PLENARY SESSION I

The 47th annual Pacific Yearly Meeting began at Walker Creek Ranch at 2 p.m. with a period of silent worship.

Clerk Ellie Huffman welcomed us all to the beauty of these hills.

EPISTLES

Reading Clerk Margaret Mossman read the Epistles from Australia Yearly Meeting, Illinois Yearly Meeting, and Ohio Valley Young Friends Yearly Meeting.

ARRANGEMENTS

Eric Moon, Arrangements Clerk, and D.K. Foster from the Walker Creek staff presented us with the arrangements for the week. The ranch is an historical Miwok site, was later a working dairy ranch, then a Synanon center, and is now run by the Marin Office of Education. PYM is the largest group the Ranch has handled.

Water, meals, animals (including fox, deer, skunks) and hiking trails were described. Eric also described arrangements for phone, camping, and meeting space and introduced his Co-Clerk George Rudenko.

JUNIOR YEARLY MEETING

Dottie Vura-Weiss introduced members of Junior Yearly Meeting (which numbers 60 members and 9 advisors), who then presented skits on rules at Walker Creek Ranch.

SECRETARIAT

Nancy Campeau, Secretariat staff, explained computer and copying facilities and hours in Naturalist Lodge.

ROLL CALL

Assistant Clerk Jane Mills called the roll. Members were present from the following Monthly Meetings, from Apple Seed and Big Island Preparative Meetings, and from the following Worship Groups:
Monthly Meetings
Berkeley  
Chico  
Claremont  
Davis  
Delta  
Fresno  
Grass Valley  
Guatemala  
Hemet  
Honolulu  
Humboldt  
Inland Valley  
La Jolla  
Los Angeles  
Marin  
Marloma  
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

Worship Groups
Amador County  
Chula Vista  
Conejo Valley  
Hayward Area  
Lake County  
Los Osos  
Mendocino  
San Luis Obispo  
South County  
Southern Humboldt  
Windward O'ahu  
S. Lake Tahoe

Visitors were present from Corvallis, Oregon; University Meeting, Seattle; Heartland Meeting, Montana, Berkeley Friends Church, Southwestern Yearly Meeting; and Friendship Preparative Meeting (Under the care of Florida Ave., Washington, D.C.). The Clerk introduced Alison Oldham of Friends Committee on National Legislation.

CHILDREN'S PROGRAM

Mark Koenig, Clerk of Children's Program, introduced Linda Koenig, Coordinator of Children's Program, who described upcoming activities for the week, including journals, study of Native American Indians, a scavenger game, and a beach trip, and introduced the staff for various ages.
GAMES

Mark Koenig introduced the Rainbow Game, an intergenerational activity which will continue through the week.
Betty Miller introduced a game called Buddies for first timers.

YOUNG FRIENDS

Diana Desiraih Dawn discussed Young Friends' activities, including an intergenerational conflict resolution group on Friday. Melinda Glines reminded us that Young Friends are 18-35 and others are welcome to join them, and asked us to put rainbows on our name tags in support of gay and lesbian Friends.

CLOSING

Meeting closed at 4:08 p.m. after a period silent worship.

Carolyn Stephenson,
Recording Clerk
PACIFIC YEARLY MEETING
Eighth Month 4, 1993
Walker Creek Ranch, California

PLENARY SESSION II

Clerk Ellie Huffman introduced the evening and we entered into a period of worship shortly after 7:30 p.m.

EPISTLES

Margaret Mossman, Reading Clerk, read from the 1992 Epistles of Norway, Denmark, Netherlands and Sweden Yearly Meetings.

MINISTRY AND OVERSIGHT

Lincoln Moses, the Clerk of our Ministry and Oversight Committee, explained that the remainder of the session would come in two parts. In the first, Lisa Mackinney spoke to the question, "How have I experienced spiritual growth." She described synthesizing the experiences of growing up in a small Meeting, contacts with Friends at broader Quaker gatherings, worshiping with Christian non Friends and other experiences. This brought her to treasure the Meeting for Worship, including Meetings for Worship for Business, to experience Quakerism as religion and to recognize that each of us brings unique gifts to the experience. Teach me Lord to answer your calling, here am I, send me.

In the second, Barbara Graves spoke to the question, "What is the growing edge of my spiritual faith?" This Friend took us to her soul's garden and her spiritual companions there whom she thinks of in the Christian idiom. The recurring question in her garden is, "What does love require of me today?" She spoke of the shift in her actions from public to private acts of worship and service as she nudges along the fragile plantings in her soul's garden.

Friends responded in the worship that followed. Do we cast Jesus in our image so that we can feel that He understands our condition? We have many images and idioms for the holy spirit that holds us, both individually and collectively. The cutting edge is not being, it is becoming. The silence, as well as our speech, is an affirmation of our faith -- that we can't speak of that which we do not know. Friends are not the only ones on the cutting edge of faith.

The Committee had several announcements including one asking each Meeting representative to take a copy of the new handbook for Meetings which has been prepared by the subcommittee on sexual abuse within Meetings and another asking Friends to be aware of the needs of the mentally ill in our Meetings and communities.
CLOSING

The Meeting closed with worship at 9:35 p.m.

Joseph Magruder
Recording Clerk
PLENARY SESSION III

Ellie Huffman, Clerk, opened Meeting at 8:45 a.m. with a period of silent worship.

FAITH AND PRACTICE REVISIOM COMMITTEE

Ellie Foster, Clerk of the Faith and Practice Revision Committee, introduced a discussion on the Core of our Faith. She began by describing a scene in which many different people came down from the hills carrying many different lanterns, likening this to the different varieties and elements of our faith in Pacific Yearly Meeting.

Stratton Jaquette read to us the Committee's working paper on the Core of our Faith, beginning with Robert Barclay's comment that the only dictate on worship in the New Testament is to meet together. "The test of the truth is ... its power to transform our lives and the lives of others." (See Attachment A)

Ellie Foster reported two new emphases have come to the Committee's attention. She read from a paper prepared by the Unity with Nature Committee, proposing a new Testimony on the relationship between ourselves and our environment. This suggested, from a reading from William Penn, that we cannot abuse creation while seeing the Creator stare us in the face in every part of it. Bottomless need is replaced with love and wholeness and unending consumption is laid aside in the face of our testimony on simplicity. (See Attachment B)

She read from a second paper, expressing the increased emphasis the Committee has found on renewed attention to daily spiritual practice, and speaking of our turning inward and outward at the same time. "Are we encouraging each other's efforts to find time for daily silent worship?" She spoke of Thomas Kelly's belief that a gathered meeting can occur only when at least some come to it already deeply in prayer.

She led us to hold the work of the Faith and Practice Revision Committee in the light. Others responded out of the silence of worship, on the importance of unity with nature, on the need to speak of fellowship and joy, and on the possibility of naming this work "faith in practice." Do we need to incorporate language the children can understand and find meaningful? One Friend reminded us that we are seekers specifically of truth, and need to return more to be publishers of truth as well.

Ellie Foster closed this section of the meeting by speaking of the Ministry and Oversight interest group on the sense of the meeting, and Faith and Practice Revision Committee groups on children in the meeting, and on advices and queries.

EPISTLES

Margaret Mossman, Reading Clerk, said she would make Epistles which she was unable to read to us available on the table. She read from Epistles of New England Yearly Meeting and New York Yearly Meeting, both of which she said include programmed and unprogrammed meetings.
Phyllis Jones presented the Treasurer's Report. (See Attachment C)

Walter Jones reported for the Finance Committee. (See Attachment D)

The Committee recommended four action items: The following four minutes were approved:

**PYM MIN**
93-1 Increase the Travel allocation for Committee travel and for travel of officers and representatives to Representative Committee from $.14 to $.16 per mile.

**PYM MIN**
93-2 PYM shall authorize travel funds for only one member of a committee to attend Representative Committee Meetings.

**PYM MIN**
93-3 Transfer $500 from 3799 Uncommitted Reserves (General Fund) to 2776 Clerk's Travel and Discretionary Reserve.

It was explained that this item referred to this year. One Friend stood aside from approval of this minute.

**PYM MIN**
93-4 Increase the travel allocation for the Big Island representative to the August Session from $400 to $500.

Walter brought us the 1994 Proposed Budget, from Column 5 of the Treasurer's Financial Report. (See Attachment C)

Discussion ensued on contributions to YFNA, which has not responded to letters. This discussion will be relayed to PYM Young Friends Business Meeting, for further relayance by their representatives to YFNA. Walter explained, in response to a request, that no request had yet been received from East-West Committee for support for a Moscow Friends Center. The issue of compensation for Yearly Meeting officers who spend much of Yearly Meeting serving it was raised by several people. Several Friends raised the issue of the size of budget item 5287, Friends World Cte. Triennial, since the next Triennial is in our backyard in New Mexico, and suggested the possibility of funding foreign travel to the Triennial. A question was raised about the appropriateness of item 5206, Young Friends' Scholarship to PYM, coming under General Funds. Walter explained that this was a separation of a single item from last year which covered Young Friends' expenses.

**PYM MIN**
93-5 The 1994 Budget was approved as presented.

This approval included an increase in the assessment to $26 per member, with Mexico at $15 and Honolulu at $20.

**STATISTICAL CLERK**

Statistical Clerk Bruce Folsom reported that our membership is unchanged from last year, 1557, with the same number of monthly meetings, 37.

(See Attachments E, F, and G)
VISITOR

The Clerk introduced visitor Doug Gwyn of Berkeley Friends Church, who is also the West Coast Representative of FWCC and representing Friends Church Southwest Yearly Meeting.

MINUTES AND CLOSING

Minutes of Plenary Session II of last evening were read by Recording Clerk Joe Magruder and approved by the meeting.

The minutes of this meeting were approved as corrected.

The Treasurer's Report was then accepted.

Meeting ended with silent worship.

Carolyn Stephenson
Recording Clerk
PLENARY SESSION IV

Friends gathered at 2 p.m. to remember the lives of Friends from, or close to, Pacific Yearly Meeting who had died during the past year. The names of these Friends were read by members of the Committee on Ministry and Oversight:

"And this is the Comfort of the Good
and the Grave cannot hold them,
and they live as soon as they die.
For death is no more
than the turning of us over from time to eternity.
Death, then, being the way and condition of life,
we cannot love to live,
if we cannot bear to die."
- William Penn

Alva Cox (Claremont)
Alex Horvath (Delta)
Katherine Beatty (Santa Barbara)
James Jerome Pinney (University, Orange Grove)
Norman Krekler (Hermosillo)

"Everyman knows in his heart there is no greater thing in the world than unselfish love. Goodness does not die. It is as the tearing of the veil; it shows us something of that which is eternal, for if here love is greatest in the heart of man, must it not be present in God himself?"
- adapted from John Wilhelm Rowntree

Dolores Clayton (Redwood Forest)
Jane Schinzinger (Orange Grove)
Freida Forselles (Apple Seed Preparative)
Trudy Mulford (Grass Valley)
"To live in this world
you must be able
to do three things:
To love what is mortal;
To hold it against your bones knowing
your own life depends on it;
and, when the time comes to let it go,
to let it go"
- Mary Oliver

Arthur Webster Haines (Palo Alto)
Peter Johnson (San Francisco)
Chloe Margrette Winans (Pacific Ackworth)
Ruth Utter (Marloma)
Edna Lue Griffin (Orange Grove)

"As we watch from the headland, a lovely schooner clears the
harbor and spreads white sails to the freshening breeze. It
moves away with strength and beauty toward an unseen shore
over the horizon, and we gaze until it hangs like a speck of
cloud where sea and sky meet. Someone at our side says,
'There! It's gone.' Gone? Only from our sight. It is
just as real and graceful as when it left our side; the
diminished size is only us. And just as someone here says,
'There! It's gone!', there are others to watch the ship
approach and to take up the glad shout, 'Here it comes!'"
- author unknown

Walter Klein (La Jolla)
Charlotte Meacham (Redwood Forest)
Alice Smeeth (La Jolla)
Clear Marks (Berkeley)
John Clayton Merlin (Berkeley)
Richard Pomeroy (Orange Grove)

Between the reading of these four groups of names, we shared our
memories of the lives of these Friends and the effect that they
have on us.

Joseph Magruder
Recording Clerk
PLENARY SESSION V

Our session began at 7:30 p.m. with a period of worship. Clerk Ellie Huffman reminded us that we had a full evening.

EPISLLES

Margaret Mossman, Reading Clerk, read from the 1992 Epistles of France and Intermountain Yearly Meetings.

NOMINATIONS

Sally Davis presented the report of the Nominating Committee. She noted that the Committee needed to fill fifty-eight openings but only received written expressions of interest from twenty-eight Friends at last year's session. Friends were encouraged to indicate their interest in future Yearly Meeting service by completing and returning a form that was passed out with the Committee report. As is our custom, we will act on this report at a later Session.

RIGHT HOLDING OF PACIFIC YEARLY MEETING

Jane Peers reported for the Committee, noting that all Meetings had received a copy of the Committee's report, (Attachment H) A proposed shape for future Yearly Meeting sessions is emerging and the Committee suggests that it continue in its ad hoc form for another year.

PVM MIN

93-6 We Approved continuing the ad hoc Committee on the Right Holding of Pacific Yearly Meeting for another year.

We then discussed whether the Historian Archivist need be a member of a monthly meeting in the Yearly Meeting as this person sits on the Faith and Practice Revision Committee. A decision on this matter was left to that Committee as the current Faith and Practice is silent on this issue.

We were reminded that we had approved using any Yearly Meeting site twice before we returned for a third year.

The Committee recommends that our annual session respond to our spiritual thirst. We seem to be doing that and this is the direction in which Friends wish to go.

The Committee suggests that the Clerk be authorized to appoint a committee of assistance when he or she finds such a need. Appointment of such a Committee was approved last year.
The Committee's survey has shown that the cost of Yearly Meeting is a barrier to Yearly Meeting attendance and the Committee is suggesting that Finance Committee consider ways of subsidizing travel of Friends from small meetings that don't have the financial strength to support Friends from their meeting traveling to yearly meeting.

The same survey showed extensive (79 percent) interest in a permanent site. The Committee recommends that the Yearly Meeting begin the search for a permanent site and that the sites Committee study this issue during the next two years with a progress report due in August, 1995. There was extensive discussion. The Committee assumes that Friends were interested in purchasing a site. However, the survey question was ambiguous.

PYM MIN
93-7 We Approved not taking any action on this item at this time, noting that the Sites Committee is holding an interest group later in the week.

The Committee also suggests that we consider changing the structure of Yearly Meeting to one in which there are two sessions: a (primarily) business session held in the Winter, probably at an urban site, and a summer session with less business focusing on deeper spiritual nurture, worship and fellowship in a setting similar to that of our current Yearly Meeting session. There would be no Representative Committee. This, too, will be the subject of an interest group.

VISITORS
Ellie Huffman introduced Traci Hjelt Sullivan and, in absentia, Walter Hjelt Sullivan, the new Directors of Quaker Center and Mike McManus, the Director of Friends House.

FRIENDS WORLD COMMITTEE FOR CONSULTATION
Carol Mosher introduced our FWCC representatives. All Friends are welcome at the annual meeting of the FWCC Section of the Americas. The next FWCC triennial will be held at Ghost Ranch in New Mexico two weeks after our Yearly Meeting session next summer. Our delegates are Bob Barns, Steve Birdlebough and Jan Tappan. [These delegates were later changed.] The representatives are planning ways of sharing delegates from other Yearly Meetings with us next summer. Next summer the FWCC is again sponsoring a Quaker Youth Pilgrimage for twenty-eight high school age Friends. The FWCC is also seeking support for emergency relief in Cuba. More information is available at the FWCC display table.

5-2
SITES COMMITTEE

Joan Johnson reported for the Committee which has prepared a written report (Attachment I). The crux of the report is that if Walker Creek Ranch meets our needs and if there can be mutual agreement between Walker Creek Ranch and the Yearly Meeting on problem issues we should return next year. If this is not possible, Yearly Meeting could be held at Gordon (aka Craig) Hall in Chico, the University of Redlands or La Verne University, all of which allow camping. The Committee stands ready to appoint a sub committee to study the issue of permanent site if the Yearly Meeting wishes.

PEACE COMMITTEE

Carol Mosher reported for the Committee. The Committee has received six minutes forwarded from Quarterly Meetings. Both Southern California and College Park Quarterly Meetings have approved minutes asking that the Congress close the School of the Americas operated by the Defense Department in Georgia to train terrorists. The Committee urges Friends to express their opinion on this school to their Federal representatives.

Carol Mosher next presented a minute on Friends Peace Teams, groups of rigorously trained volunteers who would serve alongside other peacemaker groups (See Attachment J). During our discussion we were reminded of the need for an equal commitment to responding to the violence in our own society, not just in distant, abstract foreign countries. Should we be releasing Friends to participate in programs of others rather than establishing our own program? But, we shouldn't hide our light, we should act corporately as Friends. Such a minute is asking us to do much more than pass a minute, it is asking us to lay our lives on the line for peace. The Committee will work more on the minute and we will consider it at Session Eight on Sunday.

The Committee has approved two other minutes, both from College Park Quarterly Meeting, one on ending nonmilitary sanctions against Iraq and the other on ending draft registration (Attachment K).

Finally, Nancy Lynch reported on Friends witness at the Nevada nuclear test site. The Committee has sponsored this witness for several years, but does not have the energy to go back next year. The Committee recommends that Friends who wish to witness join with the Lenten Desert Experience on a weekend of their choice (Attachment L).

FRIENDS IN UNITY WITH NATURE COMMITTEE

Barbara Graves introduced two Friends who spoke on their Meeting's interface between their Quakerism and concern for the environment. Andrea English of Strawberry Creek spoke of a series of presentations in which Meeting members with
environmentally connected employment described how their work connected their spiritual and environmental concerns - presentations strengthening for both the presenters and others in the Meeting. Ian Thiermann spoke of his efforts helping local agencies install energy saving technologies in Santa Cruz County - actions with environmental, economic and community quality of life benefits.

MINUTES

The minutes of Session Four and of this Session were read, corrected and approved.

CLOSING

The Meeting closed with worship and the reading of announcements at 10:00 p.m. This was followed by a birthday cake to celebrate the Fiftieth anniversary of the Friends Committee on National Legislation.

Joseph Magruder
Recording Clerk
PLENARY SESSION VI

Clerk Ellie Huffman opened this Peace Plenary -- while peace banners from our afternoon session still hung from the ceiling -- with a period of silent worship at 7:35 p.m.

EPISTLES

Reading Clerk Margaret Mossman read the Epistles of Southern Appalachian Yearly Meeting and Association and Illinois Yearly Meeting Epistle of High School Friends.

JUNIOR YEARLY MEETING/ YOUNG FRIENDS/ PEACE PLENARY

The Clerk introduced members of Junior Yearly Meeting and Young Friends. Lara Mahal introduced Danny Tappan, Co-Clerk of Junior Yearly Meeting, who in turn introduced Esther Milbury, the other Co-Clerk of Junior Yearly Meeting, and then Marilyn David, who is part Shoshone - of the Wind People - and who spoke of the various Native American Indian activities about which Junior Yearly Meeting has been learning this week. In the ways of her people, there was no war, no killing, no rape. She spoke of learning the law of the heavens in the laws of nature. She said certain Indians in San Francisco still remembered Quakers buying land in Oakland and giving it to the Indian community.

Young Friends presented the Meeting with some queries, asking first younger, and then older, Friends to respond:

"Why is Yearly Meeting losing its youth, and how can we hold onto it? How can we be a community that supports spiritual growth and keeps its enthusiasm?"

Young Friends spoke with mixed voices of the love and warmth, and of the alienation and lack of trust, they have felt at PYM, of not learning about our religion, and especially of the difficulty of transition from Junior Friend when leaving high school.

Older -- and even not so much older -- Friends echoed many of the same sentiments. The longing for belonging was evident among younger and older Friends, although spoken more by the younger.

Among the themes which echoed throughout the meeting were two tracks that young people seem to have taken. Some feel caught between childhood and adulthood, feel acutely the pain of losing many of their Friends as they progress from Junior Yearly Meeting to Young Friend, feel bored by Plenary and shut out of the life of the Yearly Meeting. Some simply take their place in the life of the Yearly Meeting, feeling accepted and empowered. All ages seem to acknowledge the need for greater spirituality in the Yearly Meeting, for not getting caught up in joyless meetings that are simply business and not meetings for worship for business.

There was little unity in this meeting but much depth of feeling. At 9:27 the children joined us from the Children's Program. This was a disordered intense important meeting, ending without silent worship at 9:40, followed by announcements ending at 9:53 p.m.

Carolyn Stephenson
Recording Clerk
PACIFIC YEARLY MEETING  
Eighth Month 7, 1993  
Walker Creek Ranch, California  

PLENARY SESSION VII  

Our session began at 8:45 p.m. with a period of worship.  

EPISTLES  

Margaret Mossman, Reading Clerk, read from the 1992 Epistle of Baltimore Yearly Meeting and the 1993 Epistles of Nebraska and Rocky Mountain Yearly Meetings.  

VISITOR  

Cynthia Taylor, the coordinator of the Intermountain Yearly Meeting/American Friends Service Committee Joint Service Projects was introduced.  

FRIENDS IN UNITY WITH NATURE  

Rolene Otero, the third of the speakers from Session 5, spoke of our personal involvement with environmental issues. Her presentation included a series of queries on personal consumption, energy and water use, encountering nature, population stabilization, political action and worship. The love of God is the force that will lead us in the right relationship with our fellow travelers on this earth.  

NOMINATIONS  

Sally Davis noted the changes in the Committee's recommendations to us since the report was presented in Session five. This report was further amended, principally by resignations, in floor discussion. One resignation, by a Registrar, was in response to the heavy workload and perceived lack of support.  

PYM MIN  

93-8 We Approved the Nominations as presented by the Nominating Committee and amended from the floor.  

(The Final Report of the Nominating Committee is attachment M.)  

QUAKER UNITED NATIONS OFFICE  

Clare Galbraith reported that the program of the Quaker United Nations Office is in good health. However, it is faced with asking where the program should be in relationship to a United Nations that is becoming more of a military organization and seeks advice of Friends on this issue. Meanwhile, the Quaker United Nations Office is building an endowment fund to support the care of its building which is quietly used for off the record discussions between diplomats in New York.
HISTORIAN/ARCHIVISTS

Ellie Huffman reported that our records are being moved from Santa Monica Meeting House to Whittier College. Meetings are encouraged to deposit Meeting records with these archives. Such records should be sent to Mary Warren, not directly to Whittier College.

FRIENDS COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL LEGISLATION

Allison Oldham of the Friends Committee on Legislation (FCNL) staff reported to us noting that this year is the fiftieth anniversary of the FCNL. We were encouraged to communicate directly with our legislative representatives on issues of interest to the FCNL, to support the FCNL, to read the newsletter, to respond to action alerts, use the FCNL legislative action network, to solicit reports from our appointed FCNL representatives and, most importantly, appoint Meeting FCNL contacts (and tell the FCNL who she or he is).

SOCIAL ORDER COMMITTEE

Marybeth Webster presented for the Committee. The Committee's full report is attached (attachment N). The Committee presented the minute on equality of rights for domestic partners. It was noted that this is a minute to deal with equal rights for persons who have committed themselves to each other. It is not a minute about marriage. We found that we could not quickly find unity on the minute. During worship and sharing on a matter which touches the hearts of many and about which it was sometimes difficult to maintain the spirit of worship, we heard a mosaic of concerns. These included concerns about our process and about extending benefits to persons who could marry legally, but choose not to marry. We need further time and love to consider this and related issues.

EAST-WEST RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Julie Harlow reported for the Committee. She presented the Committee's minute of support for a Friends Center in Moscow, Russia and a minute of fiscal support of the project. (See Attachment 0.) This project is in response to requests for support from Friends in Russia and which, while being led by our East-West Relations Committee, has support from Friends in this country and in England, specifically through Pendle Hill, FWCC, Woodbrooke and Quaker Peace and Service.

PYM MIN

93-9 Pacific Yearly Meeting supports East-West Relations Committee's participation with other Quakers in the development of a Friends Center in Moscow. We recommend strong support by individuals, meetings, and Quaker organizations by making immediate contributions and adding
We are recommending the Friends World Committee for Consultation (FWCC) Section of the Americas support this program, that FWCC include it on the agenda of the 1994 Triennial, and that all sections of FWCC facilitate world wide participation of Quakers. The realization of Friends Center Moscow depends on Quakers around the world sharing this vision and supporting it spiritually. In support of this belief, Pacific Yearly Meeting is committed to providing financial support annually to Friends Center Moscow to implement this program.

We then considered the second proposed minute which was referred to the Finance Committee to be brought to representative Committee in the Spring.

**FRIENDS WORLD COMMITTEE FOR CONSULTATION QUAKER YOUTH PILGRIMAGE**

Bridget O'Connell and Christina Tappan reported on their experience living and working in a land beset with warfare and occupied with armed troops while on the Quaker Youth Pilgrimage in Northern Ireland. There will be another Pilgrimage next summer.

**EPISTLE**

Grace Buzaljko gave the first reading of our Epistle.

**MINUTES**

The minutes of Session six and of this Session were read, corrected and approved.

**CLOSING**

The Meeting closed with worship and the reading of announcements at 12 noon.
PLENARY SESSION VIII

Meeting began with silent worship at 9:03 a.m.

EPISTLES

Margaret Mossman read from the Epistles of North Pacific Yearly Meeting and Autearoa/New Zealand Yearly Meeting.

REGISTRARS' REPORT

Registrars Gary Wolff and Betty Miller reported on attendance at this Yearly Meeting. A large number of younger, especially very young, Friends was present. Almost 70% of attenders were from College Park Quarter. (See Attachment P)

Initially Walker Creek set a limit of 400, later expanded it to 475 concurrent attenders, which the Registrars, as they put it, "duly enforced." One Friend asked us to note that we appreciated the very fine work of the Registrars.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

The Clerk said that Marilee Eusebio for Religious Education had agreed to defer their report until next year.

WIDER FELLOWSHIP AMONG FRIENDS

Jeannette Norton reported for Wider Fellowship Among Friends Committee, bringing two minutes for approval. (See Attachment Q)

In discussion on the first minute, a number of Friends questioned whether the time and effort required to consult over the possibility of a second Western Gathering of Friends could be better expended in other areas of concern to Friends. Jeannette noted that other Yearly Meetings had only been comfortable with beginning a dialogue, not yet with other joint activity, and that we should not move too fast. Friends agreed to drop the reference to a second Western Gathering.

PYM MIN

93-10 PYM approved Wider Fellowship Among Friends Committee initiating a consultation with representatives from western yearly meetings to explore whether they are interested in planning together joint activity to be determined by those representatives.

Jeannette reported that the next FWCC Triennial will begin August 15, 1994 in New Mexico, and introduced the second minute. After discussion, this minute was approved as amended:
PYM MIN
93-11 PYM approves that $2000 of PYM's FWCC Triennial funds be contributed to the FWCC Triennial Travel Fund (FWCC World Office) and that up to $1000 be made available to bring FWCC Triennial representatives for travel and visitation to PYM. The Wider Fellowship Among Friends Committee will be responsible for overseeing the money for travel to PYM.

BULLETIN COMMITTEE
Grace Buzjalko, Clerk of Bulletin Committee, brought a minute on incorporation of the Friends Bulletin to us. Friends approved the minute.

PYM MIN
93-12 At the request of Friends Bulletin Committee, PYM approves that Friends Bulletin incorporate under the guidance of a board of directors composed of representatives from Pacific Yearly Meeting, North Pacific Yearly Meeting, and Intermountain Yearly Meeting who are appointed by their respective yearly meetings.

Grace also introduced Nancy Yarnall, Editor of the Friends Bulletin.

SITES COMMITTEE
Joan Johnson, Clerk of Sites Committee, proposed returning to Walker Creek Ranch the week of August 1-6, 1994, provided certain issues can be resolved. Friends expressed concern that we not shut out any of our members who wish to attend, and that we not segregate our children. Some Friends suggested that Walker Creek Ranch not be treated as the first choice for next year's site.

PYM MIN
93-13 PYM approved coming back to Walker Creek Ranch in 1994 on the contingency that several difficult issues can be resolved with the Walker Creek Ranch staff, and authorized the Clerk and the Sites Committee, in conjunction with the Finance Committee, Arrangements Committee, and the Registrar, to make a change in the site if deemed necessary.

Maia Wolff, as representative of Junior Yearly Meeting, and Mike Buell, as representative of Young Friends, have joined Sites Committee.

EPISTLES
Diana Deseriah Dawn read the Epistle of Young Friends. (See Attachment R)

Then Laura Cornell, Clerk of Young Friends Outreach Committee (which was last year's Ad Hoc Finance Committee) asked Friends to provide names and addresses of any young Friends in their meetings who should be contacted.

Sara Corbett presented the Epistle of Junior Yearly Meeting. (See Attachment S)

Grace Buzjalko presented the Epistle of Pacific Yearly Meeting, which was accepted by PYM with some changes. (See Attachment T)
CLOSING

Stratton Jaquette, in the interest of time, indicated that the report on Friends United Meeting was available in writing. (See attachment U)

Carol Mosher, in the interest of time, indicated that Peace Committee had proposed queries and minutes which were submitted in writing. (See Attachment V)

Concern over Friends who have suffered from floods in the midwestern area of the United States was expressed.

The minutes were approved as corrected, with gratitude to the Recording Clerks.

Carolyn Stephenson
Recording Clerk
Working Paper on the Core of Our Faith
Prepared by the Faith and Practice Revision Committee

It should be especially observed that the only order or command pertaining to worship in the entire New Testament, other than the injunction to follow the Spirit, is the general instruction to meet together. This instruction is one of our most precious possessions and it is diligently practiced by us.

Robert Barclay (1648-1690)

Our corporate search for God's word in the meeting for worship is the heart of the Quaker Meeting. The religious practices of Friends are founded in direct communion with God and the conviction that the Divine Light is accessible to all; yet it is one Light, one Truth. We wait with hearts and minds open to the divine so that truth will be made known among us.

We believe that God, the Light, the Truth is in each of us and in all creation. We say "there is that of God in every one." Truth is continually revealed to us, often through a gathered mystical experience. We can know it by experience.

We work to develop a relationship between the individual and the corporate body that allows leading and inspiration to be tested within the Meeting, so that all may be sure it is God's light we follow. In this unity Friends find order and peace in reconciling individual inspiration and corporate wisdom, enabling us to choose right courses of action.

As God is revealed to us individually and corporately, we are guided in the right living of our lives. All of our practices as Friends flow from our faith in the revealed truth: our care for each other, our governing processes, our testimonies to the whole world. The test of the truth is not in the degree to which it confirm to dogma, but its power to transform our lives and the lives of others.

We are a religious tradition rooted in Christianity and the centrality of the teachings of Jesus. Yet many Friends today do not identify their religious experience as Christian but rely on other sources for their primary spiritual sustenance. As a community of seekers, we must remember that truth is not identical to the metaphors which lead us to it, or to the language that expresses it. Rather it is our belief that the lived experience, spoken by our lives, it the universal manifestation of God.
Quakers understand that human life, together with all of Nature, originates from a common Source which, when opened to, leads us to recognize our own life and all Creation as sacred.

The capacity for reverence comes... as I become aware... that my own life comes fresh and newly given at each moment from the hand of God. When I live in that awareness, I know it of all other created reality as well.

Elaine Prevallet, Reflections on Simplicity
Pendle Hill Pamphlet # 244 (1982)

Historically, Quakers have not regarded Nature as fallen, subject to our willful domination, or opposed to spirituality. Rather, our awareness of God speaking to us in every thing, in every being, leads us to recognize our responsibility as part of God's Creation.

It would go a great way to caution and direct people in their Use of the World, that they were better studied and known in the Creation of it. For how could Man find the Confidence to abuse it, while they should see the Great Creator stare them in the Face, in all and every Part thereof?

William Penn, Some Fruits of Solitude (1692)

Thus, our environmental crisis is, at root, spiritual. Divine love can heal our alienation from other people, nature, and self and can fill the emptiness that drives our culture's waste and superfluity. When we open our lives to divine order, bottomless need is replaced with love, unity, and wholeness.

This testimony is, then, intimately related to that on simplicity. As we center our lives in the love of God, not in our own anxious concern for ourselves, we let go of excessive consumption, busyness, and self-consciousness. Our salvation becomes one with the salvation of the earth.
PACIFIC YEARLY MEETING 1993

PACIFIC YEARLY MEETING of the RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS

TREASURER'S FINANCIAL REPORT for FISCAL YEAR 1993

PERIOD: October 1, 1992 through July 27, 1993

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PLENARY ATTACHMENT C - 2
### PACIFIC YEARLY MEETING of the RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS

**TREASURER'S FINANCIAL REPORT for FISCAL YEAR 1993**

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**EXPLANATORY NOTES - SEE PAGE 4**
EXPLANATORY NOTES

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

2. Specifically contributed funds for use of the Friend in the Orient Committee; not available for general PYM use.

3. Printing costs, etc.; should be recovered by sale of the publication.

4. For use of the Clerk, not available for general PYM use.

5. Funds for the Friends Bulletin are now kept in separate accounts and, starting 1-1-93 the calendar year is being used as the fiscal year. The following shows reports for the last quarter of 1992 and the first half of 1993:

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6. These are funds invested in money market checking accounts.

7. Travel reserves are funds set aside for future travel costs that PYM has already agreed to pay; some groups meet every 2-3 years, but we budget a portion of the cost each year. Young Friends Travel Reserve has a cap of $2,500 per PYM minute 92-4.

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

9. Reserve Funds were returned to General Fund by Wider Fellowship Among Friends Committee per PYM minute 92-5.

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 ($1,649.) and Earthlight publication ($500.).

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

14. Quaker Spiritual Quest Program (South) reports a starting balance of $481; additions of $0; reductions of $361; balance on hand of $120 on 7-9-93.

15. East-West Relations Committee reports a starting balance of $6973; additions of $12,081; reductions of $2,886; balance on hand of $16,168 on 7-31-93.

16. Unity with Nature Committee uses a fiscal year ending on June 30th for their special account. For fiscal year 6-30-92 to 6-30-93 they report a starting balance of $4532; additions of $32,535; reductions of $20,083; ending balance $16,984.

Phyllis G. Jones  
Treasurer, Pacific Yearly Meeting
Report by the Finance Committee to PYM Plenary Session, August 5, 1993

We recommend the following action items

1. Increase the Travel allocation for Committee travel and for travel of officers and representatives to Representative Committee from $.14 to $.16 per mile.
2. PYM shall authorize travel funds for only one member of a committee to attend Representative Committee Meetings. (in the event that a committee feels it necessary to fund the travel of more than one of its members, the committee should use its Committee Budget or ask for funds from travel reserves.)
3. Transfer $500 from 3799 Uncommitted Reserves (General Fund) to 2776 Clerk's Travel and Discretionary Reserve.
4. Increase the travel allocation for the Big Island representative to the August Session from $400 to $500. (It costs about $100 more to travel from Big Island than from Honolulu.)

Recommendation of the budget for fiscal year 1993-1994

A general philosophy pursued by the Finance Committee in its recommendations this year has been that cost of living increases have not been made for several years and are overdue. For this reason many of the budget recommendations will show increases, as well as the proposed annual assessment. Some committees will find that we are recommending more than they requested, to reflect the proposed increase in travel allowance. Some changes requested by Young Friends in record keeping have been adopted by the Treasurer with modifications. These are the addition of a new line item 5206 Young Friends Scholarship to PYM and the change in title of a line item 5209 Expenses of Young Friends Officers. (see attached document)

Recommendation of annual assessment

We recommend $26 per member, with Mexico City at $15 per member and Honolulu at $20 per member. (Historically, Mexico City and Honolulu have had a reduced assessment dating back to a time when they asked for special consideration due to diminished resources. Last year the assessment was $23 per member, with Mexico City at $10 per member, and Honolulu at $17 per member. The Finance Committee intends to contact Mexico City and Honolulu this year to discuss whether there is a continuing need for a reduced assessment, and, if so, how much.)
It should be noted that the PYM assessment has been held in check the last few years by the existence of an excess in reserves. This is also the case this year, but it will probably not be possible next year. This means that either there must be substantial reductions in the budget next year or there will be another even larger increase in the assessment. It is the sense of the Finance Committee that budget reduction should not be at the expense of those travelling to committee meetings or doing other PYM business. If budget reduction is to be made, then PYM should consider reduction in the number of committees, reduction in the number of members on committees, and/or reduction in the number of committee meetings that occur in between the Yearly Meeting Sessions.
On the surface, 1993 would seem to be a static year, statistically speaking. Our membership as of April 30 is 1,557, unchanged from one year ago (including a slight correction from the reported figure of 1,556). We have the same number of Monthly Meetings, 37, and just as last year, our largest is Palo Alto (145) and our smallest, Guatemala (4).

Under the surface, however, we find more subtle indications of change. One source of excitement is our new Apple Seed Preparative Meeting, formerly the West Sonoma County Worship Group. Another is that Davis Monthly Meeting, at 47 members a middle-sized Meeting, reported 6 newly convinced Friends, the highest number reported this year.

Our total membership has tended to rise slowly by steadily since a low in 1980, and it is now at its highest point since that year. One of the reasons that there was not even a small increase in membership this year seems to be that we had the lowest number of newly convinced Friends (40) and the highest number of releases from the Society (also 40) since the late 1970s. This is the first time since then that convincements have not surpassed releases.

Bruce Folsom
Statistical Clerk
### PACIFIC YEARLY MEETING STATISTICS AS OF APRIL 30, 1993

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1993 PYM MONTHLY MEETINGS

BERKELEY
11:00 a.m. Sundays
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Mail: to Meeting

CHICO
10:30 a.m. Sundays
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Mail: P.O. Box 3769, Chico, CA 95927
Clerk: Valerie Milliron (916) 898-9611
Mail: 1186 Filbert, Chico, CA 95926

CLAREMONT
9:30 a.m. Sundays
727 W. Harrison Ave., Claremont, CA 91711
Mail: same address
Clerk: Anne Davenport (909) 626-3106
Mail: to Meeting

DAVIS
10:00 a.m. Sundays
345 L St., Davis, CA 95616
Mail: same address
Clerk: Willa Pettygrove (916) 753-6808
Mail: to Meeting

DELTA
11:00 a.m. on 2nd, 3rd & 4th Sundays
Newman House, 4101 N. Manchester, Stockton, CA
Mail: to Clerk
Clerk: Thomas Hinshaw (209) 957-4248
Mail: 8225 Mariners Dr. #166, Stockton, CA 95219

FRESNO
10:00 a.m. Sundays
University Religious Center, 2311 E. Shaw Ave.,
Fresno, CA
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Clerk: Lowell Barnett (209) 435-0618
Mail: 5304 N. Colonial Ave. #101, Fresno, CA 93704

GRASS VALLEY
9:30 a.m. Sundays
John Woolman School, 12585 Jones Bar Rd.,
Nevada City, CA 95959
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Clerk: Susanna Matthay (916) 273-1611
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GUATEMALA
11:00 a.m. on 1st & 3rd Sundays
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Miami, FL 33152-7270
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HONOLULU
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Mail: to Meeting

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Clerk: Louis Armin-Hoiland (707) 822-6423
Mail: to Meeting

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Mail: P.O. Box 7554, Redlands, CA 92373
Clerks: Linda & Michael Dunn (714) 682-5364
Mail: 250 E. Blaine St., Riverside, CA 92507

LA JOLLA
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Mail: same address
Clerk: Ellie Hitchcock (619) 551-9381
Mail: to Meeting

LOS ANGELES
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4167 S. Normandie Ave., Los Angeles, CA 90037
Mail: same address
Clerk: Jimmy Choi (818) 242-5583
Mail: to Meeting

MARIN
10:00 a.m. Sundays
Mill Valley Scout Hall, 177 E. Blithedale, Mill Valley, CA
Mail: P.O. Box 1301, Mill Valley, CA 94942
Clerk: Mark Farmer (415) 924-6633
Mail: 135 Golden Hinde Passage, Corte Madera, CA 94925

MARLOMA
10:00 a.m. Sundays
Huntington School, 2935 Spaulding, Long Beach, CA
Mail: P.O. Box 3674, Seal Beach, CA 90740
Clerk: Raymond Soares (310) 514-1730
Mail: to Meeting
MEXICO CITY
11:00 a.m. Sundays
Casa de los Amigos, Ignacio Mariscal 132, Colonia Revolución, 06030 México, D.F.
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Clerk: Adela Chavez (011) 525-782-4801
Mail: to Meeting

MONTEREY PENINSULA 10:00 a.m. Sundays
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Mail: P.O. Box 789, Pacific Grove, CA 93950
Clerk: Francis Duveneck (408) 373-3937
Mail: to Meeting

ORANGE COUNTY 10:00 a.m. Sundays
Building 800, 661 Hamilton St., Costa Mesa, CA
Mail: 1159 Paularino, Costa Mesa, CA 92626
Clerk: Debby Rector (714) 549-3199
Mail: above address is clerk's address

ORANGE GROVE 11:00 a.m. Sundays
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Mail: same address
Clerk: Amy Howell (818) 794-7577
Mail: to Meeting

PACIFIC ACKWORTH 11:00 a.m. Sundays
6210 Temple City Blvd., Temple City, CA 91780
Mail: same address
Clerk: Cal Edinger (818) 280-6335
Mail: to Meeting

PALO ALTO 11:00 a.m. Sundays
957 Colorado Ave., Palo Alto, CA 94303
Mail: same address
Clerk: William Bauriedel (415) 493-1364
Mail: 3673 South Court, Palo Alto, CA 94306

REDDING 10:00 a.m. Sundays
Secret Garden Preschool, 106 Churn Creek Td., Redding, CA
Mail: P.O. Box 991665, Redding, CA 96099-1665
Clerk: Walter Jones (916) 223-5405
Mail: to Meeting

REDWOOD FOREST 10:00 a.m. Sundays
Friends House, 684 Benicia Dr., Santa Rosa, CA
Mail: P.O. Box 1831, Santa Rosa, CA 95402
Clerk: Lynn Waddington home (707) 528-3161
Mail: to Meeting work (707) 575-3626
RENO  10:30 a.m. Sundays  
For location call Clerk or Ann Scott (702) 747-4623  
Mail: P.O. Box 20636, Reno, NV  89515  
Clerk: Dorothy Goetz (702) 831-3888  
Mail: to Meeting

SACRAMENTO  10:00 a.m. Sundays  
Stanford Settlement, 450 W. El Camino, Sacramento  
Mail: P.O. Box 163677, Sacramento, CA  95816  
Clerk: Sally Davis (916) 929-4892  
Mail: 275 Hartnell Pl., Sacramento, CA  95825-6611

SAN DIEGO  10:30 a.m. Sundays  
YWCA Bldg., 4848 Seminole Dr., San Diego, CA  92115  
Mail: same address  
Clerk: Virginia Flagg (619) 583-1324  
Mail: to Meeting

SAN FERNANDO VALLEY  11:30 a.m. Sundays  
15056 Bledsoe St., Sylmar, CA  
Mail: P.O. Box 922378, Sylmar, CA  91392  
Clerk: Ken Hurst (805) 270-9707  
Mail: to Meeting

SAN FRANCISCO  11:00 a.m. Sundays  
3600 Geary Blvd., San Francisco, CA  
Mail: 2160 Lake St., San Francisco, CA  94121  
Clerk: Krista Barnard (415) 382-8779  
Mail: to Meeting

SAN JOSE  10:00 a.m. Sundays  
1051 Morse St., San Jose, CA  
Mail: 1041 Morse St., San Jose, CA  95126  
Clerk: Alice Spurrier (408) 272-0690 or  
Mail: to Meeting (408) 251-0408

SANTA BARBARA  10:00 a.m. Sundays  
2130 Mission Ridge Rd., Santa Barbara, CA  
Mail: P.O. Box 40120, Santa Barbara, CA  93140-0120  
Clerk: Margie Swansen (805) 685-3407  
Mail: 7185 Alameda, Goleta, CA  93117

SANTA CRUZ  10:00 a.m. Sundays  
Louden Nelson Center, 301 Center St., Santa Cruz, CA  
Mail: P.O. Box 813, Santa Cruz, CA  95061-0813  
Clerk: Terry Thiermann (408) 336-2160  
Mail: to Meeting

SANTA MONICA  10:00 a.m. Sundays  
1440 Harvard St., Santa Monica, CA  90404  
Mail: same address  
Clerk: Henry Yang (310) 376-8152  
Mail: to Meeting
STRAWBERRY CREEK 9:30 a.m. Sundays
Berkeley Friends Church Fellowship Hall, 1600 Sacramento St., Berkeley, CA
Mail: P.O. Box 5065, Berkeley, CA 94705-0065
Clerk: Susan Burr (510) 528-7125
Mail: 1171 Santa Fe Ave., Albany, CA 94706

VISALIA
10:30 a.m. Sundays
17208 Avenue 296, Visalia, CA 93292
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Clerk: James Mangis (209) 627-0629
Mail: to Meeting

WESTWOOD
10:30 a.m. Sundays
900 Hilgard Ave., Los Angeles, CA 90024
Mail: same address
Clerks: Susan Scott (213) 653-8127
Marion Givens (213) 461-2354
Mail: to Meeting

WHITLEAF
9:30 a.m. Sundays
Administration Bldg., Whittier College
Philadelphia & Painter Streets, Whittier, CA
Mail: P.O. Box 122, Whittier, CA 90608
Clerk: Mary Warren (310) 698-7538
Mail: to Meeting
1993 PYM PREPARATIVE MEETINGS

APPLE SEED
Under the care of Redwood Forest Monthly Meeting
(formerly West Sonoma County Worship Group)
10:00 a.m. Sundays
Garzot Bldg., Libby Park, Valentine & Pleasant,
Sebastopol, CA
Mail: to Clerk
Clerk: Sherry Madrone (707) 632-5245
Mail: P.O. Box 314, Czadero, CA 95421-0314

BIG ISLAND
Under the joint care of Honolulu Monthly Meeting and
PYM Ministry & Oversight Committee
10:00 a.m. Sundays
For location call Clerk or Tom Daniel (808) 325-7323
Clerk: Sharon Wheeler Gerrish (808) 962-6957
Mail: P.O. Box 282, Laupahoehoe, HI 96764

NAPA-SONOMA
Under the care of Redwood Forest
10:00 a.m. Sundays (except 5th Sunday)
Magic Years Preschool, 1777 Laurel St., Napa, CA
Mail: c/o Diana & Joe Wilcox, 57 Chapel Hill Dr.,
Napa, CA 94559
Clerk: David Kearney-Brown (707) 226-2064
1993 PYM WORSHIP GROUPS

| AMADOR COUNTY | Under the care of Delta Monthly Meeting  
|               | 11:00 a.m. on 1st & 5th Sundays  
|               | For location call:  
|               | Correspondents: Peter & Judy Bunting  
|               | (209) 223-0843  
|               | Mail: P.O. Box 387, Jackson, CA 95642  

| BISHOP | Under the care of Reno Monthly Meeting  
|        | 5:00 p.m. alternate Sundays  
|        | 393 Mt. Tom Rd., Bishop, CA  
|        | Correspondent: Carla Scheidlinger (619) 873-8439  
|        | Mail: 393 Mt. Tom Rd., Bishop, CA 93514  

| CHULA VISTA | Under the care of San Diego Monthly Meeting  
|             | 10:30 a.m. on 4th Sundays  
|             | 1411 Eagle Peak, Chula Vista, CA 91910  
|             | Correspondent: Barbara Mahal (619) 421-0294  
|             | Mail: same address  

| CONEJO VALLEY | Under the care of Westwood Monthly Meeting  
|              | 10:30 a.m. on 1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays  
|              | Casa de la Senda, 3780 Cabrillo Ave., Newbury Park, CA  
|              | Mail 2224 Thorsby Rd., Thousand Oaks, CA 91360  
|              | Correspondent: Joan Johnson (805) 374-0001  

| GAVILAN | Not under the care of a Meeting  
|        | (formerly Gilroy-Hollister Worship Group)  
|        | For location and time call:  
|        | Correspondent: Franz Schneider (408) 637-1794  
|        | Mail: 1044 Monterey, Hollister, CA 95023  

| HAYWARD AREA | Not under the care of a Meeting  
|             | For location and time call:  
|             | Correspondent: Lee Andresen (510) 582-8902  

| HERMOSILLO | Under the joint care of Mexico City Monthly Meeting  
|           | and Pima Monthly Meeting (Intermountain Yearly Meeting)  
|           | 11:00 a.m. Sundays  
|           | Casa Heberto Sein, Felipe Salcido #32, Hermosillo, Sonora, México  
|           | Mail: same address  
|           | Correspondent: Norman Krekler (621) 7-0142  

| LAKE COUNTY | Under the care of Redwood Forest Monthly Meeting  
|            | 10:00 a.m. on 1st & 3rd Sundays  
|            | For location call:  
|            | Correspondent: Kathy Harness (707) 275-2014  
|            | Mail: P.O. Box 985, Upper Lake, CA 95485  

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9:00 a.m. Sundays  
For location call Tom Graham (702) 898-5785  
Mail: 4505 East Desert Inn Rd. #84, Las Vegas, NV 89121 |
| LOS OSOS              | No information received                                                 |
| MAUI                  | Not under the care of a Meeting  
10:30 a.m. Sundays  
For location call John Dart (808) 878-2190 or Jean Price Norman (808) 879-9125  
Mail: 760 Kihei Rd. #616, Kihei, HI 96753 |
| MENDOCINO             | Under the care of Redwood Forest Monthly Meeting  
10:00 a.m. Sundays  
Kelley House, 54007 Albion St., Mendocino, CA  
Correspondent: Charles Bass (707) 964-5733  
Mail: P.O. Box 1003, Mendocino, CA 95460 |
| MODESTO               | Under the care of Delta Monthly Meeting  
9:30 a.m. on 3rd & 4th Sundays  
Modesto Peace Center  
Correspondent: Sam Tyson (209) 874-2498 |
| MOLOKA'I              | Not under the care of a Meeting  
5:00 p.m. Fridays  
For location call:  
Correspondent: Claud Sutcliffe (808) 558-8923  
Mail: Star Route Box 338-C, Kaunakakai, Moloka'i, HI 96748 |
| MORONGO BASIN         | Laid down                                                               |
| NO. SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY | No information received                                                |
| OJAI                  | No information received                                                 |
| PARADISE              | No information received                                                 |
| SAN LUIS OBISPO       | No information received                                                 |
| SOUTH COUNTY          | Under the care of Santa Cruz Monthly Meeting  
For location and time call Linda Childs, Correspondent, (408) 726-2093  
Mail: 240 Snyder Ave., Aromas, CA 95004 |
| SOUTHERN HUMBOLDT     | Not under the care of a Meeting  
For location and time call:  
Correspondent: Bill Andrews (707) 923-3377  
Mail: P.O. Box 877, Redway, CA 95560 |
TAFT
Under the care of Orange Grove Monthly Meeting
10:00 a.m. on 1st & 3rd Sundays
104 Center St., Taft, CA 93268
Mail: same address
Correspondent: Bonnie Beaty (805) 765-4766

WILLITS
Not under the care of a Meeting
11:00 a.m. on 1st Sundays
For location call:
Correspondent Dianne Marshall (707) 459-1911
Mail: 485 Raymond Lane, Willits, CA 95490

WINDWARD O'AHU
Not under the care of a Meeting
10:00 a.m. 1st Sundays
For location call:
Correspondent: Sasha Bley-Vroman (808) 263-8426
Mail: c/o Honolulu Friends Meeting, 2426 O'ahu Ave., Honolulu, HI 96822
REPORT of the Committee on the Right Holding of Yearly Meeting
to
Pacific Yearly Meeting, Annual Session, August, 1993

The Committee on the Right Holding of Yearly Meeting began with considerations made necessary by the emergency conditions of 1992 and the need for the 1993 Annual Session to be still different, both from our familiar patterns and from 1992. As we have held our Yearly Meeting in the Light during our deliberations, it has seemed clear to us that there are fundamental matters which need to be addressed. We have a few recommendations for you to consider, either at this 1993 session, or throughout the year, and to take action on either in this session or in 1994.

We know that, while we, as a committee, have spent hours and days in coming to the views we have, Friends will want to know more about our reasons and vision than we can discuss fully in this report. Therefore, we will offer an Interest Group as an opportunity for "threshing" or seeking clearness together, in addition to our 20 minutes in the Thursday evening Plenary session.

It has been made very clear to us that our Yearly Meeting needs to begin with a worshipful session and that our first day together should be a time of looking for the Light that is present among those who are gathered together.

We recommend that the Annual Session should include a plan for responding to Friends' thirst for guidance and nurturance in their spiritual growth. This may be a matter for the committee which works with the Clerk as well as for Ministry and Oversight and other committees.

We also re-affirm our recommendation of last year that the Presiding Clerk be authorized to appoint a committee when she or he feels the need for assistance in planning the Yearly Meeting sessions. We have a sense that such a committee should always be in existence, but we do not yet have a clear concept of the appropriate size and composition and it seems better for the Yearly Meeting to proceed slowly, gaining experience, before creating a permanent committee.

From the results of surveys returned to us, it became clear that 46% of Friends who do attend PYM find the cost to be a serious financial burden. This is especially true for Friends from small Meetings which do not have resources to help with the costs. Yet these somewhat isolated Friends need the support and fellowship of the annual meetings even more than Friends from larger Meetings. It is not clear to us at this time how subsidies for such Friends might be generated at the Yearly Meeting level, although help from beyond the Monthly Meeting seems necessary. We hope to be able to offer a specific suggestion by next year. It is clear, however, that cost is a genuine deterrent to Friends getting together in the fellowship of the August session. This committee has requested that Finance Committee consider the possibility of a subsidy for travel for people associated with Meetings that have limited financial resources.

Facing the issue of costs, we found that the expenses of the session...
alone had been running at about $10 per day in our former pattern at Chico.
When we were forced to cut back on Secretariat and other services, and with
the shorter session, the costs went down. This year, 1993, the expected cost
per day for the session itself will be $5-$6 per day per person. (Includes
paid children’s program, supplies of all kinds, secretariat paid portion, etc.)
That is the total of the cost of our own program. All the rest is the cost of
facilities and food.

Friends who responded to our survey were 79.45% in favor of PYM finding
a permanent site. They indicated support for an active search. After lengthy
deliberations, we reached clearness on a few recommendations. To attempt
to recapitulate the bases for these suggestions would make this report too
lengthy. We are hoping that interested Friends will try to attend our Interest
Group in August, where we will be eager to hear your responses and to lay
before you the issues we considered. However, since there was greater
agreement on this than on any other topic presented, we felt it should be
given serious consideration by the Yearly Meeting.

THEREFORE WE RECOMMEND that Pacific Yearly Meeting begin an active
search for a permanent site. ALSO, we recommend that a fund be estab-
lished immediately, to which Friends can contribute, for use in acquiring
such a site. We have also requested Finance Committee to consider the
possibility and effects of restoring funds which were previously in a reserve
account for a permanent site. We have not asked that action be taken, only
that Finance Committee look into the implications of such action.

In order for this search to move forward, we recommend that Sites
Committee be charged to explore the opinions of Friends as widely as
possible, as well as the physical possibilities of permanent site locations.
Sites Committee would be charged to make a progress report to the August
Session of PYM in 1995, or at earlier sessions of the Yearly Meeting as
information becomes available. Sites Committee would be reminded of the
possibility of appointing subcommittees as it sees fit.

The role of the Representative Committee seems to have changed over
time. Many Friends are either unclear about it or not satisfied with the use
of energy and time in following present patterns. Pacific Yearly Meeting has
a history of unwillingness to delegate decision-making powers to commit-
tees, preferring that all business be deliberated by the entire body of Friends
assembled. Perhaps we need to labor together over this attitude. Over time,
Representative Committee seems to have developed two principal functions.
One is to hear and approve the schedule for the Annual Session and the other
is to hear the plans of committees and give input as seems helpful. Much
that Representative Committee does appears to be repeated in Plenary
sessions and Friends repeatedly have questioned and made alternative
suggestions about this.

Additionally, in all surveys and questionnaires circulated in PYM over the
past 20 years, of all the reasons for attending, the highest value has been
placed on "Fellowship" by a large majority of Friends. Therefore it seems clear that the Annual Session should respond to the many requests for spiritual enrichment and also provide well for times of fellowship.

In view of the above points, it may be time for Friends to consider a major revision of the structure of Pacific Yearly Meeting. "Half-Yearly Meetings" have a history among Friends. This committee offers the following design for your consideration and discussion at our Interest Group or (briefly!) during our 20 minutes of Plenary Five.

We suggest (1) that the Meeting generally held in early March become a "Half-Yearly Meeting".

(2) that this Meeting might be urban, presided over by the Yearly Meeting Clerk, and last for 2 days.

(3) that there be a particular emphasis on business: specified committees could be called on at this time.

(4) that all committee clerks and PYM officers would be expected to attend and at least one Friend from each Meeting. **(Note: These would not be "Representatives", but Friends who were interested in the matters to be addressed. However, all Meetings would be urged to publicize the Half-Yearly Meeting and to encourage Friends to attend.)**

We further suggest that the Annual Session could then become a time for spiritual nurturance, fellowship, deeper Worship-Fellowship experiences, Memorials, Interest groups, Sharing groups, and more opportunities for Friends to be engaged with the children’s and young people’s programs. There would be very little business, and such matters as would be brought to the group would be issues worthy of thoughtful consideration and corporate seeking.

Although this committee is not at this time ready to recommend such a change in our way of holding Pacific Yearly Meeting, we do urge Friends to season the vision together.

We expect to meet again this coming year and to bring further suggestions and recommendations to you at the next Annual Session in 1994. We want to encourage Friends to be in touch with us. The members of the committee at this time are: Ellie Foster, Anne Friend, Ellie Huffman, Walter Jones, Mark Koenig, Jennifer Mahal, Jane Mills, Jane Peers (c), Lowell Tozer, and a member of PYM M&O. Another Friend from Southern California Quarterly Meeting is to be named. Any of these would be glad to hear from you and to bring any concerns or insight from you to the committee as a whole. Also, we look forward to good, serious seeking together at the Interest Group.

Submitted by

Jane Walters Peers
Jane W. Peers, Clerk
During these past months since our 1992 Sessions of PYM at Claremont McKenna College the Sites Committee has continued to reflect on the needs of our annual gathering.

The Committee met in Santa Rosa prior to the Representative Committee Meeting and spent time carefully reviewing the useful survey that Mark Koenig designed and implemented. It has given us new insights and directions to consider as well as highlighting ongoing concerns and desires.

Shortly following that Meeting the Co-Clerk, Hank Maiden realized that his graduate studies were fully engaging his time and energy and with much regret he felt it necessary to resign from the Committee. He will be keenly missed. Up until the time of his resignation Hank had kept in close contact with the staff at Walker Creek Ranch to make our 1993 Sessions a success.

If Walker Creek Ranch meets most of our needs and PYM decides mutually with the WCR staff that both parties would like to see us return in 1994, with whatever adjustments might be necessary to permit a good working relationship, then the Sites Committee could focus on new directions.

If it turns out that either party is not comfortable with that plan the Sites Committee has worked to be able to offer some other alternatives. We have secured current fee schedules from the only sites that will permit us to camp. We have forwarded that information to the Finance Committee so that they might be able to advise us during these Sessions. Those sites that will permit camping are: 1.) Gordon Hall at Chico (the complex was formerly known as Craig Hall), 2.) University of Redlands at Redlands and 3.) University of La Verne at La Verne.

The Assistant Director of Housing at Cal Poly San Luis Obispo has asked their Administration if they might consider allowing a limited number of Friends to camp in Poly Canyon. However, as of this time we have not heard anything further about this and we have also forwarded their fee schedule to the Finance Committee in case of a change of policy. It would be an outstanding site if this change was permitted.

A preliminary conversation with St. Mary's at Moraga gave rise to the hope that we might be able to re-establish that fine relationship, but they wrote to say that they must give preference in 1994-95 to conferences that include St. Mary's students. This site should be contacted again after 1995.

The Members of the Sites Committee have read the Report of the Committee on the Right Holding of PYM with great interest. If their recommendation that "Sites Committee be charged to explore the opinions of Friends as widely as possible, as well as the physical possibilities of permanent site locations" is approved at these 1993 Sessions the Sites Committee stands ready to establish a sub-committee comprised of Friends with the necessary expertise to make such a search. We will begin to explore the opinions of Friends this week at our Interest Group which will focus on this concern.

Joan Johnson, Clerk of the Sites Committee
Friends Peace Teams
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July 21, 1993

To the Clerks
of Yearly Meetings and Yearly Meeting Peace Committees
of the United States, Canada, and Central America

Dear Friend:

Will you please bring the accompanying proposal, which grew out of Friends General Conference's 1993 Gathering, to the attention of your Monthly Meetings through your Monthly Meeting and Yearly Meeting newsletters and seek the endorsement of your Yearly Meeting when it is next in session, so that members of our religious society may have an increased opportunity to witness to our Peace Testimony and to serve in the cause of peace?

We are in the process of gathering names of Friends who would like to participate. Our sister peace churches, the Mennonites and the Brethren, already offer their young people opportunities for similar peace-making and witness through their Christian Peacemaker Teams. These efforts, not limited to youth, need to be multiplied a thousand-fold.

As we move forward, we would like to involve representatives of all Yearly Meetings, as they are led to participate in this major new endeavor. Ultimately we envision that each Monthly Meeting may release at least one member each year for such service. At present, several Friends are planning to join the Blessed Are the Peacemakers (Italy) witness in former Yugoslavia, and we are also planning to send a 3-4 person Quaker contingent to the Christian Peacemaker Teams.

If your Meeting is willing to make a financial commitment to this endeavor, all donations should be made out to SCYM-VSSC [South Central Yearly Meeting-Volunteer Service Support Committee] and sent to us c/o Friends Peace Committee, 1515 Cherry Street, Philadelphia, PA 19102. Please designate your check for Friends Peace Teams.

Our Working Group will have its next meeting in Philadelphia on Thursday, November 4, 1993 at Friends Center starting at 10:00 AM. We welcome your feedback and comments on this proposal. Please circulate the enclosed sign-up sheet for Friends Peace Teams. We hope you will join us or let us know of your Yearly Meeting's interest in participating in this project, if possible by mid-October.

Sincerely,

David Hartsough of Pacific Yearly Meeting and Mary Arnett of Philadelphia YM

On behalf of the Working Group's Steering Committee:

Richard Baltero of New England YM
Rene Crauder of Philadelphia YM
John Darnell of Baltimore YM

Linda Dunn of Pacific YM
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FRIENDS PEACE TEAMS - a Proposal

As Friends, we cherish "that of God in everyone", and we reject the use of armed force and violence. We are dismayed to see the widespread readiness with which many resort to such destructive and counter-productive means in attempting to "solve" their problems. This concern has led Friends at the 1993 Friends General Conference Gathering to recognize the urgent need to renew our commitment to the Peace Testimony as an active, creative presence in today’s unstable world. As a religious society, we need to provide opportunities for Friends to participate in constructive, nonviolent responses to domestic and international crises, where the conventional responses of governments have been ineffective or where potential violence can be deterred by peaceful interpositioning. Within the Religious Society of Friends, there is a need to put the Peace Testimony into practice and to provide us and the world with examples of our faith in action.

Therefore we propose the formation of Friends Peace Teams (FPT): groups of rigorously trained volunteers who will serve alongside other peacemaker groups, such as Blessed Are the Peacemakers (Italy), Christian Peacemaker Teams, Fellowship of Reconciliation, Peace Brigades International, War Resisters International, and Witness for Peace. These Friends Peace Teams will accompany local peacemakers; share skills in conflict resolution, group facilitation, and mediation with all parties to a conflict; be a non-partisan monitoring presence; and communicate their experiences to Friends Meetings, Friends Churches, and the general public. Support groups at home are also an important part of these teams.

We expect teams to be mobile, self-sufficient, capable of quick response, and able to remain in areas of potential conflict as long as needed. Friends with a strong commitment to nonviolent and active peacemaking are encouraged to take part. Those with abilities in languages and in modern communications technology are asked to consider how they may contribute their skills. Initially costs will be covered by voluntary contributions.

The experience of these teams, and others like them, will add to our base of knowledge of practical alternatives to the use of force and will be a model for future multinational peacekeeping. We believe Friends Peace Teams can make an important contribution in creating the Peaceable Kingdom. Please join us!
PACIFIC YEARLY MEETING 1993
PLENARY ATTACHMENT K

SANCTIONS

Pacific Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends supports the campaigns of the American Friends Service Committee and the Friends Committee on National Legislation to lift all non-military sanctions against Iraq. This use of sanctions harms the innocent, and may be counter-productive to peace. We call on Friends everywhere to oppose this unjust use of sanctions and to labor for the removal of all internationally placed obstacles which prevent people from caring for themselves and for their own. We urge Friends to feed the hungry and to heal the victims of this war.

08/04/93
Pacific Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends reaffirms its opposition to registration for a military draft and reaffirms its support for conscientious objectors everywhere.

Because of our deeply held religious beliefs against war and all forms of violence and militarism, we wholeheartedly support legislation which would end the requirement that all young men register for the draft.

We also support a Military Conscientious Objector Act which would create a more rational process for handling claims of conscientious objectors who are already in the military.

08/04/93
Approximately fifty-five Friends gathered at St. James Church in Las Vegas "to take away the occasion of all wars". There was a sense of joy, hope and thanksgiving due to the Moratorium on nuclear testing. Our Saturday vigil in front of the Federal Building was received by curious passing motorists with overwhelming enthusiasm, and an Eyewitness News Van appeared - we made the 11 o'clock news; never before had there been such acknowledgement and welcome for the Quakers and their witness against nuclear testing!

Jane Peers, David Hartsough and Tony Henry spoke Saturday afternoon: Jane emphasized that Friends need to experience the spiritual leadings for their actions; David recounted the history of Friends witness at the test site and Livermore Conversion Project present-day events; Tony asked whether any progress in peace and justice had been made since Martin Luther King's day in the aftermath of the L.A. Uprisings and the Rodney King verdict.

Bill Rossi of the Western Shoshone explained that test site land still legally belongs to the Shoshone and issued permits for us to enter the land. That evening we saw the video "Protect Mother Earth" about the Federal Government's attempts to evict Shoshone families in order to lease the land to mining interests.

On Sunday we had breakfast close to the test site on land recently returned to the Indians by a private donor. Moving on to the test site, we displayed a poster thanking the sheriff and security for their courteous attitude towards us through the years and expressing hope that this would be the end of testing, forever. We invited them to worship with us. Powerful witness statements flowed out of our silent worship, as well as spirituals and chants; we completed a circle of love and healing with those who crossed through the fence. The spirit moved powerfully among us with that life and power that was before all wars were.

ISSUES DISCUSSED AT MEETINGS ON NOVEMBER 9th and FEBRUARY 28th

(1) Earned interest from the Peace Tax Fund in the amount of $2000 was donated to "life-affirming activities" as directed by peace tax fund guidelines. Receiving funds were: US Mexico Border Program (AFSC), Middle East Peace Education (AFSC), Livermore Conversion Project, Halfway House- Long Beach, Amnesty International, (# 443).

(2) The Student Conscience Fund, available to non-registrants for school expenses, was publicized through mailings, announcements at Young Friends Gatherings, and an article in the Friends Bulletin. This year we have had two applicants, both out-of-state.

(3) As a follow-up to the Minute of Sponsorship for the Alternatives to Violence project approved by PYM last August, we kept track of new developments and workshops offered by AVP. Within the past few months AVP on the west coast has been restructured under the name Hands of Peace; it will add workshops on victim-offender reconciliation, peaceful solutions for youth, and provide community mediation. It has been registered as a non-profit organization in California.

(4) College Park Quarterly forwarded four Minutes and Southern California Quarterly forwarded two minutes. These were considered and will be presented to Yearly Meeting. Subjects of the minutes include: the Peace Tax Fund, Draft Registration, Sanctions in Iraq, Counter-insurgency training, and Humanitarian Intervention in other countries.
PACIFIC YEARLY MEETING;
Walker Creek Ranch, California, August 1993
Nominating Committee Report

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ASSISTANT CLERK (1 YR)
94 Andrea English ST

RECORDING CLERK (2 YRS)
94 Joseph Magruder SA
95 Peter Milbury CH

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Recording Clerk (1 YR)
94 Keith Wedmore SF

READING CLERK (1 YR)
94 Carl Magruder BE

STATISTICAL CLERK (3 YRS)
95 Bruce Folsom SF

CO-TREASURERS (3 YRS)
95 Phyllis Jones RG
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CO-HISTORIAN/ARCHIVISTS
(3 YRS)
94 Ben Levine SM
95 Mary Warren WH (assisted by Jim Cavener CL)

ARRANGEMENTS CLERKS (2 YRS)
94 George Rudenko SV
95 Steve Sharpless RG

CO-REGISTRARS (3 YRS)
94 Gary Wolff OG
94

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(Items in italics are not named by Nominating Committee)
(names in bold type, nominated this session)

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94 Karen Morgan RF
95 Helen O'Brien WH, clerk
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95 Robert Noble SD
96 Margaret Mossman BE
96 Brian Vura-Weis IV
96 Tom Whiteman ST

SEXUAL ABUSE
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94 Karen Morgan RF
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96 Tom Whiteman ST

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MEETINGS & THE MENTALLY ILL
Pat Williams DA

SPECIAL FUNDS
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QUAKER PROCESS WORKSHOP
Laid Down

PYM NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT
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96 Arden Pierce PA
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94 tba, NPYM Representative
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94 Pat Daggerty OG
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94 Steve Sharpless RG
94 # Wendy Hartley CH
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95 Teresa Huffman
95 Melinda Glines ST
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96 Peggy Thompson SC
96 Carl Anderson ST

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  Jr. High School Advisors
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PACIFIC YEARLY MEETING 1993

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REUNION GENERAL DE LOS
AMIGOS EN MEXICO *
   95 Jane Peers* LJ

*ex officio member of Wider Fellowship
Among Friends Committee

FWCC - Section of the Americas**
   94 Jan Tappan OG Convenor ***
   95 Bob Barns GV ***
   95 Steve Birdlebough SA
   96 Rolene Otero OG
   96 Janet Leslie CH

**these Representatives select one of their
number to be an ex officio member of Wider
Fellowship Among Friends Committee

***Trienniel Representatives along with
Carol Mosher BE

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not filled by PYM Nominating Committee.

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   Ellie Foster SC
   Anne Friend LA
   Walter Jones SD
   Mark Koenig CH
   Jennifer Mahal SD
   Lowell Tozer SD
   Diana Lockard CL
   Becky Layfield Newman OC

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   Bass RF
   Representative to Sites Committee - Maia
   Wolff OG

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   FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE
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   Carl Magruder SA/BE
   Karen Lawrence LJ

YFNA DELEGATES
   Carl Magruder SA
   Melinda Glines ST
1993 ANNUAL REPORT OF PYM SOCIAL ORDER COMMITTEE

Members: Marybeth Webster, clerk (GV), Ernest Bicknell (BE), Diana Lockard (CL), Bard McAllister (VI), Peter Milbury (CH), Linda Rowell (CH), Susanne Weil (BE, on faculty Whittier College). Resigned: Chris Nunez Daw, (WW), Marian Givens (WW).

We held one planning meeting in April hosted by Sacramento Meeting. This experiment in economy/simplicity clarifies that we need two meetings. Committee business and sub-committee meetings conducted by phone and mail left too many loose ends.

Accomplishments: SOC-sponsored Interest Groups met at all three CPQM quarters. On economics they developed ever more precise language for producing a testimony for the next Faith & Practice. Those on women's issues resulted in the creation of a women's retreat at Ben Lomond November 19-21 and a deepening of Quaker women's concerns. At the request of the Family Abuse Sub-committee of PYM M&O, SOC formulated and submitted queries for use by Monthly Meetings.

After a year's seasoning and several approvals by constituent Meetings, we hereby present the La Jolla Domestic Partners Minute for PYM approval (see over for rationale, text of the Minute, & disposition).

This committee is enthused and hopeful about growing individual and Monthly Meeting collaboration with inner city agencies, ecumenical councils, and AFSC, FCL, and FCNL projects in their efforts to address broad social concerns. We also express our appreciation to FCL for including wording in their Policy Handbook statement on education (H.S.-1) regarding the desirability of non-violence training in all schools, and we remind Friends of the importance of their participation the the governance of their local schools.

The committee presents the following Interest Groups for the 1993 PYM:

1) **If you want social order, take the evolution of an Economics Testimony personally.** -- convened by Linda Rowell for the Social Order Sub-committee on Economics, with Bard McAllister.

2) **If you want social order, take the way we talk about violence to women personally.** -- convened by Diana Lockard and Susanne Weil of the Social Order Sub-committee on Women's Issues, with Marybeth Webster.

Please note the display space on Hawaiian sovereignty issues.

Friends are reminded that Minutes for Action and ideas for Interest and Sharing Groups need to be seasoned by Monthly and Quarterly Meetings and then brought to our committee preferably for our mid-October planning meeting, but no later than RepCom in March. Late requests, except emergencies, are hard to incorporate and do put a strain on us.
MINUTE OF EQUALITY OF RIGHTS FOR DOMESTIC PARTNERS

Background: La Jolla Meeting sent this minute to PYM Social Order Committee in 1992. That committee disseminated it in its annual report to PYM for consideration at Monthly and Quarterly Meetings. Many Monthly Meetings have approved it or one very similar in language. Southern California Quarterly Meeting approved it in October 1992.

We are concerned with certain injustices in our present legal system. We see these as inhumane and counter to Friends' testimony of equality. Persons in committed relationships may share their lives for decades, yet under present practices, they are sometimes unable to see each other in their final hours, due to hospital regulations. They may be unable to share equally in property rights to which they have both contributed, unless they go through cumbersome and expensive legal processes. When one becomes unemployed, the medical benefits of the other cannot be extended for coverage, although the one is willing to assume loving care of the other. All of these legal rights are enjoyed by men and women living in committed legal relationships called marriage. It is not our concern to know whether or not there is a sexual element in relationships. We are looking simply at the matter of persons who lovingly share their lives in a public and lasting manner and are presently denied rights now granted to others.

Minute: Therefore, we of Pacific Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends hereby minute our position as follows:

We believe that the legal rights enjoyed by married couples including joint ownership of property, the condition of being the stated next-of-kin, medical insurance coverage, rights of survivorship, and similar rights and privileges should be legally recognized for any two adult individuals living in a publicly acknowledged, committed relationship, regardless of the gender of the individuals.

Disposition of Minute: We call on individual Friends, on all Monthly and Quarterly Meetings of Pacific Yearly Meeting, and upon FCL to move it forward, to bring it to the attention of legislators of the State of California so that state laws will be created and altered to achieve the above goals.
REPORT TO PYM ON FRIENDS CENTER MOSCOW
EAST- WEST RELATIONS COMMITTEE

The East-West Relations Committee (EWRC) is asking Pacific Yearly Meeting to participate in the process of carrying forward our vision of a Friends Center in Moscow. There are 2 proposed minutes following a brief history of the project and a description of the program is attached.

Aug. 1991 The idea for a center came as a result of the 1991 tour of the USSR which occurred immediately after the failed coup when new needs and possibilities emerged. EWRC began a process of examining the appropriate response to requests we heard for assistance.

July-Aug. 1992 San Francisco Monthly Meeting and EWRC jointly sponsored Kay Anderson and David Hartsough to go to Russia to explore with the people how Quakers could be useful in the former Soviet Union.

Aug. 1992 EWRC described to PYM a vision of a Quaker International Center (as it was then called) to be a long term presence in Russia. We began to test the concept with monthly meetings and other Quaker organizations.

Oct. 1992 Kay and David reported to EWRC the need for a sustained Quaker presence and a program of assisting self-initiated grass roots organizations with the technical skills necessary to accomplish the goals they set.

Jan. 1993 EWRC formally decided to focus its resources in furthering the vision of a Friends Center in Moscow and a program to assist grass roots organizations in Russia and Ukraine. Kay agreed to draft a proposal for the Center and the committee formed an Ad Hoc committee to assist her. We also approved funds for Julie Harlow and Kay to attend a meeting at Pendle Hill in April which would involve Friends from AFSC, FWCC, FGC, the Quaker US-USSR Committee and individuals interested in outreach in the former USSR.

March 1993 EWRC approved the draft proposal developed by Kay and the Ad Hoc committee as a document for distribution. We also approved funds for Kay to work on our behalf in Moscow for an additional 10 days in June at the end of a trip sponsored by the League of Women Voters.

At Rep Com, representatives were asked to initiate discussion in their respective monthly meetings and be prepared to respond to a proposal for PYM support at the 1993 annual session.

April 1993 At the end of a day of sharing projects at Pendle Hill, the group reached unity on the concept of a Friends Center and that the EWRC proposal would be the basis of further testing and development. To do so they established a nationwide committee, including Steve Birdlebough and Kay from PYM.

While they were in the Philadelphia area, Kay and Julie also consulted with Asia Bennett of FWCC, Michael Simmons and Corrine Johnson of AFSC, Vint Deming of Friends Journal, Dan Seeger, and the Quaker US/USSR Committee about the idea of Friends Center and how we could best work together.

May 1993 EWRC approved proceeding with testing, grass roots organizing, and fund raising by sending Julie to IMYM and both Kay and Julie to FGC and NPYM in the summer. This action was taken in consultation with Asia Bennett, representing the Pendle Hill committee.
developed and approved the printing of the flyer to be circulated at the summer gatherings and
used for publicity. We also approved hiring Marina Koval, a Russian psychologist who had just
arrived at Woodbrooke, to work with us in Moscow on a consulting basis.

The 1993 action

Kay continued with exploring practical and pragmatic issues regarding the
friendships in Moscow including Peter Jarman, Marina Koval, and the Quaker community.
Investigations related to space for the Center confirmed that leasing a small apartment was the
most realistic plan at this time.

Julie attended IMYM, where a minute was passed that recommended that monthly meetings
consider their level of support. Further action by IMYM's representative body will be taken in
February.

July 1993

Kay and Julie attended FGC, leading 5 Interest Groups and developing an extensive
drafting list of Friends interested in the Center. They also attended NPYM, where the representative
body will forward to its monthly meetings a request for consideration of support and will take action
at their October meeting.

July 1993

Dan Seeger returned from Great Britain following consultations with QPS,
Woodbrooke, FWCC, and London YM. He prepared a proposal for an organizational structure and
program for a Center to be operated under the care of international Quaker organizations. This
proposal is now being circulated so that it can be discussed and responded to by EWRC.

EWRC is clear in its support of the program to respond to the needs expressed by the people
of Russia. We need to take advantage of immediate opportunities and openings while we work
forward long range development at the international level.

**NUTE:** Pacific Yearly Meeting supports East-West Relations Committee's participation with
other Quakers in the development of a Friends Center in Moscow. We recommend strong support
for individuals, meetings, and Quaker organizations by making immediate contributions and adding
the Center to their annual budgets. We are recommending the FWCC Section of the Americas
support this program, that FWCC include it on the agenda of the 1994 Trienniel, and that all sections
of FWCC facilitate world wide participation of Quakers. The realization of Friends Center Moscow
depends on Quakers around the world sharing this vision and supporting it spiritually. In support of
this belief, PYM is committed to providing financial support annually to Friends Center Moscow to
implement this program.

**NUTE:** PYM approves contributing $1000 to EWRC's special project fund on an annual basis to
support Friends Center Moscow beginning in 1994.

**Deductible contributions may be sent to:** EWRC/PYM c/o Julie Harlow 1163 Auburn Dr.,
Davis, CA 95616

PLENARY ATTACHMENT 0 - 2
Pacific Yearly Meeting
Walker Creek Ranch
August 3-8, 1993

REGISTRARS REPORT

The following statistics should be helpful in planning for future sessions. An estimated 497 people participated at this session for at least part of a day.

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We tried several new approaches this year:

- **Outreach to Young Friends.** We assisted Jennifer Mahal in the mailing 55 letters to Young Friends which described the Travel Assistance Fund and included a registration request form. This outreach was highly successful.

- **Early Registration Discount.** Registrants who mailed their registration request forms by June 10 received a discount of 5% on their fees. Nearly 60% of the registrants fit in this category.

- **Registration Deadline.** We published July 8 as the deadline for postmark of registration request forms. People who registered after that deadline were placed on a waiting list. The registration pamphlet clearly stated this policy. The deadline was also published in the Friends Bulletin. Due to the space limitations of Walker Creek Ranch, we were able to process only a few of the registration requests that were received after the deadline. Approximately 30 people whose registration request forms were received after the deadline were notified with regret that registration was full. Dozens of phone calls requesting registration were received after the deadline. For purposes of advanced planning, we believe a firm deadline is essential.

- **Worship-Fellowship Group Assignments.** In consultation with the Worship-Fellowship Subcommittee, we assigned people to their requested groups. The name badges included these assignments.

- **Planning Reports.** We provided various planning reports before and soon after the registration deadline to the Arrangements Clerk, Children's Program Committee, Junior Yearly Meeting Committee, Clerk of Junior Yearly Meeting, Worship-Fellowship Subcommittee, and Transportation Coordinator.

- **First-time Attender Special Friends.** We paired together first-time attenders with a seasoned PYM attender to help orient and make the first-time attender feel welcome.
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- **List of Registrants.** We distributed a List of Registrants in the check-in packet.

- **Two Check-in Lines.** During the busy check-in times, we staffed an "Express Check-In" and a "Balance Due Check-In" line. This allowed those people who had paid all fees in full to experience a fairly simple and speedy check-in process.

- **No On-Site Registration.** On-site registration was not allowed. We attempted to turn several people away who arrived on-site without having registered in advance. With no clear policy as to our authority in this matter, we felt unsupported by some Friends in our effort to uphold the contract with Walker Creek Ranch as we understood it. After consultation with others, some of these people were allowed to participate, but we felt our authority as registrars was diminished.

Additionally, some people arrived on-site knowing that they were not welcome to be present because we had communicated to them in advance that registration was full. This was a very difficult task for us, often leading to strong emotion and harsh words. Some people felt that they should be able to attend in the place of other people who cancelled. We did not honor this practice due to the complexity of processing substitutions, but more importantly the inherent unfairness to those who tried to register but were turned away earlier.

Many volunteers assisted us. Without their help, the registration process would not have worked. We extend a special thank you to Pat Wolff for her help in preparing the confirmation and check-in materials, to Sola Wolff for her help in preparing the check-in packets, and to Sam Miller for his tolerance and support.

Betty Miller and Gary Wolff, Co-Registrars
Sunday, August 8, 1993
Minutes
Wider Fellowship Among Friends Committee
August 7, 1993

1. Wider Fellowship Among Friends Committee Approved by Representative Committee

Representative Committee requests endorsement from PYM for the Wider Fellowship Among Friends Committee to initiate a consultation with representatives from western yearly meetings to explore whether they are interested in planning together a second Western Gathering or other joint activity to be determined by those representatives.

2. Re-allocation of PYM's FWCC triennial funds to FWCC Triennial Travel and Visitation

The Wider Fellowship Among Friends Committee requests that $2000 of PYM's FWCC Triennial funds be contributed to the FWCC Triennial Travel Fund (FWCC World Office) and that up to $1000 be made available to bring FWCC Triennial representatives for travel and visitation to PYM and meetings in our geographic area. The Wider Fellowship Among Friends Committee will be responsible for overseeing the money for travel to PYM.
Recognizing that members of PYM "hunger for contact with other Friends" the WFAF Committee was established in 1985 to: report regularly on upcoming activities or interests of Friends groups in which PYM Friends might participate; to encourage the release of Friends for visitation to other Friends' groups; to explore, encourage and implement means of bringing together Friends of many groups in activities such as peace work, support of refugees, support of Friends' schools, and the like, in conferences, including a West Coast Gathering of Friends, & in other ways that might be found; to encourage PYM Friends to work with other yearly meetings and the Friends World Committee for Consultation in such efforts as the above; to encourage outreach to other Friends' groups.

The WFAF Committee consists of 3 appointed members, (Jeanette Norton, Marie Schutz, & Ann Friend) and PYM representatives to Friends General Conference Central Committee (Langdon Elsbree), Friends United Meeting (Stratton Jaquette), Evangelical Friends International (Meta Ruth Ferguson), Friends Committee for Consultation (Jan Tappan), Young Friends of North America (Carl Magruder), and Reunion General de los Amigos en Mexico (Jane Peers). We encourage you to read the written reports on these Friends groups which are available in Quaker publications (June & July of Friends Journal, June of Quaker Life, & Friends World News) and from the clerk, and to invite these committee members to share their rich experiences with you and your monthly meeting.

The committee has met twice this year. After the exuberant energy expended on the 1992 Western Gathering of Friends we are in a quieter mode exploring the best ways to follow-up and build on the WGF. We want to support participants in maintaining the relations they made at the WGF & in their efforts to reach out to other new Friends. The evaluations of the WGF indicate that Friends want another WGF to occur, within 3-5 years. We are trying to discern whether our committee should once more initiate a consultation among the Western Yearly Meetings to decide if, and when, another Western Gathering might occur, and to set up a structure to facilitate the planning of any future WGF. If another WGF does occur we will focus on how to achieve more equal participation from all yearly meetings. We welcome your ideas on these questions and call your attention to the WFAF interest group on Friday where these matters will be discussed before possible consideration at plenary on Saturday morning. Bob Vogel will also share his experience in establishing & maintaining relationships with Friends from other Yearly Meetings. We are also happy to invite you to an WFAF interest group on Thursday with guest Doug Gaunt, Pastor of Berkeley Friends Church and Western Region Staff of FWCC. Come meet Doug and consider the historical reasons & current relevance of the diverse expressions of Quakerism in America & elsewhere.

Major events in Friends groups this year have included: the FWCC Annual Meeting, held for the first time in Mexico and conducted in Spanish with English translations; Friends United Meeting Triennial in New York, and the Gathering of Friends General Conference in Oklahoma. The FWCC Triennial to be held in New Mexico, August 15-24, 1994, will provide a rare opportunity to meet Friends from around the world.

Jeanette Norton, Clerk of WFAF Committee
Excerpts from Reports on FGC, FUM and Rocky Mountain Yearly Meeting:

Marie Schutz serves on the Central Committee of Friends General Conference and its Ministry & Nurture Committee which recently published The Wounded Meeting. Marie reports that PYM receives many benefits from FGC including First Day School materials and an annual catalog of Quaker-related materials for adults and children. These services are especially important now that other sources of materials have closed. One FGC committee placed ads in non-Quaker magazines asking, "Are you a Quaker and didn't know it?" They received 389 responses, to which a personal letter was written in reply as well as referring the inquirer to the nearest Friends Meeting. Of that number 50 were from the PYM area. "This year 41 PYM members participated in a week long gourmet feast of Quakerism at its best." Next July the gathering will be in Amherst, Mass. Marie says "Of all the groups to which we send representatives or observers, this one speaks most clearly to our condition, as well as serving us well."

Robert Vogel reports that 496 Friends from 18 Yearly Meetings attended the Friends United Meeting Triennial to "Proclaim the Year of the Lord" through worship, fellowship, discussion and business sessions. Representatives accepted the purpose statement that: "Friends United Meeting commits itself to energize and equip Friends through the power of the Holy Spirit, to gather people into fellowships where Jesus Christ is known, loved and obeyed as Teacher and Lord." Highlights were Bible study, open worship, inspirational music & the ministry of 5 speakers at worship services. Alan Kolp, speaking on "A Motion of Love" concluded that "Quaker vision does not claim we become the same as Jesus Christ, but it does proclaim that the same Spirit which was in Jesus will come to be in us...and through us, God is creating new life." Bob says, "There was sadness and grief when the Triennial reluctantly accepted the withdrawal of Friends Church: Southwest Yearly Meeting. It agreed to allow temporary affiliation for the Whittier (CA) Friends Church and other FCSWYM churches that desire to continue FUM affiliation. FCSWYM cited as reasons for withdrawal, the unwillingness in some sections of FUM to affirm a commitment to the orthodox Friends position on authority of scripture and the deity of Christ...We find unity as Friends impossible without clarity of purpose and commitment to the Lordship of Christ and the revelation that He is our only way to salvation and fellowship with God."...

"Johan Maurer, FUM General Secretary, said FUM can't be a forum for Friends differences nor define who is or is not a Quaker. The job of FUM is (1) to emphasize Quaker distinctives, (2) create a network of warm, loving relationships, (3) help Yearly Meetings reach their goals of evangelism through the two principal services of FUM: World Ministries and Meeting Ministries."

Meta Ruth Ferguson reports that Rocky Mountain's theme was Effective Prayer for the '90's-Pray Without Ceasing. Speaker Robin Johnston "distributed copies of a chart outlining elements for an hour of prayer. In commenting on the importance of waiting and listening he expressed regret about the loss by many Friends of our heritage of silent waiting. Although some terminology was different than I would use, I found much that was helpful in his messages...I was especially impressed by the Youth Committee's report that described a number of activities & expressed committed concern for the youth...The sincerity, zeal, and commitment to the concerns of the Yearly Meeting were an inspiration to me."
To Fellow Seekers:

Nestled in a remote valley, Young Friends met at Walker Creek Ranch for the 1993 Pacific Yearly Meeting session. Young Friends brought to Yearly Meeting a high degree of commitment and a willingness to see concerns in a new way.

In spite of a frustrating planning session for the "Respectful Relationships" talk with the Junior Young Friends, our dedication to the well-being of these young people helped us facilitate an incredibly open and healing discussion. We listened to their needs instead of determining them for ourselves. We didn't go to teach; we went to share.

Junior Young Friends shared without inhibitions. They asked risky questions about sexuality, HIV and AIDS. Young Friends walked away from this meeting with a feeling of personal enrichment and wonder. Who was teaching whom?

Young Friends sponsored interest groups for discussing intergenerational concerns and conflict resolution. Friends young and old came together, addressing issues including spiritual seeking and how Quaker values might shape career choices. Many older Friends reflected on their early years of spiritual growth, offering Young Friends encouragement for their own paths. These experiences helped to remove the isolation that Young Friends have previously felt from the rest of Yearly Meeting, allowing old problems, future hopes, and the challenges facing youth in transition to surface. These testimonies brought to consciousness the value of finding a spiritual mentor within our own monthly meetings. Young Friends felt touched by the caring shown to us.
In an afternoon business meeting we found out that we were in charge of most of that evening's plenary. Panic was an option. Instead, we told ourselves that time didn't matter. We had less than two hours including dinner to come up with a program, but we trusted that we could do it. And we did.

We were startled by the rich response from Yearly Meeting to our query: "Why is Pacific Yearly Meeting losing its youth and how can we keep it?" Friends of all ages came forward to speak. Afterwards, an older Friend remarked that some of the wisest words were spoken by the youngest Friends. We've been swamped with responses. Friends have invited us to their meetings, projects, work camps, and more. We leave this Pacific Yearly Meeting energized. Now we talk of caravans, finding spiritual mentors in our meetings, and making Quakerism a greater part of our daily lives.

We feel this has been a pivotal Pacific Yearly Meeting and we are psyched about the light that's poring through the windows we have opened. This Pacific Yearly Meeting was filled with a powerful spirit that swept us out of stagnation toward new beginnings.

With compassion and respect,

Karen Lawrance

Diana Deseriah Dawn
Co-Clerks, Young Friends, Pacific Yearly Meeting
August 8, 1993

Dear Friends Worldwide:

Hello from Pacific Junior Yearly Meeting! We hope you are having a great time in plenary; we all know that is why we come. That, and the activities we share with our wonderful peers, keep us coming back every year.

Thank goodness we had more time than last year for enlightening experiences and special moments. For instance, tie-dying was an enjoyable ice-breaker to start off five days of bliss and terror. One moment of bliss was during our "respectful relationships" discussion when we all joined hands and shed a few tears while a member of Junior Yearly Meeting shared with us a moving experience in her life, her parents being HIV positive. The terror came the next morning when we all looked like aliens with tie-dye colors trapped on our hands and under our nails.

Intensity with honesty were key aspects of our worship/fellowship groups in which we discussed subjects that were vital to us. Since we have to cram in the events of a whole year into less than a week, we opened up to each other unconditionally.

The bonding was not only with Junior Yearly Meeting. After a very intense plenary where our Young Friends brought up a concern about how separated we are by age and the problems we face in our youth, we had a dance for friends of all ages. That was the first time we saw young with old, handicapped with able bodied, everyone dancing and having a good time.

As we learned, trust and team work will always be an imperative part in our daily lives, especially with friends. The ropes course, which was a series of challenging events that required such knowledge, helped us to discover this knowledge.

Loving each other and the environment came together at a local project in which we planted trees at a local school. There were people from around the world getting the dirt and sweating together. As we watered the trees, a few of us watered ourselves to cool off.

As this year's PYM comes to an end, we look back fondly at these last few days as we look forward to next year.

Sincerely,

Sarah Ruth Corbett on behalf Pacific Junior Yearly Meeting
Dear Friends Everywhere,

Pacific Yearly Meeting Friends greet you from Walker Creek Ranch, nestled among the rolling golden brown hills of Northern California. Clumps of green trees dot the landscape and fog drifts in early in the morning. This land was once home to the native Miwok people, and their acorn grinding rock remains to remind us of our heritage. One evening during a plenary session, as twilight fell, Friends were delighted to see through the large window a herd of seven deer descend the hillside and trustfully browse just a few yards away.

Younger Friends and older Friends have been encouraged to share their spiritual journeys with each other in interest groups and in a special plenary session organized by Ministry and Oversight. The question: "How have I experienced spiritual growth?" was beautifully answered by one of our Friends in her thirties around the theme of her trust in God and her response of "Here am I. Send me." Her gift to us of songs of her own composing included this message and inspired us all.

One of our older Friends addressed the question: "What is the growing edge of my spiritual life now?" She likened her spiritual growth to tending her garden, and found that she was helped by asking herself each day: "What does love require of me today?" which often meant unconditional caring.

Our lives have been enriched by the wide age-range among us. Nevertheless, the query "Why is P.Y.M. losing its youth and what can we do about it?", presented by young Friends (age 18 and up), evoked much emotional sharing among both young and old. The young felt the loss of their friends and the families the loss of their children from the Society of Friends. All ages expressed a need for greater spirituality in Yearly Meeting.

We have been concerned with the revision of our Faith and Practice for the year 2000, with emphasis this year on the nature of the core of our faith; on the children of our meetings; and on the advices and queries. As we pondered the core of our faith, we were helped by the clerk of our Discipline Committee who described a Christmas Eve she witnessed many years ago in Austria, when the lights from lanterns being carried down the mountain slopes converged on the village below. So, too, the many different lights of our Yearly Meeting, pooled, will be available for us in the twenty-first century. The individual’s mystical experience, if shared with others, becomes a part of the corporate wisdom. The core of Quaker belief is that the Truth is known to each
one of us. In the words of a book on bird identification, "When the bird and the book disagree, always believe the bird." There is among the Faith and Practice Revision Committee a deep concern for daily meditative practice among all our members. Our monthly meetings hunger for spiritual enrichment, and thirst for guidance in spiritual growth.

Throughout the year Friends in the various meetings and worship groups have been concerned with bridging the gap between pastoral and unprogrammed Yearly Meetings, many having been inspired by the Western Gathering of Friends last summer.

At PYM we shared concerns for the mentally ill and the sexually abused.

We were challenged in our plenaries to find God's truth in the search for Unity on civil rights for all people in committed relationships.

At a very touching memorial meeting we remembered beloved members whose lives have taught us much. A thread through several of these messages was the social and environmental legacy these departed Friends left to us.

The peace testimony has been a broad thread in the fabric of this Yearly Meeting. The members of the East-West Relations Committee and other groups are working toward establishing a long-term Friends Center in Moscow. Their aim is to support grassroots Russian and Ukrainian groups that share traditional Quaker concerns for social justice. Pacific Yearly Meeting approved a minute of support of a Friends Center in Moscow.

Our Peace Committee introduced a proposal that grew out of the 1993 Friends General Conference: to form Friends peacemaking teams similar to those which the Brethren and Mennonites have organized.

There was a sense of joy, hope and thanksgiving at the U.S. moratorium on nuclear testing. Pacific Yearly Meeting members signed a letter of appreciation to President Clinton for his efforts, and also asked for his support of a Comprehensive Nuclear Test Ban Treaty.

We send our warm greetings out to you, with the thought that our salvation becomes one with the salvation of the earth.

On behalf of Pacific Yearly Meeting,

Ellie Huffman
Presiding Clerk
August 1, 1993

Report on Friends United Meeting Triennial Sessions
July 13 - 18, 1993 (Hamilton College, Clinton, New York)

My week at Friends United Meeting (FUM) was relaxed and rewarding: clearly a week among Friends. The week even grows better with age. It is more than another Quaker conference (almost unlimited ice cream) discovering mutual friends or "I knew your father at Westtown". It is good to see that the essentials of the Religious Society of Friends are alive and well among Friends quite towards the other end of the spectrum of those calling themselves Quakers. I found I knew more people than I expected, mainly from the AFSC, FCNL, and FWCC Friends we know from our own PYM (Pacific Yearly Meeting, not the other PYM), and the Western Gathering of Friends from last year. The eastern heat wave paused for the week in upstate New York on a very nice college campus. The floods in the mid-west were going strong, and many Friends from Iowa were wondering what they would find at home.

I was glad to be able to go to FUM and to bring greetings from Pacific Yearly Meeting, carrying an acknowledgement that we are all part of the same Religious Society of Friends. I observed that PYM, along with North Pacific and Intermountain, are usually referred to as the western Independent Yearly Meetings, almost as if there were an organization of independent yearly meetings. While acknowledging an independent streak, I think we are better described as Unaffiliated, since we choose not to be a member of FUM or Friends General Conference (FGC), or Evangelical Friends International (EFI) either. Although a little hard to keep quiet in business meetings, all of which I attended, I did not stay completely silent, especially in the workshops and meetings for worship. The workshops I went to were excellent. It was wonderful to find (silent) meeting for worship every morning before breakfast. The days were generally set with a worship service in the morning (presented and participatory song and then Bible reading and related homily, then "open worship"), business session, free time, workshops, and evening talk or lecture, preceded by singing. Evening talks varied; author Madeleine L'Engle was amazing. The days drew from different parts of the quotation which was the theme of the conference, Luke 4:18-19 (taken from Isaiah): The spirit of the Lord is upon me because he has anointed me; he has sent me to announce good news to the poor, to proclaim release for prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind; to let the broken victims go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour. (NEB) (Various other translations were used as well.)

FUM is an association of Yearly Meetings, plus a couple of unattached monthly meetings; that in itself contains an almost unmanageable spectrum of Friends beliefs and practices. At the progressive and unprogrammed worship end of the spectrum are most of the old eastern yearly meetings, including New England, New York, and Baltimore but excluding Philadelphia for interesting
historical reasons. These YMs belong by dint of their history: they are united (or 'consolidated' as better described Baltimore's condition at the time) yearly meetings, one component of which was the evangelical and often pastoral side of the schisms of the last century, but these yearly meetings are now more influenced by their Hicksite halves and their strong association in FGC. At the evangelical (and sometimes fundamentalist) and programmed worship extreme has been our neighbor, Friends Church, Southwest Yearly Meeting. In the middle lie the programmed yearly meetings, dominantly of the mid-west and product of the revivalism and Gurneyite meetings. In addition, FUM contains the yearly meetings that have grown out of their mission work, spreading the good news to Cuba, Jamaica, and east Africa. African Friends were poorly represented, given their membership numbers; Cubans were present after years of problems gaining entry to the US.

FUM operates during most the the Triennium under the governance of the General Board, which is a representative body of the member yearly meetings. The Triennial sessions were plenary sessions, with yearly meeting representatives having the floor first. As expected, there is some tension between the General Board and the plenary Triennial Sessions.

The apparent significant issue that has been widely discussed over the past 3 years is 'realignment'. See the "Realignment, Nine Views Among Friends" (Pendle Hill Monday Evening Lecture Series, Autumn 1991) or the good extract in FGC "Focus: Discovering the Center of Quakerism". The concrete issue was Southwest Yearly Meeting's proposal to lay down FUM, with member yearly meetings going to EFI or FGC. FUM has been unwilling to do this or to accommodate Southwest YM's position on other matters (reaffirming the Richmond Declaration of Faith, etc.); FUM did approve a new statement of purpose written with care by the General Board during the past year:

*Friends United Meeting commits itself to energize and equip Friends through the power of the Holy Spirit to gather people into fellowships where Jesus Christ is known, loved and obeyed as Teacher and Lord.*

In the end Southwest Yearly Meeting withdrew from FUM, with much sadness on many sides. Southwest Yearly Meeting has just grown in the direction of fundamentalist evangelical community Christian churches and would not stay within FUM without FUM accepting the inerrancy of the Bible and the deity of Christ. This represents the potential split from the roots of Quakerism that John Punshon spoke of at the Western gathering of Friends. I think fundamentalism and deification of Jesus are incompatible with the core beliefs of Friends. Along the same vein, I cannot sit by idly when others consider Friends to be a Denomination, implying Christian Protestant; although our roots are Protestant, our beliefs are, to me, neither Protestant, Roman Catholic, or Orthodox. Lest we think it is just the evangelical fringe that have walked away from the core of Quakerism, we in PYM tend to the other extreme, abandoning even God, let alone Jesus, the scriptures, and Christianity. The withdrawal of Southwest Yearly Meeting did and does put several monthly meetings within Southwest
YM in an unhappy spot. These are the meetings were minuted as standing aside from the yearly meting decision, have the strongest Quaker roots, and tend to be the meetings with which we in PYM tend to cooperate. They will be allowed to retain an association with FUM as monthly meetings, but this is ill defined as yet even though it may become somewhat akin to the way FGC allows monthly meetings to have membership in FGC. We in PYM should be especially aware and supportive of our neighboring Friends who are not happy with the withdrawal from FUM (Berkeley, Whittier, Bakersfield, Sacramento, and Garden Grove).

The other somewhat unexpected issue that went through 3 business meetings, including a special called session, was the request of some Iowa meetings that FUM withdraw from both the National Council of Churches of Christ (NCC) and the World Council of Churches (WCC). The General Board, without unity, recommended this withdrawal. It is of some interest that Yearly Meetings cannot belong to either, only so called national organizations of churches. (Canadian Yearly Meeting belongs to the Canadian Council of Churches and to the WCC, the only Yearly Meeting in WCC.) Although not explicit in the request, it seems that some meetings strongly oppose associating with FUM if FUM is in the same organization with, and hence tainted by, churches espousing or practicing unstated practices, such as ordaining gays or lesbians. They felt FUM had not acted on the request for many years. In the end, it was clear that there was no unity but that the bulk of Friends would want to stay in WCC at least (but NCC presents some problems with FUM embracing not only the US but several other countries as well). Appreciating the lack of faithful attendance to the concern and request by the meetings asking out of WCC, FUM did decide to suspend its memberships and ask its member yearly meetings to take the issue up as a matter of business and to minute their several decisions before the next Triennial meeting. Here is where the plenary would not trust the final decision to the General Board. (PYM's official ecumenicism seems not to extend beyond Quakers.)

FUM has financial problems as well, and the withdrawal of Southwest Yearly Meeting makes it even harder to support all the missions and services they have had for years. We should take seriously, but without immediate panic, the possibility that FUM will not be able to continue its book store and press. We in PYM use the editorial and publication products of FGC, FUM, and other yearly meetings a great deal, and we would feel the loss of handy pamphlets and books.

Although we PYMers would be comfortable with the meetings for business of most FUM member meetings and FUM itself, many would be uneasy with the worship and priorities of FUM. They have a high priority to mission, spreading the gospel; we tend to ignore that and even make it hard for others to find where our meeting houses are. We emphasize service. Also many meetings in FUM include the modern evangelical sort of music in the worship,
even to the extent of cueing the sound booth for the tape of instrumental and choral background for song that is presented in the middle of worship. The music would also seem very patriarchal to our PYM ears. We need to remain mindful that we seek the voice of God behind the words we hear and the performance we see.

I have not yet received the message from FUM but will attach it to this report later. (I made the radical suggestion that the draft message be posted so Friends could read it and thereby be better able to make comments to the committee -- it was.) I have also attached various other materials, including Southwest Yearly Meeting's letter of withdrawal and Whittier's request to remain within FUM. (My workshop drawing of God is not attached.) Material on the WCC issue and other matters is also attached. I brought back materials on Indian Affairs, which we tend to lose track of. All the issues current in FUM apply or should apply to our lives as Friends as well, and we would do well to take note and study them.

Stratton C. Jaquette
RECOMMENDATIONS TO MONTHLY MEETING PEACE COMMITTEES (08/08/93)

I. Suggestions for Action re Minutes Approved by Quarterly Meetings and in Amended Form by Peace Committee:

A. College Park and Southern Ca. Quarterlies both approved minutes requesting that the School of the Americas in Fort Benning, Georgia, be closed. This School for Terrorists was written up in the Aug. 9th edition of Newsweek. This is funded under Foreign Aid through "International Military Education and Training" (IMET). Write to the House of Representatives Foreign Affairs Committee (Chr., Lee Hamilton, Indiana), and to the Appropriations subcommittee on Foreign Operations (Chair, David Obey, Wisconsin). In the Senate, write to the Foreign Relations Committee (Chr., Claiborne Pell, RI) and to the Appropriations subcommittee on Foreign Operations (Chr, Patrick Leahy, VT). Polly Brokaw of San Jose Meeting has materials on the School; (408) 246-0524.

B. A Minute approved by College Park Quarterly (and approved as amended by PYM Peace comittee) reaffirms opposition to compulsory registration for the draft, and supports the rights of conscientious objectors. A defunding of Selective Service (cut to 5 million) passed in the House, and is now being considered in the Senate. Write Diane Feinstein on the Appropriations Committee, and Barbara Mikulski, Chr. of the relevant subcommittee. Thank Ron Dellums for introducing the Military Conscientious Objectors Act, and ask other Representatives to co-sponsor.

C. A Minute supporting the Peace Tax Fund was approved by College Park Quarterly and approved by PYM Peace Committee. Senator Hatfield in the Senate, and Representative Andy Jacobs of Indiana, have introduced Peace Tax Fund bills.

D. A Minute approved by College Park Quarterly (and approved as amended by PYM Peace Committee) calls for lifting all non-military sanctions against Iraq. At present there are few Representatives or Senators working on this. Write, or better yet, visit them while they are on recess.

E. The Minute on Humanitarian Intervention in the Affairs of Other Nations, approved by So. Ca. Quarterly, was approved in amended form by PYM Peace Committee. Specific suggestions in the Minute were omitted because of internal contradictions within them, and lack of unity on PYM Peace Committee. Carolyn Stephenson, Associate Professor of Political Science at the U. of Hawaii, consulted with us on the Minute and added queries to help Friends clarify their positions. These questions are also being wrestled with by the Quaker UN Office. Call Clare Galbraith of Delta Meeting for the latest QUNO thinking; (209) 795-7033.
II. Do We Find Our Meetings "On The Growing Edge" in Peacemaking?

A proposal which grew out of Friends General Conference July, '93, was presented to PYM calling for support of Friend Peace Teams. On the Steering Committee of the Peace Teams Group are Linda Dunn of Inland Valley Mtng (909) 682-5364, and Ellie Shacter of La Jolla Mtng (619)273-2165. David Hartsough of San Francisco Mtng, is also involved; (415) 751-5708. See the letter presented in previous Plenary-attachment J.

Responses at PYM pointed to the need for inquiry, examination and seasoning of the Friends Peace Team idea by Monthly Meetings. PYM Peace Committee recommends the Query: "Do we nurture and support those called to active peacemaking within our own Meeting, providing them opportunities to use their gifts and to receive further training?" This includes peacemaking within the local community as well as beyond national boundaries. Opportunities in mediation, conflict resolution and nonviolent witness exist in the "Hands of Peace" (formerly called Alternatives to Violence) Project, as well as Witness for Peace, Sanctuary, and Christian Peacemaker Teams sponsored by Brethren and Mennonites.

Funds to release Friends for peace witness and training can be raised at the Monthly Meeting level, or the Fund for Concerns of PYM, can be utilized. It is administered by M & O Committee of PYM (Helen O'Brien, Clerk; (310)698-7503. Friends can also contribute to this Fund for Concerns by sending checks to the PYM Treasurers, Phyllis and Walter Jones (916) 223-5405.

III. At this time PYM Peace Committee has not decided to organize a Friends Witness at the Nevada Test Site in '94. This is due to the extended moratorium on nuclear testing, and lack of unity. However, the weekend of Palm Sunday has been reserved with the Nevada Desert Witness, in case other Friends committees decide to go ahead. Watch for further news.

On this and related issues, PYM Peace Committee recommends (1) writing to the President urging that he develop a Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty (2) studying economic conversion needs and how to affect them and (3) continuing to speak out on Shoshone Indian treaty rights.

NOTE: PYM Peace Committee recognizes and thanks Alison Oldham, Legislative Action Coordinator of FCNL, who was our active advisor on legislation during Yearly Meeting. (202) 547-6000.
BACKGROUND

Quakers have a long tradition of opposition to war and the use of military force and have consistently supported national and international institutions that seek alternatives to the use of violence to resolve conflicts. Presently, we are concerned over the United States' unilateral use of its military forces to protect foreign populations from violations of human rights or extreme hardship. We fear the very process of introducing unilateral armed forces into humanitarian aid will make it susceptible to manipulation in the interest of the parties providing the soldiers. Only nonviolent solutions that leave all parties with their dignity will ultimately be successful; and such nonviolent solutions are best negotiated in the context of the broadest international authority.

Presently, peace-related functions of the United Nations include peace-building, peace-making, peace-keeping, and peace-enforcing. Peace-building involves long-term efforts in the sustainable development of human rights and needs. Peace-making involves diplomacy and conflict resolution; peace-keeping involves providing forces only lightly armed to stand between warring peoples who agree to their presence to maintain their cease-fire; and peace enforcement involves the use of sanctions and/or sending armed forces to carry out United Nations Security Council resolutions against a state which has violated the Charter.

MINUTE

Pacific Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends forsweares the use of military force and unilateral intervention in the affairs of other nations no matter how well intended. Instead, we believe our government should support truly international nonviolent efforts to provide humanitarian aid and to assist oppressed peoples and victims of violence and aggression.

Questions you might want to consider in the context of discussion:

When we think of facing a rapist or burglar in our own home, do we think first of dialing 911, of resisting nonviolently, or of calling our Quaker neighbor?

When those who deliver humanitarian aid under our (UN) direction are attacked (as in Somalia, ex-Yugoslavia), do we support the use of armed force to protect them?

Does the fact that the use of force is organized under the UN, and thus enjoys broad international consensus, make such use of force acceptable to us?

How do we believe that we, the US, and the UN can best deal with major ethnic, national, and international conflicts? What can Friends contribute here?

(8/4/93)
MINUTE ON TRAINING COUNTERINSURGENTS

BACKGROUND

Quakers have a long tradition of opposition to war and the use of violence to achieve political objectives. Presently we are concerned over the United States training of counterinsurgents, first on a U.S. base in Panama beginning in 1946 and, since 1984, at Fort Benning. Graduates of this program have included Panama's General Manuel Noriega and Bolivia's Generals Hugo Banzer Suarez and Leopoldi Galtieri. Other graduates served Somoza in Nicaragua, Pinochet in Chile, Stroessner in Paraguay, and repressive regimes in El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, and Haiti. And it is still training soldiers who terrorize their own citizens.

MINUTE

Pacific Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends opposes the training of counterinsurgents at the School of the Americas at Fort Benning, Georgia. We urge that this school be closed and that similar training elsewhere be discontinued.

Approved by Peace Committee, 08/05/93
QUAKER UNITED NATIONS COMMITTEE

QUNO is in good health. Carolyn Stephenson of PYM has joined the QUNO Committee.

I. With more militant stance of the United Nations, QUNO and QUNC seek the responses of Quakers around the world for the future of Friends' work at the U.N. Some alternatives include:

1. Continue as we have since the inception as the U.N. Charter provides for a U.N. military force.

2. Work at the U.N. in the areas of Friends testimonies, such as disarmament, emergencies and development.

3. Using the Mennonite model, work non-politically in support and training.

4. Turn away from the United Nations as breaking with the Peace Testimony.

II. The QUNO, in conjunction with AFSC, calls your attention to the Quaker House Endowment Fund. Quaker House, near the United Nations in Manhattan, has been and is at the heart of the Quaker U.N. program where international delegates to the U.N. meet in informal, unrecorded conversations.

Clare Galbraith, Quaker United Nations Committee. PYM Plenary VII, Saturday, August 7, 1993
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Report to Pacific Yearly Meeting

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Friends Bulletin is grateful for the support of Pacific Yearly Meeting, especially its financial support. The annual subsidy payment from your yearly meeting makes it possible for the magazine to exist.

During the next year Friends Bulletin will include reports from our three yearly meetings and articles that reflect the interest and concern of Friends.

Friends Bulletin is your magazine.

We hope to hear from you.
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