

PACIFIC YEARLY MEETING

of the RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS

808 Melba Rd.

Encinitas, CA. 92024

4/13/1992

To: All Monthly Meeting Clerks, Representatives, PYM Committee Clerks,
PYM Officers

Dear Friends;

You are probably well aware of the problems which became apparent during Representative Committee at our meeting over the February-March weekend. You will remember that it became clear to Friends that costs at Craig Hall had become prohibitive to holding our usual annual session there in '92. This letter is an attempt to inform you as fully as possible about the present plans and status of our Yearly Meeting's Annual Session in 1992. The letter is long because it attempts to give you all the information you need. I have tried to indicate "sections" for easy reference, but I urge you to read it all at least once. Also, please try to help disseminate the information among Friends as widely as possible.

WHAT HAPPENED? At Representative Committee, it became clear that Friends found the Craig Hall complex unacceptable. (*See your Minutes for details of discussion and decisions.*) Three committees were formed. The first, an "Emergency Committee" was empowered to make decisions as to whether or not to attempt to hold a session this summer and, if so, where and when, and to fix the costs. Second, an "Agenda Committee" was formed to plan for the Annual Session in 1992 only. Third, an Ad Hoc Committee to Consider the Structure and Entire Role of the Yearly Meeting Sessions of PYM after 1992 was created. (*See your RepComm Minutes, p. 11.*) This committee is to report to the next Representative Committee meeting.

WILL THERE BE AN ANNUAL SESSION OF PYM IN 1992? The Emergency Committee met on March 28 under the guidance of Joan Johnson, Clerk of Sites Committee, and determined that it will be possible to hold a meeting during a part of the originally scheduled week. However, due to costs, it seemed advisable to shorten the time.

COSTS: The cost at present appears to be a basic fee of \$40 per day per adult. The Finance Committee is still working out the details of the fee schedule. This basic fee is about \$17 less than the Craig Hall complex in our usual format. Various curtailments in addition to time are reflected in the lowered amount.

WHERE? The place is a facility at Claremont McKenna College in Claremont, CA. Ontario Airport is quite close, small, and rather pleasant as airports go. It is not possible to camp on the site this year. (*See "camping"*)

WHEN? On April 11, the "Agenda Committee", formed in part of members who would have been on the Agenda Review Committee, met under the care of Jane Mills, Assistant Clerk of PYM, and did some "fine tuning" on the plans. They approved a plan for Yearly Meeting to begin on Thursday evening, Aug. 6 and close after Meeting for Worship on Sunday, Aug. 9, at 11:00 a.m. Notice that this is a "weekend meeting" design.

HOW WILL THE BUSINESS BE ACCOMPLISHED? Wednesday morning and afternoon are seen as "set-up times" for Arrangements and Children's Program Clerks to make preparations. Wednesday evening is the first opportunity for Committees to meet. At this time, it seems advisable for Representative Committee to meet briefly, from 7-8 p.m., to consider (and approve) the Agenda and to become familiar with the general plans for the session. Committees could meet at the call of their Clerks from 8-9:30.

On Thursday morning, Representative Committee is scheduled to meet to conduct business, including hearing from committees. After lunch on Thursday, committees have another 1 3/4 hours (1-2:45) to conclude their business and prepare it for presentation to Representative Committee. From 3:00 to 5:00 is seen as the opportunity for all business which can be done by Representative Committee to be completed, with the RepComm. meeting closing in time for supper. Committees will need to come prepared to bring their business to Representative Committee.

WHAT WILL THE YEARLY MEETING SCHEDULE INCLUDE? There are basically only two "plenary sessions" for accomplishing business this year. Only items which require action by the Yearly Meeting *per se* will be heard. Please see the schedule which is appended to this letter.

The Agenda Committee considered the many elements which we have grown accustomed to including. At first, there seemed no way to hold any Interest Groups at all! Space has been made for them, with the expectation that committees may be able to present their concerns to Friends in this way and hold fuller conversations than are possible during Plenary sessions.

MEMORIALS: The Meeting for Worship for Memorials will be held on Saturday morning, 9-10:30.

INTEREST GROUPS: Saturday will be a day for Friends to pursue their varied interests. Interest Groups will all be scheduled for one hour. They will be held in the morning, 10:45-11:45, and after lunch from 1-2 and 2:15-3:15.

WORSHIP-FELLOWSHIP: W-F groups will meet during each of the two full days of PYM for 1 1/2 hours per session: Friday, 1:15-2:45, and Saturday, 3:30-5:00. (Dinner begins at 5:30.)

CAMPING: It is not possible to camp during PYM this year. Friends are urged to ask for funding so that everyone can attend. Monthly Meeting Clerks: Please help Friends in your Meeting locate "scholarship" funds!

Both of the committees which met felt that the concept of a "sequential" Yearly Meeting seemed feasible. This means doing our business primarily during the first 2 days, followed by other Friends arriving and a more "fellowship-centered" Yearly Meeting for the next 3 days, with the possibility of Friends who enjoy camping organizing a camping experience either just prior to or just after Yearly Meeting.

Friends who enjoy camping are urged to be in contact with each other and to plan for a PYM camp to follow (or precede) the session. There are campsites fairly close to Claremont. Young Friends and Junior Friends may also be included in such a camping experience. Alternately, Friends may

wish to locate a campsite farther north and see the community camping as a way of seeing off the Friends who will be heading that direction. Both Brian Vura-Weiss and Michael Dunn have been mentioned as Friends who may have information about possible campsites. Diana Lockard will have information, and Friends can obtain good maps and details from the Auto Club.

If this suggestion for camping appeals to you, it will probably be necessary to request a site early, since campsites are often assigned by this date! Also, recent cut-backs in California State budget have had significant negative impact on California State Parks services.

COMMUNITY NIGHT? For several reasons, including the lack of time to rehearse, the committee felt that Community Night must be laid aside for this year. However, they suggest the following: Friends who enjoy performing and sharing their talents may consider doing this regularly as a sort of "street fair" show at the meal-time lines. A few Friends have done this in recent years and it has been well received. (A coordinator is sought for this. If you wish to volunteer to coordinate, please let Jane Peers know.)

YOUNG FRIENDS? It is hoped that Young Friends will plan for a "bonding" activity on Saturday. The Plenary on Friday evening is planned to be mostly an opportunity for Friends to discuss together the future shape of our Yearly Meeting. The recommendations of the AD Hoc Committee will probably be the basis of the discussion, but will not limit it. Young Friends are particularly urged to consider sharing in this activity, which will surely affect the future of PYM itself.

JYM DANCE? At their request, it is planned for Saturday evening, to begin at about 8:30.

CHILDREN'S PROGRAM: There will be a Children's Program, beginning on Wednesday afternoon with child care for Representatives and Committee members. Orientation for parents and children will occur during the general orientation at Plenary I on Thursday evening.

NEW ACTIVITIES? The people who wrote the songbook, Rise Up Singing, with which many Friends are familiar, plan to be with us this August. They have been extremely well received in leading intergenerational singing and activities at FGC and at Yearly Meetings in the East. They are to be invited to lead us in a brief singing period on Friday prior to the Plenary and again on Saturday prior to the dance. Friends who have participated in their programs report that they are well received by Friends of all ages.

EPISTLES? These will be available, but not read at each Plenary session. Friends will be encouraged to "browse" through these excellent messages.

SECRETARIAT? Services will be greatly curtailed. Committees are urged to arrive with their reports ready for distribution to arriving Friends. It will not be possible to produce the "DAILY MIRACLE", nor will it be so greatly needed since the session is so short. Instead, Friends will be able to consult large bulletin boards in a central location for any changes or new announcements.

MINUTE PACKETS: Both planning committees agreed that the packets should be assembled off-site, subsequent to PYM, and that Monthly Meetings and other recipients are to be asked to reimburse PYM for the cost of the packet. Monthly Meetings are to be mailed one copy unless they request more.

VIDEOS: These have been of great interest among Friends, and time for sharing them is to be available on Saturday evening during the JYM dance. SHARING GROUPS: Although the days are fewer, these are expected to meet as usual at the rise of regularly scheduled meetings in the evenings.

BOOKSTORE: It is hoped that AFSC will feel it is worthwhile to come for the shortened period of time. The opportunity for Friends to browse amid Quaker literature has been valuable and Arrangements Clerks will make a special effort to see that appropriate space can be made available.

EARLY MORNING ACTIVITIES: There is wonderful open space and Friends who wish to meet together in these groups should have no difficulty in planning for spaces. As usual, please check with one of the Arrangements Clerks prior to deciding to meet.

CRAFTS AREA: Saturday is available for Friends who wish to do so to set up on the lawns or in areas they work out with Arrangements Clerks. It will probably not be possible to set up for both days in a locked area. A sort of "Crafts Fair among Friends" may be a pleasant and different experience!

As you can see, we will need to be flexible in our expectations and in our requirements. These plans are the result of many hours of labor on our behalf by dedicated Friends. If you have further needs or questions, please be in touch with me or with the appropriate Friends. (Arrangements: Margaret Mossman, Eric Moon. Interest Groups: Jane Mills)

Sites Committee has found a location which looks exciting and good for 1993, although they were not quite ready for us this year. Again, it will be a different experience, but, like this year, an opportunity for Friends to meet together in worship and fellowship and to do such business as comes before us. Let us be gentle with each other as we seek to find the ways which are open to us, remembering that we are called to be Friends and seekers of Truth. I am grateful that Pacific Yearly Meeting will be able to hold an Annual Session in 1992. Friends, please continue to hold in the Light those of us who are attempting to serve you.

Yours in Peace and Friendship,
Jane Walters Peers
 Jane Walters Peers, Clerk

PACIFIC YEARLY MEETING, Aug. 6-13, 1992 Tentative Schedule (4/13/1992)

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		Plenary 3 - 10:15-11:30 Representative Committee Report and Recommendations ...Nominating Comm. ...First reading of Budget ...Other business		
			Interest Groups 10:45-11:45	Closing Worship (Plenary 8) 10:30 - 11:30 a.m. PYM '92 Ends.
	. L U N C H H O U R BY RESERVATION . 11:45-12:45 . . D A I L Y .			
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			WORSHIP -FELLOWSHIP GROUPS 3:30-5:00	
 DINNER HOUR: . . . 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. . . . DAILY			
Brief Representative Committee Orientation 7-7:45 p.m.	PYM BEGINS Plenary 1: Orientation and Registration 7--8:30 p.m. 8:30: Snacks & Social Hour	Intergenerational Sing 7 - 7:30 p.m.	Community Sing-a-Long 7:00-8:00 followed by JYM DANCE 8:30-11:00	
Committees meet at call of their clerks 8:00 p.m.		Plenary 5 - 7:30-9:00 p.m. Focus Groups under the care of M&O and the PYM Ad Hoc Committee	Videos to be shared this evening	
<i>SHARING GROUPS: 9:30 p.m. or after scheduled activity . . as desired . .</i>				

PACIFIC YEARLY MEETING - EMERGENCY SITES COMMITTEE

Convened in San Diego on March 29, 1992

Members present: Jane Peers, Joan Johnson, Hank Maiden, Jane Mills,
Eric Moon and Phyllis Jones

MINUTE

We approve the selection of the Claremont-McKenna College site for Pacific Yearly Meeting, to be held from August 5th to 9th, 1992. At this time, we plan that the first two days (Wednesday, Aug. 5th and Thursday, Aug. 6th) shall be devoted to committee and Representative Committee work. PYM is planned to start at 1:30 P.M. on Friday, August 7th, and to close at the rise of worship at 11 A.M. on Sunday, August 9th, 1992. The PYM Clerk will inform all Meetings and Worship Groups in Pacific Yearly Meeting.

We approve that there shall be cut-backs in the expenses of the Secretariat as follows: 1) There shall be no "DAILY MIRACLE". Friends will be encouraged to post announcements. 2) Committees will need to duplicate materials prior to PYM or to find a local Kinko's or similar establishment. 3) Minute packets will be prepared off-site, after PYM, and mailed out. Meetings will be asked to pay for their copies and asked whether they wish for two copies (as usual) or only one. Other people may wish to order sets at their own expense.

(A more complete report in the form of the Minutes of the session is on file and may be seen by asking the Clerk, Jane Peers.)

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7/2/92

To: All members of Representative Committee; Officers, Clerks of Committees, Representatives of Monthly Meetings and Worship Groups
Dear Friends;

As Pacific Yearly Meeting '92 draws near, it seems worthwhile to recapitulate a few of the features which will make this such a different Yearly Meeting from those to which we have become accustomed. You will have seen and heard much of this, but the urgency of the time constraints during the Annual Session impel me to this mailing.

How will Friends know what to expect? Mailings have already gone to Representatives and Clerks giving great detail about the procedures. An Agenda and a Schedule accompany this letter. They will also both be published in the BULLETIN, with an accompanying article. The information Friends need should be available to them by this time. As Officers and Committee Clerks, will you please try also to disseminate the information?

What about Committee reports? It will be more important than ever that reports be available to Friends prior to the sessions. Friends will need to be able to read Reports in advance so that they can come to sessions prepared in their minds as well as in their hearts. One Report was available to be mailed out with acknowledgement of registration. It will be informative to learn how helpful this was. However, most reports will need to be on the Registration Desk for Friends to pick up when they register.

Without the usual huge secretariat, how can we get reports ready? There are really two suggestions here. 1. If committee reports are ready prior to PYM, they may be brought in sufficient quantity for distribution probably through the help of a member who is driving. 2) If reports are not ready, there are many photocopy services available in the college community of Claremont. Claremont Friends will guide. Bills may be turned in the usual manner. A peripheral benefit of these methods may be that we will have a clearer picture of the expenses we have been accustomed to channeling through the Secretariat.

How will we get the business done? Mostly, Representative Committee will need to play a greater part in the decision process. This is particularly important in the matter of "seasoning" and sifting the items brought by committees and others. Probably, Representative Committee will need to carry the responsibility for determining whether or not items such as Minutes or Recommendations are sufficiently clear, "seasoned", and important so that they are appropriate to bring to one of the few Plenary Sessions available this year. Reports are expected to be available to Friends in advance so that committees can simply refer to them if necessary, but not speak them to the gathered Friends.

Will there be any time for my report or committee? It is my earnest endeavor to create enough time space so that every committee and officer

needing to be heard can be heard. To achieve this will take careful "self-clerking" by each of us. Time is perhaps one of the most precious resources of an individual human life and this PYM will give us all the opportunity to practice stewardship of our own and each other's time to an unusual extent. Also, we will need to ask ourselves very "straightly" why we feel we need to be heard.

Why are we doing all this? The decision not to return to Chico was made at Representative Committee this past Spring. Three separate *Ad Hoc* committees were variously empowered to decide whether or not we could hold a Yearly Meeting at all this year and if so, how and where. Decisions were made based on availability of sites, costs, and a desire that some sort of gathering would occur. The brevity is due mostly to the desire to keep costs down. Scheduling PYM as a Weekend Meeting is a response to many past requests coupled with the few days. Every effort has been made to include as many of the beloved and essential features as possible.

Does this mean we will meet this way again? No. There will be an entire Plenary Session on Friday night devoted to our mutual exploration of the shape of PYM in '93 and "beyond". Also, the committee to consider this matter and to bring recommendations has met and will continue to meet after this year's evaluations are in. We may learn much from PYM '92, and it may be beneficial to us to experience the vigor which often accompanies change. However, this year is not expected to establish a pattern.

A personal note: Friends, I will be away, first at the Western Gathering and then on vacation from 7/4 until 7/27. I hope that this letter and all the other communications I have been sending out will have answered most of your questions. If not, please write them to me so that I will be able to go over them as soon as I return and try to respond to you in the week before PYM. Others beside your Clerk are also knowledgeable. You may be able to find answers in some of my previous letters to Reps. and Clerks or by talking with another Friend.

I trust that your own individual life is going well and that you are looking forward to the new experience we will be sharing. In my efforts to serve the Yearly Meeting, I find myself constantly seeking guidance as to how best to be sure that you know how and why decisions have been made. This year's design has many rough spots; the planning committees are aware of some of them, and some will take us by surprise. I pray that we will each be able to attend PYM in a spirit of humility and of mutual search. May the fellowship which has been so greatly cherished among us continue to uphold us during the adjustments of this year. While some things will be different and possibly difficult, some things are constant. Let us help each other lean on our mutual respect and love and on our faith that, with good will, we can indeed discover what things are required of us at this time.

In Peace and Friendship,
Jane Walters Peers
Jane Walters Peers, Clerk

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<i>Committees meet at call of their clerks 8:00 p.m.</i>	8:30: Snacks & Social Hour			
	... SHARING GROUPS: 9:30 p.m. or after scheduled activity. . as desired .			

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PACIFIC YEARLY MEETING - 8/6-8/9/92

Tentative Agenda (To be approved 8/5/92)

All plenary session except those for worship begin with worship, brief reading of a part of an Epistle from another Friends' group, introduction of visitors, and report from the committee to read the minutes of non-business sessions and items.

Thursday, 8/6

7:00-8:30 p.m. **Plenary 1:** Introductions, Roll Call, Orientation: Schedule, Children's program, Jr. Y.M., Young F's, Arrangements, Worship-Fellowship, Secretariat, Interest Groups, "Street Fair" before meals, Announcements, Minutes of this session

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Friday, 8/7

9:00-10:00 a.m. **Meeting for Worship (Plenary 2)**

10:15-11:30 a.m. **PLENARY 3:** Report and Recommendations from Representative Comm., Comm. to Name Nom.Comm., Finance Comm. & Budget, Nominating Comm., M&O, Minutes, Discipline Revision Comm., WFAF (WGF), Other Committees as needed, Minutes, Worship, Announcements

1:15-2:45 p.m. **WORSHIP-FELLOWSHIP GROUPS**

3:00-5:00 p.m. **PLENARY 4:**Complete most business: Peace Comm., Social Order Comm., Unity with Nature Comm., Minutes, Rel. Education, Delegates to Friends' organizations as necessary: - East-West (?), Friend in the Orient (?), Holding Corp. (?), etc. Minutes, Worship, Announcements

7:00-9:00 p.m. **Plenary 5:** Intergenerational Sing-a-long (7-7:30) and "PYM in the Future": an interactive threshing session led by M&O and the Interim Comm. on PYM '93 and Beyond.

9:30 p.m. - *Sharing Groups as desired. Check with Arrangements Clerks for spaces.*

Saturday, 8/8

9:00-10:30 a.m. **Meeting for Worship for Memorials (Plenary 6)**

10:45-11:45 a.m. **INTEREST GROUPS**

1:00-2:00 p.m. **INTEREST GROUPS**

2:15-3:15 p.m. **INTEREST GROUPS**

3:30-5:00 p.m. **WORSHIP-FELLOWSHIP GROUPS**

7:00-8:00 p.m. **Intergenerational Sing-a-Long**

8:30-11:00 (+/-) **JYM DANCE**

Also: 8:30 - 11: Videos, Films, or Tapes to be shared. (See Arrangements Clerks in advance for equipment and space.)

9:30 p.m. - *Sharing Groups as desired. Check with Arrangements Clerks.)*

Sunday, 8/9

9:00-10:30 a.m. **Plenary 7:** (Closing: Final meeting to conduct business)Final nominating Comm report, Final presentation of Budget, Other final business, Reading of our Epistles (PYM, Children, JYM, YFs)...Announcements

10:30-11:30 a.m. **Closing Worship (Plenary 8)**