PACIFIC YEARLY MEETING
Eighth Month 5, 1991
Chico, California

PLENARY SESSION 1

OPENING MINUTE

Presiding Clerk Jane Peers offered the following opening minute:

"Now the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that ye may abound in hope..." Romans 15:13

Friends, we meet here to seek to build, even for a few days, a small region of the Divine Kingdom on Earth. Although we have felt deep distress during the past year, we seek the power of our great hope that love and peace may yet prevail. We wish to use this opportunity to practice charity and kindness among us as we enjoy our many privileges, gentled and humbled by the gifts of space, food, shelter, and freedom. We seek to acknowledge and yet live beyond the ways of the material world. The basis of our words, our decisions, and our actions is faith, and we have faith that our corporate seeking will be productive of good.

Faith, hope, and love have great power for good. May we learn to accept and use our power with gentleness and compassion for all our sisters and brothers, both here and in our wider lives. As we meet in worship and work and fellowship, we will think with love of those who have labored to bring us to where we are and who are unable to be present among us now. We will think, too, of the blessing of the children among us, as we seek ways to help them know the joy of our fellowship. The 45th session of Pacific Yearly Meeting is now open.

We gathered in worship.

EPISTLES

Reading Clerk Shirley Ruth told us of one of the earliest epistles ever sent, by Skipton Yearly Meeting in England. She then read from epistles of Ireland Junior Yearly Meeting, Junior Yearly Meeting and Junior High Friends of Illinois Yearly Meeting, and Australia Yearly Meeting.

INTRODUCTIONS

The following PYM Clerks introduced themselves: Reading Clerk Shirley Ruth, Assistant to the Clerk Jane Mills, Recording Clerk Bruce Folsom, and Presiding Clerk Jane Peers.
VISITORS

The following visitors introduced themselves: Joseph and Teresina Havens; Nancy Yarnall of North Pacific Yearly Meeting and newly appointed editor of Friends Bulletin; Chris Laning, editor of EarthLight Magazine; Dorothy Anderson of Pima Monthly Meeting in Tucson, Arizona; and Lauren Cramer, recently from Berea, Kentucky.

INTRODUCTIONS

Jane Peers introduced Recording Clerk Ron Sax.

ROLL CALL

Friends from the following Meetings and Worship Groups were present:

Monthly Meetings: Berkeley, Chico, Claremont, Davis, Delta, Fresno, Grass Valley, Honolulu, Humboldt, Inland Valley, La Jolla, Marin, Marioma, Mexico City, Monterey Peninsula, Orange County, Orange Grove, Pacific Ackworth, Palo Alto, Redding, Redwood Forest, Reno, Sacramento, San Diego, San Fernando Valley, San Francisco, San Jose, Santa Barbara, Santa Cruz, Santa Monica, Strawberry Creek, Visalia, Westwood, Whitleaf.

Preparative Meetings: Big Island.

Worship Groups (under the care of a Monthly Meeting): Amador County, Conejo Valley, Mendocino, Modesto, Morongo Basin, South County, West Sonoma County, Ukiah-Lake County.

Worship Groups (not under care): Bishop, Hayward Area, Paradise, Southern Humboldt.

There were no Friends present from the following meetings:

Monthly Meetings: Guatemala, Hemet, Los Angeles

Preparative Meetings: Napa/Sonoma

Worship Groups (under the care of a Monthly Meeting): Hermosillo, Las Vegas, Ojai, Taft, Windward

Worship Groups (not under care): Kauai, Maui, Molokai, North San Luis Obispo, San Luis Obispo

CHILDREN’S PROGRAM

Children’s Committee Clerk Mark Koenig and Children’s Program Coordinator Linda Koenig reported on activities planned for the week. The staff of the Children’s Program was introduced.
JUNIOR YEARLY MEETING

Junior Yearly Meeting Committee Clerk Katy Festinger introduced Friends working with JYM and reported on planned activities. Liz Amen told us of the Menito program, a way to develop friendships between older and younger Friends.

COMMUNITY NIGHT

Coordinator Max Hansen was introduced.

ARRANGEMENTS

Arrangements Clerk Margaret Mossman introduced co-clerk Eric Moon, and reported on arrangements for our time together at Craig Hall Complex.

WORSHIP FELLOWSHIP

The Worship-Fellowship Subcommittee of Ministry and Oversight: Committee Clerk Lee Knutsen reported on plans for Worship-Fellowship groups. Other committee members were introduced.

SECRETARIAT

Committee Clerk Sandy Farley introduced Secretariat Coordinator Hank Maiden and other workers, and reported on Secretariat activities.

HOUSEKEEPING

Presiding Clerk Jane Peers responded to a variety of questions and comments.

We closed with a period of worship.

Bruce A. Folsom
Recording Clerk.
Plenary Session 2 opened at 7:05 p.m. with a period of silent worship.

EPISTLES

Reading Clerk Shirley Ruth read the epistle from the first gathering of the Fifth World Conference of Friends, The Netherlands, June, 1991.

MINISTRY AND OVERSIGHT

The Ministry and Oversight Committee offered two presentations. The first was gleaned from monthly meetings' State of the Meeting Reports: an exploration of monthly meetings' effect on our growth as individuals. The second was a proposal by the ad hoc Subcommittee on Structure.

The whole committee, led by Clerk Kitty Barragato, helped us explore two questions:

1. How has your meeting been a basis for your personal spiritual growth?

Members of the committee offered insights, then opened the question to all. Friends spoke of being supported by others in their spiritual and personal life struggles; finding people who listen; confronting difficult issues with others; finding faithfulness; finding the spirit in meetings of two different cultures; facing our grief. A Friend found little interest in his meeting to his growth experience at another Quaker gathering.

2. How has your meeting served you as a basis for the outward expression of your values and/or your Friendly work in the world? This might include: social action, vocation, creative expression in the arts.

Committee members responded to this question briefly, then opened it to all. Friends spoke of meeting support for their social action work and for life
changes; of being enabled to reach further goals; of meeting-nurtured Quaker ideas helping them in their vocational work; of providing a haven for non-Quakers or lapsed Friends during the war. Other Friends regretted their meetings failure to support their outreach activities; the sometimes unfocussed or overloaded meeting agendas; their need to get support outside their monthly meetings.

The presentation was followed by a period of worshipful silence.

Next, Kitty Barragato introduced the members of the Subcommittee on Structure, who presented their Committee report. (See Attachment A.) Clerk Ellie Foster presided, stating that the proposal is a preliminary presentation, and that if further discussion is called for, it will be brought up at a later plenary session. She presented the four-point proposal in summary. Friends responded.

Other western yearly meetings meet Thursday through Sunday and season minutes via monthly meetings. Some Friends could not accept these changes without much further thought. Some suggested that monthly meetings might season PYM issues in special called meetings, rather than regular, overburdened committee meetings. One suggested that young Friends want to keep the longer period. Another wondered "if the work isn't done here (at PYM), it might not get done."

The meeting closed with a period of worship.

Ron Sax, Co-Recording Clerk
At 8:15 a.m., Friends met in the main meeting hall for an hour of silent worship.

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PLENARY SESSION 4

The meeting opened with worship.

EPISTLES

Reading clerk Shirley Ruth read from Epistles of North Pacific Yearly Meeting and Intermountain Yearly Meeting.

VISITORS

The following Friends introduced themselves: Sallie Gordon and Chris Hanson of Philadelphia Yearly Meeting, Stephen Serafin of Friends World Committee for Consultation, Paul Jolly of Philadelphia Yearly Meeting and Pendle Hill, Fang Li of Quaker United Nations Office, and David Boynton of Baltimore Yearly Meeting and Friends Committee on National Legislation.

SITES COMMITTEE

Lois Richter reported that despite several difficulties the committee is collecting materials and information, and plans to meet throughout the week. The committee has made tentative reservations for next year's PYM at both Craig Hall Complex in Chico and at La Verne University.

COMMITTEE TO NAME THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Convenor, Tom Farley, recommended the following Friends to serve a three year term on the Nominating Committee as the class of 1994: Leonard Dart, (Claremont,) Larry Perry, (Strawberry Creek), Shirley Ruth, (San Francisco). He also recommended Sally Davis, (Sacramento) to serve as Committee Clerk.

FRIENDS WORLD COMMITTEE FOR CONSULTATION – SECTION OF THE AMERICAS

Jeanette Norton, Convenor of PYM Representatives to FWCC, reported on their activities. Details are contained in a written report (see Attachment B). Steve Birdlebough narrated a slide presentation on the gathering in Elspeet, the Netherlands. Bob Vogel described slides of the gathering in Honduras. Ignacio Gonzalez (using an interpreter) spoke about the Honduran gathering. Margaret Willits and Cliff Cole also reported briefly on the Honduran gathering.

WIDER FELLOWSHIP AMONG FRIENDS

Bob Vogel, one of our representatives to FWCC called our attention to the
first Western Gathering of Friends planned for next year. He referred to the flyer for this gathering and asked Friends to consider carefully the six opportunities listed on the back (see Attachment C).

Committee Clerk Gloria Kershner requested that we, as individuals, offer scholarship help to financially assist Friends to participate in the Western Gathering. Finance Committee Clerk Stratton Jaquette reports that the Finance Committee has considered this request and recommends that we do so.

PYM MIN 91-1 Pacific Yearly Meeting authorizes our Treasurer, for one year, to receive contributions designated for scholarships to allow participation in the Western Gathering of Friends planned for July 7-10, 1992, and to disburse these funds at the direction of the Wider Fellowship Among Friends Committee.

The meeting closed with worship.

Bruce Folsom
Recording Clerk
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PLENARY SESSION 5

Plenary Session 5 opened at 7:05 p.m. with a period of silent worship.

LETTERS OF GREETINGS

Reading Clerk Shirley Ruth read two letters of greetings. The first was from
the second gathering of the Fifth World Conference of Friends, Honduras, July,
1991. The second was a letter accompanying the Epistle from London Yearly
Meeting.

VISITORS

Clerk Jane Peers asked newly arrived visitors to introduce themselves. They
were:
Ron Jones, Santa Barbara Meeting
Michael McManus, director of Friends House, Santa Rosa
Maggie McManus, Friends House, Santa Rosa
Ched Myers, AFSC, Southwest Region
Del Powell, FCL
Tom Ambrogi, AFSC Interim Executive Secretary, Pacific Mountain Region

PRESENTATIONS

Clerk Jane Peers introduced the evening's presentations by two Quaker organi-
zations, American Friends Service Committee (AFSC) and Quaker United Nations
Office (QUNO), by asking this question: How do Friends organizations help us
respond to our Quaker testimonies and queries?

AMERICAN FRIENDS SERVICE COMMITTEE (AFSC)

Barbara Graves, Convenor of AFSC Corporation members, introduced Lincoln
Moses, whose service with AFSC includes Executive Committee membership and
goes back to the 1940s. (See Attachment D, AFSC/Friends Dialogue Background
Materials.)

Lincoln suggested that the Religious Society of Friends and AFSC are natural
partners. They have in common our testimonies of equality, peace, civic
responsibility, stewardship, and others. AFSC has been a great resource for
Friends, and deserves help from meetings and individual Friends to realize its
larger goals of world peace and justice.

There is evidence of strains within AFSC and between AFSC and Friends, often
around the question whether AFSC is still a Quaker organization. There has
been a change in the last two decades such that, as it “mends the world”, AFSC deals more and more with people at the bottom, so for the sake of effectiveness it must draw those people into its staff and its committees. Such recruitment has been very successful. But there’s still a shortage of talent of all kinds – including seasoned Friends, and recruitment is still a problem.

Another area of strain is that AFSC does far less with youth than it did in past decades. AFSC is now turning to Friends General Conference and other Quaker bodies for cooperative programs for youth, with AFSC serving as a resource rather than a channel. A question facing AFSC is: Are we to give service to or get service from Quakers? Probably some of both.

Also straining is the question of balance between reconciliation and confrontation. This problem arises where Friends express conflicting viewpoints on whether a given AFSC program is too confrontational. The organization must, and does, address this problem in a more or less continuous fashion.

Another area of strain is affirmative action. This has been the means of bringing about the wholesome diversity in staff and committee already spoken of. Affirmative action regarding gays and lesbians has caused AFSC to not join with some Quaker activities and organizations because of their restrictive views on these matters.

To what extent should AFSC openly display Christian values? There are conflicts among Friends regarding this.

Who is really in charge? One answer is that the AFSC is a corporation consisting of 160 people, all Friends.

College Park Quarterly Meeting some time ago had an ad hoc committee dealing with AFSC relations, and Lincoln found that many Friends “found no handles to get into AFSC.” It seemed to stand there, self-contained, with no way in for an interested Friend. This seemed to be a psychological reality.

Lincoln suggested some actions toward resolution of these problems. AFSC should provide “handles” and make clear it welcomes and needs seasoned Friends. AFSC is undertaking cooperative initiatives with other Friends’ bodies. With Philadelphia Yearly Meeting, AFSC is involved in Iraq. With many meetings across the country, it is joined in opposition to the Immigration Reform and Control Act, with some meetings acting as amicus curiae. The AFSC board has instituted a fifteen-month planning exercise starting soon; this will be a full review of AFSC’s role and work, reaching even to proposing to the national board a mission statement.

Lincoln took questions from Friends. Some suggestions were made regarding how AFSC might interact with Friends – for example, the SHARE program. He announced that an interest group will be held.

QUAKER UNITED NATIONS OFFICE (QUNO)

Clare Galbraith, Quaker United Nations Committee Western member, introduced
Fang Li, an intern at QUNO, New York City.

Fang Li spoke of three aspects of QUNO:

1. Functions: The office facilitates the linkage between QUNO and Quakers world-wide. It hosts luncheons and seminars for diplomats. It offers off-record, informal channels of contact for delegates and diplomats.

2. Work: QUNO's programs include work in the areas of disarmament, economic development, human rights, environment, and war relief.

3. Process: The office is staffed by six people. They run the Quaker House seminars, publish newsletters and briefing papers, and cooperate with other Friends organizations, among other activities.

Clerk Jane Peers closed the session with a period of worship.

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PLENARY SESSION 6

Friends gathered in worship. The following members and attenders who have died since last Yearly Meeting were remembered:

Russell Angell, Claremont
Mildred Taylor Blanding, Orange Grove
Thel duBois Borden, Redwood Forest
Pamela Borgers, Marloma
Larry Dubbs, Marin
Gladys Gates, Morongo Basin Worship Group
Chris Greenlee, Marloma
Sarah Hallock, Santa Monica
Ray Hartsough, Redwood Forest
Masato Hasegawa, Honolulu
Alice Herman, Santa Monica
Randolph Hutchins, Orange Grove
Elizabeth Jackman, Santa Barbara
Sanno Keeler, Santa Cruz
Bernard Kirby, Redwood Forest
Gertrude McNair, Berkeley
John C. Plotts, Honolulu
Naomi Rippin, Redwood Forest
Rhea Rolley, Reno
Jack Rubenstein, San Francisco
Sam Schachter, La Jolla
Isabel Smith, Claremont
Osmyn Stout, Redwood Forest
Sidney Thompson, Marin
Frank Tucker, Claremont
Elizabeth Van Dolsen, Redwood Forest
Hilda Voss, Honolulu
Mabel Webster, Claremont

Bruce A. Folsom
Recording Clerk
Plenary Session 7

The meeting opened with worship.

Epistles

Reading Clerk Shirley Ruth read the epistle of Southeastern Yearly Meeting.

Unity with Nature

Members of the committee presented their personal testimonies on Friends' physical and spiritual relations to the Earth and all of God's creation, looking forward to developing a Testimony on unity with nature; they invited our responses out of worship. (See Attachment E). The committee welcomes continued contributions of personal statements or selections of Friends' writings in this area. Contributions may be sent to:

Tom Farley,
1301 Himmel Avenue
Redwood City, California 94061.

We are grateful for the moving of the Spirit among us. More information on the Committee's publication, EarthLight magazine, is contained in a written report (See Attachment E).

East-West Relations

Committee Clerk Kay Anderson reported on their activities. Details are contained in a written report (See Attachment F). Kay requested approval of a statement of support for Robert Vogel, David Hartsough and Kay Anderson in their travels to the Soviet Union and at the 1991 Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe to be held in Moscow. There being no unity, the statement was returned to the committee for further clarification. Presiding Clerk Jane Peers offered to meet with the committee.

The meeting closed with worship.

Bruce A. Folsom
Recording Clerk
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PLENARY SESSION 8

Plenary Session 8 opened at 7:05 p.m. with a period of silent worship.

EPISTLES

Reading Clerk Shirley Ruth read an epistle and a letter of greetings. The first was the epistle from London Yearly Meeting, May, 1991. The second was a letter of greetings from Ramallah Friends Meeting, West Bank, Palestine.

SOCIAL ORDER

Marty Carson, Clerk, presented a minute originally from Berkeley Meeting for Friends' consideration. This proposed minute is as follows:

Our prisons are in crisis. Our incarceration rate is among the highest in the world. The cost is diverting funds from education and social services -- the very programs needed to prevent crime.

In response to public outcry about a rising tide of crime and drug abuse, longer and longer mandatory sentences have been imposed. No legislator dare appear "soft on crime." Judges are now required to use rigid "guidelines", often violating their own sense of equity.

While prisons are crowded to the breaking point, there has been little effect on the problem. People are beginning to look for alternatives, the sort of programs FCL and FCNL have been advocating for many years. Can Friends, with their help, begin to turn around social attitudes toward rehabilitative, rather than punitive treatment?

Can we witness, as in the past, our care for the humanity of these, mostly young, mostly male prisoners -- while we deal
with our own unexplored fears? Should we be looking for practical ways to help the ex-offender? Are there ways to reach youth at risk from lack of preparation for work, lack of information as to how to find work -- perhaps from lack of work, itself?

The problem is large, the risk of failure considerable; but no friendly labor is too small to make a difference.

Let us explore, in Yearly Meeting and in our own Meetings, to see if we may have some "leadings" in this matter.

Clerk Jane Peers suggested that the purpose of the minute is not clear. Friends responded, including a suggestion that the document is more a message of concern than a minute. A request was made to change the words "mostly young, mostly male prisoners" to "mostly young male and female prisoners". A Friend noted that most young male prisoners are black. Clerk Jane Peers returned the proposed minute to Social Order Committee for revision, asking that it be changed into letter format before returning it to plenary for our reconsideration. The Clerk agreed with the advice that those Friends who suggested changes should help edit the proposal.

DISCIPLINE

Laura Magnani, Clerk of the Discipline Committee, reported that the committee is gearing up for revision of PYM Faith and Practice, organizing its files since the last revision and indexing correspondence. An expansion of the committee's membership is now in the hands of Nominating Committee. A change of the committee's name is also forthcoming. Laura also presented a minute concerning procedures for circulating drafts of the revision.

The expansion will add six members of the committee to serve for the duration of the revision process on an ad hoc basis. The expansion proposal was a request by Discipline Committee to PYM Representative Committee in March, 1991, recorded as RepCom Minute 91-9. This minute was presented to PYM plenary.

PYM MIN

91-2 Since Representative Committee anticipated the need for a revised Faith and Practice within the decade, it asked Nominating Committee to name an ad hoc Faith and Practice
Revision Committee, in accordance with PYM 89-15. The committee will consist of the entire Discipline Committee and six additional Friends. The Discipline Committee members will continue to rotate on a three year cycle; the other members will serve for the duration of the revision.

Since this minute had not been approved by PYM, the Clerk asked if Friends were ready to approve it. Friends approved, thus activating the Faith and Practice Revision Committee.

The Discipline Committee will not act independently, but only as part of the Faith and Practice Revision Committee, starting when the revision process begins -- essentially now.

Friends responded to the proposed minute on circulation of Faith and Practice revisions. Friends agreed that it was not necessary to include the mechanism for acceptance or approval in the minute. With minor changes, the proposal was approved:

PYM MIN
91-3

The revision of Faith and Practice is a two way process, with interaction between Monthly Meetings and the expanded Faith and Practice Revision Committee. Meetings are encouraged to continue to share their leadings with the Faith and Practice Revision Committee throughout the process. After consultation with a wide range of Meetings and individual Friends, and circulation of proposed sections of the new Faith and Practice, the completed revision of Faith and Practice will be circulated in draft form and used by Meetings for at least one year. If major changes seem to be required after this circulation process, changes will be made and the document recirculated. Minor changes may be incorporated without recirculation.

The committee's charge is to present a draft revision in seven years -- 1998. That date will provide approximately the same interval between revisions as that of the previous revision. There is now an inventory of 25 boxes of Faith and Practice, which will be exhausted in seven years if sales continue at the current pace.

The Discipline Committee is in process of proposing language regarding children in the meeting and the laying down of meetings. A draft of those materials will be circulated among monthly meetings this year.
MINISTRY AND OVERSIGHT

Clerk Kitty Barragato of the Ministry and Oversight Committee reported that the committee has nothing further to bring regarding the work of the Subcommittee on Structure. The interest group did not solidify any suggestions for our consideration. Ministry and Oversight will bring forward new recommendations on this issue when they are clear.

PEACE

Co-Clerk Linda Dunn of the Peace Committee thanked members for their work.

Co-Clerk Carol Mosher reported on the committee's work. A packet of material on conscientious objection has been sent to Monthly Meetings. A central directory of conscientious objectors in PYM is now being maintained by Josselyn Mellon, Davis Meeting, a member of the Peace Committee. Carol reminded us of the PYM Conscience Fund available for students whose conscientious objection makes them ineligible for government money. The committee is holding an interest group at PYM for young people regarding draft concerns. A petition and flyers are available concerning Marines who filed for CO status during the Gulf War.

Carol Mosher presented a draft minute supporting certain goals of the Helsinki 2000 Appeal. This minute, approved by Southern California Quarterly Meeting, was sent by SCQM to the President, all Congresspersons, and to Meetings of SCQM. The committee asks that the PYM people attending the upcoming Moscow conference carry this minute. After some discussion, the minute was approved with minor changes, as follows:

PYM MIN

91-4

For over 300 years the Religious Society of Friends (Quakers) has tried to find non-violent ways to resolve conflict. We believe that war is contrary to the will of God. War causes destruction and misery both to human beings and to the rest of God's creation. A durable, just and compassionate peace can be attained only when the root causes of conflict are addressed.

We support the following goals of the Helsinki 2000 Appeal and urge all governments to:
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1. Ban international weapons sales
2. Remove all troops from foreign soil
3. Cease all covert and paramilitary intervention
4. Abolish standing national armed forces
5. Reinvest resources previously committed to the foregoing into human and environmental needs

This minute will be carried by PYM members Robert Vogel, Kay Anderson, David Hartsough, and Rachel Ann Elder to the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe (CSCE), being held in Moscow in September, 1991. The committee will notify the Beyond War organization (with whom the committee is cooperating) of this minute.

Carol Mosher announced the date for next year's Nevada Desert Witness, March 27-29, 1992. She offered a proposed minute whereby PYM would sponsor this event. After brief discussion, noting that financial support is not implied, the minute was approved, as follows:

**PYM MIN**

91-5 Pacific Yearly Meeting sponsors and supports the fourth Friends Witness at the Nevada Test Site, March 27-29, 1992. Pacific Yearly Meeting entrusts planning to a working committee consisting of liaisons from PYM Peace, Social Order, and Unity with Nature Committees.

Friends reminded us of the Larry Scott Fund, available through Southern California Quarterly Meeting, which offers limited support for travel to the Desert Witness. We are also reminded that AFSC has been a sponsor of this event in the past, and will be invited to be one this coming year.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Clerk Jean Malcolm reported that she sees problems with children's religious education programs and with the Religious Education Committee, which experienced serious attendance difficulties for meetings. PYM should consider the value of the children and determine what of our Quaker heritage we wish to transmit to our children. These problems were brought to PYM Representative Committee in March, 1991. Proposals for change will be brought to PYM via an ad hoc committee including the clerks of Ministry and Oversight, Discipline, Religious Education, and Nominating Committees.
The Religious Education committee accomplished two tasks this year. It published a Handbook for First Day Schools, sent to all Monthly Meetings. It also published an article in the May 1991 *Friends Bulletin*. The committee is attempting to elicit opinions about First Day School from the children present here, and will make a report on the results, to be available from the Clerk of the Religious Education Committee.

The Clerk closed the session with a period of silent worship.

Ron Sax, Co-Recording Clerk
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PLENARY SESSION 9

At 8:15 a.m., Friends met in the main meeting hall for an hour of silent worship.

Ron Sax, Co-Recording Clerk
The meeting gathered in worship.

EPISTLES

Recording clerk, Shirley Ruth, read from the epistles of Philadelphia Yearly Meeting and Japan Yearly Meeting.

VISITORS

Andrew Rose of Ithaca Monthly Meeting in New York introduced himself.

COMMITTEE TO READ THE MINUTES

Marie Schutz reported that minutes of Plenary Sessions 2 and 3 have been read and approved.

STATISTICAL CLERK

Phyllis Jones reported an increase of 12 members from last year for a total PYM membership of 1,531 with notable growth in San Francisco Monthly Meeting. Concern was raised over the lack of young Friends requesting adult membership. Our attention was called to the unusual situation of having two members still listed under Hayward Monthly Meeting which has been laid down and is now a Worship Group. It was also pointed out that there are now nine Worship Groups not under the care of a Monthly Meeting. Both of these issues have been discussed with Ministry and Oversight Committee. Statistical details are included in an extensive written report (see Packet Attachment G).

HISTORIAN/ARCHIVIST

Our Historian/Archivists, Helen O’Brien and Ben Levine, reported briefly. Helen reminded us of the willingness of Whittier College to house our records. It is hoped that our records will be transferred to Whittier College before next Yearly Meeting. Ben works with materials currently housed at the Santa Monica Friends Meetinghouse, and is currently looking at records related to the preparation of the revision of Faith and Practice.

FRIENDS COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL LEGISLATION (FCNL)

Guest, David Boynton, FCNL Staff Representative, told us of FCNL’s vision for the world and of the importance of drawing on the wide support of Friends. Responding to the crisis in the Persian Gulf has been a considerable chal-
lenge, but the history and ongoing work of FCNL helps remind us of the continued value of our faithful attempts to hold up our vision of peace and justice for the world.

MINUTES

Presiding Clerk Jane Peers requested that minutes reflecting presentations of guest speakers be given to the Committee to Read the Minutes, rather than be read back during Plenary Session for approval.

PYM MIN

91-6 Minutes of a guest speaker's presentation may be considered and approved by the Committee to Read the Minutes.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA QUARTERLY MEETING (SCQM)

Clerk, Hermione Baker referred to her report on the Quarter presented earlier to Representative Committee. She spoke of a period of uncertain direction, but that there has been renewed growth. A group of Friends has been diligent in seeking new directions for the Quarter and some changes have been made which seem to have brought new vitality. A dialogue on religious education is planned.

QUAKER SPIRITUAL QUEST - SCQM

Clerk, Ingrid Petersen, Clerk of SCQM QSQ, described the development of this committee, and of plans for a gathering in October. Working together and learning to trust each other has become a strength. Paul Lacey of Earlham College and author Margaret Smith Lacey have agreed to lead the gathering entitled "Meeting Truth - Living Faith: Inviting the Inward Teacher," scheduled for October 4-6, 1991 at Astara Conference Center, Upland, California.

FRIENDS WORLD COMMITTEE FOR CONSULTATION (FWCC)

Guest Stephen Serafin, staff member of FWCC reported on his work in fundraising and editing. He challenged us to share our visions for the whole of the Religious Society of Friends in the future, and spoke of his hope for us to see ourselves as only one quilt panel, so that together with the other panels we may be more useful. He sees an increasingly important need for women and the spirit we associate with women in the process of mending our World and our Society.

COLLEGE PARK QUARTERLY MEETING (CPQM)

Clerk Joe Magruder reported on John Punshon's address and the attention to our peace testimony. The Quarter continues to struggle with details of laying down Hayward Monthly Meeting. Our three institutions, Ben Lomond Quaker
Center, Friends House, and John Woolman School are doing well spiritually and financially.

The Meeting closed with worship.

Bruce A. Folsom,
Recording Clerk
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PLENARY SESSION 11

Plenary Session 11 opened at 7:05 p.m. with a period of silent worship.

EPISTLES

Reading Clerk Shirley Ruth read excerpts from two epistles. The first was from the Religious Society of Friends in Sweden, May, 1991. The second was from the Religious Society of Friends in France, August, 1990.

VISITORS

These visiting Friends introduced themselves: Emma Childers, FCL; Alan Graham, New Zealand and Redwood Forest Meeting. The Clerk introduced Sheila Smith of Corvallis, Oregon, who had other PYM duties at the moment.

SITES

George Rudenko of the Sites Committee reported that since the committee was not able to meet, there was little to report. The committee recommended that PYM return to Craig Hall, Chico for our 1992 meeting. Margaret Mossman, Arrangements Co-Clerk, asked to comment, said that while PYM remains committed to the principle of holding PYM alternately north and south, the difference in service and facilities between LaVerne University and Craig Hall remains significant.

PYM MIN

91-7 Yearly Meeting approved Sites Committee's recommendation to return to Craig Hall for its 1992 session.

NOMINATING

Sally Davis, Clerk of Nominating Committee, reported that the committee has distributed forms to us to designate our PYM committee and office preference for 1992-1993, to aid next year's committee. She read the proposed list of officers and committee members for 1991-1992. (See Archival Attachment H.)
During the discussion, a question arose about the size of the PYM Unity with Nature Committee. Nominating Committee will check prior minutes regarding this. In response to a suggestion for saving trees by limiting the publication of copies of the draft report, the committee will run 25 copies and post some of them in the usual places.

REPRESENTATIVE COMMITTEE

After approving a letter drafted by the PYM Unity with Nature Committee, Representative Committee asked that we approve this letter. It would be signed by the Clerk of PYM and sent to Gro Harlem Brundtland. This letter had been further seasoned by an interest group with a QUNO intern here at PYM.

PYM MIN

91-8 Yearly Meeting approved a letter drafted by the PYM Unity with Nature Committee, responding to a request from Norway Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends, requesting that peace, disarmament, and the extended concept of security be placed on the agenda for the 1992 United Nations Conference on Environment and Development. The letter will be signed by the Clerk of PYM and sent to Gro Harlem Brundtland, leader of the World Commission on Environment and Development, and to Norway Yearly Meeting, the London office of FWCC, to QUNO, and FCNL. (The letter is Packet Attachment I.)

EAST-WEST

Julie Harlow of the East-West Committee read a draft of the revised letter of introduction proposed at an earlier plenary. This letter will be carried by the four Friends listed in it. The letter was approved with minor changes.

PYM MIN

91-9 Yearly Meeting approved the following letter of introduction:

This letter is to introduce Robert Vogel, David Hartsough, Kay Anderson, and Rachel Ann Elder, of California, U.S.A., to those gathered in Moscow at the time of the 1991 Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe. They are valued members of Pacific Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends (Quakers).

We are confident that they will be able to reflect to you our historic concern for human rights and world peace. We hope that you will be able to make substantial progress in these times of basic changes.
MINISTRY AND OVERSIGHT, FINANCE COMMITTEE

Ministry and Oversight Clerk Kitty Barragato presented the following report: Representative Committee had asked Ministry and Oversight and Finance Committees to examine the following request by some Redwood Forest Meeting Friends on raising funds for a needy and worthy Friend at Friends House. The report of these two committees follows:

Some Redwood Forest Meeting Friends have asked that PYM consider endowing "a space" at Friends House in Santa Rosa for a formerly active PYM Friend, near the end of life, who is in need of medical care.

Finance and Ministry and Oversight Committee agree that such an endowment is beyond the means of PYM. The committees also felt it inappropriate for PYM to raise funds for one individual. Friends wanting to support such a concept should give earmarked contributions directly to Friends House.

Finance Committee reminds us that PYM has been clear in its desire not to hold and manage endowment funds; this practice would need careful consideration before embarking on fundraising for a space at Friends House.

No action was taken.

Kitty Barragato also reported that, at the recent Representative Committee meeting (RepCom 3), the matter of the role and function of the Religious Education Committee was referred back to the ad hoc committee consisting of Clerks of Nominating, Religious Education, Discipline, and Ministry and Oversight committees. (See RepCom 91-10, March 1991.)

Stratton Jaquette, Clerk of Finance Committee, reported regarding Redding Meeting's proposed minute on PYM costs. This had been referred to Finance and Ministry and Oversight Committees earlier, and the two committees have studied it. This is the response:

Ministry and Oversight and Finance Committees considered Redding Friends Meeting's minute as referred by Rep Com; see REP COM 91-9.

The daily fees charged PYM attendees includes a charge for common
facilities, including meeting space, swimming pool, etc., and PYM's services and costs, including Children's Program, Secretariat, Arrangements, Registration, etc. These amount to about $9 per attendee-day. (Aside: For years Finance Committee has felt quite some concern that the decline of volunteerism at PYM has led to continuing increases in costs for paid help and expenses. Thus, for example, PYM's daily charges for camping of $15 should not be viewed as covering just camping; the charge is $6 for the camping and $9 for PYM costs.

Day attenders who stay elsewhere, e.g., Best Western, would be charged the day attender's fee to help defray these fixed costs of PYM.

Friends should remember that they may apply to their Monthly Meetings for financial aid to attend PYM if needed. Monthly Meetings should apply to their Quarterly Meeting if their own resources are exhausted, and if no Quarterly Meeting aid is available, Monthly Meetings may apply to PYM for aid through the Ministry and Oversight Committee.

There was no recommendation for change. The Clerk will send a letter to Redding Meeting in response, including the above explanation.

SOCIAL ORDER

Marty Carson, Clerk of the Social Order Committee, returned with a revised letter on criminal justice adapted from the Berkeley Meeting letter, recommending that PYM endorse it and circulate it to all PYM Monthly Meetings. Social Order Committee is committed to receiving ideas from Monthly Meetings and exploring how Friends might act on these concerns.

PYM MIN

91-10 Yearly Meeting approved endorsement of a letter, originated by Berkeley Meeting and revised by PYM, on criminal justice. (The letter is Packet Attachment J.) Friends approved circulating it to all PYM Monthly Meetings.

BULLETIN

Shirley Ruth, outgoing Editor, thanked Friends and spoke of her time with the Bulletin, her personal growth thanks to being among Friends from the three Yearly Meetings, and the challenges facing the Bulletin.

The Clerk offered welcome to Nancy Yarnall and offered this minute regarding Shirley's service to us. The minute was approved by Friends.

**PYM MIN**

**91-11** Pacific Yearly Meeting minutes our appreciation of the faithful and dedicated work of Shirley Ruth as Editor of the Friends Bulletin during the past thirteen years. The light of her own spirit brought grace to its pages and her attention to the finest elements of our faith has helped the Bulletin develop into an ever more respected publication. We send her forward on her life's journey with our thanks, our blessing, and our hope that the future may bring her a gentler work and much joy.

The meeting closed with a period of worship.

Ron Sax, Co-Recording Clerk
PACIFIC YEARLY MEETING

Eighth Month 9, 1991
Chico, California

PLENARY SESSION 12

At 8:15 a.m., Friends met in the main meeting hall for an hour of corporate worship.

Ron Sax, Co-Recording Clerk
PACIFIC YEARLY MEETING
Eighth Month 9, 1991
Chico, California

PLENARY SESSION 13

Clerk Jane Peers opened Plenary Session 13 at 9:45 a.m. with a period of silent worship.

EPISTLES

Reading Clerk Shirley Ruth read two epistles. The first was from the Religious Society of Friends Yearly Meeting of New Zealand, May, 1991. The second was from the Monteverde Monthly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends, Costa Rica, Sixth Month, 1991.

MINISTRY AND OVERSIGHT

Clerk Kitty Barragato reported. She asked that the committee's printed Report to Yearly Meeting be included as an attachment to the minutes. See Packet Attachment K.

Ministry and Oversight has decided to lay down its Subcommittee on PYM Structure. The Subcommittee will submit a report to M & O, which will continue to carry this concern.

The ad hoc committee of four committee clerks charged with considering the function of the Religious Education Committee is continuing to examine the future role and function of that committee. They are planning a report to be submitted to Representative Committee in March, 1992. Kitty asked whether these four clerks might continue on the ad hoc committee after three members' terms as clerks of their respective committees end this year.

PYM MIN

91-12Yearly Meeting approved continuing the present membership of the ad hoc committee considering the Religious Education Committee's function. These ad hoc committee members will remain Laura Magnani, Sally Davis, Jean Malcolm, and Kitty Barragato.
REGISTRAR

Joe Maqruder, Co-Registrar, thanked Friends on behalf of himself and Co-Registrar Gary Wolff. He reported the essential statistics of this year's PYM registration and offered some background and comparison with past years.

As of today, 445 Friends have attended Yearly Meeting for at least one day. This compares to 373 last year, 460 when we were here in 1988 and 494 at La Honda in 1984.

Daily attendance has ranged from 225 on Sunday to 407 on Wednesday.

There are 114 of us under 18 years of age, 60 of those are under 12. This compares to 65 and 39 last year.

Our median age is about 44 (five years younger than last year). The median of those adults who reported their age is 48, several years younger than last year.

Our oldest attender is Meta Ruth Ferguson. Our youngest attenders are Kylin Navarro and John Malley.

A breakdown of this year's PYM attendance:

Friends present: 445

Divided by sex: Male 176, Female 269

Divided by age: Preschool 0-5 18 (10 in 1990)
Elementary 6-11 42 (29 in 1990)
Junior Friends 12-18 57 (29 in 1990)
Over 18 328 (307 in 1990)

A comparison with recent years: 1984 (La Honda) 494, 1985 (LaVerne) 418, 1986 (LaVerne) 404, 1987 (Chico) 447, 1988 (Chico) 460, 1989 (LaVerne) 380, 1990 (LaVerne) 373, 1991 (Chico) 445

Of the 407 attenders on Wednesday, 193 (47%) stayed in dorms, 156 (38%) camped and 58 (14%) were day attenders.

An amendment to the list of meetings with members in attendance: Since roll call on Monday, Friends have arrived from the Napa-Sonoma Preparative Meeting.
TREASURER

Walter Klein and Virginia Klein, Co-Treasurers, presented the Treasurer's Report for Fiscal Years 1989-90 and 1990-91. They explained some of the report items in their usual conscientious and entertaining manner. The Clerk thanked them for their work and the report was accepted.

PYM MIN
91-13 Yearly Meeting accepted the Treasurers' Report for Fiscal Year 1991. (See attachment L.)

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Stratton Jaquette, Clerk, presented the 1992 PYM budget, referring to column 5 of the Treasurers' Report, titled "92 Prop. Budget", and explaining several items. Stratton reported that the committee is always alert to ways of keeping costs down, and referred to the Report of the Ad Hoc Committee on Reimbursement of Travel Expense for PYM Representatives To Other Friends Organizations. (That document is RepCom 1991 Attachment BB.) After discussion, the Clerk asked for approval.

PYM MIN
91-14 Yearly Meeting approved the Finance Committee's proposed budget for fiscal year 1992. (See column 5, "92 Prop. Budget", of the Treasurers' Report for Fiscal Years 1989-90 and 1990-91; that report is Packet Attachment L.)

PYM EPISTLE

Walt Kersey, Convenor, expressed joy working together with the committee members to produce the epistle. He read the proposed epistle from the 45th session of Pacific Yearly Meeting. (See Archival Attachment M.) As usual, the committee will hold an open meeting for Friends to comment on this draft version. It will also be posted. The Clerk thanked the committee for its work.

The Clerk closed the session with silent worship.

Ron Sax, Co-Recording Clerk

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PACIFIC YEARLY MEETING
Eighth Month 10, 1991
Chico, California

PLENARY SESSION 14

The meeting gathered in worship.

EPISTLES

Reading Clerk Shirley Ruth read from the epistles of Ireland Yearly Meeting held March to April, 1991, and Baltimore Yearly Meeting Young Friends.

FRIEND IN THE ORIENT COMMITTEE

Clerk Shan Cretin reported on the activities of the committee and plans for new projects. The committee works with North Pacific Yearly Meeting. A written report was given (see Attachment N).

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Clerk, Sally Davis, reported an addition of the name of Vanita Blum, Berkeley, under Quaker Process Workshop, North (a subcommittee of Ministry & Oversight). A correction was made to add Jeanette Norton, Orange County, as an alternate 1992 Representative to FWCC in the event Margaret Willits cannot attend. A few errors (mostly spelling) were corrected.

PYM MIN 91-15

The final report of the Nominating Committee was approved (see Attachment O).

EPISTLES

The epistle from Young Friends was read by Co-clerk, Rusi Gustafson (see Attachment P).

The final version of the 1991 Pacific Yearly Meeting Epistle to Friends Everywhere was read by Walt Kersey (see Attachment Q).

A large group of our children was welcomed to our Plenary Session. Three epistles were read from our preschoolers. Epistles were also read from 6, 7 and 8 year olds, and from older children (see Attachment R).

The epistle from Junior Yearly Meeting was read by Joshua Vura-Weis (see Attachment S).
The names of officers and committee members for Junior Yearly Meeting and Young Friends was read (see Attachment T).

The meeting closed with worship.

Bruce A. Folsom
Recording Clerk
PACIFIC YEARLY MEETING
Eighth Month 10, 1991
Chico, California

PLENARY SESSION 15

We gathered in worship.

Presiding Clerk Jane Peers offered the closing minute:

Our time together has ended for another year. We return now to familiar things, but we we are changed. We have shared a deep joy even as we held each other in our pain. As we trace our paths down from the experience of a holy mountain, may we each be aware that others are holding us in the Light. And always, may we feel sustained knowing that under all are the everlasting arms. We look in hope toward our planned gathering next year, here at the Craig Hall Complex in Chico, California from August 2 through 8, 1992. This, the 45th gathering of Pacific Yearly Meeting, is now closed.

Bruce A. Folsom, Co-Recording Clerk

Ron Sax, Co-Recording Clerk
Ac Hoc Committee on Structure of Yearly Meeting
(Sub-committee of Ministry and Oversight)
Committee Report August 4, 1991

This committee was formed in 1989 at the instruction of Yearly Meeting to help clarify the roles between Quarterly and Yearly Meeting committees. In 1990 the charge was expanded to be:

- to consider the relationship of the present structure of Yearly Meeting to its functions, and to assist Friends in exploring alternative forms. This will include a discussion of the role of Representative Committee, the length of Yearly Meeting, and the relationship of Yearly Meeting to Quarterly Meetings and Monthly Meetings. (minuted Rep Comm, 1990)

The committee has met for two week-ends, has invited correspondence and conferred with individual Friends, conducted discussions at north and south Quarterly Meetings and an interest group at Yearly Meeting, 1990. We want now to invite all of Yearly Meeting to join us in our deliberations, and to hear suggestions which have grown from our thinking, perhaps envisage with us a structure that might speak to many of the concerns Friends have brought to us.

Some things were very clear to this committee, and our work revolved around the need to keep these primary:

First. Pacific Yearly Meeting, composed of unprogramed Monthly Meetings, is a significant body in the world wide network of Friends, and as such we hear from and send communication to Friends all over the world, to send representatives to many other Friends groups and an epistle to "Friends Everywhere." This, of course, entails organizational responsibilities, finance, and nomination business.

Secondly, the Pacific Yearly Meeting Gathering is a time of deep and rewarding fellowship with Friends from all over the region, a time to share and deepen our spiritual experience, a time for our children to find themselves a part of a wider Quaker community and identity, and to share experiences unique to that community.

Thirdly, Pacific Yearly Meeting is also a presence in our wider society and we sometimes send minutes or messages of concern to that wider society hopefully expressing our deepest religious and social convictions, hoping to be an influence for peace and justice in that society. There has been a strongly expressed desire that the messages we send be well seasoned, rising from careful consideration and spiritual reflection, in effect, our ministry to the world.

One more major function of Yearly Meeting was clear to us: to be a support to its constituent Monthly and Quarterly meetings, as a healthy extended family can offer resource, role models, and emotional stability to each component part. Care must be taken to add strength, not to siphon off strength.

It was this last function which helped the committee gain perspective on its task. It was clear to us that none of us in PYM would want Yearly Meeting to become a top-heavy, centralized, self-perpetuating organizational structure which drew strength away from its constituent...
Meetings. It takes vigilance to keep any structure from becoming overgrown. We were glad to call ourselves to that vigilance.

The Committee then undertook to respond to concerns of Friends that any of these functions were being poorly served, and to develop a picture as simple and lightly drawn as possible to let the Light shine through the workings of our Yearly Meeting. Please consider these suggestions: The first three are most clearly drawn, the last is still in process.

1. A simple step toward simplicity and economy: The Ad Hoc Committee suggests shortening the Yearly Meeting gathering to four days rather then five, (for some, to five days rather than six.)

Many Friends have found the length of Yearly Meeting adds unwarrantedly to the cost of Yearly Meeting for them, and also have found the length very fatiguing, particularly for children.

The present clerk of PYM has already instituted some changes which can reduce passive time in listening to redundant minute reading and committee reports not requiring attention. The further proposals of this committee also will clear some time.

2. The Ad Hoc Committee further suggests that three or four issues of paramount concern be selected for Yearly Meeting consideration in a particular year. These may represent peace concerns, social or environmental concerns, religious education, questions of Discipline, etc. These issues of concern would be selected by Representative Committee in its March meeting from among proposals brought by Monthly Meetings, Quarterly Meeting committees, or other sources. These special issues of concern would each be given possibly two fairly extended working session times during which information could be presented and perspectives shared. When appropriate, a minute of concern might rise from the issue, and would be seasoned by the appropriate working sessions before being brought to plenary session for consideration and/or action.

The possibility of sharing in some depth with other Friends an issue of particular concern could provide the active, thoughtful, time together Friends have sometimes missed in the multitude of demands on interest. It would allow minutes to be more carefully considered and seasoned by Friends particularly called to the concern. (Because two working sessions would occur at the same time, Friends would have opportunity for only two or so major areas of focus.)

Assigning the task to Representative Committee engages the representatives of Monthly Meetings in actually setting priorities which shall engage the whole Yearly Meeting. Several Representative Committee members have felt restive with the "rubber stamp" nature of their present responsibilities.

The working sessions on issue of concern are not seen as eliminating times for interest sessions and sharing groups. What is an interest session one year, might well become a major issue of concern the next. Interest group time, will, however, be shorter than working sessions, and competition for attention will be stronger.
The limiting of the number of minutes of action to those issues of concern being considered by that particular Yearly Meeting could return the significance for action on other concerns to Quarterly Meeting and Monthly Meetings where it essentially belongs.

Time could be allowed for the possible addition of a further issue of concern should one arise because of a turn of events or Friends urgent leading. This decision could be left to the clerk and the committee suggested below.

The responsibility of preparing the working sessions for a particular concern might be covered by the committee or Meeting bringing the concern.

3. The Ad Hoc Committee recommends that an Agenda Committee be appointed, smaller and with more far reaching responsibility than the present agenda-review committee. This committee would assist the clerk in developing the schedule for the Yearly Meeting gathering and the agenda for plenary sessions. The clerks have generally worked in virtual isolation in developing the yearly Meeting schedule. Now that intergenerational fellowship, working sessions on issues of concern, interest and sharing groups on diverse topics are included in the schedule the clerk needs a committee to offer material assistance, early enough. The committee needs to be geographically accessible and small enough to meet easily.

This agenda committee should be allowed wide discretion in arranging the schedule, once the basic content is decided by Representative Committee. This committee, with the clerk, should have the option of adding an issue of concern to the working groups should a matter arise perceptibly between the time of Representative Committee Meeting in March and the time of Yearly Meeting. This could allow for a cherished responsiveness to new Light.

4. In reviewing the relationship of Quarterly and Yearly Meeting committees, the Ad Hoc Committee considered the possibility of a noticeable shift in responsibility back to the Quarterly Meeting Committees, wondering if the primary work on peace issues, on social order, on environmental issues, the Ministry and Oversight functions of care of the Meetings and members, might most appropriately be done by the Quarterly Meeting Committees, rather than Yearly? Might this bring discussion closer home to the Monthly Meetings? Might those committees profit from initiating their own communication by newsletter or visitation? Regional Committees might confer by telephone in preparing possible issues of concern to be brought to Representative Committee for its choosing in March. In the Pacific Northwest Yearly Meeting the Yearly Meeting committees are composed of the members of the Quarterly Meeting committees of Peace, Social Order, Ministry and Oversight. Would any pattern similar to that, but perhaps different in some respects be helpful for Pacific Yearly Meeting?
In preparation for further consideration on committee structure and function, the Ad Hoc Committee asks that each committee consider which of its functions could be carried on by the like committee of Quarterly Meeting or unaffiliated Meeting? Which functions can only or most appropriately be done by a Yearly Meeting appointed Committee? How would it work for your committee to be composed of the members of Quarterly Meeting appointed committee? What would you see as your function if the new plan of chosen issues of concern is adopted?

This clearly is an area for careful work by all concerned. It is very difficult to lay down an accustomed pattern, if there is wisdom in it, we want to move slowly and carefully so as not to lose the wisdom in the accustomed path.

The Ad Hoc Committee on Structure is prepared to lead an Interest Group (Working Session?) on these suggestions at Yearly Meeting, 1991. The suggestions which seem ready to be minuted will be brought to plenary session for consideration or action.

Submitted by

[Signature]

[Name]
The Society of Friends has an opportunity to be infused with the energy and other blessings of the 5th World Conference of Friends. Steve Birdlebough, Jeannie Graves and Jeanette Norton attended the Netherlands gathering. Participants in Honduras included Bob Barnes, Cliff Cole, Ignacio and Ellen Gonzalez, Carol Mosher, Kimi Nagatani, Leon Ray, Robert Vogel, and Margaret Willits. Friends who attended these first two segments of the World Conference still feel encircled by the love which overflowed at these sites. PYM will be represented in Kenya by Paul Niebanck.

Written reports and other documents from the Honduras and Netherlands gatherings are attached. A copy of Felicity Kelcourse's address entitled "The Language of Living Water: Worship in Spirit and In Truth", and audio tapes of the three Netherlands speakers may be obtained through Jeanette Norton. Other materials, including a video, will be available after PYM. Friends who attended the conference are anxious to share their experiences. We welcome invitations to speak and show slides at monthly meetings.

The Conference Study guide, "In Spirit and in Truth: Faith in Action", has been enthusiastically used by several monthly meetings and Southern California Quarter Meeting. Creative Reflective Workshops, pioneered at the FWCC co-sponsored First International Theology Conference for Quaker Women, were deemed a welcome addition to Midwinter Fellowship in Southern California.

FWCC continues to grow and change. Innovations include the initiation of a long range strategic planning process by the Executive and Development Committees. Friends are invited to participate in the FWCC interest group on Tuesday at 2:00 to share their vision of the world family of Friends in the 21st century. Your ideas will be shared with long range planners in FWCC.

In an effort to benefit from the insights of more Friends, and to involve more people directly, all people on the mailing list were asked to prioritize FWCC activities. PYM comprised a good portion of the 706 people who returned questionnaires. The results of the numerical and qualitative analysis reflected the following top five priorities: 1) Providing opportunities for Friends from diverse backgrounds to meet together; 2) Youth Programs; 3) Building local Friend's awareness of the World Family of Friends reaching out to isolated Friends, providing opportunities for communication among Friends; 4) Facilitating participation, communication and travel among Friends in Latin America; 5) Participating and supporting Friends ministries and projects where local resources are inadequate.

The numerous programs of the section continued to create hope and spiritual growth in participants. Highlights of activities are reported in the "Annual Report" and "Report From the Americas".
The activities of other sections around the globe can be found in "Friends World News". Copies of these publications are on the FWCC table. If you do not receive them, and wish to, please sign up on the tablet provided on the table. Brief summaries of each committee's work, other documents from Annual Meeting and brochures on FWCC programs and photographs from the conference are also displayed.

The purpose of FWCC is to serve Friends. This is accomplished through the efforts of yearly meeting representatives. PYM Representatives have served on the following committees: Steve Birdlebough, Right Sharing of World Resources; Leonard Dart, Executive Committee; Carol Mosher, International Quaker Aid, Nominating Committee and Clerk of Southwest Region; Jeanette Norton, Executive Committee, Development Committee, and Priorities Committee; Margaret Willits, Right Sharing of World Resources and Bilingual Communications Committee. Co-opted member Robert Vogel is clerk of Development Committee. Sue Brune serves on the FWCC Committee on Scouting. We would appreciate opportunities to discuss your work with you.

Representatives also arranged opportunities for Friends to meet with members of Friend's Church Southwest Yearly Meeting to hear John Punshon, tutor at Woodbrooke Study Center, England. FWCC also arranged for two Friends from Guatemala to visit in Los Angeles.

There will be major personnel changes in the near future. As Alex Morisey retires, Asia Bennett will assume the position of Executive Secretary of the Section of the Americas. During Alex's term with FWCC, Latin American Friends have become a more vital voice. We acknowledge with gratitude Alex's faithful service and look forward with great anticipation to the gifts Asia Bennett will bring. Val Ferguson, General Secretary of the World Office, will also retire in January. We shall miss her inspired leadership. Thomas Taylor, our very capable Associate Secretary, will become the new General Secretary.

Your continued support and prayers for FWCC are greatly appreciated.

Jeanette Norton, Convener
FWCC Representatives
SUMMARY OF NETHERLANDS WORLD GATHERING

About 300 representatives from all parts of the world gathered in June for a week of spiritual exploration at the first session of the three part Fifth World Conference of Friends. The gathering under the sponsorship of the Friends World Committee on Consultation was held at a Mennonite retreat in the Ardennes forest near Elspeet, about 40 miles east of Amsterdam. Ted Church and Elizabeth Church attended from Intermountain, Abbie Frederick from North Pacific, and Steve Birdlebough, Jeannie Graves, and Jeanette Norton from Pacific Yearly Meeting.

The week was filled with worship, sharing, workshops, rain, and song. Jeanette Norton led a forum on "Women, Religion & Peacemaking: Sexism & Militarism" and Steve Birdlebough led an interest group on "Conflict Resolution among Friends." Many other groups formed and re-formed throughout the week to consider the many areas in which Friends work to live out their faith on earth. Topics included:

- Quaker Political Mediation
- Refugees/Amnesty International
- Racism and Nationalism in Europe
- Development Aid & the Environment
- Quaker Work at the U.N.
- Conscientious Objection to Taxation
- Bible Study: The New Testament picture of Jesus: a re-evaluation
- Palestinians, the Middle East
- Right Sharing of World Resources
- Deep Ecology: Our Roots in Creation
- Friends & Business Ethics
- Parenting Without Violence
- Education for a New World
- Visions for Change (Proverbs 28:19)
- Marks of a Spirit filled Community

An epistle was adopted which reflected that by grappling with conflict, we discovered how true listening is an act of faith. Our faith was strengthened by our listening to one another, and as we came to terms with our diversity in theology, ways of worship, approaches to social issues, cultural backgrounds, and material wealth. We shared excitement when divergent traditions came together in Bible study, pain when the acceptance of homosexual relationships was explored, and anger when differences emerged over strategies to remove the effects of apartheid.

Several of the working groups submitted reports to urge action by Friends on arms control, peace tax, right sharing, militarism, and environmental issues. Friends from lesser developed countries suggested that a most productive step by yearly meetings in the United States and Europe would be to establish close working relationships with yearly meetings in other parts of the world. Such actions would naturally lead to important exchanges of ideas, assistance, and spiritual support, on the personal and individual levels which are most useful.

The work and fellowship was to continue in Honduras and Kenya, and written reports on the conference will be published early in 1992. Meanwhile, the attenders at the world gathering will be sharing their experiences with Friends near their home meetings. If your meeting would like to hear more about the Netherlands gathering, contact Steve Birdlebough (916) 929-4892, or Jeanette Norton (714) 551-8070 to make arrangements for a slide show presentation.

Respectfully submitted,

STEVE BIRDLEBOUGH
PYM Delegate to Netherlands World Gathering, FWCC
EPISTLE from the first gathering of the Fifth World Conference of Friends.

To all Friends everywhere, loving greetings:

We have enjoyed the generous hospitality of our Dutch Friends in the beautiful woodland tranquility of Elspeet's Mennonite Centre. We have explored our theme "In Spirit and in Truth: Faith in Action," seeking the ground of our unity and a sense of our corporate wholeness. In a series of intensive workshops, worship groups and plenary sessions, our time has overflowed with spontaneous celebration and warmth. We have delighted in new friendships. The harmony of voices has included the fresh notes of the four babies who have been such a vivid expression of the life in the Conference.

We know little of the future except its unpredictability. Our only sure preparation is the discipline of prayer and worship. We must continuously seek communion with God and connectedness with the Creation. If we are faithful, God will use us in vigorous witness and action. What do environmental and peace issues, regional conflicts, economic injustice and exploitation really mean to us? What difference will be visible in our lives by the third millennium? The affluent third of the world, the Zacchaeus of today, must not sit back while militarism pervades its economic system. None of us may stand apart from the ravages of AIDS. From the range of world issues placed before us this week, we need to seek guidance for our particular leadings.

But we have a task closer to home. As yet the conference has barely touched the fringe of our thinking. This three part World Gathering will only serve God's will if we share with all our home communities the experience we have glimpsed of where unity can be found, not in creed or method but in glad acceptance of one another. This affirmation is prompted and sustained by the love which Jesus shows us and by the inner power of the Spirit. God is love: love accepts us where we are and transforms us into what we may become. Through facing our fears and grappling with conflict, we have discovered experimentally that true listening is always an act of faith. It requires a willingness to be changed in ways we may neither expect nor want; it carries risks. By listening to each other, we have had our faith tested and strengthened. Tears and joy have mingled as we have shared a deepening fellowship and a dawning respect for things we are only beginning to understand. Washed by torrential downpours without, within we have been pierced by the rain of compassion. We are learning not to be afraid of differences but to celebrate diversity.

We have had to come to terms with our diversity in theology, ways of worship, approach to social issues, cultural backgrounds and material wealth. We have to look directly at these differences in order to create honest relationships. The experience of divergent Friends coming together in Bible study has been exciting. Awareness of homosexuality as a reality among some Friends in some countries has been a costly learning process. Even on peace, there has been no easy unity in the aftermath of the Gulf War. These conflicts have led to growth.

We affirm our vision that God is calling us to live out the faith that we can have community without uniformity: we can rejoice in the distinctive gifts of Friends from all traditions. The more ardently we worship in spirit and truth, the greater the unity in our hearts may become. We bless the inspiration we receive from the powerful personal witness of scattered Friends. They have spoken of support from Friends around the world as a spiritual lifeline. We urge Meetings to take practical steps to extend these contacts, to the enrichment of us all.

We send to Honduras and to Kenya the loving greetings of the seedling to the sapling and to the growing tree. We pray that we shall all be empowered to bring this entire Conference to maturity and living wholeness. Every leaf is unique, yet all depend on a single vital source, the nourishment of living water.

Clerk
REPORT FROM FAITH IN ACTION WORKSHOP
WOMEN, RELIGION AND PEACEMAKING: SEXISM AND MILITARISM

We urge Friends to view a video by the same title made by Joan Chittester, available through Woodbrooke in England and Jeanette Norton in the USA. Briefly, it documents that the historical and current condition of many women in the world is one of physical, social and psychological violence. A partial explanation of the violence against women is the role institutionalized religion, as opposed to revelation or faith, plays in the formation of basic values in our societies. Institutionalized religion defines not only God but people’s relationship to each other as well as to God. All major religions of the world have a creative principle in which men and women are created equal in the sight of God. Each also has a myth about creation which has been interpreted to portray women negatively. The resulting theologies of domination subordinate women and thus make it easy for a society to move towards domination of other classes of people, grouping them on characteristics such as race, religion, nationality, or political orientation. In this way institutionalized religion both legitimates and perpetuates violence.

The universal pattern of violence against women is apparent in sexual and physical abuse, economic and legal discrimination, and the use of government resources for military purposes instead of social programs. The overwhelming majority of the poor are women and children. Sexism is a root of war and social injustice. Participants in this workshop found the message of this video to be a valid reflection of women’s experience. They further recognized that men are also diminished by the violence which characterizes our world. We encourage all Quakers to see the linkage between religion, sexism and militarism.

We ask Friends to put their faith into action, improving their effectiveness as peacemakers, in the following ways:
1) Model equality in all relationships.
2) Persistently seek women’s input.
3) Critique every social and organizational structure they touch.
4) Learn and use non-violent conflict resolution techniques.
5) Be consistent in truly practicing our testimony on gender equality.
6) Make certain that inclusive language, interpretation, and behavior is practiced.

We call to Friends’ attention the early Quaker practice of holding separate men’s and women’s Meetings for Business. As women many of us have found that by meeting in single gender groups we have been strengthened and better able to take a full part in mixed groups. In the light of tradition and current experience, we ask meetings to consider the potential usefulness of single gender groups in addressing vital issues.

We also feel that any Friend called to a specific and difficult task should have the support of an appointed group which may be of single or mixed gender.
REFLECTIONS ON THE HONDURAS GATHERING OF THE 5TH WORLD CONFERENCE OF FRIENDS
July 16 - 24, 1991  Tela, Atlantida, Honduras

The hymn, "Demos Gracias al Senor, Demos Gracias" (Let us give thanks to the Lord) continued to echo in our spirits as we said our "Hasta La Vistas" to our friends in Latin America following the conclusion of the Honduras segment of the Fifth World Conference of Friends in Honduras. Gathered among the palms facing the Caribbean Sea, 326 Friends thanked God for the opportunity to meet one another and over 100 Honduran Friends who joined us for Sunday worship.

The theme, "In Spirit and in Truth: Faith in Action" directed our attention to the sources of our faith and how we bear witness in a world of war, violence, poverty, discrimination, ignorance and destruction of earth itself. As the final epistle states, "From all corners of the world we have come to discover that 'the encounter with an unknown person is always an encounter with ourselves.' To know God begins with seeking that of God in others despite differences and discomforts."

In our worship-sharing groups, stereotypes vanished as we experienced unity of the spirit. We acknowledged our differences, but did not let them stand in the way of our discoveries of God, reflected in the lives of our sisters and brothers in other lands. We soon discovered that Latin American Friends use the term "Hermanos" (brothers and sisters) rather than "Amigos" to identify the Religious Society of Friends. For the most part the conference was conducted in Spanish with interpretation into English.

Let me review some of the high points in the plenary sessions.

Nelson Salinas, speaking on "The Thirst for Life" noted that water has a way of seeping thru the most difficult obstacles. Technology, like water, is eliminating barriers in order to bring about a world without borders. The living water that Jesus brought enables us to relate to others, to love and be loved. Jesus gives us eternal life. And the thirst for peace and justice is impregnated by grace which preserves us from fear and failure. As a refugee from Chile, Salinas now feels himself to be a citizen of this planet, a planet without borders.

Hipolito Llangue from La Paz, Bolivia, comes from a programmed meeting, but has often found the worship services to be too emotional. He now uses silent worship because he found that in the silence he can listen for the word of God. In his plenary address he emphasized that it is through acts of kindness and mercy that others are converted to Christ, not just by words.

Juan Garcia told the history of Friends in Honduras. The first recorded date of Friends visiting Honduras was in November 1903 with the visit of Thomas Kelley and Clark Buckley. In 1906 Ruth Esther Smith arrived in Guatemala and began the Friends Mission in Guatemala, El Salvador and Honduras. In 1914 the Friends Church was established in Tegucigalpa. In 1913 Friends work suffered a setback when California Yearly Meeting's Board of Missions authorized the transfer of the mission field in and around Tegucigalpa to the Holiness Church. The work continued in other parts of Honduras, and in 1980 George Fox Bible School was established to train workers. In 1983 Honduras Yearly Meeting was organized and is composed of 32 Monthly Meetings, 7 Quarterly Meetings, 25 pastors and 3500 persons. Garcia concluded his remarks by asking, "Do we have the..."
maturity to be able to examine our differences with the goal of obtaining true unity as Quakers?" He felt that this World Conference is of great value to our fellowship and to the spiritual unity which is fundamental to the Christian faith.

Following García's address, we were surprised by the frankness of a Honduras professor who outlined the political and economic history of Honduras. Hondurans have been exploited since Columbus arrived 500 years ago. After Columbus came the Spanish conquests, the killing of indigenous people, wars of independence, dictatorships, and now political democracy but continued economic exploitation through foreign investments. In the question period, one Latin American pastor reminded the speaker of the economic benefits from foreigners. In his reply, the speaker emphasized his desire for free competition, not monopoly capitalism.

The gathering became aware of the destructive effects of these past events which have shaped the political, economic and social life of Honduras, the second poorest nation in the hemisphere. Although one cannot condone events in the past, it is important to realize that the celebration of Columbus's discovery of America is viewed differently by our friends in Central America.

In another plenary session, Aggrey Mukilima of East Africa Yearly Meeting, South, spoke on the "Power of the Holy Spirit." He pointed out that women were the first preachers of the resurrected Christ, and that the disciples were witnesses after they received the power of the holy spirit. "Are we quaking today, Friends," he asked. "If not, what are we lacking?"

We need to show the "power" by our actions and not deny that we have had the spiritual experience of God.

"Justice, Peace and the Integrity of Creation" was the theme of Lucy Anderson's address. A representative of Evangelical Friends: Eastern Region, she asked what does God want us to do, and how can we work together to carry out God's will as Friends. Although we face many difficulties, there is hope to right wrongs, to be faithful to our Peace Testimony, and to preserve the earth. "We must be stewards of God's creation to preserve the earth. Let our lives speak!"

She told the story of the statue of Christ which was shattered by the bombings of World War 2. The villagers gathered up the pieces and restored the statue. However, the hands could not be found. Nonetheless the statue was put in its place with the inscription "I have no hands but yours." This story prompted me to submit St. Theresa's prayer to the Daily Bulletin:

Christ hath no body on earth now but yours,
No hands but yours
No feet but yours
Yours are the eyes with which he is to look out to the world with compassion.
Yours are the feet with which he is to go about the world doing good.
And yours are the hands with which is is to bless us now.

Manuel Guzman of Mexico spoke on "Faith in Action." He felt that faith must come first, but in discussion with him later, he admitted that sometimes action can lead to deeper faith.

Filiberto Ruiz of San Pedro Sula, Honduras, gave the message for the Honduran worship meeting after an hour of joyful singing. Using the scripture passage, "The time is coming and now is when God will be worshipped in spirit and in truth," he said that the time is coming when Jews and Samaritans can worship together. He asked, "Are you a Quaker who burns with the courage and conviction of George Fox? By 1660 there were more than 40,000 Friends. The "Valiant 60" were moved in a great missionary wave to share the message of peace and love of neighbor throughout the world. Many, like Mary Fisher and Mary Austin died for their faith. They belonged to God and were quick to obey his commands! Filiberto Ruiz testified that he had been afflicted with drinking, smoking, and bad habits; but through Christ he was able to give them all up. "Now I am saved," he concluded.

Hérdio Santos, pastor of the Friends Church in Banos, Cuba, called for the creation of an "Apostolic Council" like the Great Council in Jerusalem as recorded
in the Book of Acts. Brought together because of sharp divisions between Jews and Gentiles over such matters as circumcision and diet, the Council decided that the Greeks in Antioch were indeed filled with the holy spirit and were thus received into the fellowship of the Christian movement with great rejoicing. Santos, concerned about rumblings of new divisions and realignments among Friends, proposed that we seek unity while acknowledging our diverse cultures, languages and ways of worship. In the question period, Barr Swenerfelt from New England Yearly Meeting, said, "I have not accepted Christ as my lord and savior. Am I eligible to be part of the Quaker community?"

Then Santos replied, "Yes. When we love one another, we will find unity in our diversity," there was a spontaneous outbreak of applause.

In addition to the plenary sessions which were really worship experiences in both programmed and unprogrammed traditions, there were many opportunities to know one another in some depth. Language was really no barrier. Many Norteamericanos were bi-lingual as were a few Hermanos. At meals and in informal groups there were always persons who could translate. Worship-Sharing groups met each day for 1 ½ hours; 16 Faith in Action groups offered a variety of themes; Interest Groups were offered immediately after the evening sessions.

My worship-sharing group was superb. We had Friends from both the Americas and one facilitator from Finland. At the outset each described his or her home meeting or church. At another meeting we reflected on Nelson Salinas address, noting especially that "the encounter with the stranger is an encounter with ourselves." Other quotes: "Jesus did not rule anyone one, not even the woman from Samaria." "We need to have a personal encounter with Christ."

"I want to learn how we can understand each other and recognize that we use different metaphors to describe the Christ spirit." Invited to define what we mean by "worship," Luis Espina, an Guatemalan pastor said, "To worship is to love God with a passion." Daisy Madrid, a young woman from San Pedro Sula, asked how we spread the good news of the power of the Holy Spirit. She came from a Catholic family that worshipped Mary, not Jesus. She has found joy and happiness and is currently leading a group in Sula.

There were marked differences in theology and familiarity with the Bible. Latin American and African Friends find the Bible a great source of spiritual strength. A Honduran pastor reported his shock when he asked an unprogrammed Friend if he accepted Jesus Christ as Lord and savior; but then listened with respect to the Friends spiritual experience. This same pastor spoke of praying for the second coming of Christ. Another Friend said that he had once heard an evangelist recommend that we pray for the coming of Christ, but that we work as if that coming depended on us. Rena Lopez envisaged God in the center of a circle of believers; and outside the circle were the unbelievers. However, she said that only God knew when an unbeliever crossed the line. Jon Lutz from Finland told the story of a retired man, took up his wife's suggestion to learn to play the violin. And so he did, but he played only one note from morning 'til night and was driving his wife crazy. The wife asked "Have you noticed that other violinists use their fingers?" To which the retiree replied, "Stupid woman! They are looking for the note. I have found it!" Many of us found new notes in our worship-sharing groups.

Of the 16 Faith-in-Action groups, I selected three: World Missions led by Duane Comfort of Evangelical Friends International; Southwest Yearly Meeting's Guatemala mission to re-locate the Chorti Indians; and Liberation Theology.
Vogel report on World Conference

The saga of helping the Chorti Indians re-locate to better land for their agriculture was told by Ray and Virginia Canfield. Both felt close to God and were sure that their prayers were answered when checks unexpectedly arrived to purchase a piece of land and to build a clinic.

The Liberation Theology group drew the largest number of Friends—about 50—for a three session course. The workshop was based on a publication by seven theologians from Third World countries, called "The Road to Damascus." Some Latin American Friends tended to link the "base communities" with revolutionary violence. One thought it wrong to discuss these views because the government said that liberation theology was subversive. There was clearly some anxiety as well as curiosity as we probed such questions as these: How did Jesus regard authority? How did he respond to his accusers? Why does God allow us to suffer? Why does God always side with the rich? Is poverty and oppression really the Will of God? Where there is conflict among Christians, is God on both sides? What has been revealed about God in Jesus?

There was no effort to reach unity; but we were simply exposed and challenged by the followers of Christ who cared for the poor.

One plenary session was devoted to reports from Faith in Action groups. There was time for only ten. As may be expected Friends are very much involved in answering that of God in others thru social action projects: Ministry to those affected by alcoholism; student projects in Mexico City, Hermosillo, Guatemala, Belize, El Salvador, Nicaragua, Costa Rica; rape prevention programs in Philadelphia; war tax refusal and recognition of conscientious objection; Right Sharing of World Resources; defending indigenous people in their land claims and development; prison visitation; and women's concern to support their sisters in their ministries in Bolivia, Honduras and Kenya.

It has been just 14 years since the first western hemisphere conference of Friends was held in Wichita, Kansas. Since then, there has been increasing contact among Friends in this hemisphere through the facilities of the Friends World Committee for Consultation: Section of the Americas, through visitation, thru translation of Quaker classics into Spanish, through bi-lingual conferences, through efforts of the Evangelical Friends International and the 1985 Young Friends Gathering at Guilford College, through International and World Quaker Aid and Right Sharing projects.

"We have had many enriching experiences, found new truths and new friends as we worshipped, discussed, shared, ate and played together. It is only as we open ourselves to others and truly listen to their special experiences that we can grasp the greatness and wonder of God.

"Let us give thanks to the Lord!" "Demos Gracias al Senor,Demos Gracias!"

3 August 1991

Robert S. Vogel
WESTERN GATHERING OF FRIENDS
JULY 7-10, 1992

I HAVE CALLED YOU FRIENDS ... SEEKING RECONCILIATION BETWEEN GOD & ONE ANOTHER

JOHN 15:15

In November, 1989, a representative group of concerned Friends met in Portland, Oregon to discuss a unique possibility: "Can Friends from the seven Western Yearly Meetings come together for a gathering which will celebrate their kinship and explore their diversity?"

And as this collage of folks listened and learned from one another a statement emerged, from which the following is excerpted:

"We propose there be a gathering of the seven yearly meetings of the western US and Canada in the early 1990's. ... The purpose of this gathering will be to provide an opportunity for face to face meeting among Friends of diverse traditions, to arrive at a better understanding of each other and to dispel misconceptions and fears."

Please begin planning now to attend this historic convergence of faith and practice among Western Friends from the following Yearly Meetings:
- Intermountain YM
- Northwest YM
- North Pacific YM
- Rocky Mountain YM
- Canadian YM
- Pacific YM
- Friends Church Southwest YM

THE GATHERING SITE HAS YET TO BE DETERMINED, BUT MORE DETAILS AND REGISTRATION INFORMATION WILL BE AVAILABLE BY FEBRUARY, 1992.
Opportunities with regard to the Western Gathering

1. Since a part of the purpose is to get to know each other better, each Yearly Meeting will have a session in which to present themselves. How can we present PYM to others?

2. We will be asked to provide leadership, shared with other YM’s for thematic Worship, and Interest Groups.

3. We will be asked to provide a representative on a concluding panel.

4. Promotion at QM and MM. A minimum of 20 people from each YM is the goal, with a maximum of 300 adults at the gathering. Involvement of young Friends is much desired. There will be a children's program.

5. Fund-raising - possible scholarships for attendance and travel help, especially to encourage those from a distance, including Mexico, Guatemala, Hawaii of PYM, and Alaska or other distant places.


See Bob Vogel for any additional information. Come to the special interest group on Western Gathering of Friends on Friday, August 8 from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. (Place will be announced in the Daily Miracle.)
PYM Committee on Unity with Nature

Annual Report

The committee struggled in its work as members and staff faced challenges in their personal lives. We completed our review of the Advices and Queries in the PYM Faith and Practice. We are seeking to tune up the language in the discipline to be more harmonious with our concern. The undertaking is probably similar to that generated by feminists seeking to remove gender bias in the discipline's language. We have begun to focus on developing a Friends testimony stating the spiritual basis of our concern for the environment.

We were not as successful in carrying out some of our other activities. We scheduled, then canceled our annual Unity with Nature Conference. We were delayed in publishing our third and fourth issues of EarthLight magazine. We sadly accepted the resignation of EarthLight editor Chris Laning and we are again in a quandary about whether we have the resources, personal and monetary, to continue publishing the magazine.

Our committee especially should be aware that natural rhythms occur without regard for our best plans. We have met and shared fellowship. We will experience renewal and we will again take up the work of the committee.
A Spiritual Connection

Is there anyone here who has not at some moment stood in awe of creation? Haven't we all responded emotionally, intuitively, moved by a special glimpse of nature. This sense of awe is, for me, the original affirmation of our spiritual connection with the natural world.

Yet, I find other spiritual sources in nature. This week I noticed again the unity with nature tee-shirt. The shirt's design has two beetles moving in a circle around the mythical flute-player Kokopili. The design is Southwest -- perhaps a copy of an original pot design or inspired by one. The Egyptians saw in the scarab a symbol of eternity. As a child in Northern Florida I watched dung beetles -- close relatives of those Egyptian scarabs -- endlessly rolling balls of dung across the forest floor. From excrement these beetles bring forth new life.

The symbol of the scarabs evokes other images of the cycles of our lives and of our world -- cycles driven by forces only partially within our understanding. Perhaps art is a better medium for communicating these spiritual lessons. I find nature to be their best teacher and I have heard these lessons called earth wisdom.

Coming to the Religious Society of Friends but recently, I already had developed a deep concern for the environment. When I read the queries on Simplicity, Stewardship and Peace, I at first believed that they were born of an environmental concern. Later I was disappointed to find not all friends felt the same fire regarding this concern. But in the larger sense, these queries are the product of years of experience and spiritual insight. Generated by profound wisdom.

by Chuck Orr
Testimony of Rusi Gustafson for Unity with Nature Committee Report

Unity with nature, true unity as a way of living, is a tall order, and true peace is maybe an unattainable ideal. But we still strive. If Quakers have taught me anything (and they have), it is to move into the light, for any other direction is misguided. It has been a hard lesson to realize that in order to live my life in that direction, moving into the light, there is not only much to learn, but much I must unlearn, and many ways of the modern society in which I have been raised that I must reject.

In the last few years, nature itself has been my most valuable teacher, and has awakened in me an unprecedented sense of spiritual belonging. More and more I want to live my life with nature’s lessons of birth and rebirth, unity and integrity, cooperation and community, as my guiding inspirations. To find a way into all of this as a human being, and to share that way, has become a calling.

As a Friend, I feel our cherished testimony of peace towards all human beings must be extended to include all of creation. Any notion of autonomy on this level is illusion. Proof of our inherent unity with creation becomes apparent as our bodies and spirits suffer with the poisoning, desecration, and depletion of our natural surroundings. So we will strive.
Presentation to plenary session by Committee on Unity with Nature

Statements on cosmology by religious groups have, historically, tried to justify the book of Genesis, and the views of the universe as expressed by biblical writers. Copernicus, Galileo, and Darwin ran up against that kind of cosmology. Not wanting to exclude new knowledge, Quakers have tended to avoid the topic of cosmology. Much is to be gained by stretching our minds and our senses to come to a comprehensive understanding of the universe in which we live. Let's think about what such a statement could include.

Our Quaker cosmology will include both science and faith. We recognize and use the creation stories, tribal histories, allegorical tales, prayers, and poetry of the Bible as a source of inspiration and moral guidance and as a record of the search for the understanding of God fundamental to Judaism, Christianity, and Islam. Jesus and other spiritual teachers have provided lessons on living in unity with God and the Earth as they and their contemporaries saw it. Religious faith helps us to understand humanity's place in the universe and spiritual connection with our planet.

Faith and Practice, Philadelphia Yearly Meeting, (1972) reminds us, "Quakerism is rooted in increasing experience and appreciation of God and God's creation," and "Friends see harmony between the knowledge that is faith and the knowledge that is science." Scientific knowledge helps describe the universe, and scientific theories help explore how it works. Each new discovery leads us to a sense of wonder that is rooted in all life, in the earth, in matter itself, in the universe.

How shall we express such an encompassing galactic view? Human languages, music, dance, and graphic arts help express both the things that we are sure of and the things that we question. Our understanding is dynamic, growing with developments in our sciences, our creative expressions, and our spiritual insights.

A religious faith, social practice, or political system that censors discoveries or prescribes responsible inquiry in any aspect of these three areas, limits the search for Truth. Religious, scientific, and artistic freedom is not, however, license to proceed without regard for standards of inquiry derived from scientific methods, legal codes, and moral principles.

What statement do we wish to make as Friends about humanity's physical and spiritual place in the universe in general and on our planet, Earth, in particular?

We welcome Friends' contributions to continue this process, including personal statements and quotations selected from the published writings of other Friends. Please send your suggestions for consideration by our committee to:

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PERSONAL REFLECTIONS ON A FRIEND'S ENVIRONMENTAL TESTIMONY

by Michael F. Dunn, PYMCUN (PYM, 1991)

I am a chemist and a biochemist—a friend for the past 19 years. In the chemical and the molecular biological sense, I am made from the life forms which have given me sustenance; first was the nourishment from my mother’s womb, then the milk from her breast, now from the plants and animals that are my food. But in a deeper, more fundamental sense, we are all assembled from the same star dust—the same subatomic particles from which all the Universe is made. As best we can understand, we, and all that we know, have origins in the forces and events which created the cosmos, God’s creation. We share common genetic origins with all life on Earth, our genetic codes spring from a common ancestor. I am a creature of the Earth, I belong to one species among the many species that share this Earth. I am not above or below, better than, or inferior to, other life forms, but yes, I am different in some respects. I believe function is interwoven into structure—because I have the capacity to appreciate the wonder and beauty of the Universe, I believe that this is my true function. To appreciate the exquisite beauty and mystery of our Universe, this is our structure-function dance, it is my reason for being.

My faith, my spirituality, my very identity is linked to the landscapes in which I have lived. I seek a spiritual landscape which derives from, and converges with, the physical landscape. Destruction of the land and its life destroys its spirituality—to heal the Earth is to heal ourselves, and to restore our spirituality. For me, peace, justice and concern for the environment are but different threads of the same concern, so interwoven that they are a single fabric.

How much of the Earth is sacred? All of it; the Universe, all of God’s creation, is sacred. Is there that of God in every living thing? Yes! In all things? Yes, all of creation is God’s.
I was put through a stern test of reality recently as I sat almost daily at the bedside of my dying friend, Bernard Kirby. Bernie and I had joked once or twice about immortality, he opting for a 60-40 chance of life after death, I allowing that it might be 40-60. If Bernie were here, I would have asked him to edit this; he was my most persistent critic and my most valuable editor.

I had plenty of time to think during those days a couple of months ago, and was driven further to some creative insight on my personal beliefs by a 15-hour workshop at Friends General Conference with 25 serious seekers last month.

So, you see, my "conversion" has been recent, after a lifetime of neglect. But my present beliefs, which I think are firmer than those I have previously held, have been edging their way into my consciousness for more than 70 years. They stem from my early questions that mother wouldn’t answer, from a scientific education in genetics and evolution, and more recently from reading people like Teilhard-de Chardin, Thomas Berry, Brian Swimme, Alfred North Whitehead, Albert Einstein, Jonathan Schell, and others.

First, what I do not believe--shreds that were handed me by parents and church. I do not believe in heaven or hell as described in the bible and other places, in streets paved with gold in the sky, in choirs of angels, or in God the accountant, who keeps track of all our good and bad deeds so he can tell St. Peter at the gate when we arrive whether to send us up or down. I do not believe in eternal bliss or everlasting punishment. Those of us who want to believe badly are very selective about who and what we put in heaven. Nowhere do I find such belief in the full range and diversity of life on earth. We may comfort a child with a story of a cat or dog or horse that has gone to heaven. But lice? And mosquitoes? And viruses? Do we have AIDS in heaven? Not to be believed, or even mentioned. Our thoughts about good and evil are entirely anthropocentric. We try to load them on to God, where they don't fit, or on to the Devil, which denies God.
Presentation to plenary session by Committee on Unity with Nature

I do not believe that we trail our five physical senses with us into an afterlife of the spirit. No seeing, or hearing, or touching there. No sex in heaven. Even Jesus said no marriage in heaven. No problem of multiple wives would stump his answers.

There may be a field of spirit that surrounds and penetrates us, that illumines our imaginations, that sparks our creativity, that allows us to remember and vision the past and the future. It may even present us, by ways we do not understand, with parts of past lives or precognition or what we believe are out-of-body experiences.

But we know very little of the spirit or of spirituality. We are infants playing with the toys of the scientific revolution who have not yet developed the insight that can recognize the spirit. Our egos are so busy competing and creating concepts of immortality to allay our fears of death that most of us live our lives on the level of things and history.

I see that I have slipped into what I do believe, and this is far more interesting to me. I believe in the big bang theory of the origin of the Universe, because we can see the evidence of it all around us 15 billion years later. Every article and atom we are made of is part of the dust that was blown about us from that grand explosion. I also believe in the theory of evolution, through which we are related to every other living cell on earth, all of our plant and animal and human brothers and sisters.

But evolution by chance, even in 15 billion years, is hardly credible to me. It is apparent to me that every particle and atom contains an urge to attain its potential in some organized and cooperative fashion. So of the crystal, of the protozoan, of the virus, of the worm and the butterfly it will become, of the orchid, and of the human being. Competition kills the organization and the species. Ego is necessary for some development, but its costs are great. It must be recognized, and its excesses curbed. Cooperation is the way we will achieve our human potential as a species.

We have no idea what our human potential as a species may be. This we learn more of every day we exist and build upon the learning of past generations of men and women. Our purpose in life is more than to stand in awe, more than to worship the beauty of the Universe, although that is part of it. Our purpose is to learn. We are the learning animal, par excellence. Like all of creation, our human purpose is to achieve the human potential, whatever that may be, in cooperation with all of creation. Let us not foreclose this, the human opportunity.
Report of the Activities of 1990-1991 by East-West Relations Committee

The Committee has continued its focus on trips to the Soviet Union as a way of continuing to build and strengthen the relationships between PYM and the people of the Soviet Union.

The Fall 1990 trip led by Kay Anderson and Melissa Lovett-Adair was a very successful event in its goals. The group of 30 English and American travelers visited Moscow, Leningrad, Kiev and Tallin, Estonia. We continued to develop friendships built by earlier groups in Moscow, Leningrad and Kiev and to learn more about the important struggle facing the people of the Baltics through our visit to Estonia. The trip included a good spread of ages (17 to 87) and was geographically very broad based. We often felt the discouraged and frightened mood of the people as the formal economy and political structures deteriorate, but we also met with people who are busy building new businesses, organizations and institutions. We visited Tatianna Pavlova in Moscow and there is now a weekly Quaker "worship group" meeting in her home where there are often visiting Quakers from the England and the US, along with a growing number of interested Soviets.

With the enthusiasm we sensed and the success we enjoyed in recruiting last year, the Committee felt confident that with a continued nationwide focus, we could successfully operate two trips this year: a work camp primarily directed towards young people, and a fall trip directed towards touring and the CSCE Human Rights Conference in Moscow. The work camp has resumed and will be making a report at PYM.

The group going in the fall will be small (only 10) but of excellent quality. In addition to a mature group of seasoned travelers, David Harshcoth and Bob Vogel will be joining us, thanks partially to funds which have been garnered from the savings and interest from past trips. They have both been to the Soviet Union in the past and will be offering their considerable skills and knowledge to groups we have met in the Soviet Union which are involved in peace and various social movement building activities. They will also lend the leadership we require to participate in the CSCE Conference as part of what will be a Quaker delegation with English, American and Soviet participants.

The Committee’s focus has been absorbed with planning and organizing these trips. However, with the apparent diminution in interest in continuing travel in the Soviet Union, the Committee is aware of the need to reexamine its goals and activities in the future. It is possible that the type of interaction we will have at the CSCE Conference with grass roots in the SU will provide the opening for new kinds of relationships and connections.

Our sister Committee in the eastern United States, the Quaker US-USSR Committee, has been concentrating its efforts this past year on the translation of Quaker materials into Russian. We have been able to support this important project with some financial assistance.

We continue to be very thankful to PYM for its unflagging support of us and our activities on your behalf. We feel as though we have been able to build significant connections with the Soviet Union. The trips have also deeply impacted the lives of many of the travelers, and a significant number of them continue and deep positive involvement people and projects with the Soviet Union.

At PYM, we will participate in an interest group with the Peace Committee focused on Quaker activities with international groups (Tuesday, 2pm Bradley Lounge), the plenary Wednesday morning, and an interest group (Wednesday, 1:30pm) focused on the work camp and on last fall’s tour. E-W Relations Committee will meet at 6:00 pm Tuesday in Room 125 Craig Hall.

Kay Anderson
Clerk, East-West Relations Committee
During the last few years the membership of Pacific Yearly Meeting has stayed about the same, with net increases or decreases of less than 15 individuals each year. Last year we were down 123 from the previous year and this year we have increased by 12 to a new total of 1531 members. Of the 89 new members 38% transferred from other Friends meetings and 61% became members by “convincement”. Only one young man is listed in the category of “youth becoming adult members” and he transferred here with his family from New Jersey. We are still faced by the question of why most of our children do not become members.

There are no new monthly meetings in Pacific Yearly Meeting this year, but some changes are shown in the list of preparative meetings and worship groups. Redwood Forest Monthly Meeting reports that the Napa-Sonoma group is now a Preparative Meeting, and there is a new West County Worship Group meeting in Sebastopol. With a “West County” group in Sonoma County and a “South County” group in Santa Cruz County, Friends might well consider how groups should be named.

Reno Monthly Meeting reports a small worship group in Las Vegas that is under their care. Evidently a few years ago there was a group there connected with Intermountain Yearly Meeting, but this is a new group.

Hayward Area is still listed in the official records as a Monthly Meeting even though it has laid itself down and operates as a worship group. There are two members whose memberships have not been transferred for reasons that are unique, and this information has been shared with our Ministry and Oversight Committee.

Another situation discussed with M&O is the fact that there are nine worship groups which are not under the care of a monthly meeting. In the coming year it will be suggested that Quarterly Meeting ministry and oversight committees have special consideration for these worship groups as they care for local meetings.

Faith and Practice has a paragraph that pertains to the growth of worship groups:

“There may be circumstances in which it is desirable that a Worship Group or a Preparative Meeting continue indefinitely as such. Generally speaking, however, Worship Groups and Preparative Meetings should look forward to such growth and development, under the grace and power of God, as may enable them to become Monthly Meetings. The step of becoming a Preparative Meeting provides opportunity for members to gain experience as a Friends’ community.”

Phyllis Jones
Statistical Clerk
### PACIFIC YEARLY MEETING STATISTICAL INFORMATION 1991

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<td>Mill Valley Scout Hall, 177 E. Blithedale, Mill Valley, CA 94941</td>
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MEXICO CITY 11:00 A.M. Sundays
Casa de los Amigos, Ignacio Matiascal 132, Colonia Revolucion, 06030 Mexico, D.F.
Mail: same address
Clerk: Ingeborg Jones (73J) 615-60
Send mail to Meeting address

MONTEREY PENINSULA 9:30 A.M. Sundays
173 Van Buren Street, Monterey, CA
Mail: P.O. Box 789, Pacific Grove, CA 93950
Clerk: Ellen M. Cole (408) 649-8946
Send mail to Meeting address

ORANGE COUNTY 10:00 A.M. Sundays
Building 800, 661 Hamillen, Costa Mesa, CA
Mail: 3165 Gibralrter Ave., Costa Mesa, CA 92626
Clerk: Peggy Toledano (714) 979-5251
Above address is clerk's address

ORANGE GROVE 11:00 A.M. Sundays
526 E. Orange Grove Ave., Pasadena, CA 91104
Mail: same address
Clerk: Ruth Peters (818) 791-3266
Send mail to Meeting address

PACIFIC ACKWORTH 11:00 A.M. Sundays
6210 Temple City Blvd., Temple City, CA 91780
Mail: same address
Clerk: JoJo Hay (818) 287-6680
Send mail to Meeting address

PALO ALTO 9:00 A.M. & 11:00 A.M. Sundays
957 Colorado Avenue, Palo Alto, CA 94303
Mail: same address
Clerk: Lincoln Moses (415) 871-8182
Send mail to Meeting address

REDDING 9:45 A.M. Sundays
Secret Garden Preschool, 108 Hawley Rd, Redding, CA
Mail: P.O. Box 991665, Redding, CA 96099
Clerk: Steve Sharpless (916) 221-3824
Send mail to Meeting address

REDWOOD FOREST 10:00 A.M. Sundays
Friends House, 654 Benicia Dr., Santa Rosa, CA 95409
Mail: P.O. Box 1831, Santa Rosa, CA 95402
Clerk: to be named
Send mail to Meeting address

RENO 10:30 A.M. Sundays during the school year
5:00 P.M. Sundays during summer (call 747-4623)
Wiegand Youth Center, 1300 Folsom Drive,
Reno, NV 89509
Mail: P.O. Box 20636, Reno, NV 89515
Clerk: Jim Brune (702) 786-2317
Send mail to Meeting address

SACRAMENTO 10:00 A.M. Sundays
Stanford Settlement, 430 West El Camino, Sacramento, CA
Mail: P.O. Box 163677, Sacramento, CA 95816
Clerk: Suzy Davis (916) 929-4892
Send mail to Meeting address

SAN DIEGO 10:30 A.M. Sundays
YWCA Bldg., 4848 Seminole Dr., San Diego, CA 92115
Mail: same address
Clerk: Katherine Faulconer (619) 465-3520
Send mail to Meeting address

SAN FERNANDO VALLEY 11:30 A.M. Sundays
15936 Bledsoe Street, Sylmar, CA 91342
Mail: P.O. Box 922378, Sylmar, CA 91392
Clerk: Albert Jones (818) 367-3176
13949 Tyler St., Sylmar, CA 91342

SAN FRANCISCO 11:00 A.M. Sundays
2160 Lake Street, San Francisco, CA 94121
Mail: same address
Clerk: Peter Johnson (415) 759-3122
Send mail to Meeting address

SAN JOSE 10:00 A.M. Sundays
1041 Morse Street, San Jose, CA 95126
Mail: same address
Clerk: Arlene O'Bryan (408) 338-6980
Send mail to Meeting address

SANTA BARBARA 10:00 A.M. Sundays
2130 Mission Ridge Rd., Santa Barbara, CA
Mail: P.O. Box 40120,
Santa Barbara, CA 93140-40120
Clerk: Barbara Cartwright (805) 963-6737
Send mail to Meeting address

SANTA CRUZ 10:00 A.M. Sundays
Loudon Nelson Center, 391 Center Street,
Santa Cruz, CA
Mail: P.O. Box 813, Santa Cruz, CA 95061-0813
Clerk: Paul Niebanck (408) 423-7114
Send mail to Meeting address
SANTA MONICA 10:00 A.M. Sundays 1440 Harvard Street, Santa Monica, CA 90404 Mail: same address Clerk: Henry Yang (213) 376-8152 Send mail to Meeting address

STRAWBERRY CREEK 10:00 A.M. Sundays Berkeley Friends Church, 1600 Sacramento, Berkeley, CA Mail: P.O. Box 2069, Berkeley, CA 94703 Clerk: Lynne Bird (415) 654-3136 Send mail to Meeting mailing address

VISALIA 10:30 A.M. Sundays 17208 Avenue 29E, Visalia, CA 93291 Mail: same address Clerk: James Mangis (209) 627-0629 Send mail to Meeting address

WESTWOOD 10:30 A.M. Sundays 900 Hilgard Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90024 Mail: same address Co-clerks: Joan Harrison-Sieglr (213) 472-1137 Lea McKinney-Adler (213) 836-9518 Send mail to Meeting address

WHITLEAF 9:30 A.M. Sundays Administration Bldg., Whittier College, Philadelphia and Painter Streets, Whittier, CA Mail: P.O. Box 122, Whittier, CA 9060 Clerk: Mary Warren (213) 698-7538 Send mail to Meeting address

PREPARATIVE MEETINGS:

Big Island Preparative Meeting - under the joint care of PYM and Honolulu: 10:00 A.M. Sundays Call Tom Daniel (808) 325-7323 for location. Mail: P.O. Box 282, Laupahoehoe, HI 96764 Clerk: Sharon Wheeler Gerrish (808) 962-6957

Napa-Sonoma Preparative Meeting - under the care of Redwood Forest 10:00 A.M. on 1st to 4th Sundays Magic Years Preschool, 1777 Laurel St., Napa, CA Mail: 57 Diana & Joe Wilcox 57 Chapel Hill Dr., Napa, CA 94559

WORSHIP GROUPS UNDER THE CARE OF (Monthly Meeting):

Amador County (Delta) 1st & 3rd Sundays in Jackson Contact Clerk of Delta Mtg. (209) 223-0843

Conejo Valley (Westwood) 10:30 A.M. on 1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays 3780 Cabrillo, Westlake, CA Mail: Send to convener Convener: Joan Fasken Johnson (805) 495-9753 2224 Thorsby Rd., Thousand Oaks, CA 91361

Hermosillo (Mexico City & Pima IMYM) 11:00 A.M. Sundays Casa Herminio Sein, Felipe Saucedo #32, Hermosillo Mail: Apartado Postal 12, San Carlos, Hermosillo, Sonora, Mexico Convener: Norm Kreukler (623) 7-0142

Las Vegas (Reno) Weekly; call for time 4185 Paradise, Apt. 1213, Las Vegas, NV 89109 Mail: Send to above address Convener: Tom Graham (702) 796-1155

Mendocino (Redwood Forest) 10:00 A.M. Sundays Kelley House, 34007 Albion St., Mendocino, CA Mail: P.O. Box 1003, Mendocino CA 95460 Clerk: Charles Bass (707) 964-7573

Modesto (Delta) 9:30 A.M. on 1st & 3rd Sundays 922 - 6th Street, Modesto, CA For Information, call (209) 524-8762

Morongo Basin (Claremont) 2:00 P.M. Sundays Church of Religious Science, 2434 Bannock Trail, Yucca Valley, CA Mail: Send to convener Convener: Hermione Baker (619) 365-1137 8885 Frontiers, Yucca Valley, CA 92284

Ojai (Santa Barbara) 9:00 A.M. Sundays 314 Hermosa Road, Ojai, CA 93023 Mail: P.O. Box 793, Ojai, CA 93024 Convener: Priscilla Hickman (805) 646-4497

South County (Santa Cruz) 10:00 A.M. on 1st & 3rd Sundays (serves Aromas-Hollister-Salinas-Watsonville areas) Locations: 1st Sunday - 408 Winchester, Watsonville, CA 3rd Sunday - 1014 Circle Dr., Salinas, CA Mail: 525 Center St., Watsonville, CA 95076 Contact: Peter Lindsey (408) 728-7785

Taft (Orange Grove) 10:00 A.M. Sundays Contact convener for location Convener: Bonnie Beatty (805) 765-4766 104 Center St., Taft, CA 93268

Ukiah-Lake County (Redwood Forest) 10:00 A.M. on 1st & 3rd Sundays Contact convener for location Mail: P.O. Box 985, Upper Lake, CA 95483 Convener: Kathy & Steve Harness (707) 275-2014
West Sonoma County (Redwood Forest) 10:00 A.M. Sundays
Garzot Bldg. in Libby Park at Valentine & Pleasant
Hill Aves., Sebastopol, CA
Mail: 13885 Green Valley Road, Forestville, CA 95436
Convener: Sam Cox (707) 887-1373

Windward (Honolulu) 9:30 A.M. on 1st Sundays
Call Polly Pool for location (808) 235-5500
Mail: c/o Honolulu Friends Meeting, 2426 O'ahu Ave., Honolulu, HI 96822

WORSHIP GROUPS NOT UNDER THE CARE OF A MEETING

Bishop 10:00 A.M. Sundays (9:00 First-day school)
Location: Scheidlingers' home
Convener: Carla Scheidlinger (619) 873-8439
393 Mt. Tom Road, Bishop, CA 93514

Hayward Area
4th Sunday evenings in homes
Convener: Elsa Glines (415) 582-2076
22565 Fifth St., Hayward, CA 94541

Kaua'i
Call for information
Correspondent: James Jung (808) 822-0448
C/o 5875-A Lokelani Road, Kapaa, HI 96746

Maui
10:30 A.M. Sundays
Location varies
Convener: John Dart (808) 878-2190
107-D Kamnui Rd., Kula, HI 96790

Molokai
5:00 P.M. Sundays (followed by potluck)
Correspondent: Claud Sutcliffe no phone
S.R. Box 338C, Kaunakakai, HI 96748

North San Luis Obispo
Call for details
Correspondent: Ray Jansen (805) 466-4733
6655 Country Club Dr., Atascadero, CA 93422

Paradise
6:00 P.M. Mondays in private homes
Convener: Betty Pohnicka (916) 877-8044
P.O. Box 943, Paradise, CA 95969

San Luis Obispo
9:30 A.M. Sundays during school year
(Call (805) 546-9491 or (805) 541-3101 in summer.)
University Christian Center, 1485 Foothill Blvd., San Luis Obispo, CA
Correspondent: Anna Alexander
30 El Mirador Court, San Luis Obispo, CA 93401

Southern Humboldt
Call for location and time
Convener: Bill Andrews (707) 923-3377
P.O. Box 877, Redway, CA 95560
Dear Gro Harlem Brundtland,

We encourage you, as leader of the World Commission on Environment and Development, to take a personal initiative to place peace, disarmament, and the extended concept of security on the agenda for the 1992 United Nations Conference on Environment and Development.

As the world has seen, most recently in the Gulf War, military actions are extremely detrimental to the environment. It is vitally important that the United Nations takes strong action in support of the environment, working for peaceful, sustainable development of natural resources.

The Norway Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends has informed us that you are aware of the close connection between peace, development, and the environment as described in the Brundtland report, *Our Common Future*, Chapter 11, "Towards Security and Sustainable Development."

It is important to demonstrate, in practice, that environmental issues, development, peace, and security all belong on the same global agenda. You are in a unique position to bring this perspective to the 1992 United Nations Conference on Environment and Development. Without this view, it will be difficult for the conference to lay the foundations for true sustainable development.

We pray that God, who blesses all life, bless you in this endeavor.

Minuted by Pacific Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends, in session, at Chico, California, USA, August, 1991

Jane Peers, Presiding Clerk
The Social Order Committee recommends that Pacific Yearly Meeting endorse the following letter of concern adapted from the minute of Berkeley Meeting and circulate it to all monthly meetings of Pacific Yearly Meeting.

Our prisons are in crisis. Our incarceration rate is among the highest in the world. The cost is diverting funds from education and social services -- the very programs needed to prevent crime.

In response to public outcry about a rising tide of crime and drug abuse, longer and longer mandatory sentences have been imposed. No legislator dare appear "soft on crime." Judges are now required to use rigid "guidelines", often violating their own sense of equity.

While prisons are crowded to the breaking point, there has been little effect on the problem. People are beginning to look for alternatives, the sort of programs FCL and FCNL have been advocating for many years. Can Friends, with their help, begin to turn around social attitudes toward rehabilitative rather than punitive treatment?

Can we witness, as in the past, our care for the humanity of these mostly young, mostly male prisoners -- the majority men of color, but with escalating numbers of women -- while we deal with our own unexplored fears? Should we be looking for practical ways to help the ex-offender? Are there ways to reach youth at risk from lack of preparation for work, lack of information as to how to find work --perhaps from lack of work itself?

The problem is large, the risk of failure considerable; but no friendly labor is too small to make a difference.

Let us explore in our own Meetings to see if we may have some "leadings" in this matter.

Social Order Committee is prepared to act as a clearing house and to report back to Pacific Yearly Meeting in 1992.

Social Order, PYM, 8/91
PACIFIC YEARLY MEETING
Ministry and Oversight Committee

August, 1991

Report to Yearly Meeting

The members of Ministry and Oversight Committee are:
Hermione Baker (Claremont/Morongo Basin), Vanita Blum (Berkeley), Langdon Elsbree (Claremont), Bruce Folsom (San Francisco), Walt Kersey (Sacramento), Becky Layfield (Orange County), Lincoln Moses (Palo Alto), Prue Myer (Santa Barbara), Kitty Barragato (Orange Grove), clerk.

Over the past year this committee has met twice between yearly meeting sessions and has conferred between meetings. The main areas of concern we have followed, in addition to those under the care of our seven sub-committees, are:

- Same sex marriage: we have tried to be helpful in furthering sensitive informed discussion of this topic among monthly meetings. To our knowledge, most meetings have thoughtfully considered same sex marriage, with some minutes resulting.

- Support of couple relationships: as we look at same sex marriage, we realize the need to support relationships in general. We have discussed the changing family, marriage, divorce and single people demographics in the yearly meeting and will attend to this topic in the future. Domestic violence and sexual abuse among Friends has been part of this discussion. Bruce Folsom has traveled on behalf of M & O to give an historical presentation of marriage.

- We have considered, with Discipline Committee, how best to proceed with writing of the next Faith and Practice.

- We have spent considerable time discussing ideas about the structure of yearly meeting sessions.

- We have attended to various matters as asked by other committees and officers of the yearly meeting.

- We have kept abreast of activities, concerns, and developments in the monthly and quarterly meetings.

Abbreviated Sub-Committee Reports:

- Sub-committee on Meetings and the Mentally Ill, Hermione Baker, clerk. Development of resources, holding of interest group and sharing groups at yearly meeting. Some consultations with meetings.

- Sub-committee on Worship-Fellowship Groups, Lee Knutsen and George Mills, coordinators. Oversight of worship-fellowship groups at yearly meeting.
Ministry and Oversight Committee report, p. 2

- **Sub-committee on Special Funds**, Becky Layfield, clerk. Oversight of Fund for Concerns and Sharing Fund. Assistance with Student Conscience Fund. Two requests this year.

- **Sub-committee on Workshops on Quaker Process**, Vanita Blum, clerk (CPQM), Marjorie Arnett, clerk (SCQM). The northern effort has assisted various interested monthly meetings in holding workshops on Quaker process at their meetings. After lengthy and unsuccessful tries at constituting a southern committee, it was decided to try again this coming year. Quaker Spiritual Quest has been a successful program in the south.

- **Sub-committee on Structure of the Yearly Meeting**, Ellie Foster, clerk. Assessment of reasons for change, and seasoning of various suggestions to pass on to Representative Committee and the yearly meeting. Facilitated discussions at quarterly meetings and in yearly meeting interest groups about suggestions for change. Recommendations to come to plenary session this year.

- **Sub-committee on the Brinton Visitor**, Joan Johnson, clerk. Successfully conducted logistics to facilitate visit of Clare Sinclair, current Brinton Visitor, to 31 different groups in PYM during March and April, 1991. In September and October, Clare Sinclair will travel to NPYM, and in March, 1992, she will visit Hawaii. In spring, 1992, Claire she will visit in IMYM. Feedback so far has been very positive.

- **Sub-committee on Big Island Preparative Meeting Oversight**, Kitty Barragato, clerk. Under the joint care of Honolulu Monthly and Pacific Yearly Meetings, the Big Island Preparative Meeting is not now prepared to ask for monthly meeting status. Wide geographical distances mandate weekly meetings for worship at different sites around the island. Three of their number have become members through Honolulu Meeting this year. Grounding in Quaker process and history deepens, while fellowship continues strong.

Kitty Barragato, Clerk
PACIFIC YEARLY MEETING of the RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS

TREASURER'S REPORT for FISCAL YEARS 1990, 1991

PERIODS: October 1, 1989 through September 30, 1990
October 1, 1990 through July 15, 1991

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PACIFIC YEARLY MEETING of the RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Cont'd)

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| SUBTOTAL: SUPPORT OF FRIENDS ORGS. | $3,000. | $3,000. | $3,000. | $3,000. |

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| SUBTOTAL: CONFERENCE TRAVEL | $7,000. | $6,046. | $7,000. | $4,122. | $5,800. |

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| SUBTOTAL: PYM SESSION, NET | $0. | $2,037. | $0. | $(8,272.) | $0. |
TREASURER'S REPORT for FISCAL YEAR 1990
PERIOD: October 1, 1990 through July 15, 1991

BALANCE SHEET

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EXPLANATORY NOTES - SEE REVERSE SIDE
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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" ($1,097); "Project" ($1,182.); 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. Reserve Funds for use by the Wider Fellowship Among Friends Committee.

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

11. Reserve fund for future publications; under control of Representative Committee per PYM minute 89-4.

12. Loan to Friends Bulletin ($2,049.), and Earthlier publication ($500.).

13. Funds invested in "FGC Meeting House Fund" per PYM minute 90-10.

14. Quaker Spiritual Quest Program reports a starting balance of $659.; additions of $0.; reductions of $0.; ending balance of $659.

15. East-West Relations Committee reports a starting balance of $16,738.; additions of $3,650.; reductions of $6,845.; ending balance of $13,543.

16. Unity with Nature Committee reports a starting balance of $18,763.; additions of $9,993.; reductions of $22,764.; ending balance of $5,992.

Virginia V. and Walter E. Klein
Treasurers, Pacific Yearly Meeting
Report to Pacific Yearly Meeting from the Friend in the Orient Committee
August 8, 1991

In 1989-90 Friend in the Orient Committee sponsored Russ and Verna Curtis' trip to Micronesia to observe the economic and political situation in the region, particularly the ongoing struggle in Belau around the Belauans' nuclear-free constitution and the U.S. government's desire to retain the right to use Belau for military operations. In Fall 1990 Russ and Verna visited 26 monthly meetings in North Pacific Yearly Meeting and Pacific Yearly Meeting giving slide and video presentations about their experiences in Micronesia.

At PYM last year the Friend In the Orient Committee decided that no new projects should be undertaken for 1990-91. Rose Lewis continued to publish Windows, but the committee did not meet during the year.

On August 8 and 9, 1991 the Committee met to discuss directions for the future. Members of the committee noted the special difficulty of having continuity and cohesiveness on a committee composed of members from both North Pacific and Pacific Yearly Meetings. Special attention needs to be given in the coming year to communication among members. The committee reviewed the charge to the Friend in the Orient Committee in Faith and Practice and reaffirmed their desire to identify Spirit-led activities that will help develop bridges between Pacific and North Pacific Yearly Meeting Friends and Friends in Asia and the Pacific.

In the coming months, the Committee plans to work on building communication among members, developing a united sense of purpose and direction, identifying possible activities, and selecting those most suited for support and sponsorship.

Shawn Cretin, Clerk
Friend in the Orient Committee
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To Friends Everywhere,

The epistle committee of Young Friends, composed of one friend wearing her shirt inside out, one friend asleep on a guitar case, another with cut-off long johns, one with a three days growth of a goatee and a drop in with mirrored glasses which reflected the world sat on the grass under a hot Chico sun scratching mosquito bites, with drooping eyelids, occasionally distracted by playing children and a misdirected soccer ball.

As we watched three hawks spiralling upwards effortlessly, we took time to reflect on the past and look forward to the future. We could hear the strains of "Magic Penny" floating through the air. We remembered learning the song as children long ago at P.Y.M. Young Friends feel they are moving from times that are structured for us by others to a time when we take responsibility for structuring our own lives.

We see the potential to speak to difficult family issues including sexual abuse. We yearn to share with our religious elders, react to political movements and to seek healing that will affect not only our group but, also, the larger community of which we are a part.

We looked through the glass doors separating us from the weighty friends in the refrigerated plenary, and we saw the roles that we are slowly assuming and wondered if we are ready. Young Friends want to become a more clearly defined group and create more open lines of communication with the greater Pacific Yearly Meeting community.

With wide open spirits, may you be surprised by the light.

In Peace,

From the Young Friends of P.Y.M., 1991
Co-Clerks....Diane Dunn and Rusi Gustafson
Dear Friends Everywhere,

Greetings from the 45th session of Pacific Yearly Meeting (PYM). Four hundred forty five of us gathered in Chico, California, Eighth Month 5 - 10, 1991. In the opening minute, Presiding Clerk Jane Peers offered us the following:

"Now the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that ye may abound in hope..." (Romans 15:13)...Although we have felt deep distress during the past year, we seek the power of our great hope that love and peace may yet prevail....

We are spiritual beings, vessels receiving the living water, and at the same time we are physical beings, living among all creatures and depending on the resources of Earth. Led by our Unity with Nature Committee, we began the search which may lead us to a new testimony of Friends. What is our place in the universe? What is the right relationship with our environment?

We are celebrating our areas of growth. An unexpectedly large number of 12 to 18 year olds -- 57 in all -- attended junior yearly meeting (JYM).

However, we continue to receive few applications from young Friends wishing to become full members of their meetings. How can we form better ties with our children? How can we better share Quaker ways? In addition to our usual intergenerational recreation and JYM business meetings, we tried holding elementary children's business meetings and creating apprenticeships for JYM Friends on some PYM committees. Of particular delight were our intergenerational worship-fellowship groups.

At the same time, we are considering how best to prune ourselves. We have sometimes found ourselves stressed rather than uplifted by the crowded schedule and pace of Yearly Meeting. We sought ways to do less and do it better. Should we shorten yearly meeting? Should we limit the agenda? Should we return some responsibilities to the Quarterly and Monthly meetings? Already this year we simplified our minutes, reduced the plenary time by distributing written committee reports in advance, and rearranged our schedule so that we began each full day with a meeting for worship.

As people of faith working for peace and justice in the
world, we must not make the prideful mistake of assuming our own community is free of sin. In groups on domestic violence and sexual abuse, we listened with sad hearts to the anguish of victims and survivors, and learned that there are perpetrators among us. How can we protect the powerless from those among us who abuse their power? How can we speak to that of God in the offender?

Just as we seek to create more loving relationships within our small community of 1,531 members, we are seeking stronger connections with the wider community of Friends. We appreciated reports from our representatives to the Netherlands and Honduras sessions of the Fifth World Conference of Friends. Joyful tales of common ground found across differences -- differences in theology, in language, in wealth, and in approach to worship and social change -- help us to imagine the benefits of the 1992 Western Gathering of Friends. The Gathering will bring together Friends from seven western North America yearly meetings of the programmed and unprogrammed traditions.

We considered the relationship between the American Friends Service Committee and the Religious Society of Friends. We also listened to visitors from the Friends Committee on National Legislation, from the Friends' World Committee for Consultation, and from the Quaker United Nations Office. We hope that, by working with these organizations, we can make more of an impact on society. However, we are called to do God's will, trusting in the outcome, even when we sometimes despair that our actions make any difference.

In Meeting for Worship we spoke of the nature of evil and our response to it. Moved by the deaths of thousands of Iraqis and others in recent violent conflicts, we minuted our support of the goals of the Helsinki 2000 Appeal. Four of our members will carry this message to the parallel forum at the time of the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe meeting this fall in Moscow.

Throughout our gathering, we tried to sense in what new direction the winds of the Spirit are pushing us. We took joy in being with one another dancing, singing, and laughing.

Pray with us, Friends, as we pray with you, for the continuing discipline to live within the silence in which we can hear the Truth. Pray with us for the strength and the willingness to walk the way of Truth and to return to it when we stray.

May the Peace of God be with us all,

Jane Walters Peers
Clerk
Epistle from upper elementary people from Pacific Yearly Meeting
August 9, 1991

Dear Readers,

We did many things at PYM.

After we have a little bit of free time we have worship-fellowship groups with adults and kids.

We had fun, we made recycled paper and soap stone carvings. We also carved talc. First we rounded the edges on the cement so they wouldn't break.

We had an oil project to show what happened during an oil spill. We went swimming and had a pool party. We also had a water balloon toss. We tie-dyed shirts and went on two field trips: nature center and roller skating.

We had a business meeting every day to plan many things. All together we had a great time.

Zac Moon
Co-Clerk
On August fifth 1991, the forty-fifth session of Pacific Yearly meeting convened. Monday morning we got to know each other through the help of many meaningless but fun exercises. After supper the long standing tradition of nightly “capture the flag” games was continued. The first day of PYM ended with a most righteous swim party (Oh sorry, my California accent slipped.) On Tuesday morning, our worship/fellowship groups were formed. Before lunch, the Junior Yearly Meeting held a silent vigil in remembrance of the victims of Hiroshima and Nagasaki. Later that afternoon we humbled ourselves through slave labor at a work project helping a low income day care center. That night our undersized lounge was non-violently confiscated for an intergenerational sweat and barn dance. Due to our doubling of size over the past year, we were able to form a Peace Committee as well as a Ministry and Oversight Committee. We faced many challenges while on an overnight camp out, which included singing “Ninety Nine Bottles of Beer on the Wall” while waist deep in an ice cold creek. On Thursday afternoon we returned home to the flavorless food of the Craig Hall cafeteria. That night we jammed to the rockin’ beat of Spark & Cinder. Friday afternoon we attended an interest group on conscientious objector status and draft registration. We ended the last full day of PYM with community night featuring, among others, our own Quaker band, the Friendly Fungi. As a final note to all Junior Friends everywhere, we offer these profound words of wisdom: “The ‘Hokey Pokey’ is nothing but a variation of the silent Quaker clap.” Thus ends the forty-fifth annual meeting of the Pacific Yearly Meeting.
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In September, 1990, Peace Committee mailed a letter to all monthly meetings with three minutes approved at Aug.'90 PYM. Friends were asked to send letters to the Regents of UC concerning ending UC involvement in overseeing Los Alamos and Livermore Laboratories.

A statement by Michael Durm was presented by Jane Badalato on behalf of PYM at the Regents' hearing concerning the Labs in September. Although the vote was to continue UC oversight, there was more opposition than at the last vote, and we encouraged continuation of communications with the Regents. There was good coverage of the Quaker position in LA newspapers.

A second mailing to meetings in late November included guidelines for the preparation and submission of minutes to Peace Committee and PYM and information on the comprehensive test ban conference at the UN in January.

Peace Committee held its second meeting Feb. 2nd (the 1st was Oct. 5th) in order to plan the Nevada Test Site Witness and prepare the Conscientious Objection packet and instructions, as requested by the PYM minute,'90. We requested an additional $300 in the Peace Committee budget to cover expenses of 2 meetings and materials; the request was granted in March,'91.

The Nevada Test Site Witness was held March 22-24, 1991. This year it was an all-Friends witness, and was open to and attended well by Junior Friends. A new addition was a vigil at the Federal Building in Las Vegas on Saturday. A major focus was conscientious objection and non-registration, with a panel of witnesses from four wars (WWII, Korean, Vietnam, and Persian Gulf). On Sunday after worship at the test site, approximately 60 were arrested without handcuffs.

Conscientious Objector packets were sent to all Meetings and Josselyn Mellon was designated to be keeper of the central registry until further PYM action. Those filing CO were urged to have their action minuted by their monthly meeting, and their entire file with updates kept at the monthly meeting level.

At PYM '91, 2 sharing groups were to be offered as well as 5 interest groups: "Sharing our Grief, speaking our joy" related to the Gulf Crisis; Sharing Group for monthly meeting P & SO clerks; Working through International Agencies to Create Peace; Quaker Witness, Individual and Collective; AFSC and the Middle East; Conscientious Objection, and Current Events with FCNL. The PYM peace vigil was scheduled for Aug. 6th, Hiroshima Day.

A Minute including 5 points of the Helsinki 2000 Appeal, approved by Orange County Meeting Sept. '90, and approved by So. Ca. Quarterly May,'91, was considered by Peace Committee in February and before PYM,'91, and approved to be presented to Plenary at PYM '91.

Submitted by Peace Committee Co-Clerks Linda Durm and Carol Mosher
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Minutes and Attachments for RepCom, March & August and PYM, August

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