

Pacific Yearly Meeting

REPRESENTATIVE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

August 15, 16, 1964

1. The first session of the newly constituted Representative Committee of Pacific Yearly Meeting (see Pacific Yearly Meeting Minutes, 1963-4 and attachment #2) convened at 8:10 p.m. following an opening hour Meeting for Worship for all Friends who had arrived. Friends were queried: "Who is my neighbor and what are my responsibilities and my needs in relation to my neighbor?" The direction for an answer may not be found so much in attitudes as in actions: "What have I done to be neighborly?"
2. Roll Call by Meetings was answered by introducing some 30 Representatives in addition to some 18 officers, committee chairmen, and regional meeting clerks. (List of participants attachment #1).
3. The Clerk reported a communication from New York Yearly Meeting which requests that Pacific Yearly Meeting join with them in their concern for the rebuilding of burned churches in Mississippi. The matter was referred to the Social Order and Peace Committees to be included in the appropriate plenary session.
4. A concern from College Park Quarterly Meeting for a special session of Yearly Meeting to consider the issue of China was reported as being already under advisement by the Peace Committee to be included as part of the plenary session under its care.
5. A communication from the Friends World Committee for Consultation (FWCC) asks that Pacific Yearly Meeting name a member to the World Conference Committee to plan for the 1967 Friends World Conference at Guilford College, North Carolina.  
  
REPRESENTATIVE COMMITTEE ASKED that the Nominating Committee in consultation with present Representatives of the Friends World Committee for Consultation recommend the name of such a member at a subsequent meeting of this committee.
6. The Clerk requested reactions to the plan of "Documents in Advance," published this year in the Friends Bulletin. There was a general approval and appreciation expressed. It was agreed to continue the plan for another year.
7. Following the recommendation of the Executive Committee at its first meeting March 21, 1964, the Committee on Ministry and Oversight brought forward the names for this year's Epistle Committee.

REPRESENTATIVE COMMITTEE APPROVED the names as follows: Alice Shoemaker (Orange Grove-Pacific Ackworth), chairman; Kenneth Morgan (San Fernando); and Ben Norris (Honolulu). Elizabeth Van Dolson (Claremont) was named as alternate.

8. At the request of the Yearly Meeting treasurer and on recommendation of the Finance Committee chairman,

REPRESENTATIVE COMMITTEE APPROVED changing the Yearly Meeting fiscal year to end June 30 for this and succeeding years. This is a change from the decision of Executive Committee (Exec. Comm. 1964-19) to close the year April 30.

9. Requests from the John Woolman School for reporting time at plenary session and the Argenta Friends for a Yearly Meeting committee on Friends Schools were referred to the Education Committee for possible inclusion in their reporting to Yearly Meeting.
10. Crystalle Davis, chairman of Education Committee, asked that her committee be augmented during Yearly Meeting sessions as only three appear to be in attendance.

REPRESENTATIVE COMMITTEE APPROVED the committee chairman, in consultation with the Nominating Committee chairman, co-opting members as needed.

11. A concern communicated to the Clerk by Antonina and Julean Yavden of Berkeley Meeting regarding a religious peace mission to Communist countries was acknowledged and returned to them for consideration by the Monthly Meeting.

REPRESENTATIVE COMMITTEE REQUESTED that a copy of their statement of concern be posted on the Yearly Meeting bulletin board.

12. The Nominating Committee chairman, Polly Straka, asked for clarification concerning the size and the tenure of members of the Discipline Committee. Since it was generally agreed that the present members working on the project of revising and amending the Discipline should continue until it is completed,

REPRESENTATIVE COMMITTEE INSTRUCTED the Nominating Committee to name no additional members to the Discipline Committee this year, but to begin rotating terms again next year.

13. A comprehensive report on the "Relationship of Pacific Yearly Meeting to the Friends World Committee for Consultation" was presented by Clifford Maser on behalf of a special committee named by Executive Committee. Other members included: Gretchen Tuthill, Francis Dart, Ferner Nuhn and John Ullman. Representative Committee approved the circulated report as revised with one change: In place of the Finance Committee, the Yearly Meeting Clerks and the Chairman of Ministry and Oversight are asked to determine the fund allocations for the attenders to the Triennial meetings. (A copy of the report is attached to the file minutes.)
14. The Provisional Schedule of PYM was reviewed and approved with the following additions and responsibilities assigned:
  - a) An additional interest group: California Monthly Meetings on Proposition 14 is scheduled for Wednesday at 3:15.
  - b) Nominating Committee is asked to post its preliminary report on Wednesday morning, bringing its final report to the Wednesday evening session.
  - (c) The Sunday evening session "State of the Society" report will be introduced for discussion by members of Ministry and Oversight Committee.
  - (d) The special session on Civil Rights will be under the care of the Social Order Committee, a temporary chairman to be named at the Sunday session of Representative Committee.
15. Matters put over for consideration on Sunday included:

Reports and recommendations concerning new Meetings; report and recommendation by the chairman of Social Order Committee (copies distributed at the close of this meeting); approval of minutes of the Executive Committee.

The session adjourned at 9:45 p.m. after a brief period of silence.

REPRESENTATIVE COMMITTEE, 8:30 a.m., August 16

Following a brief period of worship, Representative Committee reconvened at 8:30 a.m. Sunday, August 16, with the addition of six more representatives from constituent Monthly Meetings, who were introduced.

16. The minutes of the March 21, 1964 meeting of the PYM Executive Committee were approved with the following sentence to be added to Minute 17: "John Ullman and Gretchen Tuthill were asked to convene the special committee on AFSC concerns and to set up an interest group at the 1964 Pacific Yearly Meeting.
17. The minutes of the August 15 meeting of Representative Committee were approved as read and revised.
18. Following the presentation of the report of the Social Order Committee by its chairman, Ralph Pinney (copy attached to the file minutes) an extended discussion raised such issues as the function and organization of the committee; the good order of Friends in forwarding concerns; the need for better communication within the Yearly Meeting over concerns; the value of cross-fertilization of ideas by the use of Yearly Meeting committees; the role of YM committees to serve as both clearing and co-ordinating of concerns and projects as well as stimulating and facilitating these matters. Representative Committee approved continuation of the Social Order Committee as stated in the Discipline, and urged that that committee along with other committees be sensitive to the criticism and suggestions offered at this session.
19. Philip Wells, chairman of Ministry and Oversight of Southern California Half-Yearly Meeting, announced that following extensive visitation and consideration with the few remaining members of the San Luis Obispo Meeting, that Meeting by action of the Half-Yearly Meeting, has been laid down. Memberships are in the process of being transferred to other Monthly Meetings. Representative Committee endorsed this action and forwards the matter to plenary Yearly Meeting.
20. Philip Wells also reported the division of Riverside-Redlands into two Monthly Meetings, approved at the May, 1964 session of Southern California Half-Yearly Meeting. The Redlands Meeting is considered the new Meeting and is under the care of a committee of oversight consisting of Garfield and Jeanette Cox (Claremont Monthly Meeting) and Richard Manners (Pacific Ackworth). This action was endorsed and forwarded to plenary Yearly Meeting for recognition.
21. Betty McInnes, Clerk, reported that College Park Quarterly Meeting at its July, 1964 session approved the recognition of Davis Worship Group as a new Monthly Meeting. The committee of oversight consists of Reginald Price, Gordon Heaton, Madge Seaver and Edith Vernon. Representative Committee endorsed this action and forwarded it to plenary Yearly Meeting for its recognition.

22. At the request of Albuquerque and Santa Fe Meetings and on the recommendation of Pacific Yearly Meeting Committee on Ministry and Oversight,

REPRESENTATIVE COMMITTEE FORWARDS with its endorsement to plenary Yearly Meeting the recognition of a New Mexico Quarterly Meeting. Josiah Russell will serve as its first clerk and a committee on Ministry and Oversight has been asked to oversee the Las Vegas (New Mexico) Worship Group as it seeks to become a Monthly Meeting.

23. Ferner Nuhn, chairman, reported for the Discipline Committee, indicating progress on the writing of the fourth revised edition of the Discipline which will contain a new section on "Guides to Practice," including advices to the queries, the role of clerks, arrangements for marriages and deaths. The following minute of the committee was endorsed: "The Discipline Committee has been preparing the text of a revised and somewhat enlarged edition of the Discipline. The specifically new and revised material has been circulated for study, criticism, and suggestions. The committee proposes that the new text be mimeographed and copies circulated to members of the Executive Committee for final suggestions to be made to the committee. The Discipline Committee asks that, following this procedure, it be authorized to have the text printed for its use by the Yearly Meeting." This minute will be forwarded to plenary Yearly Meeting.
24. REPRESENTATIVE COMMITTEE ASKED the Nominating Committee to name an interim chairman of the Social Order Committee to serve in the absence of Ralph Pinney. This person is then to become the regular chairman for the coming year on approval by Yearly Meeting.
25. The Clerk was asked to consult with members of the Committee on Ministry and Oversight concerning the presentation of Memorials forwarded to Yearly Meeting for recognition at a plenary session.

26. On the basis of a recommendation from College Park Quarterly Meeting, Ben Seaver, speaking for the Peace Committee, asked Yearly Meeting sponsorship for a Friends Seminar on the United Nations in connection with the twentieth anniversary of that body which will be a special session of the General Assembly in San Francisco, June 24-26, 1965. It was suggested that the Friends World Committee for Consultation be asked to co-sponsor the seminar since that body has Non-Governmental Organization status with the United Nations. The planning and administration of the seminar would be undertaken by the Peace Committee of College Park Quarterly Meeting in cooperation with the American Friends Service Committee. Monthly Meetings would be urged to send representatives and to provide financial assistance to delegates as needed. There would be no financial obligations to the Yearly Meeting.

REPRESENTATIVE COMMITTEE ENDORSED this recommendation and forwarded it to plenary Yearly Meeting.

27. The Nominating Committee reported the following as co-opted members to the Education Committee during session of this Yearly Meeting; Olivia Davis and Helen Stevenson, "at-large"; Helen Stritmatter, Northwest; Mary Etter, Oregon; Dorothy Newick, College Park; Charlotte Farmer, New Mexico. Bea Grossman, as Education chairman of Southern California Half-Yearly Meeting, is a regular member of the committee.

REPRESENTATIVE COMMITTEE APPROVED these additions.

28. The Nominating Committee indicated the need for concerned and able volunteers to come forward for consideration to be named to the Visitation Committee. The Clerk was asked to announce this need to plenary Yearly Meeting.
29. As provided in the By-laws of the Corporation,

REPRESENTATIVE COMMITTEE AUTHORIZED the Clerk, in consultation with the Trustee-members of the Corporation, to set the time of the annual meeting of the Pacific Yearly Meeting Holding Corporation.

30. Concerning the Argenta recommendation for a Yearly Meeting Friends School Committee,

REPRESENTATIVE COMMITTEE REFERRED the question of whether to bring a recommendation to plenary Yearly Meeting to the judgment of the Education Committee.

31. The Treasurer announced that copies of the financial statement for the fiscal year, ending June 30, 1964, were available.
32. The Permanent Site Committee, appointed at the March Executive Committee Meeting, requested an extension of time before reporting. The committee was asked to continue its exploration and bring a report to the March, 1965 Executive Committee.

The REPRESENTATIVE COMMITTEE adjourned following a brief period of silence.

WALT A. RAITT,  
Recording Clerk

ROLL CALL - REPRESENTATIVE COMMITTEE - AUGUST 15, 1964:

Albuquerque	Dorelen Bunting
Argenta	Helen Stevenson
Berkeley	Virginia Heck
Calgary	Bruce W. Hall
Claremont	Kathryn Hayes
College Park	Dorothy Newick
	Philip Lenna (alternate)
Corvallis	Kim Maser
Davis	Betty McInnes
Delta	Charles Welch
Eastside	Ruth Affolter
Eugene	Francis Dart
Fresno	Mildred Lohans
Honolulu	Ben Norris
La Jolla	Gretchen Rudnick
Los Angeles	Zelda Grubbs
Mar Loma	
Mexico City	
Monterey Peninsula	Anna James
Multnomah	Howard J. Richards
Orange Grove	Ed Sanders
Palo Alto	Vern James
Phoenix	Clara Hurn
Pima	Jane Webster
Redlands	Pratt Spelman
Reno	
Riverside	Eubanks Carsner
Sacramento	Reginald Price
Salem	Margaret Jettinger
San Fernando	Kenneth W. Morgan
San Francisco	Van Ernst
Santa Barbara	Priscilla Moulton
Santa Cruz	Eleanor Foster
Santa Fe	Sylvia Loomis
Santa Monica	Miriam Swift
Tacoma	
University	Floyd Schmoe
Vancouver	Margaret Lorenz
Victoria	
Whitleaf	Osmyrn Stout

Observers from subordinate Meetings and Worship Groups

Grass Valley-Nevada City Worship Group	Lucille Webster
Harbor Worship Group	Alex Price
Las Vegas, New Mexico Worship Group	R. W. Wilkinson
	Charlotte Farmer

OFFICERS

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Assistant Clerk	Gretchen Tuthill
Recording Clerk	Walt Raitt
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Statistical Secretary	Mildred Burck
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Young Friends Advisor	Phil Wells
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Discipline Committee Chairman	Ferner Nuhn
Education Committee Chairman	Crystalle Davis
Finance Committee Chairman	Paton Crouse
History Committee Chairman	Caroline Estes
Ministry and Oversight Committee Chairman	Catherine Bruner
Nominating Committee Chairman	Folly Straka
Peace Committee Interim Chairman	Ann Sims
Social Order Committee Chairman	Ralph Pinney
Visitation Committee Chairman	
Yearly Meeting Arrangements Committee Chairman	Asenath Young
Immediate Past Yearly Meeting Clerk	Harold Carsen
College Park Quarterly Meeting	Betty McInnes
Pacific Northwest Quarterly Meeting Clerk	
Southern California Half- Yearly Meeting Clerk	John Ullman
Willamette Quarterly Meeting Clerk	Clifford Maser

Report of the Social Order Committee -- 8/25, '64  
PACIFIC YEARLY MEETING

Nominating committee asked that social order committee experiment this year with named correspondents and a local committee. It was assumed that the committee would be a clearing house for concerns that were to be brought to Yearly Meeting. Years past had proven that it was difficult to solicit this response by direct mailed inquiry from the social order chairman. This year, with no solicitation, brought no communication in time for orderly processing. There were two late communications; one from an individual and one from another yearly meeting.

According to our local committee members' understanding of procedure and good order a concern is first discussed and acted upon at the monthly meeting level. This is, ultimately, where the action of most concerns will be carried out. If the monthly meeting desires, the concern may be taken to a quarterly or half yearly meeting where such exist. And, in turn, the concern may be directed to the yearly meeting. For those monthly meetings having no quarterly or half yearly meeting, the concern may go straight to yearly meeting from the monthly meeting.

Any concern that merely wants to be shared in an exploratory way may be sent to the Bulletin where it is "fair game" for being brought more actively to yearly meeting through the channels mentioned.

We of social order committee fail to find any place in this good order for this committee to function. Whenever yearly meeting unites behind some social concern, the action for that concern is relegated to the separate monthly meetings unless some specific yearly meeting job is to be done and then an ad hoc committee is named to do that job.

We, therefore, would recommend that friends be urged to use the good order already available and that the Yearly Meeting social order committee be laid down.

For the local committee,  
Ralph E. Pinney, Chairman