freedom to follow our own concerns, and feel grateful for this support. Yet we have not fully learned the quality of God's love, which does not falter when we take an unfamiliar point of view, or are in error; it endures, cares, and treasures each of us as precious. We have great models in our past of powerful threshing sessions which resulted in bold and courageous action. The memories of these times sustain our commitment. In the winters of our discontent, when we struggle with personal and social issues, the warmth and friendly regard of our Meeting fill us with God's grace, and we know we can always return. In our passion for righteousness, we must remember that none has a monopoly on truth, and all must be prepared to stretch beyond the positions they cling to at the outset. To counteract our impatience to reach conclusions, we need a recommitment to process. And as we recall marathon plenary sessions on nude swimming, we should remember that God also has a sense of humor — and not take ourselves too seriously.

Walt Kersey noted two seemingly contradictory qualities of Meeting. It is a safe place where people are accepted as they are — and it is a challenging place, where people are nudged out of comfortable ruts and forced to grow. These two dimensions are found in each of us. Perhaps positive change can occur only in a safe place — and perhaps genuine safety can come only by being open to change. Has God given us the safety of our Meetings in order that we may explore together our vision of the Light?

Several Friends affirmed these suggestions. Contact with others who are asking similar questions, or who have another part of the answer, is a powerful reason for coming to Meeting. Is it unrealistic to assume that we are a family? When our Meetings are not safe places for their members, outreach is sapped. Yet when the "family" that is our Meeting is indeed safe, we are empowered to make dynamic changes, out of all proportion to our numbers.

Jean Walton, Clerk of Ministry and Oversight, brought the session to a close with an invitation to silent worship, during which time additional messages again affirmed the power of our Meetings — through friendliness, warmth and love — to support us in the Light.

Steve Smith, Co-Recording Clerk

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PACIFIC YEARLY MEETING
Eighth Month 2, 1988
Chico, California

PLENARY SESSION 4

Plenary Session 4 opened at 9:45 a.m. with a period of silent worship.

EPISTLES

Reading Clerk Connie Jolly read the epistle from Japan Yearly Meeting.

INTRODUCTIONS

Ingeborg Jones and Elizabeth Palmar-Martinez, both from Mexico City Monthly Meeting, introduced themselves.

MINUTES

The minutes of Plenary Session 3 were read and approved with minor revisions.

REPRESENTATIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

The action minutes and selected parts of the discussion minutes from the March and July Representative Committee meetings were read for our information. Only one item from the March meeting required action from this yearly meeting. The following minute (REP-COM 88-6) was approved:

PYM MIN
88-1 The treasurer of PYM may accept funds specified to be contributed to other organizations only with the approval of PYM.

SOCIAL ORDER COMMITTEE

Keith Wedmore, Clerk of Social Order Committee, read a minute from San Diego Monthly Meeting which was being recommended to PYM by the Social Order Committee with the endorsement of Representative Committee. The minute expresses concern over the failure of the United States Government to follow international law. After a brief discussion the following minute was approved:

PYM-MIN
88-2 Pacific Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends strongly affirms international law as interpreted by the World Court. The United States has refused to acknowledge international law in the 1984 Nicaragua Harbor mining incident; and, similarly in April 1988, the United States refused to submit to arbitration over the closing of the United Nations PLO Observer Mission.

We believe the United States should comply with international law.
Furthermore, it would be well for the United States to aspire to leadership in the sphere of international law.

Suggestions for the use and distribution of this minute were offered, and the Social Order Committee was asked to facilitate this distribution.

Keith Wedmore then described various ways in which concerns find their way to PYM's Social Order Committee, stressing the importance of prior seasoning by Monthly Meetings and, when possible, by Quarterly Meetings as well. A sign-up list has been posted for suggesting concerns for the Social Order Committee to address in the coming years. The four interest groups being sponsored this year by the Social Order Committee were then described: Ethical Investment; Healthy Sexuality and a Healthy Immune System; Employment, Work and Survival; and Alternatives to Imprisonment. A possible future interest group on the morality of sexual behavior is also under consideration; and the Social Order Committee asked Friends to indicate their interest in this topic, which is also an important issue among our young Friends.

At this point there was a brief discussion on temperature control in the plenary meeting room, and Friends were reminded that the topic of sexual morality often elicits concerns about being too warm.

FRIENDS COMMITTEE ON WAR TAX CONCERNS

Anne Friend gave a final report for the now-laid-down Friends Committee on War Tax Concerns, which was sponsored by FWCC and on which Anne Friend served for three years as a joint representative from Pacific Yearly Meeting, North Pacific Yearly Meeting and Intermountain Yearly Meeting. This committee has concluded its work with publication of two handbooks: one for employers, and one for individuals themselves considering military tax resistance. The latter is titled: Handbook on Military Taxes and Conscience. Both can be purchased from the FWCC. Stratton Jaquette expressed PYM's gratitude to Anne Friend for the work she has done on this committee.

FRIEND IN THE ORIENT COMMITTEE

Martha Dart, Clerk of the Friend in the Orient Committee, reported that this committee has had an unusually busy year. Lewis and Lois Hoskins have been our Friends in the Orient in China this year, teaching at the Xi-an Mining Institute. They will return in late August after having attended the Triennial in Tokyo. They will then travel among us during the year to report and share. The Committee also supported Nancy Dollahite to travel among Friends this Spring sharing her slides on life in Chinese villages following her two years of teaching in Chonqing. Finally, the Committee has been helping FWCC help Asian Friends to attend the Tokyo Triennial later this month. Therefore, funds for this project are considerably depleted, and Meetings and individuals were encouraged(!) to help build up the fund before the Hoskins start traveling among us this Fall and Winter.

Martha Dart then introduced Stephen Yang and Ruth Zhang, guests of the Friends in the Orient Committee. Both are professors emeritus of West China
University of Medical Sciences in Chengdu, Sichuan Province, Ruth in Pediatrics and Stephen in Thoracic Surgery. They are en route from the Conference of International Physicians for the Prevention of Nuclear War in Montreal to the Triennial in Tokyo. Both will share with Friends during an interest group later in the day.

Stephen Yang began by bringing greetings from 20 Quaker survivors in Chengdu and describing the backgrounds of both Ruth and himself. Stephen’s grandmother was one of the first Chinese Quakers and both of his parents taught in Quaker schools in China after themselves graduating from Quaker schools. Ruth’s father was a Methodist minister who trained at Drew University in New Jersey.

Stephen Yang then presented a brief history of Sichuan Friends Yearly Meeting and of the Church in China today, concluding with his belief that the future for religion in China is indeed bright (see Packet Attachment B for complete presentation). A number of questions from the audience were answered by Stephen and Ruth. Since legally there is only one Protestant church in China, it is not possible to have independent Quaker Meetings in present-day China. However, on a number of occasions Quakers have met for worship after the manner of Friends. In response to a request for advice on how PYM might help Quakers in China, Friends were told of the very helpful work of English Quakers, who have sent Quaker teachers to the university in Chengdu as well as religious books for the seminary, and equipment such as TV’s and copiers. The work of Shan Cretin of Westwood Friends Meeting has been most welcome in China. She has been working on a program to help Chinese farmers in the countryside get health insurance. The role of women in China has changed drastically since the revolution in 1950. Today large numbers of women graduate from college, especially from teachers’ colleges and medical colleges, but also from schools of engineering.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Marilee Eusebio read several announcements.

The session closed at 11:40 after a period of silent worship.

Ruth Peters, Co-Recording Clerk
Friends gathered at 4:00 p.m. for worship and were enveloped by a deep, enriching silence that flowed over and around us.

It is comforting to remember that even though we come from different places and circumstances, we all have similar dreams. Bringing out the light in others [and in ourselves] does require some effort, but if we are patient with ourselves, all will come to pass and in the end there will be a new beginning. Naming the unnamable gives us the illusion that we can bargain with that which cannot be named; but when we give up these names, we are simply enveloped by that which is.

Ruth Peters, Co-Recording Clerk
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PLENARY SESSION 6

Plenary session 6 began at 7 p.m. with a period of silent worship.

EPISTLES

Reading Clerk Connie Jolly read greetings to Pacific Yearly Meeting from Friends Committee on National Legislation. She also read greetings to PYM from Asia Bennett, Executive Secretary of American Friends Service Committee, and from the Friends World Committee for Consultation.

INTRODUCTIONS

Shirley Ruth gave news of North Pacific Yearly Meeting and Intermountain Yearly Meeting. Stratton Jaquette, Presiding Clerk, reported greetings from Jane Snyder, Clerk of North Pacific Yearly Meeting.

MINUTES

Minutes for Plenary Session 4 were read and approved. Minutes for Plenary Session 5 (worship) were also read.

STATE OF THE CHILDREN'S PROGRAM

Persons were encouraged to volunteer to help with the children's program.

REPRESENTATIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

Portions of the minutes from Representative Committee Meeting on 1 August 1988 were read. Rep Com 88-19 was approved by the Yearly Meeting as:

PYM MIN 88-3

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 the Representative Committee session in March will not be reimbursed for preparative meetings.

Rep Com 88-20, concerning Sacramento Meeting's wish to affiliate with Friends General Conference and its request for consent from Pacific Yearly Meeting for this affiliation, generated extensive discussion. Is it appropriate for a Monthly Meeting to affiliate with another group, when the Yearly Meeting has minuted its decision for PYM to remain unaffiliated? Others saw the position of Pacific Yearly Meeting as not restricting the choices of its member Monthly Meetings.
After several trial minutes and a period of quiet, the following minute was approved:

**PYM MIN**

88-4 Pacific Yearly Meeting does not feel it is appropriately within its province to give its consent for Sacramento Meeting to affiliate with Friends General Conference, but it is comfortable with Sacramento Meeting's affiliation with Friends General Conference, if Sacramento Meeting wishes to do so.

**FRIENDS WORLD COMMITTEE FOR CONSULTATION (FWCC)**

Marie Parker, one of our five representatives to FWCC, reported on FWCC events of the past year, including the FWCC birthday celebration. All five PYM representatives to FWCC were present: Margaret Willits, Carol Mosher, Earle Reynolds, Marie Parker, and Jeanette Norton. Reports were given by the three representatives who were new this past year: Margaret Willits, Carol Mosher and Earle Reynolds. They shared rich personal experiences of outreach to Quakers in other parts of the Americas. Jeanette Norton asked for special attention to an FWCC "Call to Quakers: Gender Equality in the Religious Society of Friends," quoting from William Penn: "Sexes make no Difference; since in Souls there is none: and they are the Subjects of Friendship." Friends are invited to submit "prose or poetry, story or scientific study, taped or typed". [See Attachment C for further information.] Upcoming FWCC gatherings in the Berkeley area with Margaret Hope Bacon (Oct. 30-Nov. 4) and in Los Angeles (Saturday, Nov. 5) will be concerned with the theme "Answering the Call to Ministry". Friends are invited to attend these events.

Earle Reynolds spoke of the upcoming FWCC Triennial to be held in Tokyo. Three PYM Representatives — Marie Parker, Jeanette Norton and Earle Reynolds — will be attending, as well as three other PYM members — Bob Vogel, Shirley Ruth, and Akie Reynolds (who has been asked to be a translator for the conference). Another PYM member, Cliff Cole, also plans to attend.

**DISCIPLINE COMMITTEE**

Martha Dart, Lois Bailey, and Jane Peers reported for the Discipline Committee. Jane Peers cited the good work of three other committee members: Jim Sanetel, Ben Levine, Tad Kershner, and Paul Johnson. Working closely with Ministry and Oversight, the Discipline Committee has sought to identify the beliefs that underlie our unity. This year the focus has been upon the meaning of membership. Some ten meetings sent letters to the Committee in response to its request; excerpts were read from some of these letters, dealing with issues of transfer of membership, the relationship of the Meeting to Faith and Practice, junior membership, the meaning of membership itself, and other related topics. Jane Peers requested further letters to the Committee from interested Friends.

Jane Peers then outlined a proposal for a major restructuring of the Committee, to be considered and seasoned for a year and resolved at the next Yearly Meeting. For the ongoing work of the Discipline Committee there should be a small Committee, composed as it is now of members with overlapping
three-year terms. When a revision of Faith and Practice is planned, a much larger "Committee to Revise the Discipline" would be formed, composed of some 20 or 21 members, working together over a period of six or seven years to produce a new Discipline. The size of this Committee would increase representation of diverse viewpoints; it would allow numerous smaller working subcommittees; and it could bring in more views from Friends who do not attend Yearly Meeting. The diverse representation would also provide checks and balances for conflicting views.

Several persons voiced support for the proposal; others added to the discussion of membership, transfer of membership, and other points raised in the report.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Marilee Eusebio gave several announcements.

We closed with a period of silent worship.

Steve Smith, Co-Recording Clerk
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PLENARY SESSION 7

Plenary Session 7 began at 9:50 a.m. with a period of silent worship.

EPISTLES

Reading Clerk Connie Jolly read epistles from Western Yearly Meeting of Friends Churches and from London Yearly Meeting.

MINUTES

Minutes for Plenary Session 6 were read and approved with minor revisions. It was noted that, in addition to those already mentioned in Session 6, Cliff Cole of Claremont Meeting will be attending the Triennial in Tokyo later this month.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Arden Pierce, Clerk of Nominating Committee, introduced the other members of Nominating Committee who were present: Aaron Cole, Lowell Tozer, Anne Davenport, Lois Richter, and Prudence Myer. Members of the committee who were not present include Sally Davis, Kay Larsen, and Mary Warren.

Copies of the Preliminary Nominating Committee Report were distributed and reviewed; a number of corrections and additions were noted. The final report will be presented on Friday for approval on Saturday. Friends were asked to see a member of the Nominating Committee with any additional suggestions, corrections, or additions.

MINISTRY & OVERSIGHT AND DISCIPLINE COMMITTEES: SAME SEX MARRIAGE

Jean Walton, Clerk of Ministry and Oversight Committee, introduced herself and Jane Peers, Clerk of Discipline Committee, and explained that the two committees had planned today's session together. Jean Walton explained that the Committees were aware that Friends in PYM held widely differing views on the acceptability of same-sex marriage and that no attempt would be made to pass or even to formulate a minute at this time. Rather, the purpose of this session was to provide an opportunity for Friends to hear the range of opinions and feelings that exist among us, to become aware of the pain that exists on all sides of this issue, to learn from each other, and to allow God's spirit to move among us. The format was to be a Meeting for Worship focused on the subject of same-sex marriage, with the hope that many Friends would be moved to share their feelings, without direct comment on a previous speaker's reflections. (See Archive Attachment I for complete text of Jean Walton's opening statement.)
Out of a worshipful silence — with too little silence between messages — Friends shared their beliefs, their hopes, and their anguish regarding gay and lesbian marriages. The following summary statements attempt to reflect the spirit and substance of this sharing from individual Friends.

- All of us come to this topic with much culturally-inherited baggage which is difficult to lay down. We need to examine our own attitudes toward sexuality and take time to learn what it really means to be gay.

- All Meetings should attempt to unite on a minute on this topic, even if that minute states only that there is no unity on the issue.

- We are all souls, not sexes. The most important aspects of marriage are love and commitment, and gender is irrelevant to that commitment.

- A marriage contract carries rights and responsibilities which make it quite different from simply living together. Gays and lesbians are asking for the opportunity to make the commitment of marriage.

- We must consider the legal complexities involved. In marrying heterosexual couples today, we serve as an agent of society. We should move slowly in using the term "marriage" for a committed relationship that is not recognized by society as a legal marriage.

- We must be concerned about the next generation. The legal difficulties of such a marriage are bound to affect the children.

- Historically it took many years before Quaker marriages were recognized as legal entities by society at large. If we move forward in performing same-sex marriages, we would ultimately have to work toward changing the marriage laws.

- It would be sad for Quakers to fail to move on what is right because of legal ramifications.

- We must recognize the needs of children to have both a mother and a father. It is not healthy for children to have role models of only one gender, whether the family is homosexual or heterosexual.

- We must not try to separate someone else from God by insisting their discernment of God's will for their lives is not from God.

- If we are truly concerned about the children of gay couples, we first must accept and welcome their parents as equals in our Meetings, for only then will their children become part of our community.

- One Friend, who eloquently shared her fears and pain, explained that she was no longer a member of the Society of Friends because she could find nowhere to place her membership where she would not be treated as a "second class citizen."
When you discover you are gay, you must learn to deal with the homophobia of the larger society or you will go mad; and some of us do go mad.

Time constraints required that the session be brought to a close, but it was clear that Friends have more to say and more to share on this issue. We have only taken the next step in understanding ourselves and the complexity of our reactions to this issue, and in reaching for the Truth. We need to continue grappling with this issue in our Monthly Meetings, making every effort to listen, both to one another and to the Spirit that guides us.

The Session ended at 11:55 a.m., after a brief period of silent worship.

Ruth Peters, Co-Recording Clerk
Friends gathered together at 3:30 p.m. in quiet remembrance of those Friends who have died in the past twelve months. Members of Ministry and Oversight read selected passages of poetry and prose, naming the Friends who have died. Persons then spoke from their personal experience of these Friends. Excerpts from the presentation by Ministry and Oversight follow:

We gather today to remember those who have passed from this life in the year since our last memorial meeting. They have gone full round the circle of life, that circle that each of us here still walks. They have shown us the way; they have shown us the fullness of the circle; they have made our paths a little clearer. This afternoon, even as we mourn these Friends, we celebrate their lives and we celebrate the ongoingness of the greater Life in which we all take part.

Gandhi wrote:

I do dimly perceive that whilst everything around me is ever-changing, ever-dying, there is underlying all that change a Living Power that is changeless, that holds all together, that creates, dissolves, and re-creates. That informing Power or Spirit is God. And since nothing else I see merely through the senses can or will persist, God alone is.

MEDORA BASS  Santa Barbara
ROBERT BURKE  Orange Grove
EUGENE BURROUGHS  Hemet
ED CERNEY  Redwood Forest
RODERICK PALMER CRANDALL  Marin

In her poem "In Blackwater Woods," Mary Oliver writes

To love what is mortal
To hold it
Against your bones knowing
Your own life depends on it;
And, when the time comes to let it go,
To let it go.
In a letter to his friend on the death of his mother, Phillips Brooks wrote:

May I try to tell you again where your only comfort lies? It is not in forgetting the happy past. People bring us well-meant but miserable consolations when they tell us what time will do to help our grief. We do not want to lose our grief, because our grief is bound up with our love and we could not cease to mourn without being robbed of our affections.

In his book *Dear Gift of Life*, Bradford Smith declares that

No one has reached maturity until he has learned to face the fact of his own death and shaped his way of living accordingly.

Then the true perspective emerges. The preoccupation with material things, with accumulating goods or fame or power, is exposed.

Then each morning seems new and fresh, as indeed it is. Every flower, every leaf, every greeting from a friend, every letter from a distance, every poem and every song strikes with double impact, as if we were sensing it for the first and for the last time.

Once we accept the fact that we shall disappear, we also discover the larger self which relates us to our family and friends, to our neighborhood and community, to nation and humanity, and, indeed, to the whole creation out of which we have sprung. We are a part of all of this, too, and death cannot entirely withdraw us from it. To the extent that we have poured ourselves into all these related groups and persons, we live on in them.

Amiel declares that

The eternal life is not the future life; it is life in harmony with the true order of things—life in God. We must learn to look upon time as a movement of eternity, as an undulation in the ocean of being. To live so
as to keep this consciousness of ours in perpetual relation with the eternal, is to be wise; to live, so as to personify and embody the eternal, is to be religious.

ROGER SPENCER  Orange Grove
GRETHECEN TUTHILL  Redwood Forest
MARGARET UTTERBACH  Reno
ELIZABETH MAYFIELD VAIL  Monterey Peninsula
GUY YATES  Honolulu

In his personal journal for 1976, Edwin Morgenroth wrote:

And so, I remember the teaching:
"I will never leave thee nor forsake thee.
Why all this struggle? I am in the very midst
Of thee, closer than breathing and nearer
Than hands and feet. Why
Struggle as if you had to seek
For me and search for me?
Why struggle as if you had to hold on to me?
I will never leave you. I am with you always."

Friends spoke fondly, humorously and lovingly of those who have passed away. The meeting ended in prayerful silence.

Steve Smith, Co-Recording Clerk

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PACIFIC YEARLY MEETING
Eighth Month 4, 1988
Chico, California

PLENARY SESSION 9

Plenary Session 9 began at 9:50 a.m. with a period of silent worship.

EPISTLES

Connie Jolly, Reading Clerk, read the epistle from New York Yearly Meeting.

Marilee Eusebio made an announcement about the warning symptoms of an illness that seems to be making its rounds among our children.

MINUTES

Minutes for Plenary Session 7 were read, amended and approved. Minutes for the Plenary Session 8, Memorial Worship, were also read.

FRIENDS BULLETIN

Elsa Glines, Clerk of the Bulletin Committee, described efforts to increase financial support for Friends Bulletin. Last year they held a very successful campaign to increase subscriptions. This year a direct mailing will invite Friends and others to contribute directly to this publication by becoming a Friend of the Friends Bulletin. Finally, a new policy will allow Friends Bulletin to accept selected advertisements.

David Wilson of the Bulletin Committee described the new advertising policy of the Friends Bulletin, which will be a modified version of the policy used by Friends Journal. Less than 10% of the journal space may be devoted to ads and only ads judged to be in the spirit of Friends' testimonies and concerns will be accepted.

Shirley Ruth, editor of Friends Bulletin, reminded us that this journal is not our creation; rather, it comes through us. She shared the many responses Friends Bulletin has generated in the wider Quaker community this past year. Our willingness to make visible our own conflicts and stories has struck a responsive chord among Friends throughout the United States and abroad. Shirley Ruth concluded her report by thanking Friends for sending contributions to the Bulletin. She also told us she is still looking for a Quaker humorist since they would like to balance the heavier articles with occasional cartoons, quips, or humorous poems.

We were reminded that it is a tribute to the special skills that Shirley Ruth has exhibited as editor of Friends Bulletin that she has been asked to attend the triennial in Tokyo this year.
Clerk Stratton Jaquette introduced the remainder of the session's agenda by reminding Friends that every year many entities outside PYM send us a variety of items for our consideration. These are referred to the appropriate committees, but seldom have we taken up any of these issues, generally preferring to generate our own. However, this year we received materials from the Friends World Committee on Consultation commending to Yearly Meetings the program of the World Council of Churches, "Justice, Peace and the Integrity of Creation." This request struck a responsive chord in four of our committees: Social Order, Unity with Nature, Ministry and Oversight, and Peace; and these four committees jointly planned the following panel.

Peter Trier outlined the format to be followed by the panel members and referred us to a handout explaining the request from the World Council of Churches (see Packet Attachment D). He explained that in 1983 at the sixth gathering of the World Council of Churches, delegates became acutely aware of the pain and suffering throughout the world: threats of war, threats to the natural world, and the oppression, poverty, and lack of justice which is prevalent in so many countries. They came to realize that if the world is to sustain itself, we need to return to our spiritual center and become reunited first with our communities and then gradually expand to local, regional, and larger levels. Indeed, there is an interconnectedness among justice, peace and integrity of creation such that we can never have one without the other two. Peter Trier's own experience with this realization began six years ago when a couple of children joined his household; relating to these children led him to dream of a better future for all children and ultimately to all the complexities entailed by such a dream, including the need to return to our spiritual roots.

Eric Moon summarized an AFSC pamphlet containing an address to the World Council of Churches by Steven Carey, a Philadelphia Quaker and chairperson of the American Friends Service Committee. The address is titled "A Possible Quaker Contribution to the Christian Dialogue Regarding Justice, Peace, and the Integrity of Creation," and in it Steven Carey points out that Quakers believe there is a sacred dimension to every aspect of life, and that our loyalty to God reaches beyond our allegiance to any nation-state. In sharing his own experience with the interconnectedness of justice, peace, and the integrity of creation, Eric Moon told us these three were not simply connected like a woven fabric which could become unraveled, but rather they were three names for the same organic whole. He pointed out the ultimate truth behind the poster — "God recycles" — and reminded us that we must start small and not become discouraged by the enormity of the task ahead. How can we fail when the trees and the tadpoles and all of God's creation are our allies?

Roy Allen described how he found himself nudged out of a comfortable life, involving only low-risk witness, into a high-risk witness at the railroad tracks at the Concord Naval Weapons Station. We were reminded that promptings may come not in the form of something you want to do but as something that makes you very uncomfortable if you don't do it. Roy Allen described the many ways his Monthly Meeting had supported him throughout his witness, including both financial support and a physical presence during the legal trial. He reminded us that activism without a spiritual basis is as dangerous as any other form of unconsciousness, and concluded his presentation with a soul-wrenching poem by the Buddhist monk, Thich Nhat
Hanh, titled "Please Call Me by My True Names."

Hermione Baker reminded us that the Light is available to everyone, not just to Quakers. This Light is guiding Friends and others all over the world who are working for justice, peace and the integrity of creation. Hermione Baker read from an address given to this year's Harvard graduating class by Oscar Arias Sanchez, President of Costa Rica and Nobel Peace Prize recipient. The speech reminded us that the return to a life and world dominated by values is urgent if we want peace and justice to prevail.

Michael Dunn noted that his involvement with the Unity with Nature Committee led him to question his own beliefs. He discovered that he believes, along with the Native Americans, that all places and all things of the earth are sacred and the destruction of any of these, no matter how small, is a violation of the sacred.

Linda Dunn, Clerk of Peace Committee, will write to the World Council of Churches describing today's panel. She asked Friends to communicate to her what they are doing at the individual and Monthly Meeting levels and invited Friends to write directly to the World Council of Churches to subscribe to its quarterly JPIC newsletter (see footnote in Packet Attachment D).

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Marilee Eusebio made several announcements and the session closed at 11:45 after a period of silent worship.

Ruth Peters, Co-Recording Clerk
Friends gathered for silent worship at 4 p.m. in Plenary Session 10.

We are called not to insulate ourselves comfortably from the world’s pain, but to open ourselves to it. Only when we open ourselves in this way can we experience the healing power of the wings of the spirit. Ours is not a time for heroes on horseback, but for healers and helpers. Let us have courage to enter that inward space where form gives way to formlessness, where true healing lies.

What is the meaning of the cross? For some, it means love, for others it has meant something quite different. We are gathered as Friends to hear these differences, to hear the yearnings of one another’s hearts. How may we be open to the pain of the world, yet — as George Fox said — walk cheerfully over the earth, answering that of God in all people? [sic] By moving slowly enough to see truly; by listening sensitively rather than simply speaking; and by being willing to live the full extent of what we encounter, rather than recoiling from it. We allow differences, take them into our hearts, so that we may distill the truth in different points of view.

Symbols divide us when we project upon them our separateness and our fears. The cross may then become a sword of destruction. We may choose how we see the symbols before us — to confirm our fears, or to discover our unity. For we are united in the spirit. We cannot avoid using symbols, and we are outwardly different — in our backgrounds, in our shape, in our sexual preferences and in other ways — yet no symbol in itself has any real power to separate us. For in Truth we are one.

Steve Smith, Co-Recording Clerk
PACIFIC YEARLY MEETING
Eighth Month 4, 1988
Chico, California

PLENARY SESSION 11

Plenary session 11 began at 7 p.m. with a period of silent worship.

EPISTLES

Reading Clerk Connie Jolly read an epistle from Australia Yearly Meeting.
Carmen Broz read an epistle from the 22nd Reunion General de los Amigos en
Mexico, first in Spanish and then in English.

INTRODUCTIONS

Paul and Bernice Courteol from Lake Forest Meeting of Illinois Yearly Meeting
introduced themselves. Clerk Stratton Jaquette welcomed Floyd Schmoe, of
University Meeting in North Pacific Yearly Meeting.

MINUTES

Minutes of Plenary Session 9 were read and approved. Minutes of Record from
Plenary Session 10 (worship) were also read.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Walter Klein, Treasurer, reviewed the Treasurer's Report, noting that travel
expenses were up sharply; because of greater distances, travel funds for Co-
Clerks, and travel funds for a representative from Mexico City and from the
Big Island Friends Preparative Meeting in Hawaii. He read letters of thanks
for our support from the Quaker office at the United Nations and from the
Pasadena and Northern California offices of AFSC. He also gave a hilarious
report of a brief "skirmish" with the Internal Revenue Service, which was
resolved in our favor.

Walter Klein asked that when committee Clerks travel to Representative
Committee, only one Co-Clerk request travel funds. He also asked that
committee members who are entitled to travel funds make requests for those
funds through the Clerks of their committees, and that the Clerk supply the
Treasurer with appropriate addresses.

PYM MIN

88-5 The Treasurer's Report for fiscal year 1988 was accepted. [See Packet
Attachment E.]

BUDGET

Kitty Barragato, Clerk of Finance Committee, reviewed the proposed budget for
fiscal 1989. She explained the proposed increase in contributions from member
meetings, with a rise of $3 per member in the continental United States, $2 for
PYM members in Hawaii, and no rise for members in Mexico. The budget
came to us with Representative Committee's recommendation for approval.

**PYM MIN**  
88-6  The proposed budget for fiscal year 1989 was approved. [See Packet Attachment E.] The per member contribution to PYM will increase to $23, except for Hawaii, which will increase to $17. Mexico Meeting's contribution remains at $1 per member.

**UNITY WITH NATURE COMMITTEE**

Michael Dunn, Clerk of the Unity with Nature Committee, thanked a variety of groups and individuals for support during the past year of the work of the Unity with Nature Committee. He described a particularly successful event on environmental awareness held during the youth camp-out earlier this week.

During the past year, the Committee has been primarily occupied with three major projects: a conference on unity with nature held at Ben Lomond on February 26-28 and attended by some 46 persons; support of the Newsletter on Unity With Nature, now a joint project with Friends General Conference and under the editorship of Jack Phillips of St. Cloud, Minnesota; and the special supplement to the Friends Bulletin, launching a new trial journal — Environment in Friends’ Concerns. With less than 100 positive responses to date (to some 8000 supplements sent out) it was not yet clear whether there would be sufficient subscriptions to make the journal viable.

Michael Dunn outlined several projects for the coming year: an attempt to make PYM itself more ecologically sound; an increased level of interaction with Monthly Meetings, including the creation of a Speaker's Bureau; circulation and development of queries on nature and the environment; another conference on the environment at Ben Lomond; and (if the new journal gets off the ground) finding more good-quality articles for the journal.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Marilee Eusebio made several announcements.

The session ended with a period of silent worship.

Steve Smith, Co-Recording Clerk.
Friends gathered at 9:45 a.m. and settled into a period of silent worship.

EPISTLES

Reading Clerk Connie Jolly read the epistles from East Africa Yearly Meeting of Friends and from Baltimore Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends. Clerk Stratton Jaquette reminded Friends that it is through these epistles that we realize that we are but a small part of a much larger Society of Friends.

EPISTLE COMMITTEE REPORT

Bill Scott, for the Epistle Committee, read the draft Epistle for Pacific Yearly Meeting, 1988, making excellent use of the two overhead projectors by projecting the Epistle one paragraph at a time. Friends were urged to communicate any suggestions or comments to the Committee members, Rick Troth, Leta McKinney-Adler, Bill Scott, and Alice Bender as auditor, either individually or at the open meeting after supper.

INTRODUCTIONS

We were reminded that Martin Cobin, Western Field Secretary for Friends Committee on National Legislation, was with us this year.

MINUTES

Minutes from Plenary Session 11 were read, corrected, and approved.

REPRESENTATIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

Sandy Farley, Representative Committee Recording Clerk, read the Minutes from Session III of Representative Committee, though they were not yet in final form. Several items raised in these Minutes were considered.

FRIEND TO FRIEND

Clerk Stratton Jaquette read a description of the origin and purpose of the Friend to Friend Project (see Packet Attachment F). This project, which is supported by the Friends World Committee for Consultation, grew out of the World Gathering of Young Friends and involves pairing Friends Churches and Friends Meetings in a type of "sister city" arrangement for the purpose of increasing understanding among Friends throughout the world. The independent Yearly Meetings have been asked to appoint a shared representative to the organizing committee of this project. North Pacific Yearly Meeting has already appointed a young Friend, Kirby Urner, to represent that Yearly Meeting with the hope that he will also be appointed by
PYM and Intermountain Yearly Meeting. Any shared representative would, of course, be expected to report back to each of the three Yearly Meetings who would share in travel expenses for this young Friend.

PYM MIN
88-7 Friends approved Pacific Yearly Meeting's participation in the Friend to Friend Project and the appointment of a representative, who would also represent North Pacific and Intermountain Yearly Meetings, to the organizing committee of this project.

Friends were reminded that the budget approved yesterday contained a line item for our share of the travel expenses for this representative.

SOCIAL ORDER SERIES

Robert Schutz, Editor of the Social Order Series, reported that the fourth pamphlet in this series has just been released. In Sanctuary on the Fault Line, Jim Corbet, a philosopher behind the sanctuary movement, describes the role of common law in supporting this movement. The pamphlet was enthusiastically recommended to Friends.

WIDER FELLOWSHIP AMONG FRIENDS

Clerk Stratton Jaquette asked if the Yearly Meeting was comfortable with Representative Committee's decision that the Wider Fellowship Among Friends Committee make its own selection of delegates to a planning meeting for a west coast gathering of Friends, with simply a reporting of such delegates to the Yearly Meeting, since participating in such planning meetings was the charge to that Committee.

One Friend, who was willing to step aside for the sake of unity, reminded Friends of our established principle of decision-making by the whole, fearing we may unwittingly drift, over time, into more and more decision-making by smaller bodies within the Yearly Meeting. Since other Friends were comfortable with the decision of Representative Committee, no further action was taken.

PEACE COMMITTEE

Linda Dunn, Clerk of Peace Committee, began her report by thanking the hard-working members of this year's Peace Committee plus others who had worked with the Peace Committee: Peter Trier for his work on the Justice, Peace, and Integrity of Creation panel; George Rudenko and Bea Miller for their work on the Middle East Interest Group; Barbara Graves for the Urgent Action Workshop; Hermione Baker, Glynnis Golden, and Carmen Broz for their Interest Group on Central America; David Hartsough and Ched Myers for their workshops on Non-vioence; Gladys Innerst, Leta McKinney-Adler, and Euclid Batista for planning the Hiroshima Day Vigil and Junior and Young Friends who served as monitors for this event; and Lannie Jay, Sandra Gey, and Catherine Langston.

The process and outcome of Peace Committee's distribution of two year's
interest from the Peace Tax Fund was described. The goal in allocating the $1451 was to support life-affirming activities consistent with Friends' principles. Acknowledging that all allocations were more symbolic gestures than substantive gifts, the Committee gave $160 to each of six groups: the Fund for Education and Training, a child care center project in Nicaragua; the AFSC's Middle East Committee and East Jerusalem Legal Aid Office; Hermosillo Friends Center; the Resource Center for Non-Violence in Santa Cruz; and the Larry Scott Fund. The remaining $491 was given to Carmen Broz to help with travel expenses associated with her ongoing work in Central America.

Linda Dunn explained that the Peace Committee's Student Conscience Fund had been used rarely and urged Friends to make use of this fund this year. If no requests are forthcoming, other uses for this fund will be considered at PYM next year.

Peace Committee is concerned that it has brought no action minutes to Pacific Yearly Meeting for two consecutive years. Peace Committee has asked Monthly Meetings to forward appropriately seasoned minutes to them; several have been received but are not yet ready to bring to Yearly Meeting. Are the guidelines for such minutes helpful? Perhaps other methods are being used to forward peace concerns to PYM.

Instead of bringing action minutes to the plenary, Peace Committee described several deeply felt concerns, including the struggles of Cape Western Monthly Meeting in South Africa (excellent packet of materials available from Peace Committee) and the need for better communication with the United Nations. Glynnis Golden described an urgent need for Friends to write to the President of Guatemala on behalf of a student recently captured by government security forces.

A lively discussion followed the conclusion of the Peace Committee report, and Clerk Stratton Jaquette reminded Friends that we need to be mindful of the worshipful nature of our Meetings for Worship on the occasion of Business.

Several Friends expressed gratitude for the beautiful and inclusive report of Peace Committee.

STATISTICAL CLERK'S REPORT

Statistical Clerk Betty Hall began her report by suggesting that Friends "lighten up" in the several meanings of this phrase, and introduced Emma Childers (an advocate with Friends Committee on Legislation) for an update on the California Quaker marriage bill. Emma Childers told Friends that as of January 1, 1989, their marriages could be legally recorded in California's Vital Statistics — using the new form (License and Certificate of a Declaration of Marriage) that does not require that a person be named as performing the marriage. It is still not clear if the new law will be retroactive.

Betty Hall read the statistical report for the period 1 May 1987, through 30 April 1988 (see Packet Attachment G). We now have 1527 members. She thanked those Monthly Meetings that had gotten their statistics to her before the deadline, and asked Meetings to encourage their non-resident Members to
transfer their memberships to the Monthly Meetings they are currently attending.

REGISTRAR'S REPORT

Registrar Larry Perry thanked the many volunteers who helped with registration this year and reported on the attendance at this Yearly Meeting: 480 souls came to PYM this year, including 75 for the first time (See Packet Attachment H for complete report) Friends expressed their gratitude to Larry Perry for the many hours of hard work he has contributed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Marilee Eusebio read announcements requesting Friends to hold in the Light several Friends who will be traveling in Central and South America in the coming weeks: David and Heide Hartsough and Carmen Broz.

The session closed at 11:55 AM after a period of worship.

Ruth Peters, Co-Recording Clerk
PACIFIC YEARLY MEETING
Eighth Month 5, 1988
Chico, California

PLENARY SESSION 13

Plenary session 13 began at 1:30 p.m. with a period of silent worship.

EPISTLES

Reading Clerk Connie Jolly read epistles from the Religiose Gesellschaft der Freunden, Deutsche Demokratische Republik, and from Illinois Yearly Meeting.

SOCIAL ORDER COMMITTEE

Keith Wedmore, Clerk of the Social Order Committee, reviewed the activities of the Social Order Committee this week. He mentioned especially large and successful sessions on unemployment and survival, on AIDS and the immune system, and on ethical investment. He thanked members of Yearly Meeting for their good support, and looked to an even more successful year ahead.

EAST-WEST RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Steve Birdlebough, Clerk of the East-West Relations Committee, discussed the activities of the Committee. He outlined several priorities for the committee in the coming year: continued annual peace-making trips to the USSR; encouragement for trips by Friends to the German Democratic Republic; wider dissemination (within their home communities) of the experiences of those who have made such trips; assistance for Soviet and East European citizens to visit this country; and work toward the establishment of a regular Quaker presence in the USSR and in Eastern Europe beyond East Germany. He closed by expressing appreciation for the Yearly Meeting’s support of scholarship funds for Young Friends to travel to the USSR and Eastern Europe.

WIDER FELLOWSHIP AMONG FRIENDS

Paul Niebanck, Clerk of the Wider Fellowship Among Friends Committee, reflected with us on the possibility of a Western Gathering of Friends. He noted PYM's position on the far left of a chart of the Quaker tree, a kind of "wild pear", noting that it was both a leadership position and a treacherous place — requiring that we not forget our connection with the tree of Quakerism, not only through our roots but in our future flowering. He spoke of rewarding experiences during a visit to the Evangelical Friends Alliance and pointed ahead to an exploratory meeting likely to occur this coming winter with Friends from five Western Yearly Meetings: Intermountain Yearly Meeting, Southwest Yearly Meeting, Northwest Yearly Meeting, North Pacific Yearly Meeting, and Pacific Yearly Meeting. He invited us to communicate with the members of the Committee who are to have a special responsibility for this exploration: Carol Mosher, Kim Lacey, Bob Vogel, Margaret Willits, Gloria Kershner, and Paul Niebanck.
In the brief worship period for reflection on this topic, numerous Friends spoke from personal experience of the value of face-to-face contact and sharing with Friends of other Yearly Meetings and religious persuasions. One Friend urged the inclusion of Friends in Western Canada in such a gathering; another, affirming the importance of work in small groups and home communities, expressed lack of clarity on the value of what might eventually be a massive gathering of Western Friends. Others, while noting difficulties in meetings of large and diverse groups of Friends in the past, expressed their qualified support for the proposal.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Clerk of the Nominating Committee, Arden Pierce, presented the revised Nominating Committee Report (see Packet Attachment 1).

MINISTRY AND OVERSIGHT

Jean Walton, Clerk of Ministry and Oversight, expressed appreciation to other members of the Committee. She also gave thanks for the opportunity for Ministry and Oversight to be a part of the joint session held earlier in the week (together with Social Order, Peace, and Unity with Nature Committees) on Justice, Peace, and the Integrity of Creation. She announced plans for a workshop to be held in Southern California during the coming year on some aspect of Quaker process. She invited communications to the Committee from Monthly Meetings about their own processes.

Eric Moon, Clerk of Ministry and Oversight Subcommittee on Special Funds, noted two excellent proposals now being funded by the Committee, one to Martha Fort of La Jolla Monthly Meeting, now working in Chiapas, Mexico on a literacy project with Guatemalan refugees, and one to Shelly Davis of Sacramento Meeting, now in South Africa to develop nonviolence and conflict resolution materials for a resource center there. The Fund for Concerns will need contributions from meetings and individuals to fund these projects.

HIGHER EDUCATION

Clerk Stratton Jaquette commented that PYM receives materials on Friends and higher education, but that our agenda now has no place for handling these concerns.

AGENDA REVIEW COMMITTEE

After some discussion of a restructuring of the agenda review process, the matter was deferred to the next plenary session.

MINUTES

Minutes from Plenary Session 12 were read and approved with several minor changes.
CENTRAL AMERICAN CONCERNS

Carmen Broz, of Palo Alto Monthly Meeting, spoke with feeling of the devastation that now and in the past has been wrought upon countries of Central America by the United States government and its agents. She appealed for support for two projects: in Nicaragua, for the Leon Day Care Center and Communal House and, in San Salvador, for the Child Development Center under the supervision of the "Institute for Research, Training and Development of Women of El Salvador". Persons wishing to support these projects should contact the Nicaragua Concerns Committee of Palo Alto Monthly Meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Marilee Eusebio, Assistant Clerk, gave several announcements.

The session closed with a period of silent worship.

Steve Smith, Co-Recording Clerk
PLENARY SESSION 14

Friends gathered for silent worship at 4:00 p.m. with the gentle whisperings of a beloved but confused elderly Friend in the background. As one Friend tenderly observed, when we grow old within the PYM family, we know that whatever we do, we will be surrounded by caring friends, both old and new, and by a love that is eternal.

May we become more sensitive to the unspoken needs of those around us, and may we be more supportive of those who actively seek our support. May we learn to listen less selectively, for we never know through whom the Spirit will speak. May we not forget the needs of the homeless in our own backyards while we forge ahead with distant causes. May we become as little children, open and full of wonder, and may we seek inspiration from the many great Quakers who have served before us.

Ruth Peters, Co-Recording Clerk
In the worship that opened the session at 9:30 a.m., appreciation was expressed for the strong soul of Stratton Jaquette in his work as Clerk of the Yearly Meeting.

EPISTLE

The epistle from Intermountain Yearly Meeting was read by Reading Clerk Connie Jolly.

MINUTES

Minutes from Plenary Session 13 were read and approved with minor corrections. Minutes of Record from Plenary Session 14 (worship) were also read.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Arden Pierce, Clerk of Nominating Committee, announced several revisions to the Nominating Committee's Report (see Packet Attachment I), and added the names of appointments by Young Friends and Junior Friends.

AGENDA REVIEW COMMITTEE

The following action minute was approved to record our actual practice.

PYM MIN

88-8 The Assistant Clerk is responsible for the agenda review. In conjunction with the Presiding Clerk, the Assistant Clerk may form an ad hoc "Agenda Review Committee," as needed, to assist in scheduling interest groups, sharing groups, and other activities for Yearly Meeting. This committee may be formed by asking one or more of the following people to serve--Registrars, Clerks or designees from Ministry and Oversight, Arrangements, Junior Yearly Meeting, Young Friends, and Children's Program--or others as needed.

The schedule for Yearly Meeting and the agendas for Plenary Sessions are developed by the Presiding Clerk in consultation with the Assistant Clerk and presented to Representative Committee for approval.

EPISTLES FROM PYM

Bill Scott, Clerk of the Epistle Committee, expressed appreciation for the good support of his Committee members, and then read the epistle prepared by the Committee (see Packet Attachment J). A Spanish translation of the epistle,
prepared by Al Figeroa and Elizabeth Martinez, will be sent along with the original to each of our Monthly Meetings and to other parts of the world as appropriate. The epistle was accepted by the Yearly Meeting.

David Calderon, Co-Clerk of Young Friends, read the epistle prepared by Young Friends (see Packet Attachment K).

Co-Clerk of Junior Yearly Meeting, Gregory Green, read a poem prepared by Junior Yearly Meeting as their epistle (see Packet Attachment L).

Christina Tappan, Co-Clerk of Junior High Friends, read the epistle prepared by Junior High Friends (see Packet Attachment M).

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

PYM MIN
88-9 The final revised version of the Nominating Committee Report was approved by the Pacific Yearly Meeting.

Clerk Stratton Jaquette gave special thanks to John Draper, who for many years has handled the sound system for Yearly Meeting, and who is retiring from this responsibility.

On the occasion of his own retirement from the position of Clerk of the Yearly Meeting, Clerk Stratton Jaquette then reflected upon the joys and challenges of serving in that role. He expressed gratitude for the support and love he has received from the Meeting, which was quick and cheerful in its readiness to help him when needed, and which has accepted his shortcomings with good humor. From London Yearly Meeting’s Church Government he read passages (726 and end of 725) affirming that the Clerk is indeed the servant of the Meeting and that to function as Clerk is a source of “unforeseen joy”.

The Meeting expressed its gratitude to Stratton Jaquette for his faithful and skillful clerking and especially for his sensitivity to the spirit, as well as the letter, of Friends’ procedures.

Clerk Stratton Jaquette thanked members of the Secretariat, who joined the session at its closing, for their hard work during the week—work that is not yet completed: Chris Laning, Gary Wolff, Lois Richter, Pat Daggerty, and Melanie Williams.

The session closed with silent worship.

Steve Smith, Co-Recording Clerk.
Friends of all ages gathered together at 11:00 a.m. and reluctantly broke off their animated conversation to settle into silent worship.

Gratitude was expressed for the nourishment we have received from our PYM family. We leave knowing that we can always return to that motionless center within, around which everything else revolves, and thereby remember we are never separated from the love of God or from the other members of our PYM family.

So much of the Life of our Society takes place at the Monthly Meeting level; Friends were cautioned to resist the temptation to become PYM Friends who are only loosely connected to their local Monthly Meetings.

Gratitude was expressed for the new generation of wonderful young Friends who are taking on more and more responsibility in our Yearly Meeting, and for the older generation who have provided guidance and role models for our younger Friends.

One Friend movingly sang the old gospel hymn: "There Are Angels Hovering Round".

The Clerk offered the following closing minute:

   Dear Friends: The Spirit has moved among us again this week, as we have shared of ourselves and our faith together. All this, in the love of God, we take with us for the year to come, until we gather again at La Verne University August 6-12, 1989. We now close this, our 42nd gathering of the Pacific Yearly Meeting.

The session closed at noon, after which we sang together "We shall walk in Love" to the tune of "We Shall Overcome."

Ruth Peters, Co-Recording Clerk
State of Society Report

Jean Lohman: Synopsis of Monthly Meeting Reports

As a Yearly Meeting, our state — how it is with our soul — is reflected in part by the State of Society Meeting reports which come to us, and which Ministry and Oversight Committee has read with attention and affection. We know that our Meetings may be more or less than our words, and that sometimes what doesn't get into the report may be truer than what's there. But we do try to say how we are; we do try with good faith to look at ourselves from one year to the next and say where we have been, where we hope to go, and where we see ourselves now.

In this year's State of the Meeting reports, some Friends describe their Meeting as an extended family. And, like many families, "we need to learn how to be tender with one another" (Inland Valley). We speak of ourselves as being parts of one body, and as a tree: "The deep roots are the shared spiritual values that anchor us, the trunk is the life of the Meeting itself. The branches are the paths of individual members. The leaves are the deeds. To separate the roots from the leaves, to try to understand one without the other, is impossible." (Orange Grove) We say that the Meeting is a "valued melting pot" (Napa Worship Group); we are "energy waiting to be channeled" (Santa Cruz), and we affirm ourselves as "a presence and a promise" (Hemet Worship Group). Adapting Dan Wilson's words in describing Pendle Hill, a Meeting (Davis) describes the Meeting family as "a crucible in which we can be melted down to just what we are. We become open thereby to life together as the gift of God."

Our life together this past year has given us a rich variety of experiences from which we hope we are learning. There have been many transitions in leadership, deeply felt losses through death and through Friends moving away. Some Meetings report difficulties in gathering together. We speak of tensions and conflict, hurt and healing; problems with vocal ministry; and with wise management of property, gifts which come to the Meeting.

Even as we tell of great variety in individual and corporate peace and justice concerns, devoted witness of many kinds — sanctuary, unity with nature, Friends' schools, projects for homeless persons and those who are mentally ill, work with AFSC and FCL — some Friends speak of over-commitment, exhaustion. "Creating a community is anything but simple" (Orange Grove); we want to be more than "a collection of friendships" (Berkeley).

We note with gratitude those among us who cheerfully accept larger responsibilities, and those who are learning with equal cheer to say, "No, not now." Several reports this year have paid particular tribute to the value of our Meeting newsletters, libraries, and workdays; and to the long-term dedication which makes such service possible.

Some Meetings have declined in numbers, but the Spirit remains strong; others are asking for help and guidance. Some Meetings and worship groups speak of burgeoning numbers and positive growth. Many are committed to ways of
nourishing the roots of the Quaker tree through strong participation in Quaker Spiritual Quest programs, religious education for children and adults, community-building with Friendly Sixes, Sevens, or Eights gatherings; midweek worship; study and potluck groups; and retreats. A women's group and a dream group were also mentioned with gratitude.

We are asking what our Judeo-Christian heritage really is, what our Quaker history really is, and some of us reach to learn from other faiths as well.

Friends who have undertaken ministries of travel — many to the Soviet Union and to Central America — have reported back to us and shared their journeys, enlarging the experience for both traveller and stay-at-home.

Sewing and craft groups, meetings in one another's homes for celebration and sociability, and even the act of preparing the state of the Meeting report, — all have been and are recognized as true efforts at community among us.

Wrestling with conflict over difficult issues — handling same-sex marriages under the Meeting's care, how to be truly helpful in crises of illness and dying and emotional needs of many kinds, relating to others with whom we share our work and vision, how to say who we are as a religious society, attempting to articulate our honest beliefs about the great human questions of life in today's world — these ventures test us. They teach us limits and possibilities. For some Friends, "This has been a good year, not for concordance, but for honesty." (Berkeley)

"Clearly, we have our work cut out for us," as San Francisco Meeting says. Even this very partial sampling sounds overwhelming. "Our hearts and our intellects, our strengths and our understanding, will carry us only so far. For the rest we must rely upon the Spirit. And that is what, together, we are learning to do." (San Francisco)

**Eric Moon: A Group Exercise**

Sometimes, catching up with old friends here at Yearly Meeting, we ask, "So what's happening with your "home Meeting", meaning, of course, that Monthly Meeting or worship group where you find yourself most First-Days. But our Yearly Meeting is our "home Meeting", too — a home for all of us, for 200 or so hours every year. — That's almost as much time as we invest in those other "home Meetings".

So, welcome home! Home is a place where you can be safe, where you're accepted for who you are, where there are "no surprises" (except the wonderful ones), where all possible conflicts were resolved years ago and where we all fit one another as comfortably as old shoes.

And . . .

Home is also a place where, enfolded in that sense of safety, we can be challenged, we can grow — a place safe enough to risk changing our minds and our hearts.
Now, one of the ways we remind ourselves to love, to care for, to re-model and spruce up those other "home Meetings" is by prayerfully considering, once a year, the state of our Meeting. Here at Pacific Yearly Meeting that kind of loving evaluation happens more informally — in a Saturday afternoon session for clerks, in tears shed amid this crisis or that. Tonight we'd like to try — just as you did in your Monthly Meeting or worship group sometime during the past year — having one of those open sessions where we gather in everyone's ideas about what ought to go into our State of the Meeting report for us. We're not proposing to write up such a report — but just to offer our Yearly Meeting the same loving scrutiny we give our other Meetings. Ed Flowers and I will review some of the concerns about the quality of our corporate life that we, as members of your Ministry and Oversight Committee, have heard during this year. Then in the open worship periods we invite your ideas and ministries.

Our Meeting seems to generate fewer peace and social concerns minutes than we used to. This welcome relief from prolonged discussions of grammar, syntax, and the correct address of Senator Cranston is weighed against a nagging worry that we may also be missing real opportunities to engage with one another, and to embark on the months of united effort that occasionally followed those minutes of corporate commitment.

Many in our Meeting wish we were better at confronting — and reconciling with — one another. Concerned about keeping to our arranged schedules, anxious to observe the social proprieties of being "nice", too often we slide by one another, and slide around the disagreements beneath which precious unity lies hidden.

Over this last year, we have heard from long-time Friends worried by what they sense as a weakening of beliefs and processes that bind us together in corporate commitments. One way this many-faced concern has appeared is in our reawakened interest in — and better understanding of — the true nature of Quaker decision-making. This rediscovery started with our 1985 Faith and Practice: the discussion of "Friends Process for Making Decisions", commencing on page 32, usefully reminds us that unity, as Quakers seek it, is not perfectly synonymous with unanimity. Unanimity is a kind of voting, just as majority rule is. Unity in the Spirit is a riskier venture — and a more subtle treasure. Unity may lie in a direction seen clearly — as a given point — by only one individual, or only a few, or only most of us. Our faith is that, as we grow more experienced in our listening to that Guide — listening in worship and in moments of decision; unity will become as tangible and as tastable, as recognizable a reality, as the more mechanical tabulation of head-nods and "Approveds".

This listening is a hard discipline, one in which we hope to grow. For some of us, our understanding of unity decision-making was tested in the prolonged and difficult meetings leading to decisions on requests for marriage from lesbian and gay Friends. Some of us found the M&O-sponsored workshop on Quaker Process, held this spring at Ben Lomond, a welcome chance to unpack some of these feelings and puzzles.
For some, that image of "Meeting as a safe place" is what seems threatened by changes in our Faith and Practice, and by changes in our concept of marriage. One young Friend spoke her anguish with Quaker plain-ness: "I joined this Meeting with the — apparently mistaken, but nobody told me different — notion that I could, if it really came right down to it, exercise a personal veto on our decision. Now you're telling me it's not that simple. About this decision, we've been considering it for months and I told you a long time ago I wasn't clear. I'm still not clear — or I'm clear that I still don't agree with the rest of you. But if you're not willing to wait forever — or as long as it takes — for me to become part of the unity, then what does unity mean? And how can you be sure when you've got it?"

Maybe I can get us started by stringing together some of those stock openers that show up in these reports year after year ...

As ever with such reports, the hard questions are on two levels.

**FIRST**, what is the meaning of this Meeting? To what Purpose (capital P) and purposes (lower case p) do we gather? What could we be? To what does God call us?

**SECOND**, given that purpose, how well are we doing? What is it that keeps you coming back? What do you find disappointing?

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**Ed Flowers:**

How are individual concerns related to the corporate concerns of the Meeting? What is the relationship of contemplation to action in the Meeting? Has Meeting become a mere collection of committees? Do we sometimes hear a self-righteous tone in Business Meeting? Do we find ourselves diluting our minutes in order to achieve a spurious "unity"?
Have we become overspecialized, so that we work with the same persons year after year?
Do persons involved in direct action feel unsupported by the Meeting?
Do we find ourselves responding to concerns with a dutiful "should" rather than the full commitment of an open heart?
Do we sometimes feel like an outsider in our own Meeting?

**Walt Kersey: A safe place and a challenge**

Early in the process of thinking about this meeting, after some of us had reviewed the State of the Meeting reports from the Monthly Meetings, we asked ourselves: What is our vision of Meeting, of needs that the Meeting provides for, the help that keeps us coming? We talked for some time about two approaches to that vision which we wanted to share. You have heard some of this already.

On the one hand, the Meeting is a 'Safe Place'. People are accepted there as they are. They can reveal or withhold knowledge about themselves without being judged. They find there the unconditioned love of God.

On the other hand, the Meeting is a 'Challenge', a place where people are pulled out of themselves, where they learn and grow. They find there the transforming love of God.

At first we talked about these as the impressions of two kinds of Friends, out there in our Meetings. Then we knew we could be talking about each of us. Perhaps at different times; possibly all the time.

Can the Meeting be for us at the same time a safe place and a challenge? In fact, might it be possible for us to change deeply only in a really safe place? And only to be safe where we can change?

Can we grant each other sanctuary in order to grow? Has God given us safety to explore our vision together in the Light?
Brief History of Sichuan Friends Yearly Meeting and the Church in China Today

— by Stephen Yang

In 1886, Robert J. and Mary Jane Davidson, a couple of English Friends, went to western China as missionaries, sent by Friends Foreign Mission Association. Following them, three of Robert Davidson’s younger brothers also came to Sichuan before 1900 to build up a new Society of Friends in western China. Up to 1949, over 80 Friends’ missionaries had worked in Sichuan Province. Among them, three were American Friends: Robert and Margaret Simkin, and Jane Balderston. Margaret is now 95; we visited her last week in Claremont.

It took twenty years to build up 5 Monthly Meetings, 10 Friends’ Elementary Schools, 2 High Schools, and 2 hospitals. Before 1950, there were about 500 Quakers in Sichuan Yearly Meeting. In addition, the Quakers, in cooperation with the American Methodist, American Baptist, Canadian Methodist and Anglican churches, founded the Western China Union University in Chengdu in 1910. The first president, Dr. Joseph Beach, was an American Methodist. Ruth Zhang’s father, Dr. Lincoln Dsang, succeeded him and became the first Chinese president from 1927–1947. Then Professor S. H. Fong, a Chinese Quaker, was the last president before the university was taken over by the Communist government in 1950.

Chinese Communists are atheists and they hate capitalist countries because they helped the corrupt Kiang Kai-shek regime to fight them. As a result of the Korean War, all foreign missionaries had to leave China, and all of the churches could no longer have financial support from abroad. The government demanded that different denominations of Catholic and Protestant, different schools of Islam, Taoism and Buddhism, should be united to become one Catholic church, one Protestant church, one mosque, one Taoist and one Buddhist temple.

In order to save Christianity in China, leaders of the National Christian Council worked out a program for all of the 150 Protestant denominations to unite. The only way out was to persuade Chinese Christians to support their own church, so that they could run the church by themselves and propagate by themselves. It took several years to organize this "Three Self Patriotic Movement of the Church of China."

At the same time, all other religions in China accomplished their own unification in the early 1950’s.

The State Religious Affairs Bureau has set up some common regulations for the believers of different religions to observe.

1. Believers have the freedom to perform religious activities inside a temple, a church or a mosque, but not outside it. No one is allowed to interfere or to stop religious activities in a temple, mosque or church.
2. Under 18 years of age, one is not allowed to become a Buddhist, Taoist, Moslem, Catholic or Protestant Christian.
3. Religion is not allowed to be taught or practiced in schools or colleges.
4. Foreigners are allowed to worship in churches. They are not allowed to preach, inside or outside the church, or to distribute religious publications in China by themselves. They may give these to the Church of China.

5. Foreign funds for the maintenance of religious institutes or churches are not allowed.

With these restrictions, very few people went to worship in churches or temples in the 1950's or early 1960's.

During the "Cultural Revolution" (1966-76), monks, priests, fathers, and pastors were sent to the countryside to be re-educated by peasants and "Red Guards." Temples and churches were damaged or destroyed. Schools and colleges were closed and everything disordered. It was chaos.

After the death of Mao Zedong, the Gang of Four were removed and put in prison. Deng Xiaoping became the leader of China, and his new ideas and new policies started a new chapter in the history of China.

In the new Constitution, there is an item on the freedom of religious belief. Some churches, temples and mosques have been restored or rebuilt. The numbers of Christians coming to Sunday service in Chengdu Church in 1980 was less than a hundred but is now 500 to 700 and, at Christmas and Easter, over one thousand.

The pastors are almost all over 70. Young pastors are greatly needed. To meet the need, Sichuan Seminary, with a curriculum of 2 years, was founded in Chengdu in 1984. About 30 to 45 students from the three southwestern provinces — Sichuan, Yunnan, and Guizhou — are enrolled each year, about 1/3 of them women. About 1/4 of the students come from Miao and Yi minority groups. After graduation, they return to their own church. Some of them have to go back to build up a new church.

There are 12 seminaries now in China, but the shortage of teachers is still a problem.

I believe the future of religion in China is bright.
GENDER EQUALITY IN THE RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS

"Sexes make no Difference; since in Souls there is none: and they are the Subjects of Friendship."
(William Penn, Fruits of Solitude)

Members of the Religious Society of Friends grow up and live in many different cultures. Yet we are all inheritors of the Quaker commitment to the God-given value and equality of all human beings from infancy to the last days of life. None of us have succeeded in giving that equality full and true expression, and in our failure we are all equal and we are all called to work to discover how we are meant to treat each other. By examining our experience and sharing it with one another we may be enabled to learn, from each other and our different cultures, how to move forward.

FWCC has set up an international committee of Friends to encourage this study of gender equality. While Friends are concerned about inequalities everywhere, the project is particularly directed to the examination of gender equality in the Society of Friends.

You may want to speak of peace or justice, issues of language or service, or of prayer or prophecy. Everything will contribute; all contributions will be retained. As responses come in the committee will be considering how best to arrange for publication and distribution of the most valuable.

Respond in prose or poetry, story or scientific study, taped or typed. If you have something to contribute please send it to one of the committee members in your Section listed below.

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January 19, 1988
JUSTICE, PEACE, AND THE INTEGRITY OF CREATION

Pacific Yearly Meeting, August 1988
Plenary Session 9

This phrase, Justice, Peace, and the Integrity of Creation, emerged from what was probably the most representative international gathering of Christians in this decade--the Sixth Assembly of the World Council of Churches (1983) in Vancouver, Canada. Delegates, speaking from personal experiences, asked WCC to engage churches in forming a process of mutual commitment to justice, peace and the integrity of creation.

Stephen Carey, Chairperson, AFSC, addressed WCC in 1986 in Glion, Switzerland. He described four expressions of Quaker commitment to Justice, Peace and the Integrity of Creation as follows: (1) "placing into service" people who live their faith in love and nonviolence; (2) our particular perception of the interrelationship of justice and peace; (3) our loyalty to God that reaches beyond our loyalty to any nation-state; and (4) a history of service in seeking to mend the world.

In November 1987, Val Ferguson, General Secretary of Friends World Committee for Consultation (FWCC), sent a letter to Clerks of Yearly Meetings commending warmly to all Friends the Justice, Peace and Integrity of Creation program and encouraging Friends to be involved. She states: "The focus is on local actions, and local commitments to speak and act together." She adds: "there will be national and regional activities building up to a 'Global Convocation' scheduled for 1990," which, itself, will be only "a step on the way."

In response to the WCC call to commitment, a working party of London Yearly Meeting developed a paper which was introduced by Gerald Drewell to the Meeting for Sufferings (The Friend, March 11, 1988, p. 303). Gerald Drewell noted "Justice, Peace and the Integrity of Creation were not three separate matters but one." A minute of support stated: "This is an opportunity for London Yearly Meeting to affirm, integrate and build upon current initiatives of Friends, to share the insights of our traditions with other Christians, and to explore and develop both among ourselves and with members of other denominations, further spiritually based action for the healing of our wounded world."

Meetings and individuals can obtain a quarterly JPIC newsletter published in English, French, German and Spanish by contacting WCC, P.O. Box 66, 1211 Geneva 20, Switzerland. Stephen Carey's address to WCC may be purchased from AFSC bookstores.
PACIFIC YEARLY MEETING of the RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS
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CONFERENCE TRAVEL, PYM DELEGATES

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Financial Statements

Pacific Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends

Treasurer's Report for Fiscal Year 1988

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Subtotal: Committee Expenses        | $10,550 | $8,250.00| $13,150.00| $6,711.00| $13,550.00|
**Pacific Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends**

**Treasurer's Report for Fiscal Year 1988**

**Period:** October 1, 1987 through June 30, 1988

### Balance Sheet

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**Explanatory Notes - See Reverse Side**
NOTES:

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

2. Specifically contributed funds for use of the Friend in the Orient Committee; includes funds for "Windows" ($345.); "Project" ($546.); 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 monies; not available for general PYM use.

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

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

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

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

10. Represents printing costs, etc. of Social Order Series that should be recovered by sale of the publications. Of the total advanced $840. was for the Bulletin (Massey) Publication and $1,217. for the Social Order pamphlet. All "Massey" Costs have been repaid. $571. remains of the Social Order pamphlet.

11. Fund located in separate account. Contributions are earmarked for the specific account. Not available for general PYM use.


13. Quaker Spiritual Quest Program reports beginning balance $1,247.; additions of $1,308.; reductions of $1,832.; ending balance of $723.

14. Committee on East-West relations reports a starting balance of $2,725.; additions $37,745.; reductions of $38,071.; ending balance of $2,399.

15. Committee on Unity with Nature reports a starting balance of $5,041.; additions of $11,346.; reductions of $7,256.; ending balance of $9,131.

Virginia V. and Walter E. Klein
Treasurers, Pacific Yearly Meeting
FRIEND TO FRIEND: A GLOBAL SHARING OF
OUR SPIRITUAL LIVES

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Friend to Friend (FTF) is a new project initiated by young adult Friends with the goal of developing greater communication and understanding among Quakers around the world. The project is a follow-up activity inspired by Friends experiences in 1985 at the World Gathering of Young Friends (WGYF). Friend to Friend is supported by the Friends World Committee for Consultation, Section of the Americas.

Friend to Friend will work by pairing Friends' churches or meetings and creating a correspondence relationship among interested individuals at such churches. This will take place through letters and packets of writings, pictures, art work, etc. sent back and forth between groups at these sister churches. Friends from different countries may come to understand that of God in each other by sharing the important faith issues in the life of their churches. This project seeks to involve Friends from all parts of the world and all traditions; evangelical, programmed, and unprogrammed.

Communication will begin when a church committee or group wanting to be part of the project sends a querie or other item to its sister church for members of its FTF group to respond to. Members of the sister FTF group will then get together and write responses. Responses may be individual or a group composite. However, they will be sent together in one package to the sister church group. The group originating the querie will then itself respond to the querie. Such sharing will take place back and forth until a minimum of two packages per year are shared for at least one year.

Friend to Friend hopes to begin pairing churches in 1988.
STATISTICAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR MAY 1, 1987 TO APRIL 30, 1988

Chico, California has served as our Northern California site on many occasions. It is therefore with the greatest pleasure that Chico Monthly Meeting has been added to this year's Statistical Report, as the 36th Meeting in Pacific Yearly Meeting.

Chico Meeting began last fall when after approval of CPQM, its oversight Meeting, Grass Valley, transfer the first 9 members to Chico. For the Yearly Meeting, 38 members were transferred into meetings. Chico gained one member by convincement; the Yearly Meeting gained 55 members by convincement. No young people of Chico applied to be full members this year; in fact only 2 young people applied for membership, which is the same number as last year. Subtotal for gains in membership is 95.

Now those who joined Chico, were of course the same 9 Friends, who transferred out of Grass Valley. For the entire Yearly Meeting only 28 Friends transfer out, including the 9 mentioned to Chico. Other losses are deaths, 20, and those released or withdrawn from membership, 38. Subtotal for losses in membership is 86.

Chico is a young, thriving meeting with 25 children; the total for children in PYM is 399. There are 15 active attenders at Chico; with 789 attenders for the Yearly Meeting.

The final number I want to mention to you before I give you the total, is the number of attenders of each of your meetings who have not transferred to your local meeting. Chico has 2 such members who hold membership elsewhere than in Chico. But the total of attenders who have not transferred to their local monthly meeting has risen to 172.

In the coming year, I hope each of you will look at your own meeting, and perhaps start with a positive comment to these Friends and say, "I'd like you to transfer your membership to us".

In closing, it's my desire for each of you, the 1527 members of Pacific Yearly Meeting, that you fall in love with your local worship group, preparative meeting and monthly meeting, with all the privileges, responsibilities and joys that membership brings to our individual spiritual lives. Oh, and while you're at it, please extend your active love to your quarterly meeting, Friends' schools & corporations, and the legislative and service organizations that serve Pacific Yearly Meeting.

"Be ye doers of the Word and not hearers only."
WORSHIP GROUPS AND PREPARATIVE MEETINGS

Attention is still needed by meetings to define the term "Under the Care" as we apply it to worship groups and preparative meetings. Meeting Recorders have reported the following:

Preparative Meetings:

Big Island Preparative under the joint care of PYM & Honolulu
Tom Daniel, clerk. (808) 325-7323
73-1308 Ka-imi Dr., Kailua-Kona, HI 96740

Guatemala Preparative under the care of Mexico City
Phyllis Bunker, clerk. phone: (502) 36-7922, evenings
Apartado Postal 29-C, Guatemala City, Guatemala

One thing I attempted to do was to clarify the status of all worship groups. From the queries on simplicity: Do we keep our lives uncluttered with things and activities, and avoid commitments beyond our strength and light? From time to time a meeting is laid down, recognizing the commitment of being a Monthly Meeting is beyond its strength. San Luis Obispo is such a former meeting. Although not affiliated with a Quarterly Meeting, San Luis Obispo continues to be part of PYM.

Worship Groups:

San Luis Obispo: Anna Alexander, convener
30 El Mirador Ct, San Luis Obispo CA 93401

Worship Groups under the care of (Monthly Meeting):

Amador County (Delta): 1st & 5th firstdays
contact Clerk of Delta Meeting (209) 223-0843

Aromas-Watsonville-Hollister (Santa Cruz): 1st firstday
Location: 414 Rose Ave., Aromas.
Mail: Jim Spickard & Sanno Keeler, conveners, Box 147, Aromas, 95004

Conejo Valley (Westwood): 1st, 3rd & 5th firstdays, 10:00 AM
Location: 3609 Thousand Oaks Blvd. Westlake Village Suite 110
Mail: Joan Fasken-Johnson, convener
2224 Thorsby Rd., Thousand Oaks 91360

Hermosillo (Mexico City & Pima IMYM): firstdays, 11:00 AM
Location: Casa Heberto Sein, Calle Felipe Saledo 32
Mail: Apartado 15, Sucursal A, Hermosillo, Sonora, Mexico
Telephone: (623) 7-0142

Mendocino (Redwood Forest): firstdays, 10:00 AM
Location: Kelley House, 54007 Albion Street
Mail: Hanneliesel Reeves, correspondent
P.O. Box 1003, Mendocino 95460
Worship Groups under the care of (Monthly Meeting):

Modesto (Delta): 1st & 3rd firstdays, 9:30 AM  
Location: 922 G Street, Modesto  
Information: (209) 524-8762

Morongo Basin (Claremont): firstdays, September - June, 2:00 PM  
Location: Church of Religious Science,  
7434 Bannock Trail, Yucca Valley  
Mail: Hermione Baker, correspondent  
8885 Frontera, Yucca Valley 92284

Napa-Sonoma (Redwood Forest): 1st-4th firstdays, 10:00 AM  
Location: 575 Jefferson Ave, Napa. Carole Kelly, convener  
Mail: c/o Joe & Diana Wilcox, 57 Chapel Hill Dr., Napa 94559

Taft (Orange Grove): firstdays, 10:00 AM  
Location: contact the correspondent  
Mail: Bonnie L. Beaty, 104 Center Street, Taft 93268

Not under the care of a Meeting:

Gualala -- CPQM is working to establish ties.

Kauai: 2nd & 4th firstdays, 10:00 AM  
Correspondent: Lynwood Hume, (808) 332-7324 or 822-0448  
P.O. Box 663, Lihue Kauai, HI 96766

Maui: firstdays, 10:30 AM  
Clerks: John Dart (808) 878-2190 & Alice Walker (808) 579-9124  
Location: 9 Kaula Place, Paia, Maui  
Mail: c/o John Dart, 107-D Kamnui Rd., Kula, Maui, HI 96790

Molokai: Contact the correspondent for day, time & place  
Correspondent: David Foster (808) 553-3798  
P.O. Box 841, Kaunakakai, HI 96748

Ojai: firstdays, 9:00 AM  
Information: (805) 646-6928 or 646-3200  
Correspondent: Jane C. Hubler, P.O. Box 793, Ojai, CA 93023

Southern Humboldt: Contact Convener for time & location  
Convener: Bill Andrews (707) 923-3377  
Mail: P.O. Box 887, Redway, CA 95560
### STATISTICAL SUMMARY

**PACIFIC YEARLY MEETING**

**April 30, 1988**

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* "Unaffiliated" means not affiliated with a Quarterly Meeting

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08/03/88
Registrar's Report

Well, it has been a busy week at PYM, my "home" Yearly Meeting. How do we measure our presence here? Let me count some of the ways:

Registrations: 307 family units
Cancellations: 20 individuals

Souls present: 460

Divided by sex:
Males: 186
Females: 274

And broken down by age
Preschool: Ages 0 - 5, 20
Elementary: Ages 6 - 11, 40
Junior Friends: Ages 12 - 18, 33
Adults: Ages 19 - 69, 260
Senior Friends: Ages 70 +, 50

Youngest:
Ariel Steenblock-Smith, 2 months
Shoshanna Brady, 15 months

Oldest:
Floyd Schmoe, 93 years
Margaret Brooks, 87 years

Meals served: approximately 3,800

Your Registrar,
Larry Perry
PACIFIC YEARLY MEETING -- OFFICERS

PRESIDING CLERK (1 yr)
89 Hermione Baker CL

ASSISTANT CLERK (1 yr)
89 Marilee Eusebio DA

RECORDING CLERKS (2 yr)
89 Steven Smith CL
90 Ruth Peters OG

REPRESENTATIVE COMM (1 yr)
RECORDING CLERK
89 Jamie Newton PA

READING CLERK (1 yr)
89 Bruce Folsom SF

STATISTICAL CLERK (3 yr)
90 Betty Hall ST

TREASURERS (3 yr)
90 Walter Klein LJ
90 Virginia Klein GV/LJ

HISTORIAN /ARCHIVIST (3 yr)
90 Benjamin Levine SM

ARRANGEMENTS CLERK (1 yr)
89 Walter Jones SD

ASST ARRANGEMENTS CLERK (1 yr)
89 Susanna Matthey GV

CO-REGISTRARS (1 yr)
89 Joseph Magruder SA
89 Margaret Mossman BE

PACIFIC YEARLY MEETING COMMITTEES -- MEMBERS AND CLERKS

MINISTRY AND OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE
89 Leonard Dart CL
89 Eric Moon BE, Clerk
89 Walter Kersey SA
90 Edward Flowers RF
90 Jeanne Lohmann SF
90 Stewart Mulford GV
91 Kitty Barragato OG
91 Jane Peers LJ
91 Vanita Blum BE

SUBCOMMITTEES OF M&O:
BIG ISLAND OVERSIGHT
Clerk: Leonard Dart CL

BRUNTON VISITOR
Clerk: Joan Johnson WW

MENTAL ILLNESS
Clerk: Jane Peers LJ

SPECIAL FUNDS
Clerk: Eric Moon BE

WORKSHOP
Clerk: Jane Peers LJ

WORSHIP-FELLOWSHIP
Clerk: Gloria Kershner GV
BULLETIN COMMITTEE
89 Eleanor Foster SC
89 Mary Ellen McNelly BE
90 Jane Mills RF
90 David Wilson DA, Clerk
91 Elsa Gines HA
91 James Anderson CH
Ex Officio: Editors

CHILDREN'S PROGRAM COMMITTEE
89 Patricia Wolff OG
89 Maureen Jaquette PA
90 Arden Pierce PA, Clerk
90 Mary Miché ST
91 Janet H. Gastil SD
91 Maude White DA
Ex Officio:
Present and immediate
past children's program
co-ordinators

DISCIPLINE COMMITTEE
89 Anne Friend WW
89 James Sanetel SM
90 Lois Bailey GV
90 Martha Dart CL
91 Laura Magnani BE, Clerk
91 Lee Knutsen PA
Ex Officio: Historian/Archivist

EAST-WEST RELATIONS COMMITTEE
89 Ernest Bicknell HA
89 Ann Dale SJ
89 Edileth Eckart RF/HU
89 Julie Harlow DA
90 Carl Anderson ST
90 Kay Anderson PA, Clerk
90 Harry Bailey GV
90 Stephen Birdlebough SA
91 Herb Foster SC
91 Melissa Lovett HU
91 Lois Hogle PA
91 Betty Keeney RF

FINANCE COMMITTEE
89 Thomas Farley PA
89 Virginia Flagg SD
90 Robert Young OG, Clerk
90 Fredric Gey BE
91 Elizabeth Boardman RF
91 Stratton Jaquette PA
Ex Officio:
Treasurers, Stat. Clerk

FRIEND IN THE ORIENT COMMITTEE
89 James Brune LJ
89 Jean Walton CL
(89 David Walker, NPYM)
(89 Della Walker, NPYM)
90 Robert Vogel OG
90 Mary Mikelsey ST
(90 Rose Lewis, NPYM), Clerk
(90 Dick Lewis, NPYM)
91 Mena Neff DA
91 Kimi Nagatani OC
(91 Barbara Thygessen, NPYM)
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JUNIOR YEARLY MEETING COMMITTEE
89 Becky Layfield OC, Co-Clerk
89 Brian Vura-Weis IV, Co-Clerk
90 David Tappan OG
90 David Standish PA
91 Katie Festinger DA
91 Jack Huffman BE
Ex Officio:
High School Advisors,
Junior High School Advisors,
Junior Yearly Meeting Clerk,
Junior High School Clerks

NOMINATING COMMITTEE
89 Aaron Cole CL/SC
89 Sally Davis SA
89 Prudence Myer SB
90 Anne Davenport CL
90 Lois Richter DA
90 Lowell Tager SD, Clerk
91 Connie Jolly BE
91 Jane Mills LJ/RF
91 Akie Reynolds SC

PEACE COMMITTEE
89 Linda Dunn IV, Clerk
89 Stephen Jones SJ
89 Euclid Bautista SD
90 Leta McKinney-Adler WW
90 Peter Trier BE
90 George Rudenko SV
91 Nancy Lynch SE
91 Josselyn Mellon DA
91 Karen Lawrance LJ
Ex Officio: Clerks of CPQM & SCQM
S.O. Comms.; Correspondents
of Unaffiliated Meetings,
& 1 of FCNL Reps.
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION COMMITTEE
89 Rachel Ann Elder ST
89 Leslie Zondervan-Droz HU
90 George Gastil SD, Clerk
90 Denise Spooner MAR
91 Jean Malcolm SD
91 Diana Egli PA

SECRETARIAT COMMITTEE
89 Gary Wolff OG, Clerk
90 Kim Lacey SF
91 Sandy Farley PA
Ex Officio: Assistant Clerk

SITES COMMITTEE
89 Harry Bailey GV, Clerk
89 Lois Bailey GV
90 Roberta Hogan DE
90 Margaret Mints OG
91 David-James Bloom RF
91 Stephanie Kennedy ST

SOCIAL ORDER COMMITTEE
89 Clifford Cole CL
89 Calvin Edinger WH
89 Keith Wedmore MA, Clerk
90 Barbara Brady PA
90 Marion Givens WW
90 Mary Hoppis SD
91 Marty Carson CL
91 Katharine Lacey SF
91 Charles Hubbell SF
Ex Officio:
  Clerks of CFQM’s & SCQM’s
  S.O. Comms., Correspondents
  from Unaffiliated Meetings

UNITY WITH NATURE COMMITTEE
89 Robert Schutz RF
89 Michael Dunn IV, Clerk
90 Micki Graham-Newlin
90 Rolene Otero OG
91 Chuck Orr LJ
91 Dana Abell DA
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To Friends Everywhere:

Through the tranquil countryside of northern California, where green fields belied the reality of the drought, we returned to Chico for our 42nd Pacific Yearly Meeting. We came looking forward to meeting old and new friends and worshipping together. Would we also feel safe enough to challenge and be challenged, availing ourselves of each other's vision of the truth? Would our community be strong enough to find unity in its diversity?

We have once again reflected together on the issue of same-gender marriage and recognized that we are not in unity on this issue, although there have been two such marriages under the care of our Monthly Meetings during the past year. In a worship-sharing plenary session, we were told of the reservations of some Friends and shared the pain and anguish felt by many of us.

While there is respect for the corporate wisdom of the Yearly Meeting, we also appreciate the place freedom has in our faith. Our Discipline Committee has provided a statement of Friends' beliefs from North Pacific Yearly Meeting to supplement our 1985 Faith and Practice, a statement which seems to express the diversity of our belief. One of our Monthly Meetings has sought its own affiliation with one of the wider associations of Friends. Even though our Yearly Meeting remains independent of formal associations with such Friends' bodies, we have accepted the clarity of process this Monthly Meeting has followed and are comfortable with its exercising freedom of association.

We welcomed Stephen Yang and Ruth Zhang, retired physicians from Chengdu, the People's Republic of China, who told the history of Quakerism in Szechwan Province and brought us greetings from the 20 Chinese Quakers remaining in Chengdu. We learned that Stephen Yang's grandmother was the first Chinese Quaker.

We were moved by a Peace Committee session with Deena Hurwitz, an American Jew, and Nadia Bettendorf, an Israeli Palestinian, who told us of the nonviolent movement on the West Bank and the Peace Now movement in Israel, both calling for a Palestinian state. Both visitors spoke movingly of the suffering of the Palestinian people since the Israeli occupation of the West Bank and Gaza. We also were moved to deep sympathy for those Israeli Jews who are enduring moral suffering because of the conflict.

Friends were reminded by those recently returned from work in Central America that we should not be lulled into complacency by peace talks since the need for our help there is greater than ever.

Many aspects of our life together strengthened the bonds of community. A memorial meeting brought into our awareness the guidance of 26 dear, departed Friends who have lived among us. We learned that Friends are continuing to explore the depths of our religion through the Quaker Spiritual Quest program. We rejoice that our Yearly Meeting family was augmented by a 40 percent increase in the attendance of children. Bonds between young and old were strengthened when adults volunteered to help in programs for children and youth. Children and adults enjoyed arranging surprises for their Menitos (secret friends).

During the past year, some Friends participated in a corporate witness at the Nevada Nuclear Test Site, and, in Concord, California, some sat in the
way of trains carrying weapons bound for Central America. In one of our sessions, Friends were challenged to participate in greater numbers and with more spiritual intensity in actions for peace and justice. Friends at Yearly Meeting conducted in downtown Chico their traditional silent peace witness in remembrance of the victims and survivors of Hiroshima and Nagasaki.

Members of four of our committees made a prophetic and impassioned presentation of the World Council of Churches program entitled, "Justice, Peace, and the Integrity of Creation." We heard that these three concepts are not simply connected like a woven fabric, but rather are three names for the same organic whole. The Unity with Nature Committee reminded us that we share with Native Americans the belief that all places and all things of the earth are sacred.

In our week together, we were challenged in a number of ways. We listened to the truths contained in these challenges and moved toward unity as we sought the will of God.

We send you loving greetings. May God be with you in your life as Friends.

Signed on behalf of Pacific Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends.

Stratton C. Jaquette
Presiding Clerk
Para los Amigos de todas partes:

Hemos vuelto a Chico, California, para nuestra cuarenta y dosaba Reunión Anual del Pacífico. A través de la tranquilidad de la campiña del Norte de California, donde los campos verdes nos niegan la realidad de la sequía.

Nos preparamos para encontrarnos con viejos y nuevos amigos y orar juntos. ¿Podríamos también sentirnos bastante seguros para probar y ser probados, beneficiándonos mutuamente en la búsqueda de la verdad? ¿Estará nuestra comunidad suficientemente sólida para encontrar unidad en su diversidad?

Nuevamente hemos reflexionado acerca del tema sobre el matrimonio entre miembros del mismo sexo. Durante el año pasado se unieron en matrimonio dos parejas bajo el cuidado de nuestras Juntas Mensuales, sin embargo la mayoría de las Juntas no están totalmente de acuerdo en este tema. En nuestra junta plenaria de acuerdos, nos dieron a conocer su sentir acerca de la reserva de algunos Amigos y compartimos la angustia y dolor sentido por muchos de nosotros.

Mientras haya respeto a la sabiduría del grupo de la Junta Anual, también apreciamos el lugar que la libertad tiene en nuestra fe. Nuestro Comité de Disciplina nos ha informado de la declaración de las creencias de los Amigos de la Junta Anual del Norte del Pacífico para complementar nuestra Fe y Practica de 1985, una declaración parece expresar más adecuadamente la diversidad de nuestras creencias.

Una de nuestras Juntas Mensuales ha buscado el modo de unirse con la Conferencia General de los Amigos. Aunque nuestra Junta Anual sigue independiente de las asociaciones formales, hemos aceptado la claridad del proceso de esta Junta Mensual y están conformes con la libertad de esta asociación.

Dimos la bienvenida a Stephen Yang y Ruth Zhang, médicos retirados de Chengdu de la República de China, trajeron saludos de los únicos 20 miembros que existen en Chengdu. La abuela de Stephen Yang fue la primera Cuáquera China.

Nos emocionamos en la sesión de Comité de Paz con Deena Hurwitz, una judía americana y Nadia Bettendorf, una israelita palestina, platicaron acerca del movimientoen Israel; ambas claman por una nación Palestina. Las visitantes dieron una reseña emocionante del sufrimiento de los palestinos
desde la ocupación del West Bank y Gaza. Sentimos profunda pena por los judíos israelitas que sufren moralmente por este conflicto.

Aunque se esté hablando de Paz, no olvidemos que la ayuda en América Central se necesita ahora más que nunca.

Muchos aspectos de nuestra vida fortalecen el sentimiento de comunidad. En el servicio en memoria por los 26 Amigos fallecidos recordamos profundamente su ejemplo cuáquero que compartieron en vida con nosotros.

Además tuvimos el conocimiento de Amigos que continúan explorando en la búsqueda espiritual a través del Quaker Spiritual Quest Program.

Nuestra Junta Anual se regocija por el incremento del 40% en la asistencia de niños. Los lazos entre las generaciones se reforzaron cuando los adultos prestaron ayuda voluntaria en los programas de niños y jóvenes. Los niños y adultos gozaron en el arreglo de sorpresas para su “Menitos” (amigos secretos).

Durante el año pasado algunos Amigos participaron como testigos presenciales en el Sitio Nuclear de Nevada y en Concord, California, formaron una barrera humana para bloquear los trenes que transportaban armas para América Central.

En una de nuestras sesiones los Amigos fueron impulsados a participar con mayor esfuerzo su sentido espiritual en acciones para la paz y justicia.

Los Amigos de la Junta Anual participaron en la Vigilia tradicional de Paz para conmemorar las víctimas y supervivientes de Hiroshima y Nagasaki.

Miembros de cuatro Comités hicieron una profética y vehemente presentación del programa Concilio Mundial de Iglesias titulado "Justicia, Paz y la Integridad de la Creación". Estos tres conceptos no se entrelazan simplemente como un tejido, sino que son tres nombres para la misma materia orgánica integral.

La Unidad con la Naturaleza nos hizo recordar que nosotros compartimos con los nativos americanos la creencia de que todos los lugares y todas las cosas de este mundo son sagradas.

Durante el tiempo compartido en esta semana, fuimos desafiados en diferentes formas. Nos esforzamos por descubrir la verdad contenida en cada recusamiento y seguir unidos buscando la voluntad de Dios.

Enviamos saludos cariñosos. Que Dios esté con ustedes en su vida como Amigos.

Firma en nombre de la Junta Anual de Pacífico de la Sociedad Religiosa de los Amigos.

Stratton Jacquette
Secretario
Dear Friends:

Young Friends once again experienced difficulty in finding time for our own activities amidst the busy schedule of the greater Pacific Yearly Meeting. Our group was divided between wanting to attend plenary sessions, trying to organize Young Friends activities, and participating in the Junior Yearly Meeting program. Because we did not schedule Young Friends' silent worship and sharing groups, many of us felt a lack of spiritual interaction and growth.

Despite diffused energy, we supported and listened to one another in our business meetings, succeeding in cooperatively clerking ourselves rather than placing the burden of discipline on our clerks. One of the week's major accomplishments was our agreement on a new budget which will enable us to provide financial aid for Young Friends who would otherwise be unable to attend PYM. Also, we established a fund for travel expenses, earmarking money to send a PYM delegate to the Young Friends of North America gathering each year. Both of these were approved by PYM. We feel a sense of achievement, as well as enthusiasm about the future of Young Friends at PYM.

A large part of our energy this week was directed towards the Junior Yearly Meeting. The Junior-Young Friends Liaison Committee led an educational and interactive panel discussion with the High School Friends about sex, responsibility and safety in the 1980s and '90s. We were also involved with a camping trip which was planned as a joint activity for Young Friends and Junior Yearly Meeting. Other activities, like New Games and tie-dyeing, brought us together in the true spirit of Young Friends.

In conclusion, it has been a good week. Young Friends enjoyed greater attendance than in recent years. We saw the faces of new as well as long-absent friends. We're looking forward to continued participation and are hoping for more communication among Young Friends in the forthcoming year.

In peace,

David Calderon & Lisa Klein
Young Friends Co-Clerks
EPISTLE OF JUNIOR YEARLY MEETING
PACIFIC YEARLY MEETING
August 1 - 6, 1988

Week of Celebration

We imagine a beautiful future.
One devoid of the problems with which we now struggle.

For us this is more than an ideal.

We set our goals and work interdependently.
As individuals we feel the light in one another.
Nonviolence is a skill we are acquiring,
which we will carry throughout our lives.
It is our ability to respect those who abuse us
that gives us our strength;
a strength that creates unity.
Together unity and community
allow our individual talents to excel
towards the goals we have set.

Together, we dance alone
from the shadows into the fire light.
We each feel the light around us in a different way.
We approach it as a force,
a creator, a feeling of love and a being.

We become enlightened individually,
but together we agree to believe,
to listen and to ponder.

Our dance has steps,
but is free in form.

This freedom unleashes creativity
that we will spread throughout the world
to achieve the future we now imagine.

This is our celebration of discovery.

Noah Wardrip-Fruin
Nicole Norton
Co-Clerks, High School Friends
This year the Junior High did some very important things. We discussed life, death and why we age. We, as most people, believe these are all important.

We also talked about how Quakerism affects people's lives. Carmen Broz, Cliff Cole, and Ellie Foster talked to us about what being a Quaker means and what it affected in their lives. Paul Niebanck, Robert and Asenath Young, and Leonard Dart talked with us about the meaning of Meeting for Worship (besides fiddling with our shoelaces).

The Junior High went camping with the Senior High and Young Friends. On our camping trip we learned about non-violence and unity with nature. It was good to be together with the other groups for awhile.

We beaded and wove and made gifts for our Menitos (secret friends). The Junior High, by the way, ran the Menito program this year.

We went on a night hike and learned about nature and had a wonderful pool party.

We ended with a surprise act for Family Night.

Christina Tappan
Molly Green
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