PACIFIC YEARLY MEETING
Eighth Month 2, 1995
Gordon Hall Conference Center, Chico, California

PLENARY SESSION I

The annual gathering of Pacific Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends began at approximately 1:30 p.m. with a period of silent worship, at Gordon Hall Conference Center in Chico, California.

EPISTLES

Krista Barnard, Reading Clerk, read from 1994 Epistles of Ohio Valley Yearly Meeting, and Junior Yearly Meeting of Illinois Yearly Meeting.

WELCOME

Ellie Huffman, PYM Clerk, welcomed Friends to the 49th annual gathering of Pacific Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends.

ROLL CALL

Andrea English, Assistant Clerk, called the roll. Friends were present from the following Monthly Meetings, Preparative Meetings and Worship Groups:

Monthly Meetings:

Appleseed
Chico
Davis
Fresno
Honolulu
Inland Valley
Los Angeles
Marloma/Long Beach
Monterey Peninsula
Orange Grove
Palo Alto
Redwood Forest
Sacramento
San Francisco
Santa Barbara
Santa Monica
Visalia

Preparative Meetings:

Big Island

Mendocino
Worship Groups:
- Amador County/Jackson
- Conejo Valley
- Hawaii
- Noe Valley/Bernal Heights
- South County
- Windward
- Atascadero
- Hayward Area
- Los Osos
- Oakland
- Southern Humboldt

Participants from the Quaker Center Ben Lomond Summer Camping Program and from the Teen Wilderness Adventure were welcomed.

In addition, Friends from other yearly meetings were introduced and welcomed, including North Pacific Yearly Meeting; Ohio Yearly Meeting; Philadelphia Yearly Meeting; Northwest Yearly Meeting; Friends General Conference and New England Meeting.

ARRANGEMENTS, ETC.

Ellie Huffman, PYM Clerk, reviewed the schedule and changes.

Steve Sharpless, Arrangements Co-Clerk, made announcements and answered questions regarding PYM and Gordon Hall housekeeping, dining room and other related helpful rules and guidelines.

JUNIOR YEARLY MEETING

Alan Edgar, JYM Coordinator, reviewed PYM guidelines for supervision of the young people, and answered questions. Parents were reminded of the JYM meeting at 7:00 p.m. Some of the activities were described, and volunteers were requested to help with them.

CHILDREN'S PROGRAM

Rhea Farley, Children's Program Coordinator, reviewed their program and parent meeting planned for 3:30 this afternoon, introduced staff members and answered questions. Volunteers to assist with the program were encouraged.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Andrea English, Assistant Clerk, pointed out some of the opportunities for fellowship immediately following this session, and during PYM.

RAINBOW GAME

Mark Koenig explained the Rainbow Game, an intergenerational way for friends to get to know each other in a fun and interesting way.
The meeting ended at approximately 2:45 following a period of silent worship.

Minutes of this Session were read, corrected and approved during Plenary Session II.

Peter Milbury
Recording Clerk

Ellie Huffman, Clerk
PACIFIC YEARLY MEETING
EIGHTH MONTH 2, 1995
PLENARY II

WORSHIP
Meeting began with silent worship at 4:30, Ellie Huffman presiding.

EPISTLES
Krista Barnard read excerpts from Epistles from Northern Yearly Meeting and New York Yearly Meeting.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING
Minutes of Plenary I were read, corrected, and approved.

COMMITTEE FOR THE REVISION OF FAITH AND PRACTICE
Ellie Foster reported for the committee. A preliminary version of Advices and Queries for the new Faith and Practice will be distributed Saturday for Friends to take back to their Meetings for a year's trial. Friends are asked to live with them for a year, then bring them back to the Committee for discussion of what worked as well as what was uncomfortable.

ANNOUNCEMENTS
Andrea English read several announcements concerning the next few days' activities.

MINISTRY AND OVERSIGHT
Margaret Mossman and Tom Whiteman presided over the rest of this Plenary on the behalf of Ministry and Oversight. M&O focused on four major themes drawn from the State of the Society Reports: the places we gather to worship, children in our Meetings, outreach from our intimate communities to places of violence and desperation, and disunity and reconciliation within our Meetings. Friends responded to these concerns from the silence after hearing excerpts from the reports. The State of the Society Report is attached. Judy Hall reflected on the connection between Hawaii's multiethnic, multicultural community, the sovereignty movement, and Friends' testimonies. Her remarks are attached.

CLOSING
Meeting closed with silent worship at 6:05.

James Summers, Recording Clerk
PLENARY SESSION III

Our session began at approximately 7:45 p.m. with a period of silent worship.

EPISTLES

Krista Barnard, Reading Clerk, read from the 1994 Epistle of New England Yearly Meeting.

The minutes of Plenary Session II were read and approved.

PYM Clerk Ellie Huffman explained the format of this evening's Plenary Session, which would close with worship following the Brinton Visitors.

PERMANENT SITES SUBCOMMITTEE

Mark Koenig, Clerk of the Permanent Sites Subcommittee, presented reasons related to the world ecological crisis, as why the committee feels such a site is necessary, and shared a vision of how the site might be used to serve a range of environmental and other concerns consistent with Religious Society of Friends' testimonies: A Friends community and Conference Center based upon a Fourth World lifestyle within the First World, which can be duplicated at the homes of those visiting for conferences. Friends were invited to attend the related Working Session to learn more about the plans, and also see the related display.

MEETINGS AND THE MENTALLY ILL

Pat Williams, Clerk of the Subcommittee on Meetings and the Mentally Ill, read a PYM minute related to mental illness from 1986. She announced that a blue notebook with articles on mental illness would be sent to meetings, and also offered five wooden boxes of books on mental illness available to meetings.

Minutes of this Session were read, corrected and approved to this point.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Andrea English, PYM Assistant Clerk, noted room changes for the PYM Schedule.

BRINTON VISITORS

Ellie Huffman introduced the Brinton Visitors portion of the Session, "Quaker Struggles With Equality: The Spiritual Roots of
Our Testimony. This theme was addressed by the Brinton Visitors, Marge Abbott (NPYM) and Bob Vogel (PYM).

Marge Abbott shared how early Friends have been and continue to be her spiritual guides, identifying three common aspects to their lives: They recognized the need for a personal spiritual change, followed by a turn to the light of Christ within; they challenged others they met through their recognition of the power of God in every person, and their ability to offer an individual response to that Light of Christ within; their responses started with actions or evils that directly touched their simple, everyday lives. Using the model of early Friends we find a contemporary process: it starts with me, you, from where we are; it is usually something that touches our lives, provides a compulsion, leaving us unable not to act, to bring all our heart and soul to mind and witness the light within to the world.

Bob Vogel spoke of growing concerns for all kinds of Equality as witnessed by the two most recent versions of PYM Faith and Practice. Equality grew from less than a page in 1973 to almost seven in 1985. Given that Friends have valued equality from our origins, it is curious that we are today still struggling with these concepts. This is a reflection of the struggles of our society at large. We Friends are not immune to those issues facing the larger society. We need to remind ourselves that our testimonies do not stem from society, but from the spirit within, and that is where our power to move comes from. If we remain open to the Truth, way will open for us through the Holy Spirit. Love in action is difficult but required because the spark of God resides within both the perpetrator and victim. We must remain faithful to that measure of light that we have been portioned. Our community is a living tapestry that is important to nurture, but are we too removed, too ethnically homogeneous? Do we project the image of an elitist group? Our attention to the wider family of Friends is important, and all varieties of Friends Meetings exist here in the U.S. Our Peace witness to the world is hollow without unity among Friends. Although the divisions are still deep, we still have much in common, and a lot to learn from each other, particularly if we can acknowledge our own sins and shortcomings.

Minutes of the latter part of the Plenary Session were read, corrected and approved during Plenary Session IV.

Plenary Session ended following a period of silent worship, at approximately 9:45 p.m.

Peter Milbury
Recording Clerk

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PACIFIC YEARLY MEETING
EIGHTH MONTH 3, 1995
PLENARY IV

WORSHIP
Meeting opened with silent worship at 1:35 with Ellie Huffman presiding as clerk.

EPISTLES
Krista Barnard read excerpts of epistles from North Pacific Yearly Meeting and Canadian Yearly Meeting.

MINUTES
Minutes from Plenary III were read and approved.

NOMINATIONS
Chuck Orr presented a list of proposed nominations, which is attached with corrections noted. Action will be taken on Saturday.

EAST-WEST RELATIONS COMMITTEE
Julie Harlow referred Friends to the reports in the registration packet. Great progress has been made toward establishing Friends House, with international cooperation among Friends organizations. Pacific Yearly Meeting approves delegating Julie Harlow, Kay Anderson, and Ellie Huffman as two delegates and an alternate to the governing board of Friends House, starting in 1996, with funding remaining the same as for the interim board delegates. Friends House hopes to have legal status as a non-profit corporation in Europe by next year. Kay Anderson will share slides and insights in an interest group tomorrow. Pledges from individuals and annual line item contributions from Meetings would help with future financing and planning. Many Meetings have helped in this way already.

FRIENDS BULLETIN
Rob Roy Woodman reported for the Board of the Friends Bulletin, recommending that the Friends Bulletin Committee be laid down because the Friends Bulletin is now a corporation. PYM would provide travel funds for three board members to attend the Corporation meetings, serving three year overlapping terms, with one new member appointed annually by PYM. Friends approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT
Phyllis Jones presented the treasurer's report, announcing a revision in the way in which travel to Representative Committee is reimbursed. Representatives and officers will be reimbursed after appearing at the Meetings in the future. M&O is asked for clarification in reimbursement practices. The report is attached.

FAITH AND PRACTICE REVISION COMMITTEE
Ellie Foster reported that the Committee would like to use the publishing reserve fund as a revolving fund to publish drafts of the Queries and Advices and future revisions to Faith and Practice to the extent of $450. Meeting approved.

FINANCE COMMITTEE
Vanita Blum presented the proposed budget, announced a meeting to answer budget questions between 7:00 and 8:00 tonight, invited Friends to give written questions to Committee members, and announced an interest group on stewardship and finances. She drew our attention to minor changes in the budget for the coming year. This budget was framed to match PYM's expected revenues from contributions. The budget will be presented for approval on Saturday.

These minutes were read and approved.

CLOSING
Meeting closed with silent worship at 3:20.

ANNOUNCEMENTS
Andrea English read several announcements.

James Summers, Recording Clerk
Friends gathered in worship at approximately 1:30 p.m. to remember the lives of Friends, from or close to Pacific Yearly Meeting who had died during the past year.

**EPISTLES**

Krista Barnard, Reading Clerk, read from the Epistles of Baltimore Yearly Meeting and Monteverde Monthly Meetings.

**MEMORIALS**

The names of the following twenty one friends were read by members of the Committee on Ministry and Oversight, in groups of three names accompanied by the inspirational readings.

Between the reading of these seven groups of names, we shared our memories of the lives of these Friends and the effects their lives had made on ours.

There are lives so rounded and crowned by their completed deeds of love, that death seems to have appeared in the fullness of their prime only to consecrate them for ever; others stand apart from human ties in a solitude which makes time seem of little consequence, and the grave a not unfamiliar country... We do not know to what unfathomable necessities the times and seasons of life and death may correspond; and as little do we know, in looking at each other's lives, what may be unfolding or what may be concluded, as seen from within. That which seems to others a cutting short of activity, may be to ourselves the laying down of arms no longer needed; our eyes may see the haven, where our friends can see only the storm; or if we cannot see a fitness in the time of our death, is that a strange thing in such a life as this?

Caroline E. Stephen, 1908

Rebecca Hart Anderson, Palo Alto
Virginia Brink, Palo Alto
Margaret Henshaw Brooks, Davis

They that love beyond the world cannot be separated by it. Death cannot kill what never dies. Nor can spirits ever be divided that love and live in the same Divine Principle, the root and record of their friendship. If absence be not death, neither is theirs.
Death is but crossing the world, as friends do the seas; they live in one another still. For they must needs be present, that love and live in that which is omnipresent. In this divine glass, they see face to face; and their converse is free, as well as pure.

This is the comfort of friends, that though they may be said to die, yet their friendship and society are, in the best sense, ever present, because immortal.

William Penn, 1693

Philip Buskirk, San Jose
Randy Carpenter, Orange Grove
Craig Carter, San Diego

Death is not an end, but a beginning. It is but an incident in the 'life of the ages', which is God's gift to us now. It is the escape of the spirit from its old limitations and its freeing for a larger and more glorious career. We stand around the grave, and as we take our last, lingering look, too often our thoughts are there; and we return to the desolate home feeling that all that made life lovely has been left behind the bleak hillside... Yet the spirit now is free, and the unseen angel at our side points upwards from the grave and whispers, 'He is not here, but is risen'.

William Littleboy (1853-1936)

Sarah Beckmann Eichorn, Santa Cruz
Kristin Freitas, Santa Cruz
Rachel Childrey Gross, Sacramento

Some say that Christianity is a morbid religion, over-emphasizing a Christ tormented on a cross. I can only say that even as a child I could sometimes comfort myself in pain by remembering his suffering... It was Jesus the man, enduring agonising pain in terrible loneliness, who spoke to my condition and brought me sometimes much needed consolation.

Joan Fitch, 1988

Joyce Haerr, San Francisco
Margarita Halstead, Palo Alto
Beatrice Myers, Berkeley

Saturday morning, making chocolate clusters,
And you with chocolate
All smeared around your rosy mouth,
Looking very comical
Turned to me and said,
'Will your body
Come back again, Grannie,
After you are dead?
'No, not this body,' I reply,
Putting a cluster
Neatly shaped,
Upon the baking tin between us.
'But I'll be around, all right,
Hovering somewhere, laughing with you,
Feeling quite near
As Grandpa does with me.'
Your thoughts had very nearly
Moved elsewhere but, satisfied,
'That's OK' you said.

Ruth Fawell, 1976

How can we walk with a smile into the dark? We must learn to put our trust in God and the leadings of the Spirit. How many of us are truly led by the Spirit throughout our daily lives? I have turned to God when I have had a difficult decision to make or when I have sought strength to endure pain in dark times. But I am only slowly learning to dwell in the place where leadings come from. That is a place of love and joy and peace, even in the midst of pain. The more I dwell in that place, the easier it is to smile, because I am no longer afraid.

If we dwell in the presence of God, we shall be led by the spirit. We do well to remember that being led by the spirit depends not so much upon God, who is always there to lead us, as upon our willingness to be led. We need to be willing to be led into the dark as well as through green pastures and by still waters. We do not need to be afraid of the dark, because God is there. The future of this earth need not be in the hands of the world's 'leaders'. The world is in God's hands if we are led by God. Let us be led by the Spirit. Let us walk with a smile into the dark.

Gordon Matthews, 1987

So we do not lose heart. Though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed every day. For this slight momentary affliction is preparing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison, because we look not to the things that are seen but to the things that are unseen; for the things that are seen are transient, but the things that are unseen are eternal.

II Corinthians 4:16-18
These words spoken
in an hour of silence
make up a life
I didn't know.

Each person speaking
out of the loss
adds a color, an edge,
a piece to be found.

Those who stay silent
bring a shimmer,
a shining wholeness,
to the completed time.

This was a life I saw,
a life lived here,
a life lived no more.
I know why I came.
John Pixley (8/21/94)

We ended our Memorial worship with a period of silent worship.

Peter Milbury
Recording Clerk
PLENARY VI

WORSHIP
Meeting began at 7:45 with silent worship, Ellie Huffman presiding as clerk.

EPISTLES
Krista Barnard read excerpts of epistles from the Yearly Meeting of Swiss Friends, Ireland Yearly Meeting, Intermountain Yearly Meeting, Iowa Yearly Meeting of Friends (Conservative) and Netherlands Yearly Meeting.

NAMING COMMITTEE TO NAME THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE
Arden Pierce presented nominations for the Committee. The nominations are attached, and will be presented for approval on Seventh Day.

TREASURER'S REPORT
Stationery is available for officers and committees of PYM. Also, although reimbursement for travel to representative Committee will be routinely paid after attendance, prepayment is possible for those Friends who request it.

MINISTRY AND OVERSIGHT.
Helen O'Brien reported that the ad hoc Committee for the Right Holding of Yearly Meeting has been laid down and replaced by a subcommittee of M&O. M&O has heard the concerns of the Right Holding Committee about the difficulty of carrying out functions of both Ministry and Oversight and their recommendation to separate into two committees. M&O is not easy with this, however, and will instead appoint four people to focus mainly on Ministry concerns, and five to focus on Oversight. They will continue to meet at the same time and same place, trying this experiment for a year.

Ministry and Oversight concurs in the laying down of the subcommittee on sexual abuse and harassment, feeling that their educational function has largely been fulfilled. They still feel that it is important to hold training sessions on these issues, and to identify resource people in local Meetings.

M&O proposes Religious Education sessions to be held at every Yearly Meeting. The proposal is attached.

The Subcommittee on Sexual Minorities presented a minute on loving response to hostility toward sexual minorities. M&O has approved this minute, and Representative Committee has forwarded it to Plenary for consideration. Meeting approves this minute as follows: attached.
SITES COMMITTEE

Mark Koenig reported for the Permanent Site Subcommittee, proposing three minutes for action. The first proposed minute asks that the Ministry and Oversight Committee consider the question of a permanent site, seeking God's leading and a sense of the Meeting. The second would set up a special fund to collect funds for a permanent site. The third would approve the creation of a non-profit corporation to hold and operate the site. Actual wording of these minutes follows. After much labor, acknowledging the question as both a spiritual and a business decision, Friends could not find approval of the first minute. Concerns of Friends included good order and the role of Ministry and Oversight in the making of this decision, the broad implications of this decision for quarterly, yearly and monthly Meetings, the necessity of detailed financial information, and the question of whether PYM will remain as one yearly Meeting in the future. The Clerk asks Stratton Jacquette, the Clerk of Ministry and Oversight, the Clerk of the Sites Committee, and Robert Vogel to season these matters and write a new minute for consideration at plenary session tomorrow.

Three minutes were read and approved.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Andrea English read several announcements.

CLOSING

Meeting closed with silent worship at 10:55.

James Summers, Recording Clerk
PLENARY SESSION VII

Our session opened at approximately 1:15 p.m. with a period of silent worship.

EPISTLES

Krista Barnard, Reading Clerk, read from the 1994 Epistles of Illinois Yearly Meeting, East Africa Yearly Meeting of Friends (South), and the Religious Society of Friends In Australia.

Ellie Huffman, PYM Clerk, announced revisions to the agenda, and noted that there would be a special Plenary Session (VII.5) for the purpose of sites discussion.

PYM HOLDING CORPORATION COMMITTEE

Robert Young, PYM Holding Corporation Committee Clerk, explained that the purpose of the Holding Corporation Committee is to be of service to the monthly meetings in PYM. The Committee this year undertook a survey of Monthly Meetings, to determine its holdings. It found that the Committee holds title to only one property, the Los Angeles Meeting House. Their full report is attached.

STATISTICAL REPORT

Bruce Folsom, Statistical Clerk, serving his last year in this position, gave the statistical report, which is enclosed. He noted that there was a net loss of seven members and one Monthly Meeting was laid down over the past year (Westwood), while one new Meeting was created (Apple Seed). He cautioned that statistics are hints to our status, and posed a question: What will we look like in the future?

Bruce reported that over the past 20 years we have recorded 46 youth becoming adult members and 1,117 newly convinced Friends, for a total of 1,163 new members of the Religious Society of Friends within PYM. Also during that 20 year time period we recorded 765 releases and 394 deaths, totaling 1,159. Current total membership is 1,536.

FINANCE COMMITTEE BUDGET

Vanita Blum, Finance Committee Clerk, brought forth the budget for a second reading. She indicated changes made since the first reading, along with explanations as to why they had been made, and answered various questions. It was noted by one Friend that, since we live in an inflationary economy, a slight increase in the
assessment is to be expected. This was noted with respect to the notion of maintaining a healthy reserve in the treasury. (The assessment this year is not being changed.)

Minute: The 1995-96 PYM budget was approved, with changes as noted on the attached budget.

Vanita noted that the travel costs from the Big Island (Hawaii) had lessened. The committee asked for a minute making their allocation the same as Honolulu. It was noted that supplemental funds are available for all committees in the event that committee members are unable to meet travel expenses.

Minute: Authorized travel to and from Hawaii will be reimbursed at up to $400.00 round trip.

The minute was approved.

FIRST READING OF THE PYM EPISTLE

Traci Hjelt Sullivan, PYM Epistle Committee Clerk, explained the purpose of the Epistle as a means of sharing what we are about with others. She then gave a first reading of the draft Epistle. This was followed by observations, comments, and suggestions from various Friends. A copy of the draft Epistle will be posted, a suggestion box will be placed in the reading room, and members of the committee will be available to speak with those having suggestions.

Minutes were read, corrected and approved.

Plenary Session VII ended with a period of silent worship.

Peter Milbury
Recording Clerk
Plenary Session VII.5 began at approximately 4:45 p.m. with a period of silent worship.

EPISTLES

Krista Barnard, Reading Clerk, read the 1994 Epistle of Ohio Yearly Meeting of Friends, and a "brief image" from 1994 Epistle of Rocky Mountain Yearly Meeting.

Ellie Huffman, PYM Clerk, explained that the entire agenda would be devoted to the Sites Committee work, continued from Plenary Session VI.

PERMANENT SITE SELECTION SUBCOMMITTEE

Mark Koenig, Sites Committee Clerk, read from section of PYM Faith and Practice which refers to the work of the Committee. (p. 75) He then read an informational statement, requiring no action from the Plenary: "The Sites Committee wishes to inform Yearly Meeting that it will be bringing a preliminary business plan to Representative Committee in March 1996 for consideration. Sites Committee will also bring a finished business plan concerning a permanent site to PYM Plenary in August 1996."

Mark also noted that Chuck Orr was appointed as Clerk of the Permanent Sites Subcommittee, and the Sites Committee recommendations will be forwarded to PYM by the Clerk of Sites Committee.

Questions were asked of Mark and other Site Committee members regarding the Committee's planning process and details of permanent site selection. (A detailed account is appended to the minutes.)

Numerous Friends shared a wide range of thoughts, questions and queries related to the various spiritual, procedural and practical issues related to a Permanent Site for PYM. Many inspirational and thought provoking words were also shared as a way to help guide us as we labored with this issue.

After much consideration Ellie allowed that it was time to consider the specific proposal from the Committee, which was then read by Mark in the form of an action minute from the Sites Committee.

Many Friends then offered their questions, thoughts, guidance and
inspiration related to the minute, and deeply felt thoughts, hopes and concerns were offered by Friends young and old. After awhile, a modified minute was offered to the meeting, and approved.

Minute: The Treasurer shall create a Permanent Site Special Fund designated for donations to be used by the Sites Committee in a site search and creation of a business plan for a Permanent Site. Should PYM decide to abandon the search for a permanent site the remaining funds will be returned to the donors, if they so desire. If a non profit corporation to acquire and operate a Permanent Site is formed the fund will be transferred to that corporation. A record of contributions of labor and in kind resources shall be maintained by the Sites Committee.

Clerk urged that we all explore and discuss these issues over the coming year.

1996 PYM ANNUAL GATHERING SITE SELECTION

Mark Koenig, Clerk of Site Selection Committee, presented options for the 1996 PYM site. Craig Hall here or Cal Poly San Luis Obispo. No increase in fees from Craig Hall were expected, now approximately $50,000 (or $41.00 per day per person.)

Mark mentioned that Cal Poly has never been discussed in the past as a possible site, so he would try to provide as much information as possible. It is centrally located. Cooler weather could be expected. Considerations: we will have to change the date if we choose Cal Poly since the first week of August is not available, but the second week is more likely available. $72,000 is their offer to us. Treasurer feels that translates to $58.00 per day per person cost. Campus is larger than the Gordon Hall Conference Center, and there are longer distances between sessions. Some Friends will have serious problems getting from one place to another. Moderate hills will have to be taken. Cal Poly wishes to deal with us on a per item billing basis. Arrangements will thus be more complex. Prices will be set for use of rooms in advance, and will add flexibility constraints. There are add-on costs for items that we may choose to want. For example, swimming pool is open at a cost of $43 per hour (our estimate only includes four hours of pool use.)

Many questions were asked and answered.

Regarding site selection criteria, Mark responded that they had 70 or more items of consideration.

Another Friend noted that Cal Poly's complexity for a new arrangements clerk might be prohibitive if we have an inexperienced new clerk, and another Friend observed that we have many strengths and talents in the Meeting.

Are there size considerations? No limitations with respect to our
size of group. Camping problems? Miniscule fees, but no fires or camp stoves are allowed.

Does the committee recommend that we return to Chico? Mark said that was not the case, but that Cal Poly was the choice, following their meeting with an ad hoc advisory group that recently met with them.

The Session ended at approximately 6:15 following a period of silent worship.

Minutes of this Session were read, corrected and approved at Plenary IX.

Peter Milbury
Recording Clerk
ATTACHMENT OF THE DISCUSSION OF THE PERMANENT SITE ISSUE DURING PLENARY SESSION VII.5

Ellie Huffman, PYM Clerk, explained that the entire agenda would be devoted to the Sites Committee work, continued from Plenary Session VI.

PERMANENT SITE SELECTION SUBCOMMITTEE

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Mark noted that Chuck Orr has accepted nomination as clerk of the Permanent Sites Subcommittee, and the Sites Committee recommendations will be forwarded to PYM by the Clerk of Sites Committee.

One Friend expressed several reservations and concerns about moving forward at this time with exploration of a permanent site.

Questions were asked of Site Committee members about the planning process and details of permanent site selection.

One Friend noted that she had reflected on the question and felt that Friends do best when we take the path that requires the most courage, and which considers the implications for at least the next seven generations.

Another Friend spoke of the need for more spiritual considerations regarding the decision making in this process, and the need for observance of spiritual discernment.

Ellie noted that the work of this Committee had been through consideration of the Representative Committee, and in good order of Friends.

Another Friend asked if the Committee understood that there were questions beyond to the quality or completeness of a business plan. Mark shared that they were aware of and did examine that aspect, but did not bring it forward at this time because they could not find the appropriate way to do so at this time, but that they understood that both questions would be explored over the coming year.

Another Friend suggested that a set of queries be created along with feasibility information be made available to the meetings so
that the question might be properly considered.

A Young Friend shared his impression that the planning for such a matter was far too complex to have been able to provide the necessary information, but that many Young Friends did feel that we need a permanent spiritual home. He felt there was a dilemma as to how to proceed, yet not make too soon of a commitment.

In response to a question, Chuck Orr, Sites Committee member, explained that a business plan would include information such as: purchase costs, operational costs, and a marketing plan.

Ellie offered a possible method: Ask an ad hoc committee to develop several queries to distribute to Meetings, that they could respond to, for the use of the next March Representative Committee, when the Feasibility Study would be presented.

A Friend asked for clarification on the purpose of an informational minute, and if it needed approval. Clerk noted that it did not need approval, but was for our information only.

Another Friend offered an observation that the proposals were increasing the complexity of our decision making. He thought a committee of the whole made it impossible to come to an agreement on time-based site decisions, and we thereby lose excellent opportunities. Friends Home in Santa Rosa model gives responsibility to a board to carry out the wishes of the members. Sites committee should be given the authority to make decisions and proceed and come forward with a plan for us to see if it meets our criteria. Every little decision should not be passed through this Plenary.

Clerk sensed that we were ready to move ahead on both tracks.

Mark offered an action minute, which had been seasoned by an ad hoc committee appointed last night.

Friend asked that a method be added to record the donations of time and effort in addition to funds donated.

Friend asked how funds could be returned while some donations were used in the process. Mark explained that a pro rata process could be used.

Clerk offered a statement to add to the action minute: A record of in-kind contributions be noted as well.

Suggestion that it be added that funds be returned "if so desired."

Friend asked, what is going to be the impact on us, from a spiritual dimension has not been adequately settled, and can it be made after moving forward on the feasibility? It is hard to change
Comment: We need to have input from monthly meetings on these issues.

Observation: We seem to have a group of dedicated and capable people in PYM who have a powerful vision that we should allow to move forward.

Minute approved: The Treasurer shall create a Permanent Site Special Fund designated for donations to be used by the Sites Committee in a site search and creation of a business plan for a Permanent Site. Should PYM decide to abandon the search for a permanent site the remaining funds will be returned to the donors, if they so desire. If a non profit corporation to acquire and operate a Permanent Site is formed the fund will be transferred to that corporation. A record of contributions of labor and in kind resources shall be maintained by the Sites Committee.

Clerk urged that we all explore and discuss these issues over the coming year.

Peter Milbury
Recording Clerk
PACIFIC YEARLY MEETING
EIGHTH MONTH 5, 1995
PLENARY VIII

WORSHIP
Meeting opened at 7:30 with silent worship, Ellie Huffman, clerk, presiding.

EPISTLES
Krista Barnard read excerpts of epistles from Northeast Yearly Meeting of Friends Church and Rocky Mountain Yearly Meeting youth.

NOMINATIONS
Pacific Yearly Meeting approves the nominations submitted by Chuck Orr for the Nominating Committee. Several changes have occurred in the nominations since their introduction in Plenary IV. These are also approved. Friends House Moscow board members are also approved as ex officio members of the East-West Relations Committee. A corrected copy is attached. The recommendations of the Committee to name the Nominating Committee were also approved by PYM.

PEACE COMMITTEE
Clare Galbraith presented a minute on the Peace Team Project to PYM. Pacific Yearly Meeting recognizes and supports the Friends Peace Team Project along with its Mission Statement, and will appoint a representative to the Coordinating Council. Meeting approves that the PYM Peace Committee and the Representative to the Friends Peace Team Project will assist in providing resources and encouragement to interested Friends and their Meeting. (No funding is being requested at this time.) The original draft minute and background information presented by the committee are attached.

SITES COMMITTEE
Site selection was held over until the next plenary.

WORSHIP
Meeting closed with silent worship at 8:25.

ANNOUNCEMENTS
Andrea English read several announcements.

James Summers, Recording Clerk
Our session began outside at approximately 9:15 a.m. in the bright morning sun, where we formed a great circle of Friends, singing together as more and more Friends joined in. We sang these words as a round.

May you
    Grow in your own sweet way
    And blossom more every day
    And follow the music in your soul
    May there be time for you to

When Friends were gathered, Ellie Huffman, PYM Clerk guided us into concentric circles of age groups, with the babies and pregnant mothers in the center, surrounded by pre-schoolers, then early elementary, elementary, Junior Yearly Meeting, Young Friends, and surrounded in the outer circle the rest of those in the adult group.

The purpose of the circles was to observe and honor our presence together, and to acknowledge those who are growing into their respective older groups. The names of those moving into the groups around them were announced and they moved into the next group as Friends celebrated with them.

JUNIOR YEARLY MEETING EPISTLES

Sarah Orr, Junior Yearly Meeting, read the Epistle of Junior Yearly Meeting.

PYM EPISTLE

Traci Hjelt Sullivan, PYM Epistle Committee Clerk, read the PYM Epistle, which was accepted, and is attached. After the Epistle was read, we expressed our appreciation to the Epistle Committee for listening deeply to us this week and in writing to other Friends, giving us a hint of where we need to go ourselves.

We then moved to the inside meeting room for the remainder of our Plenary Session, singing and quietly sharing our thoughts and feelings as we did so.

EPISTLES

Krista Barnard, Reading Clerk, read the minutes of Baltimore Yearly Meeting Young Friends, Ireland Yearly Meeting-- Junior Yearly Meeting, and Pacific Northwest Quaker Women's Theology Conference.
Clerk Ellie Huffman then set the agenda for this Plenary Session.

Peter Milbury, Recording Clerk, read the minutes of Plenary VII.5, which were corrected, and approved.

James Summers, Recording Clerk, read the minutes of Plenary VIII, which were corrected, and approved.

REGISTRAR'S 1995 REPORT

Eric Sableman, Registrar, reported on activities and statistics related to that committee's work, which will be included in our PYM Report. Eric noted some of the interesting statistics, observations and recommendations in a quite interesting and humorous manner, which were thoroughly enjoyed and appreciated.

PYM PERMANENT SITE SELECTION

Ellie reported that she had met with Eric Moon, incoming PYM Clerk, and that they had prepared a minute which outlines a process whereby PYM Meetings will be able to thoroughly consider the issue of a PYM Permanent Site. She presented a minute, which was approved:

Minute: We authorize the Clerk to appoint an Ad Hoc Committee to open the opportunity for Monthly Meetings to share their leadings concerning the development of a permanent site for PYM's Annual Gatherings and other uses. The Committee is requested to report to the Representative Committee in March 1996, and to bring their findings to the 1996 Annual Gathering of PYM for Plenary action.

Ad Hoc Committee Members:
- Jane Peers, Convener
- Steve Birdlebough
- Joy O'Connell
- Jean Walton
- Tom Farley

Comments and suggestions were made by Friends, and accepted by Ellie as to how we might effectively carry out our aims of this minute.

Clerk then opened time for comments on the two sites considered for 1996 (Chico and San Luis Obispo), as a means to guide the Sites Selection Committee in their decision. She explained that there would not be adequate time to completely come to a decision during Plenary IX.

Many Friends offered comments and suggestions, related not only to site selection, but also to ongoing economic concerns for those not financially well off, and also related thoughts and comments upon the process itself.
Clerk offered a minute to resolve the situation as to how a site for 1996 could be selected, which was approved.

Minute: Authorizes the Clerk of Yearly Meeting in consideration of input from all attenders and others to make the 1996 site selection in consultation with the Sites Committee and others as necessary.

NEW JYM OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE CLERKS

Alan Edgar, Clerk of JYM Committee, read the list of officers and committee clerks for 1996 Junior Yearly Meeting.

Minutes were read, corrected and approved.

We were then joined by the members of Young Friends Yearly Meeting. Carl Magruder explained that Young Friends have been very busy living and enjoying their time together, thus a written Epistle was not created. Instead they offered a song as an expression of their time together here. All Friends then joined in for a second singing.

Plenary ended at approximately 11:20 A.M. with a period of silent worship.

Peter Milbury
Recording Clerk
To Pacific Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends:

Enclosed is my report for the year ending April 30, 1995. The biggest changes are that we laid down one monthly meeting (Westwood) and that we have a new monthly meeting (Appleseed).

Overall the figures reveal a net loss of seven members.

Reno showed the largest number of newly convinced Friends, at five, with Berkeley and San Francisco showing four-each.

Palo Alto and Berkeley tied for the largest number of members, 133.

This is my last year to report to you, so let me thank you for the opportunity to serve in this way.

Sincerely,

Bruce A. Folsom

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Statistical Clerk
PACIFIC YEARLY MEETING STATISTICS AS OF APRIL 30, 1995

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  mail: to Meeting
Rep: Rick Troth, to 8/31/95, 707-874-3821
  mail: to Meeting
Observer: Betty Miller, to 8/31/95, 707-539-3654

BERKELEY
11:00 AM Sundays
2151 Vine St., Berkeley
Mail: 2151 Vine St., Berkeley, CA 94709
Clerk: Fred Gey, to 5/30/96, 510-524-4080
  mail: 1424 M.L. King, Berkeley, CA 94709
Rep: Laura Magnani, to 5/30/96, 510-528-9366
  mail: to Meeting
Observer: Liz Amen, to 5/30/96, 209-524-8762
  mail: to Meeting

CHICO
10:30 AM Sundays
2603 Mariposa, Chico
Mail: PO Box 3769, Chico, CA 95927
Clerk: Janet Leslie, to 4/7/96, 916-345-3429
  mail: to Meeting
Rep: Linda Kowell, to 4/7/96, 916-894-1666
  mail: to Meeting
Observer: Peter Milbury, to 4/7/96, 916-345-3308
  mail: to Meeting

CLAREMONT
9:30 AM Sundays
727 Harrison Ave., Claremont
Mail: 727 Harrison Ave., Claremont, CA 91711
Clerk: Anne Davenport, to 4/30/96, 909-626-3106
  mail: to Meeting
Rep: Jean Walton 909-626-3366
  mail: 806 W. Harrison Ave., Claremont, CA 91711
Observer:

DAVIS
9:45 AM Sundays, 6:00 PM Wednesdays
345 L St., Davis
Mail: 345 L St., Davis, CA 95616
Clerk: Marilee Eusebio, to 7/1/95, 916-756-6881
  mail: to Meeting
Rep: Jim Coats, to 7/1/95, 916-735-6594
  mail: to Meeting
Observer: Alice Henry, to 7/1/95, 916-622-3508
  mail: to Meeting
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DELTA
10:45 AM 2nd, 3rd & 4th Sundays
AFSC Center, 445 West Weber Ave, Stockton
Mail: 8225 Mariners Dr. #166, Stockton, CA 95219
Clerk: Tom Hinshaw, to 4/30/96, 209-957-4248
Rep: Judith Bunting, to 4/96, 209-223-0843
Observer: Betsy Huling, to 4/96, 209-478-8423

FRESNO
10:00 AM Sundays
1350 "M" St., Fresno
Mail: 1350 "M" St, Fresno, CA 93721
Clerk: Lowell Barnett, to 3/31/96, 209-435-0618
Rep: Jim Kratzer 209-224-8518

GRASS VALLEY
9:45 AM Sundays
John Woolman School Campus
Mail: 13075 Woolman Lane, Nevada City, CA 95959
Clerk: Deanna Allen, to 6/30/96, 916-268-3754
Rep: Megan Black, to 6/30/96, 916-272-3936
Ob: Lois McClure Smith, to 6/30/96, 916-663-3539

GUATEMALA
11:00 AM 1st & 3rd Sundays
in private homes - call 0343686 or 0392461
Mail: Apartado 118, Puerta Parada, 01973 Guatemala
Clerk: Thomas Hunt, to 6/30/96, 0343686
Rep: Gertrude Hunt, to 7/96, 0343686
Observer: Thomas Hunt, to 7/96, 0343686

HEMET
9:30 AM Sundays
26510 Chestnut Dr., Hemet
Mail: PO Box 130, San Jacinto, CA 92581-0130
Clerk: Ann Rush, to 5/1/96, 909-927-7678

HONOLULU
10:00 AM, Sundays
2426 Oahu Ave., Honolulu
Mail: 2426 Oahu Ave., Honolulu, HI 96822
Clerk: Keith Crook, to 4/30/97, 808-944-0749
Rep: Judith Hall, to 9/96, 808-262-2269
Observer: Polly Pool, to 9/96, 808-235-6500

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HUMBOLDT
11:00 AM
1920 Zehndner, Arcata
Mail: PO Box 4786, Arcata, CA 95521
Clerk: Ross MacKinney, to 4/30/97, 707-442-5280
    mail: to Meeting

INLAND VALLEY
10:00 Sundays
1st Congregational Church basement, 7th & Lemon Sts., Riverside
Mail: Box 7554, Redlands, CA 92374
Clerks: Michael Dunn & Alan Rhodes, to 4/30/96, 909-682-5364
    mail: 250 E. Blaine St., Riverside, CA 92507
Rep: Brian Vura-Weis, to 4/30/96, 909-796-6379
    mail: 26519 Beaumont Ave., Redlands, CA 92373
Observer: Alan Rhodes, to 4/30/96, 909-682-8379
    mail: 5645 San Jacinto, Riverside, CA 92506

LA JOLLA
10:00 AM Sundays
7380 Eads Ave., La Jolla
Mail: 7380 Eads Ave., La Jolla, CA 92037
Clerk: Ellie Hitchcock, to 4/30/96, 619-456-1020
    mail: to Meeting
Rep: Aibi Reed, to 4/30/96, 619-263-1266
    mail: 2362 - 55th St., San Diego, CA 92105

LOS ANGELES
10:45 AM Sundays
Whittier Law School, 5353 W. 3rd St., Los Angeles
Mail: 4167 S. Normandie Ave., Los Angeles, CA 90037
Clerk: Juliet Wright, to 4/30/96, 213-655-8877
    mail: to Meeting
Rep: Anne Friend 213-737-3256
    mail: to Meeting
Observer: Duane Magill 310-826-6327
    mail: to Meeting

MARIN
10:00 AM Sundays
177 E. Blithedale, Mill Valley
Mail: PO Box 1301, Mill Valley, CA 94942
Clerk: Mark Farmer, to 4/30/96, 415-924-6633
    mail: to Meeting
Rep: Louise Aldrich, to 4/30/96, 415-491-0113
    mail: to Meeting

MARLOMA
10:00 AM Sundays
Huntington School, 2935 Spaulding, Long Beach
Mail: PO Box 3674, Seal Beach, CA 90740
Clerk: Raymond Soares, to 4/30/96, 310-514-1730
    mail: to Meeting
Reps: Ed & Bobbi Kendig, to 4/30/96, 310-420-1155

PLENARY ATTACHMENT A-6
MEXICO CITY
11:00 AM Sundays
Ignacio Mariscal 132, Colonia Revolución
Mail: Ignacio Mariscal 132, Colonia Revolución
06030, México, D.F., México
Clerk: Magret Seedorf, to 6/30/95, 281-0549
mail: to Meeting

MONTEREY PENINSULA
10:00 AM Sundays
155 Van Buren, Monterey (O'Donnell Library)
Mail: PO Box 789, Pacific Grove, CA 93950
Clerk: Ellie Huffman, to 2/28/96, 408-644-0331
mail: to Meeting
Rep: Lilias Adlercron, to 2/28/96, 408-625-0449
mail: c/o Rohanna Cash, PO Box 744, Carmel, CA 93921

ORANGE COUNTY
10:00 AM Sundays
Harbor Area Adult Day Care, Bldg. 800, 861 Hamilton, Costa Mesa
Mail: 1927-A Harbor Blvd., Suite 343, Costa Mesa, CA 92621
Clerk: Peggy Toledano, to 5/31/96, 714-979-5251
mail: 3165 Gibraltar Ave., Costa Mesa, CA 92626
Rep: Kimi Nagatani, to 5/31/96, 714-870-6379
mail: 1331 E. Victoria, Fullerton, CA 92631

ORANGE GROVE
11:00 AM Sundays
526 E. Orange Grove Blvd., Pasadena
Mail: 526 E. Orange Grove Blvd., Pasadena, CA 91104
Clerk: Amy Howell, to 6/30/96, 818-794-7577
mail: to Meeting
Rep: Patricia Daggerty, to 6/30/96, 818-355-6774
mail: 625 E. Grandview, Sierra Madre, CA 91024
Observer: Sharon Gates, to 6/30/96, 818-358-5230
mail: 433 Highland Place, Monrovia, CA 91016

PACIFIC ACKWORTH
11:00 AM Sundays
A&J Way House, 6210, Temple City Blvd., Temple City
Mail: 6210 Temple City Blvd., Temple City, CA 91780
Clerk: Cal Edinger 818-280-6335
mail: to Meeting
Rep: Cal Edinger 818-280-6335

PALO ALTO
10:00 AM Sundays (time may change after December)
957 Colorado Ave., Palo Alto
Mail: 957 Colorado Ave., Palo Alto, CA 94303
Clerk: Stratton Jaquette, to 8/31/96, 415-941-9562
mail: to Meeting
Rep: Diana Egly, to 8/31/95, 415-961-7883
mail: 233 College Ave., #1, Mountain View, CA 94040
Observer: Barbara Dabin, to 8/31/95, 415-369-1398
mail: 1031 Vera Ave., Redwood City, CA 94061

PLENARY ATTACHMENT A - 7
REDDING

4:00 PM Sundays
for location call 916-222-5527, or Clerk
Mail: PO Box 991665, Redding, CA 96099-1665
Clerk: Phyllis Jones, to 4/30/96, 916-223-5405
  mail: to Meeting
Rep: Marie Hubbard, to 4/30/96, 916-241-6906
  mail: to Meeting

REDWOOD FOREST

10:00 AM Sundays
1647 Guerneville Rd, Santa Rosa
Mail: PO Box 1831, Santa Rosa, CA 95402
Clerk: Jane Mills, to 4/30/96, 707-539-6517
  mail: to Meeting
Rep: Karen Morgan, 707-938-8350
  mail: 17266 Buena Vista Ave., Sonoma, CA 95476

RENO

10:30 AM Sundays
YWCA, 1301 Valley Rd., Reno
Mail: PO Box 20636, Reno, NV 89515
Clerk: Dorothy Goetz, to 3/31/96, 702-787-1655
  mail: 1625 Severn Dr., Reno, NV 89503
Rep: Dan Richards, to 3/31/96, 702-747-6749
  mail: to Meeting
Observer: Dorothy Goetz, to 3/31/96, 702-787-1655
  mail: 1625 Severn Dr., Reno, NV 89503

SACRAMENTO

10:00 AM Sundays
Stanford Settlement, 450 W. El Camino, Sacramento
Mail: PO Box 163677, Sacramento, CA 95816
Clerk: LuRetta Fairman, to 4/30/96, 916-454-5964
  mail: to Meeting
Rep: Sally Davis, to 4/30/96, 916-486-1025
  mail: to Meeting
Observer: Walt Kersey, to 4/30/96, 916-456-5444
  mail: to Meeting

SAN DIEGO

10:30 AM Sundays
YWCA, 4848 Seminole Dr., San Diego
Mail: 4848 Seminole Dr., San Diego, CA 92115-4240
Clerk: Jean Malcolm, to 4/30/96, 619-287-4127
  mail: 6475 Dwane Ave., San Diego, CA 92120
Rep: Jane Brock, to 4/30/96, 619-698-7635
  mail: 8091 Canton Dr., Lemon Grove, CA 91945
Observer: Robert Noble, to 4/30/96, 619-231-1818
  mail: 4068 52nd St. #4, San Diego, CA 92105

PLENARY ATTACHMENT A-8
SAN FERNANDO VALLEY

11:30 AM, Sundays
15056 Bledsoe, Sylmar
Mail: PO Box 922378, Sylmar, CA 91392
Clerk: Ken Hurst 805-270-9707
mail: to Meeting
Rep: George Rudenko 818-367-3273
mail: to Meeting

SAN FRANCISCO

11:00 AM Sundays
65 - 9th St., San Francisco
Mail: 65 - 9th St., San Francisco, CA 94103
Clerk: Joan Runyon, to 4/30/96, 415-435-0390
mail: 4795 Paradise Dr., Tiburon, CA 94920

SAN JOSE

10:00 AM Sundays
1051 Morse St., San Jose
Mail: 1041 Morse St., San Jose, CA 95126
Clerk: Anna Koster, to 6/30/96, 408-293-2447
mail: to Meeting
Rep: Chet Spurrier, to 6/30/96, 408-272-0690
mail: to Meeting
Observer: Tom King, to 6/30/96, 408-286-7157
mail: 393 Rutland Ave., San Jose, CA 95128

SANTA BARBARA

10:00 AM Sundays
2130 Mission Ridge Rd., Santa Barbara
Mail: PO Box 40120, Santa Barbara, CA 93140-0120
Clerk: Nancy Lynch, to 6/30/96, 805-966-9358
mail: 430 Mountain Dr., Santa Barbara, CA 93102
Rep: Noel Cragg 805-685-8119
mail: to Meeting

SANTA CRUZ

10:00 AM Sundays
Louden Nelson Ctr., 301 Center St., Santa Cruz
Mail: PO Box 813, Santa Cruz, CA 95060
Clerk: Terri Thiermann, to 3/30/97, 408-336-2160
mail: to Meeting
Rep: Mimi Edgar, to 3/30/96, 408-475-8694
mail: 4200 Fairway Dr., Soquel, CA 95073
Observers: Traci & Walter Sullivan, to 3/30/96, 408-336-8333
mail: Box 686, Ben Lomond, CA 95005
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SANTA MONICA
10:00 AM Sundays
1440 Harvard St., Santa Monica
Mail: 1440 Harvard St., Santa Monica, CA 90404
Clerk: Gary Spivey, to 8/31/97, 818-888-2378
Rep: Rebecca Tillberg, to 8/31/95, 213-935-3397

MAIL: to Meeting

STRAWBERRY CREEK
9:30 AM Sundays
Berkeley Friends Church, Cedar & Sacramento Sts., Berkeley
Mail: PO Box 5065, Berkeley, CA 94705-0065
Clerk: Joyce Samati, to 5/31/96, 510-465-0598
Rep: Elsa Glines, to 2/28/96, 510-582-2076
Observer: Beth Wrightson, to 2/28/96, 510-271-0724

VISALIA
10:30 AM Sundays
17210 Ave. 296, Visalia
Mail: 17210 Ave. 296, Visalia, CA 93292
Clerk: Sharlene Caudle, to 7/31/95, 209-635-1641
Rep: Maggie Hutchinson, to 5/31/96, 310-804-2133
Observer: Helen O'Brien, to 5/31/96, 310-698-7503

WHITTLEAF
9:30 AM Sundays
Mail: PO Box 122, Whittier, CA 90608
Clerk: Helen O'Brien, to 5/31/96, 310-698-7503
Rep: Maggie Hutchinson, to 5/31/96, 310-804-2133
Observer: Helen O'Brien, to 5/31/96, 310-698-7503
PREPARATIVE MEETINGS OF PACIFIC YEARLY MEETING - 1995

BIG ISLAND
Under joint care of Honolulu Monthly Meeting and Pacific Yearly Meeting
10:00 AM Sundays
For location contact Clerk or Tom Daniel, 808-325-7323
Clerk: Anne Fong, 808-936-8387
Mail: To Clerk, PO Box 161, Ninole, HI 96773

MENDOCINO
Under the care of Redwood Forest Monthly Meeting
10:00 AM Sundays
Mendocino Community High School
Clerk: Cathie Mellon, 707-937-5512
Mail: To Clerk, PO Box 1003, Mendocino, CA 95460

NAPA-SONOMA
Under the care of Redwood Forest Monthly Meeting
10:00 AM Sundays
Magic Years Preschool, 1777 Laurel St., Napa, CA
Clerk: David Kearney-Brown, 707-226-2064
Mail: c/o Joe & Diana Wilcox, 57 Chapel Hill Dr.,
     Napa, CA 94559
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<td>Correspondent: Peter Bunting 209-223-0843</td>
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<td>Mail: PO Box 387, Jackson, CA 95642</td>
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<td><strong>ATASCADERO</strong></td>
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<td>Home of Irene Wade 805-466-0860</td>
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<td>10080 Old Morrow Rd. East, Atascadero</td>
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<td><strong>BISHOP FRIENDS</strong></td>
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<td>Correspondent: Carla &amp; David Scheidlinger 619-873-8439</td>
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<td>Mail: 393 Mt. Tom Rd., Bishop, CA 93514</td>
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<td>Mail: 2224 Thorsby Rd., Thousand Oaks, CA 91360</td>
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<td><strong>GAIVLAN</strong></td>
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<td>1044 Monterey Ave., Hollister, CA 9502</td>
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<td><strong>LAKE COUNTY</strong></td>
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<td>Mail: PO Box 985, Upper Lake, CA 95485</td>
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<td>916-542-9462</td>
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<td>Noel Peattie</td>
<td>916-662-3364</td>
<td>23311 County Road 88, Winter, CA 95694</td>
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<td>WESTWOOD</td>
<td>Under the care of Santa Monica Monthly Meeting</td>
<td>Diane Manning</td>
<td>310-832-6802</td>
<td>3451 Tilden Ave., Los Angeles, CA 90034</td>
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<td>WILLITS</td>
<td>11:00 AM first Sundays in summer, first and third Sundays during school year</td>
<td>Dianne Marshall</td>
<td>707-459-1911</td>
<td>485 Raymond Lane, Willits, CA 95490</td>
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<td>WINDWARD OAHU</td>
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<td>Robert Stauffer</td>
<td>808-237-8042</td>
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**TREASURER'S FINANCIAL REPORT**

**INTERIM REPORT Oct. 1, 1994 to July 21, 1995**

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As of October 1, 1994 the financial activities concerning Pacific Yearly Meeting's annual sessions are reported on a separate schedule (see page 4). This gives a more understandable accounting of the separate income and expenses involved. *Accounts receivable* and *accounts payable* items were separated between the two budgets as of October 1, 1994. Funds used to set up the new "Session" accounts were borrowed from and are due to the general budget.
## PACIFIC YEARLY MEETING of the RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS

### TREASURER'S FINANCIAL REPORT

**EXPENSES - CONTINUED**

**SUPPORT OF FRIENDS ORGANIZATIONS**

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**CONFERENCE TRAVEL, PYM DELEGATES/LIAISON**

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**TOTAL EXPENSES** | $49,625. | $48,507.60 | $50,000.00 | $31,945.22 | $47,000.00 |

### EXPLANATORY NOTES FOR ITEMS ON PAGE THREE

1. Accounts Receivable includes loans to the PYM Session Budget and to Friends Bulletin. Reductions include late payments of overdue 1994 PYM session fees and overdue Meeting assessments which had not been received as of 9-30-94. Friends Bulletin also made a payment of $200, reducing their outstanding loan to $1,249.17. Earthlight loan of $500 was paid from PYM reserves on 3-4-95 by action of the Representative Committee.

2. Fund located in separate account. Contributions are earmarked for the specific account and are not available for general PYM use.

3. Reserve fund for future publications; under control of Representative Committee per PYM minute 89-4. Income received from the sale of Faith and Practice copies is added to this fund.

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

5. These are the only funds available for general PYM use. Beginning with 10-1-94 the Registrar's Checking Account and expenses and income connected with the annual sessions have been reported on a separate schedule (see page 4).

Phyllis G. Jones
Walter D. Jones
Treasurers, Pacific Yearly Meeting
PACIFIC YEARLY MEETING of the RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS
TREASURER'S FINANCIAL REPORT

**BALANCE SHEET**

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2 Special funds held separately and administered by committees.

Unity with Nature Committee reports a starting balance of $14,384.29 on 1-1-95; income of $23,792.54; expenses of $21,720.74; and balance of $16,456.09 on 7-10-95.

East-West Relations Committee reports a starting balance of $18,455.03 on 10-1-94; income of $19,507.81; expenses of $19,225.40; and balance of $18,737.44 on 7-10-95.

"Windows" funds, under the care of the Friend in the Orient Committee, are held in a Salem (Oregon) Monthly Meeting account. The starting balance on 10-1-94 was $720.15. On 2-1-95 there was $922. On 7-30-95 Rose Lewis, the editor, reported the most recent balance to be $405.80.

For EXPLANATORY NOTES - See the bottom of page 2.
### PYM Session Income

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| **Liabilities and Reserves**                    |         |           |            |         |
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| 6455 PYM Session Reserve                       | 0.00    | 33,294.96 | 7,963.59  | 25,331.37 |
| **Total Liabilities and Reserves**             | $4,169.48 | $40,494.96 | $8,625.56 | $36,038.88 |

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PLENARY ATTACHMENT B-4
PACIFIC YEARLY MEETING
Craig Hall, Chico California, August 1995
Nominating Committee Report

Unless otherwise noted, all terms are three years in duration and expire in August of the year shown.
Items in italic type are not named by Nominating Committee.
Names in bold type were nominated this session. Names preceded by a "#" will serve a partial term.

PACIFIC YEARLY MEETING OFFICERS

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Nominating Committee Report

CHILDREN'S PROGRAM COMMITTEE
1996 Marka Carson ST
1996 # Winnie Sunshine LJ
1997 Katy Festinger DA/ME, Clerk
1997 Michele Craig DA
1998 Tanya Heaston CH
1998 Ann Polivka CH
Ex Officio: Present and immediate past children's program coordinators.

EAST-WEST RELATIONS COMMITTEE
1996 Karen Lawrance LJ
1996 Peggy Thompson SC
1996 Carl Anderson ST
1997 Marlene Fitzwater SA
1997 Robert De Saeger SA
1997 Herb Foster SC
1998 Ruth Witchey RF
1998 Wendy Hartley CH
1998 Karen Street BE, Clerk
Ex Officio: PYM representatives and alternate to the Friends Center Moscow Board.

FAITH AND PRACTICE REVISION COMMITTEE
1996 Lincoln Moses PA
1996 Robert Vogel OG
1997 Robert Young OG
1997 Marilee Eusebio DA, Corresponding Clerk
1998 Madge Seaver PA
1998 Ellie Huffman BE
* Jane Peers LJ
* Kitty Barragato OG
* Aimee Elsbree CL
* Stratton Jaquette PA
* Kim Lacey SF
* Laura Magnani BE, Clerk
Ex Officio: Historian/Archivist and PYM Clerk
* To serve for the duration of the revision process.

FINANCE COMMITTEE
1996 George Mills PA
1996 Shan Cretin SM
1997 Jean Malcolm SD, Clerk
1997 Raymond Soares ML
1998 Tom King SJ
1998 Karen Lawrance LJ
Ex Officio: Treasurers, Statistical Clerk.

FRIEND IN THE ORIENT COMMITTEE
(A joint committee of Pacific Yearly Meeting and North Pacific Yearly Meeting.)
1996 Olivia de Hauteville PA
1996 Robert Vogel OG
1997 Bob Stauffer HO
1997 Lee Storey SM
1998 Jimmy Choi LA
1998 Leonard Dart CL, Clerk

HOLDING CORPORATION COMMITTEE
1996 Harry Bailey GV
1996 David Tappan OG
1997 Steve Birdlebough SA, President
1997 Shan Cretin SM
1998 Virginia Klein GV
1998 Vanita Blum BE
Ex Officio: PYM Presiding Clerk, Treasurers.

JUNIOR YEARLY MEETING COMMITTEE
1996 Barbara Babin PA
1996 Jim Kratzer FR
1996 # Robyn Wooten LJ
1997 Susan Stanley BE
1997 Alan Edgar SC, Clerk
1998 Carolyn Wardrip-Fruin OC
1998 Ann Seitz HA
1998 David Tappan OG

NOMINATING COMMITTEE
1996 # Gary Wolff OG, Clerk
1996 Asenath Young OG
1996 # Ruth Witchey RF
1997 Julie Ralls OC
1997 Linda Rowell CH
1997 Joe Magruder BE
1998 Elsa Glines ST
1998 Linda Duus IV
1998 Carol Mosher BE

PEACE COMMITTEE
1996 Joel Gazis-Sax PA
1996 John Salyer LJ
1996 # Clare Galbraith DE, Co-Clerk
1997 Ernest Bicknell BE
1997 Aub Reed LJ
1997 Lura Mahal SD
1998 Trudy Storm IV
1998 Arden Pierce PA
1998 Polly Pool HO
Ex Officio: Clerks of College Park Quarterly Meeting and Southern California Quarterly Meeting Peace Committees; Correspondents of unaffiliated Meetings; one of FCNL representative.

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Nominating Committee Report

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION COMMITTEE
1996 Val Milliron CH
1996 Linda Rowell CH
1997 Kate Carpenter OG
1997 Langdon Elsbree CL
1998 Sandra Gey BE
1998 Vanita Blum BE, Clerk

SECRETARIAT COMMITTEE
1996 Larry Peny ST, Clerk
1997 Ron Sax PA
1998 Pat Daggerty OG
Ex Officio: Assistant to the Clerk.

SITES COMMITTEE
1996 Pat Wolff OG
1996 Joy O'Connell RG
1997 Noel Cragg SB
1997 Martin Edwards RF
1998 Mark Koenig CH, Clerk
1998 Jan Turner HU/RF
Ex Officio: Present and immediate past Arrangements Clerks.

PERMANENT SITE SUBCOMMITTEE
OF THE SITES COMMITTEE
(Appointed by the Sites Committee.)
Harry Bailey GV
Mike Buell SC
Chuck Orr LJ, Clerk
Joy O'Connell RG
Walter Jones RG
Mark Koenig CH

SOCIAL ORDER COMMITTEE
1996 Diana Lockard CL
1996 Bob Segalman SA
1996 Thomas Leo SJ
1997 Leon Ray SD, Clerk
1997 Bob Burnett ST
1997 Bil Newman OG
1998 Martha Fort LJ
1998 Bruce Folsom SF
1998 Terry Mackenzie
Ex Officio: Clerks of College Park Quarterly Meeting and Southern California Quarterly Meeting Social Order Committees; Correspondents from unaffiliated Meetings.

UNITY WITH NATURE COMMITTEE
1996 Ernie Hartley SA
1996 Elizabeth Brown SA
1996 David Vale BE
1997 Bob Stauffer HO, Clerk
1997 Sharon Gates OG
1997 David Mackenzie OG
1998 Martin Edward RF
1998 Michael Dunn IV
1998 Elizabeth Jones SC
Ex Officio: Earthlight Editor and Treasurers, FCUN Representatives.

WIDER FELLOWSHIP AMONG FRIENDS COMMITTEE
1996 Anne Friend LA
1997 Tom Farley PA, Clerk
1998 Peter Milbury CH
Ex Officio: Representative to EFI, FGC, FUM, RGAM, FCSWYM, Young Friends of North America, and one FWCC Representative.

The following committees and positions are not named by the PYM Nominating Committee.

JUNIOR YEARLY MEETING OFFICERS

JUNIOR YEARLY MEETING COMMITTEES
Representative to Peace Committee
Representative to Sites Committee

YOUNG FRIENDS CLERKING COMMITTEE

YOUNG FRIENDS COMMITTEES
Outreach Committee (Finance)
Fellowship Committee

YOUNG FRIENDS OF NORTH AMERICA (YFNA) DELEGATES

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PACIFIC YEARLY MEETING REPRESENTATIVES TO OTHER ORGANIZATIONS
* denotes representative who are ex officio members of Wider Fellowship Among Friends Committee

AMERICAN FRIENDS SERVICE COMMITTEE
(AFSC) Corporation Members (five representatives)
1996 Lincoln Moses PA
1996 # Carol Mosher BE
1997 Maria May WH
1997 # Kimi Nagatani OC
1998 Harry Bailey GV, Convener

EVANGELICAL FRIENDS INTERNATIONAL
(EFI)* (two-year term)
1996 Robert Vogel OG

FRIENDS BULLETIN BOARD OF DIRECTORS
(three representatives)
1996 # Arden Pierce PA
1997 # Pat Daggerty OG, Convener
1998 Rob Roy Woodman DA

FRIENDS CENTER MOSCOW BOARD
ДОМ ДРУЗЕЙ В МОСКВЕ
(Two representatives serving two-year terms and one alternate as approved at PYM August 1995 session - Plenary 4. Future nominations to be recommended by Nominating Committee.)
1997 Kay Anderson SF
1997 Julie Harlow DA
1996 Ellie Huffman MP

FRIENDS CHURCH, SOUTHWEST YEARLY MEETING (FCSWYM)*
1998 Jeanette Norton OC

FRIENDS COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATION OF CALIFORNIA (FCL) Representative appointed by Social Order Committee.

FRIENDS COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL LEGISLATION (FCNL) (five representatives)
1996 Kimi Nagatani OC
1996 Eric Moon BE
1997 Bob Burnett ST
1997 Stephen McNeil ST, Convener
1998 Carolyn Stephenson HO

FRIENDS COMMITTEE ON UNITY WITH NATURE (FCUN) (two-year terms)
1996 Tom Farley
1997 Michael Dunn IV

August 5, 1995
Report to Yearly Meeting

The members of the Ministry and Oversight Committee for PYM have been: Joan Johnson (OG), John Mackinney (BE), Margaret Mossman (BE), Kimi Nagatani (OC), Robert Noble (SD), Helen O'Brien (WH), clerk, Jim Sanetel (OG), Brian Vura-Weis (IV), Tom Whiteman (ST).

During the year the committee has met twice, in February in the south at Redlands and in June in the north at Monterey. We have been fortunate to have Ellie Huffman, the presiding clerk of PYM, at both meetings.

This year M&O has had oversight over nine subcommittees: two new subcommittees, Religious Education for Adults and Right Holding of Yearly Meeting, having been placed under its care at PYM Yearly Meeting 1994. Religious Education for Adults was set up to attempt to clarify: where do the people who make up Yearly Meeting feel the responsibility for adult religious education really lies— with the Monthly Meetings and the Quarterly Meeting, with the Yearly Meeting; or with some combination of these entities? The Ad Hoc Committee on the Right Holding of Yearly Meeting was asked to continue with the remainder of its charge but to become a subcommittee under the care of M&O.

A brief accounting of the subcommittees follows:

Worship-Fellowship: Valerie Milliron, clerk. Valerie is serving her third year on the committee, the last two as clerk. The pattern set in "Faith and Practice" for this committee is four Friends to serve overlapping terms. Unfortunately this pattern has not been preserved for a number of years as for various reasons Friends have been unable to carry forward their term and finding new members has not been easy. The organizing of the groups is going forward (last year there were over 45) with several groups available for those with special interests. Worship-Fellowship Queries related to PYM Equality focus have been worked out.

Special Funds: Margaret Mossman, clerk. Oversight of the Fund for Concerns, the Sharing Fund and the PYM Attendance Assistance Fund as well as assistance with the Student Conscience Fund are under the care of M&O. Fund for Concerns: The Joy family of Grass Valley Meeting has continued on the Buddhist-led peace march from Auschwitz to Hiroshima. Two other requests for funds were made. One was felt not to come within the guidelines of the fund. The other was granted but the person was unable to go forward with the proposed plan.

Sharing Fund: No requests from this fund were made this year.

Conscience Fund: A second loan was made to a student pursuing an advanced degree at the Annenberg School of Communication. Attendance Assistance was granted as funds were available.

Brinton Visitor Program: Joan Johnson, clerk. The program arranges visitations to monthly meetings and worship groups in Pacific Yearly Meeting, North Pacific Yearly Meeting, Intermountain Yearly Meeting. Traveling in May and June Robert Vogel of Orange Grove Meeting and past clerk of PYM has completed his visitations in the Southern California Quarterly Meeting area including a meeting with First Friends Meeting Whittier. In January 1996 he will go to Hawai'i. He will complete his Brinton Visitor travels in North Pacific Yearly Meeting.
Margery Abbott of Multnomah Meeting and past clerk of NPYM has completed the first leg of her visits in IMYM in Arizona and New Mexico. Her traveling companion was Annis Bleeke, Assistant Clerk for FWCC's Section of the Americas. In September and October 1995 Marge will travel to worship groups in the northern area of IMYM. Both Bob and Marge will be speaking at Plenary Session III at PYM on "The Quaker Struggle with Equality: The Common Root of Our Testimony."

Big Island Preparatory Meeting: Helen O'Brien, clerk. BIPM has been a preparatory meeting for about ten years under the joint oversight of M&O of PYM and Honolulu Meeting. A year ago in January the time of the annual retreat the Honolulu representation on the committee was essentially at full strength and a meeting was held in Honolulu. By January of this year a number of former members were inactive, no longer in the area and the joint meeting was not held. New members from Honolulu Meeting are needed to revitalize and strengthen the committee. Distance makes frequent contacts between BIPM and either PYM or Honolulu difficult. BIPM meets for worship each week in a different location. Four times a year meetings for business are held. The geographic distances are great (some First Days the distances traveled by some Friends are two hours each way); there are different emphases as to what individuals wish from the meeting; there is no easy, frequent contact with other meetings; the question still remains as to whether to remain a preparatory meeting or become a worship group.

There is thinking that there might be wisdom in Honolulu Meeting assuming a greater part of the oversight role. They are nearer than PYM. For people wishing membership Honolulu is the meeting to which application is made. News of BIPM is regularly printed in the Honolulu Newsletter "KA MAKAMAKA."

Meetings and the Mentally Ill: Pat Williams, clerk. The committee continues to be available to monthly meetings for consultation on call. A once a year updating of the "Handbook on Mental Illness" prepared for meetings is done at Yearly Meeting. This year they used a special donation of funds to purchase books. These are circulated to meetings in five handsome wooden boxes. They provide interest and sharing groups at PYM.

Sexual Abuse and Harassment: Karen Street, clerk. M&O agreed with the recommendation of the subcommittee that it be laid down. Its initial mission of providing educational materials in this field to meetings was felt to be essentially accomplished. There still remains a need for better training of people in the quarterly and monthly meetings to work with cases of sexual abuse and harassment within meetings. M&O proposes to set up resource meetings in northern and southern California. The precise format for carrying this out is yet to be worked out. Need still remains also for identifying and having available "designated resource" people to be on call at PYM as need arises.

Sexual Minorities: Krista Barnard, clerk. This committee was established in 1993. The original charge still stands: organize informational activities; work to create a welcoming environment at PYM for sexual minorities; act as clearing house for meetings with Sexual Minority concerns; report to PYM on state of these concerns in the region. This year the committee distributed a survey regarding the welfare of
sexual minorities and people affected by HIV disease to monthly meetings and worship groups. A draft minute "A Loving Response to Hostilities Against Sexual Minorities" was also distributed for consideration and seasoning. At a July meeting at Quaker Center the results of the survey were summarized, a list of suggested actions for meetings and individuals developed. This material will be available at Yearly Meeting. A new draft minute was written reflecting suggestions from several meetings.

Religious Education for Adults: Joan Johnson, clerk. The subcommittee was set up to try to determine what the desires of persons in PYM are regarding Religious Education for Adults: should we have it; should PYM have responsibility for it; should it be primarily the responsibility of monthly and quarterly meetings; should it be a shared responsibility? Finding members for this committee took more time than anticipated. The committee will not hold its first meeting until the time of yearly meeting. It expects to be fully active this coming year.

Right Holding of Yearly Meeting: Jane Mills, clerk. The Ad Hoc Committee on the Right Holding of Yearly Meeting having accomplished much of its original mission was laid down. A subcommittee on RHYM was set up under the care of M&O. The first focus of the committee was on whether or not PYM needs might be best served by the separation of M&O into two committees, one on Ministry and Counsel and one on Oversight. The RHYM committee met twice and recommended to M&O that "Ministry and Oversight has been seen as the committee to carry responsibility for the spiritual health of the Yearly Meeting session. For many years with all its other responsibilities, it has been difficult for M&O to perform this function well. To achieve the end of freeing a group of Friends to hold worship as a primary concern through the YM session, we recommend that YM establish two separate committees: one on oversight and one on worship and ministry. We ask M&O to approve this and forward it to YM." After lengthy discussion M&O decided against becoming two separate committees. It decided that on a trial basis it would within itself divide its members into those charged with ministry functions and those charged with oversight functions beginning with the 1994-95 PYM year. The full committee will continue to deal with agenda review, support of Yearly Meeting Clerk, and Right Holding issues. All members would meet at same time and place so that separate and together sessions could be held.

The second focus of RHYM is consideration of Representative Committee: what is the role of representatives; what are the functions of Representative Committee. RHYM will continue to consider these questions.
PACIFIC YEARLY MEETING
of the RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS

UPDATE OF THE BRINTON VISITOR PROGRAM'S 1995-'96 VISITATIONS NOW IN PROGRESS

THE BRINTON VISITOR CURRENTLY TRAVELLING IN PACIFIC YEARLY MEETING

Robert Vogel of Orange Grove Monthly Meeting and past Clerk of PYM has completed his visitations to the meetings and worship groups in the Southern California Quarterly Meeting area.

Bob will travel in the College Park Quarterly Meeting area in the months of September and October 1995. Patricia Dienstfrey of Strawberry Creek Meeting and a member of the Brinton Visitor Committee will be coordinating his visits in that area.

In January 1996 Bob has been invited to visit the Big Island Preparative Meeting on the weekend of January 12-15th and he is preparing to visit Friend on the other Islands during the remainder of the month.

THE BRINTON VISITOR CURRENTLY TRAVELLING IN INTERMOUNTAIN YEARLY MEETING

Margery Abbott of Multnomah Monthly Meeting and past Clerk of NPYM has completed the first leg of her visits in Intermountain Yearly Meeting in Arizona and New Mexico. Her travelling companion on those visits was Annis Bleeke, Assistant Clerk for the FWCC Section of the Americas. Marian Hoge of Albuquerque Meeting and IMYM's Representative to the Brinton Visitor Program coordinated their travels.

In September and October of 1995 Marge will travel, accompanied by her husband Carl, to visit the meetings and worship groups in the Northern area of IMYM.

THE BRINTON VISITOR WILL TRAVEL IN NORTH PACIFIC YEARLY MEETING IN SPRING 1996

When Bob Vogel originally expressed his willingness to be a Brinton Visitor he had felt that his time and energies would only permit travel in the PYM area. However, with his characteristic concern for inter-visititation he has made time in his schedule to travel to the meetings and worship groups in North Pacific Yearly Meeting. He will travel there in March and April of 1996 and Martha Lindley of University Meeting and NPYM's Representative to the Brinton Visitor Program will coordinate his visits.

THE BRINTON VISITORS AT THE PACIFIC YEARLY MEETING SESSIONS AUGUST 1995

Both Bob and Marge will be attending PYM's annual gathering at Chico. They will be speaking on Wednesday evening August 2nd at Plenary Session I. The topic that the Yearly Meeting has asked them to address is "The Quaker Struggle with Equality: The Common Roots of our Testimonies".

Joan Johnson, Clerk of the Brinton Visitor Committee
PYM SPECIAL FUNDS

Pacific Yearly Meeting has several special funds, of which Meetings should be aware.

THE FUND FOR CONCERNS is administered by Ministry and Oversight Committee. Its purpose is to assist members and attendees of PYM Meetings to follow individual leadings arising from peace, social order, or spiritual concerns. It is not intended to underwrite organizations or committee projects. Application is through a Monthly Meeting, and guidelines for application are available from the M & O clerk.

THE SHARING FUND is administered by the M & O Committee. It is available to assist members and attendees of PYM Meetings who have unusual needs of a personal nature. Requests should be directed by the Monthly Meeting to the M & O clerk.

THE BRINTON VISITOR is a project of PYM, Intermountain Yearly Meeting, and North Pacific Yearly Meeting. A person or persons are chosen every two years to visit and nourish Monthly Meetings. The fund is used to pay the expenses of the Visitor and is administered by the PYM M & O Committee through its Brinton Visitor Subcommittee.

THE PEACE TAX FUND is administered by the PYM treasurers. Persons who withhold a portion of their federal income taxes for reasons of conscience may deposit the withheld money in the fund and withdraw it within the statutory period if necessary to pay tax liens.

THE STUDENT CONSCIENCE FUND is administered by a committee composed of the clerks of Peace and Finance committees and a designated member of the M & O Committee. Its purpose is to provide financial assistance to individuals who have been denied federal or state grant-in-aid because of their refusal to register for the draft. Individuals need not be members or attenders of a Quaker Meeting. Guidelines are available from the clerk of M & O.

THE PYM ATTENDANCE ASSISTANCE FUND is administered by the M & O Committee. Its purpose is to provide financial assistance to individuals and families who are members or attenders of PYM Meetings and who might otherwise be deterred from attending the annual sessions of PYM. Application is through a Monthly Meeting, and guidelines for application are available from the M & O clerk.

THE YOUNG FRIENDS SCHOLARSHIP FUND is administered by the Young Friends. Its purpose is to assist young adult Friends in PYM to attend Quaker gatherings. Application is through the Young Friends Clerk.

In addition, several funds are administered by specific committees in relation to their program work. These include the East-West Relations Committee Fund, the Friend in the Orient Fund, and the Friends in Unity with Nature Fund. Information about these may be obtained from the relevant committee.
PYM FUND FOR CONCERNS

Pacific Yearly Meeting has established a Fund for Concerns, to which individuals and Meetings are invited to contribute. Members and attenders of Monthly Meetings of PYM may ask their Meetings for financial, emotional, and spiritual support in case of need arising out of social order, peace, or religious concerns. Meetings may forward or initiate requests for such support from the fund. PYM, through its Ministry and Oversight committee, will consult with the Monthly Meeting to ascertain the Meetings’s involvement and clearness (including financial) in the request and will disburse funds on an equitable basis among requests. M & O will not make a judgment on the substantive issues but is charged to find that good order has been followed in the process.

1. Applications for grants from the PYM Fund for Concerns should be made to the M & O committee of PYM (which may designate a subcommittee or individual to receive such requests).

2. The following shall be included in the application:
   a. The name, address, and telephone number of the applicant.
   b. A description of the project, including the reasons that have led the applicant to undertake this work and any hoped-for outcomes.
   c. The name of the Monthly Meeting that has considered the request and the name, address, and telephone number of a contact person in the Meeting.
   d. A Minute reflecting that the request has been carefully and fully considered by the Meeting and that the Meeting has committed its spiritual, emotional, and financial support to the project.
   e. A description of the clearness process followed by the Meeting, typically to include the appointment of a clearness committee to meet with the applicant to discuss such issues as the spiritual basis of the undertaking, practical and financial feasibility, and the extent to which the Meeting may unite in support of the project.
   f. A proposed budget which itemizes anticipated expenses and income, including the amount requested from the Fund for Concerns and the amount to be contributed by the Monthly Meeting.

3. Applications will be considered by M & O at one of its regularly scheduled meetings and should be received by the first day of December, April, or August of any given year.

4. Approval by the committee shall be so minuted and a copy of the Minute forwarded to the PYM Treasurer. An approved grant shall be disbursed to the Monthly Meeting that submitted the request, and the Meeting’s Treasurer shall be responsible for disbursement to the individual.

5. Upon completion of the project, the recipient is expected to write a report to the PYM M & O committee and be prepared to speak to PYM and Monthly and Quarterly Meetings as opportunity arises.
PYM ATTENDANCE ASSISTANCE FUND

Pacific Yearly Meeting has established an Attendance Assistance Fund, to which individuals and Meetings are encouraged to contribute. Members and attenders of PYM Monthly Meetings, Preparative Meetings, and Worship Groups under the care a Monthly Meeting may ask their Meetings for financial or practical support in attending the annual PYM session. The Meeting may request additional assistance for the applicants from the PYM fund. PYM, through its Ministry and Oversight Committee, will consult with the Monthly Meeting to ascertain the Meetings’s clearness and support (including financial) of the request and will disburse funds on an equitable basis among requests. PYM M/O will not make a judgment on the relative merit of the applications but is charged to find that good order has been followed in the process.

1. Grants from the PYM Attendance Assistance Fund shall be made only upon request of a Monthly Meeting. Individuals needing assistance should make a request to their Monthly Meetings, which then may apply to the PYM M/O Committee (which may designate a subcommittee or individual to receive such requests).

2. The following shall be included in the application:
   a. The name, address, and telephone number of the applying family or individual.
   b. The name of the Monthly Meeting that has considered the request and the name, address, and telephone number of a contact person in the Meeting.
   c. A Minute from the Meeting’s Ministry and Oversight, Ministry and Counsel, or analogous committee, reflecting that the committee has carefully considered the application and determined that financial assistance is necessary and that the Meeting, itself, is willing to assist in practical and financial ways.
   d. A simple budget reflecting anticipated expenses, the amount requested from the Attendance Assistance Fund, the amount being contributed by the Monthly Meeting, and anticipated assistance from other sources, such as Young Friends or PYM committees.

3. Individuals should be encouraged to plan in advance. PYM M/O will consider applications at its regularly scheduled spring meeting, and preferably requests - even if they are in preliminary form - will reach the committee before such meeting. Later requests may be accommodated if funds are available. Last-minute applications are strongly discouraged.

4. Support shall be for the least expensive arrangements that are consistent with the personal or family situation and shall assume the applicant has taken advantage of any available discounts.

5. Approval by the committee shall be so minuted and a copy of the Minute forwarded to the PYM Registrar, who shall subtract the amount of the grant from the total fees owed by the applicant, and to the PYM Treasurer.

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Permanent Site Subcommittee Report to Plenary 3 -- August 2, 1995

Background

The Permanent Sites Subcommittee of PYM has spent the past year developing a proposal to acquire property that would be used for the Annual Gathering, Quarterly Meetings and made available to the general public as a conference and educational center. We have traveled extensively to potential sites and Monthly Meetings to inform you of our progress and seek your guidance for this proposal. Currently we have four potential sites, two that are being thoroughly investigated. I am concerned though, that the committee has not sufficiently articulated WHY we feel this is important and to present a concrete vision of the ongoing work that would occur at the site. I choose now to speak to the environmental concerns relevant to the permanent site.

Report

It has been one decade since Marshall Massy stood before this very same body and made clear the imminent peril that faces the whole planet. A peril brought on by ourselves. How many of us were present? How many were emotionally moved and charged with a new awareness -- the awareness that things just could not be left to continue as is? A much tougher question: How many have made fundamental lifestyle changes in favor of life on this planet?

Friends, “our approach to cities, neighborhoods, buildings, and transportation is literally killing us” -- not figuratively, not metaphorically, but literally killing us. If it was just Homo Sapiens we were at war with there may be some Divine Justice in it. But our unconsidered behavior “will sacrifice every other species FIRST, in a futile attempt to save ourselves”. We, you and I, are financing a covert WAR on all species save one. We do this every time we eat, drink, sleep, get dressed, or move about. Our very “way of life” is lethal to all life on this planet. The really sad fact is that we KNOW it, we have been bludgeoned with facts and figures implicating the “American Dream” as the World’s worst nightmare. We know so many horrible facts that we have become like some disaster victims, in that, our lifestyle and our spiritual ethics exist in separate containers. We can enjoy eating a peach that poisoned a Mexican farm worker’s family with pesticides. We can wear a new blouse made by a ten year old indentured slave girl in India. We can chill in the air conditioning at Plenary while food rots in Nicaragua for want of basic refrigeration.

Having separated our ethics from our lifestyle, we can avoid the fact that we are part of a very small privileged group that consumes some seven times our fair share of everything. Every aspect of our First World lifestyle including Food, Clothing, Shelter, Health Care, Transportation, and Money impacts DIRECTLY on every other human and every other species on this planet. It is, a zero sum game we are playing. If we want what we have become accustomed to, as the privileged of the First World, seven families in the Third World will do without basic necessities like food and water.
Another factor working against us is the 1.2 billion Chinese and 800 million of India who are just now looking at our lifestyle on their TV sets and wanting to duplicate the “American Dream” for themselves. It may be possible for a small elite to continue our lifestyle for a short time, but as 2% of these immense populations duplicate “the good life” in our image and likeness, the life support systems of the whole earth will spiral down in failure. This is not some hypothetical theory, but a scenario played out on Easter Island by 20,000 civilized inhabitants. Their inability to discern that they were cutting off the limbs of the “Tree of Life” created environmental disaster and they descended into cannibalism. Today the 64 square mile island, a tropical paradise when men landed, has no animal species larger than flies.

Does our Peace Testimony speak to our war on non human species? Does our Testimony on Equality speak to our seventh generation in the way of the Hopi elders?

We have listened over the years to interest groups on Just Economics, Right Sharing of World Resources, and Unity with Nature. Our response has been the “trickle down theory”, wherein we maintain our lifestyle and our leavings are divided amongst the other 80% of the World. Friends, while the Third World tries reinventing their lifestyles in OUR image, the planetary life support systems shutter. The simple fact is that WE are the only group who can Voluntarily choose Simplicity. We are the only group with the resources to reinvent our lifestyle in an image worthy of imitation. The alternative is a spiraling down to complete failure of our planet’s life support systems that could well occur within the lifetime of our children.

A rational response to such dire predictions should be an overwhelming call to action. It seems obvious that sentient, ethical beings facing this challenge would demand an accounting of our lifestyle choices, seek alternatives to unworkable behavior and implement them as quickly as possible.

It is in this spirit, that your Sites Committee submits a proposal to create a permanent Site for Yearly Meeting that encompasses a Conference Center and Quaker Community whose mission is to:

Invent a “Fourth World” lifestyle for First World inhabitants consistent with a sustainable use of planetary resources. Fundamental changes in our relationships to Food, Clothing, Shelter, Health Care, Transportation and Money will be made in light of our Quaker Testimonies.

Witness through our new lifestyle and educational conferences a commitment to sustainable community and restoration of our environment that could be duplicated “back home”. This ministry would extend to the 500 attendees of PYM each year plus a few thousand of the general public attending conferences at our site.
The purchase and operation of the site would be accomplished through a Non-Profit Corporation. We would model the structure and management of the facility on Friend’s House in Santa Rosa and Quaker Center in Ben Lomand. The support expected of PYM would include spiritual guidance and being a client of the conference center. Financial resources would come from individuals and charitable organizations. Since no funds are being asked of PYM, individual financial support is critical if this vision is to become reality.

There is risk associated with a Permanent Site, but the risk of doing something must be weighted against the risk of continuing on our current path. With all life in the balance, doing anything less than reinventing our First World lifestyle can be likened to “rearranging the deck chairs on the Titanic”.

Planetary systems and human organizations have immense inertia and our efforts will be minuscule in comparison, but Quakers have historically had effects out of all proportion to their numbers. This is only possible when the faith that we believe and the lifestyle we practice are in harmony.

Pledges of financial support and in-kind contributions may be directed to:

PYM Pledges
% Walter Jones
PO Box 493599
Redding, CA. 96049-3599
Sites Report to Plenary 7.5, August 5, 1995

In our open Committee Meeting of August 2, 1995 approximately 12 friends joined us to follow the guidance of Rep Com to “pursue all avenues to make a Southern site possible”. Friends felt that it had come time to commit to a response other than Chico and deal with the contract cost increases by making camping less expensive than Chico and allowing those that can afford the increase to pay the increase. Some said that an increase was acceptable, “PYM being a cheap vacation”.

Important considerations are:

The 1st Week of August is OUT, the 2nd Week would be scheduled.

The contract cost would be $23,000 more than Chico.

Arrangements will be more complex with a need to be fixed at contract signing.

There are moderate hills on campus and the distances are greater than at Chico.

There are extra add-on costs that we would incur.

Given the acceptance of these constraints and Finance “unloading” the cost to campers and a seasoned arrangements person being available, it was the sense of the meeting to continue with Cal Poly and recommend it for August 1996.

Mark Koenig, Clerk of Sites

PLenary AttachMenT 6-4
The East-West Relations Committee Report  
August 1995

The East-West Relations Committee continues to focus its efforts on the development of Friends House Moscow and the continuation of programs in Russia already begun by Friends. In regards to this work there are two major areas to report on; Kay Anderson's 10 month stay in Moscow and the 2 meetings of the International Interim Board.

Kay Anderson of San Francisco Meeting lived in Moscow from April 1994 to February 1995. She was sponsored and supported by donations to the EWRC. She worked closely with the two British Friends there supported by Quaker Peace and Service (of Britain Yearly Meeting), Patricia Cockrell and Chris Hunter. Together they developed a proposal and have received a grant from the European Union for a "Center for Peacemaking and Community Development". This work is jointly sponsored by German Friends service committee, the Mennonites, the Movement Against Violence (Russian), and The War Resistor's League (British). This funding will enable Patricia and Chris to continue working in Moscow on various projects related to CO's, conflict resolution in several "hot spots," humanitarian aid, grass roots organization, and support of Friends outreach and growth. In Spirit and in practice, the program we hope to institutionalize in Friends House Moscow is alive and well at this time.

In addition to this work Kay arranged and conducted AVP (Alternatives to Violence) style workshops in communication skills and group dynamics including the training of facilitators to carry on the work. She also orchestrated connections for various volunteers who worked in the areas of education and health care. There will be continuing EWRC support for further workshops in communication skills and the expansion of training at Teacher Training Institutes.

Kay has already spoken to several Monthly Meetings including Santa Fe (NM), Lexington (VA), and Swarthmore (PA) as well as at North Pacific YM and Friends General Conference. She is open to other invitations and eager to share her experiences and speak about the current problems and conditions in Russia. At FGC enthusiastic individuals volunteered to take the video about FHM and flyers and newsletters to Yearly Meetings of NY, PA, ILL, Ohio Valley, and Baltimore, and to several of the large Monthly Meetings in the Midwest.

November 19-22 thirteen members of the International Interim Board met in Moscow. We reached agreement on twelve minutes related to general purpose and direction. However, when we attempted to make decisions related to the governance structure and legal status we could not reach unity. We made little progress and the meeting ended in disappointment and frustration. However, we each reported enthusiastic support from our respective constituencies. There was a high level of energy to continue the project. We each felt strongly that we should continue to work toward the fulfillment of the vision and we agree to meet again in May.

PLENARY ATTACHMENT H-1
EWRC approved funds for 2 individuals to attend the Board meetings in May. As Kay was unable to attend, Ellie Huffman went in her stead. Ellie and Julie Harlow stopped briefly in London and had very productive discussions with Alan Pleydell, Anne Bennett, and Andrew Clark of Quaker Peace and Service and also with Thomas Taylor and Roger Sturje of FWCC World Office. These talks helped clear the way for better understanding at the Moscow meetings.

The Moscow meetings, May 1-3, were blessed by great progress. The Governing Board, to be nominated in November '95, will be composed of no less than 12 members chosen from a variety of Yearly Meetings in America and Europe. At least 3 members will be Russians. An Executive Committee will be composed of at least 7 members of the Board. At least 3 of these must be Russian. This committee will meet every 3 months and have direct oversight of the program. In addition, the Moscow Friends Worship Group will develop a structure so that the entire Meeting or members thereof will be continually involved in the development of the program. We expect to see a Friends House Moscow Governing Board, legal status, staff, and physical location by January of 1996.

The budget for 1996, the first year of operation, is $80,500. Of this total, $74,500 is for program and only $6,000 is for administrative costs. Governing Board members are expected to arrange for their own travel expenses within their own fund raising plans.

EWRC is expected to contribute a net total of $13,000 in 1995 for the expenses of continuing to develop the project and to continue the work of the staff now hired by QPS. (Their contracts with QPS end in August.) Our total contribution in 1996 and beyond would be of a similar level ($13,000 - $18,000 annually) until donations indicate that more (or less) would be forthcoming.

[ note: Ken Komoski and John Shuford (of New York and Philadelphia Yearly Meetings respectively) have committed themselves to fund raising from non-Quaker foundations on the east coast. As yet, we do not have a designated person to do the kind of personal outreach among Friends Meetings in that area that has been done successfully in Pacific Yearly Meeting.]

EWRC maintains a balance of about $12,000 toward future work after paying for all expenses, including Kay's 10 months in Moscow, and the travel, printing, and mailing costs of publicity, outreach and participation on the Board. Letters and calls received from Florida, Rhode Island, western Canada, Nova Scotia, England and Japan confirm that we are reaching a broader base all the time.

This is not a simple project and we appreciate your faithfulness. We are extremely grateful for the support of Friends in PYM; for your love and prayers as well as your dollars. We hope that you will continue to support us in all those ways as we continue the work we are led to do.

Submitted by Julie Harlow, clerk
REPORT TO PACIFIC YEARLY MEETING

Friends from PYM who have written for Friends Bulletin in the past year include: Carl Anderson (Strawberry Creek), Kay Anderson (San Francisco), Bob Barns (Grass Valley), Sondra Beal (Berkeley), Miriam Berg (Berkeley), Michael Dunn (Inland Valley), Alan Edgar (Santa Cruz), Sandy Farley (Palo Alto), Ellie Foster (Santa Cruz), Anne Friend (Los Angeles), Barbara Gallios-Lee (San Francisco), Elsa Glines (Strawberry Creek), Melinda Glines (Strawberry Creek), Terry Hart (Santa Cruz), David Hartsough (San Francisco), Gene Knudsen Hoffman (Santa Barbara), Chuck Hubbell (San Francisco), Ellie Huffman (Monterey), Joan Johnson (Orange Grove), Albert Jones (Las Vegas), Rick Longinotti (Santa Cruz), Carl Magruder (Berkeley), Maria Zelda May (Whiteleaf), Emma Kimbro Meyer (Berkeley), Emily Lambert Miraie (Mendocino), Phil Oliver (San Francisco), John Pixley (Santa Monica), Judith Pruess (Grass Valley), Dawn Rasmussen (Santa Cruz), Leon Ray (San Diego), Marie Schutz (Redwood Forest), Robert Schutz (Redwood Forest), Madge T. Seaver (Palo Alto), Ramona Silipo (Strawberry Creek), Lowell Tozer (San Diego), Robert S. Vogel (Orange Grove), Marybeth Webster (Grass Valley), B.J. Willits (Orange Grove), David Scofield Wilson (Davis), and Rob Roy Woodman (Davis).

Photographers and illustrators from PYM are: Mark Farmer (Marin), Sharon Gates (Orange Grove), Gretchen McGarigle (Claremont), Ingrid Petersen (Claremont), Marybeth Webster (Grass Valley), and David Wilson (Davis).

The current correspondents from PYM are John Fulbright (Honolulu), Bobbi Kendig (Marloma), and Ramona Silipo (Strawberry Creek).

The Friends Bulletin Corporation was established in August 1994. The Board of Directors, which is made up of Friends from North Pacific, Pacific, and Intermountain Yearly Meetings, meets twice per year. This past year the Board met in Portland, Oregon, and Denver, Colorado. Rob Roy Woodman (Davis), Pat Daggerty (Orange Grove), and Arden Pierce (Palo Alto) serve on the Board from Pacific Yearly Meeting.

Friends Bulletin is grateful for the support of our subscribers. Without you, we couldn't exist. We especially appreciate those meetings who subscribe for all members.

We also appreciate the financial support from Pacific Yearly Meeting. Your annual payment is an important part of our budget.

Thank you.

Nancy Yarnall, Friends Bulletin, 1620 NW Menlo Dr, Corvallis, OR 97330. (503) 757-0981.
To: PACIFIC YEARLY MEETING  
From: PYM Representatives to the 18th Triennial Meeting of the 
Jan Tappan Convenor; Bob Barns, and Janet Leslie 
RE: Extracted Minutes for Action by Friends and Meetings.

We are submitting these Minutes for Action to Pacific Yearly Meeting. Its 
appropriate committees and all Monthly, Preparative, and Worship Meetings in PYM. 
Representatives request Meetings to send reports of their actions. Please send 
responses to these Minutes to Jan Tappan, 1936 Rose Villa, Pasadena, CA 91107.

18/23 Children in the Society of Friends
Harold Wilkinson of Australia YM presented the YM’s concern for: 
- the linkages between Quaker children around the world 
- the possibility of new initiatives to value children in our Meetings 
- a view of the world body of Friends for our children.
He brought our attention to a colorful banner prepared by Australian children entitled ‘A Rainbow of Hope’ from 
Australian Quaker Children”.
We encourage Australia YM and all the YMs concerned with the role of children within the Society of Friends 
continue working in this area.

18/27 Peace: Friends’ Testimony, Concern and Action
David Purnell summarized the contributions made by Friends. We are called to: 
- Encourage dialogue among Friends 
- Learn the causes of conflict 
- Work for reconciliation and empowerment 
- Create alternatives to violence 
- Use spiritual weapons to “fight the Lamb’s war” 
- Develop the culture of a just peace 
- Build networks of support and communication 
- Work for gender equality and relationships based on mutual respect 
- Release Friends and resources for peacemaking 
- Develop peacemaking skills through training 
- Make our peace committees models of cross-cultural communication. 
- Recognize our personal and group potential for being more effective peace builders 
- Maintain a sense of hope 
- Challenge practices and policies that destroy people and communities 
- Work against the arms trade 
- Examine our personal lifestyle to see what may be contributing to the causes of injustice and war.

We rejoice and are grateful for the ways the Holy Spirit has enabled Friends around the world to be peacemakers 
in difficult situations.

18/36 Economic Injustice and the Suffering of the Poor
This Triennial welcomes these efforts to help Friends worldwide to question the effect of economic injustice, locally, 
nationally and internationally, to provide information and educational materials, so that the historic traditions of 
Quaker witness can be maintained and developed on right sharing and stewardship.
We ask them to consult with other YMs and report the outcome of their activities at the 19th Triennial 
planned to be held in Britain in 1997.

18/45 The Arms Trade
We have heard the plea from Friends from arms purchasing countries that we work against the arms trade.

Friends gathered at the 18th FWCC Triennial unito with the statement presented by the Arms Trade Interest 
Group. We shall make this statement available to YMs, Churches and Monthly Meetings in the hope that ways 
may open for those Churches and Meetings to address the problems of arms trafficking. We ask that these 
boadies inform the 19th FWCC Triennial of the use made of this statement and any work arising from it.

18/46 International Nonviolent Peacemaking Teams
As Friends, we believe that faithfulness to the injunction to love our neighbor, including those who may hate us, 
required more than statements abhorring war and violence. We must actively seek alternatives that will enable all 
to learn to live peacefully and creatively. We must actively work to create a world where security derives from
mutual trust, not power or advantage.

In our efforts to live faithfully in the light of this, our peace testimony, many Friends are working on new initiatives in conflict resolution, mediation, nonviolence training and other forms of active peacemaking. We affirm those efforts. We recognize the importance of undertaking such work only after prayerful consideration, thorough preparation and with great sensitivity to the specific situation and society.

We encourage YMs:

1) to consider practical, active programs of peacemaking and conflict management, including peace teams, in
and with communities in conflict,

2) to share information, training programs, resources and experience with other YMs around the world and
across the diversity of Friends and with agencies already active in peacemaking,

3) to recognize the need for spiritual grounding and considered corporate support of Friends led to this work.

13/47 Quakers and World Council of Churches Peace Initiatives

We welcome the opportunity for all Friends to have input into the World Council of Churches' (WCC) new program to overcome violence and we ask FWCC to encourage YMs to participate in this program. We also affirm the continuing involvement of FWCC with the WCC through its observer status, although there has been a lack of continuity in the persons appointed. We are concerned about the difficulties in networking between Friends who work globally and their problems in communicating their work to Friends worldwide. We trust Friends will give thought to this before the next Triennium.

We approve this minute and encourage those YMs who wish to, to participate in the WCC new initiative to overcome violence. We note that a group of Canadian Friends will work during the next triennium on helping to establish a network for information and cooperation for Friends involved in work related to WCC.

We are also reminded by Ramon Mamani Chipana that many Latin American Friends churches believe that change will come about not through organizations but through a personal change of heart and devotion to the Prince of Peace. We note that the service of many devoted individuals has helped in the acceptance of this program by the WCC. We are thankful for the way in which Christ works through both individuals and organizations to transform the world.

18/48 Population

In regard to the question of world population trends, we have wrestled with a complex issue and we have found no simple answer. Instead, we have found a web of interrelated issues of deep concern to Friends in all parts of the world family of Friends. We urge YMs everywhere to examine these relationships in the spirit of Quaker testimonies of equality, simplicity, peace and integrity, and to share their queries and leadings with one another.

We have been reminded that this issue relates to many other issues which are of concern to us, such as:

- the precariousness of children and their nurture,
- the integrity of creation,
- removing the causes of violence and war,
- economic injustice and poverty,
- right sharing of world resources,
- equality of women and men.

18/32 Friends House Moscow. FWCC welcomes the joint effort of Friends in various Yearly Meetings to establish a Friends House in Moscow, and encourages world wide participation in this project. It is recognized that this is still in its formative stages, and FWCC is glad to give its consultative support.
Survey regarding the welfare of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender (LGBT) members and attenders, and those affected by HIV/AIDS

The survey regarding sexual minorities was sent to all the meetings, preparative meetings and worship groups in the yearly meeting (62 questionnaires sent out). We received responses from 19 meetings (31%). Some of the meetings had surveys from more than one responder for a total of 23 responses. Not all responders answered all the questions.

The style of responding varied among meetings. In some meetings the clerk or some other individual responded with no indication that the meeting or any committee was involved in the survey. In other meetings the survey was given to particular individuals, usually sexual minority people. In others the survey initiated a searching by the entire meeting which in one case resulted in a decision to decline to respond.

Process:
All of the responses for each question were reviewed and the various themes were paraphrased and listed under the question. This allows us to see the range and, to some extent, the frequency of certain responses for each question. This is qualitative research so no statistics were developed.

Interpretation of results:
Because of the variations in the way meetings responded to the survey we were able to sample a range of responses. Although these data do not expect to be complete they do suggest how the meetings which responded think about the questions. Unfortunately, there is no way to know how the other more than two thirds of the meetings might respond. Did they fail to respond because of a lack of interest in the subject, because the survey was lost, embarrassment about the issues, fear, or hatred? We have no way of knowing. Since this survey is only to inform us about ourselves and to generate discussion, we can at least see the range of responses, and gain some idea of the things that are important regarding sexual minorities.

Thank you:
We would like to thank the committee which reviewed and revised the survey at Yearly Meeting 1994 and the Friends who took the time and thought to respond to the survey. We would also like to thank the Ministry and Oversight Committee for sponsoring the survey through the Sexual Minorities Subcommittee.
1. How do sexual minorities people fare in your meeting?

The same as everyone else. We make no distinction. (5 responses)

There is no high profile issue around sexual orientation in the meeting, either positive or negative. The meeting is rather matter of fact on the issue, perhaps ho hum. Issues around sexual orientation are not currently before the business meeting.

Sexual orientation is not addressed one way or another, neither hostility nor support for the special needs that are a very real part of Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender (LGBT) life. One person in the meeting called me a pervert. With few exceptions I feel comfortable and respected.

I had no reason to bring up my sexual orientation with the meeting. (4 responses)

A gay person would be welcome but perhaps not unanimously. Some may believe that the Bible condemns gay people as sinful. We have never had any statistical or narrative historical information about gays in Friends Meetings.

Did not respond (2 responses)

No sexual minorities attend. Those who have in the past were warmly welcomed and invited to participate.

We are aware of and want to participate in the issues but have no sexual minorities in our meeting.

Not a primary concern to us.

There is also denial by some people of their true feelings.

It depends on who you ask. 12 -20 people are sexual minorities but only 6 are openly known. One of these 6 feels vulnerable.

Our response to sexual minorities and those affected by HIV/AIDS is within our overall commitment to the Quaker Testimony on Equality.

Not to well. Everyone is welcome, but several gays have left our meeting.

We have participated in the Gay Pride Celebration for several years.
2. How would a sexual minority person know that they would be welcome to your meeting?

FLGC Newsletter is publicly displayed. No other prominent sign

Issues of sexual minorities are not the subject of vocal ministry or Meeting for Business. It would take a person a while to get the idea that they are welcome.

Since many religious bodies exclude LGBT people, and openly attack them, I think it would be a great service to do more outreach in the (often) spiritually hungry LGBT community.

Announcements/ bulletin board (2 responses)

We treat them like everyone else (2 responses)

We participate in the Gay Pride Celebration

Ad in the gay newspaper

Personal greetings, word of mouth (3 responses)

Anyone would be welcome. Sexual orientation is not discussed. This may be uncomfortable for those to whom it is important.

After discussing this question we decided that we need more materials on sexual minorities on the bulletin board, library.

They would not. There is nothing visible to assure gay and lesbian Friends that they are welcome in our meeting. (Underline is original author's)

The meeting has married same sex couples.

No one is singled out. (2 responses)
3. How many people in your meeting are open about being a sexual minority?

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4. How many people that you know of do not feel comfortable being open in the meeting about being a sexual minority?

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If there are others, we believe it is out of their own wish for privacy rather than because of uncomfortableness with the meeting.

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5. Do sexual minority people participate fully in the life of the Meeting?

Yes

I think there might be some limitations but I'm not sure.

Our meeting focuses on children. Sexual minorities may be left out.

Don't know

No

Yes - but not in marriage

Self imposed limits because of perceived homophobia
6. Is there a separate sexual minority pot luck, worship group or other social group?

No

No longer

The number of sexual minorities has always been small so no movement toward get togethers.

7. What is the meeting doing to advocate for the rights of sexual minorities?

Nothing

(The predominant response. All other responses below.)

Virtually nothing. I think this is significant. LGBT people do not have the same rights to family, health care, housing, employment, legal protection, safety, AND THIS IS VIRTUALLY IGNORED BY PEACE AND SOCIAL ORDER COMMITTEE AND THE MEETING AS A WHOLE. VIOLENCE, HATE AND SYSTEMATIC DISCRIMINATION ARE PART OF THE LIFE OF EVERY LGBT PERSON. I think giving this questionnaire to LGBT people rather than addressing it as a meeting is indicative of the idea that it is our (LGBT) problem and doesn't need to be addressed by the meeting. (Capitalization is original author's)

I hear about the work of Friends for Lesbian and Gay Concerns.

The lesbians in our meeting did not feel the need to have the Meeting engaged in any public witness. They feel it is enough that they are accepted.

We respond with letters and phone calls to specific issues.

We support all Gay and Lesbian rights legislation put forth by FCL and FCNL.
(Note: there is none. These are not issues for either organization despite requests)

Our Peace and Social Action committee is civil rights active.

We do as individuals.

This is not a focus of our activities.

Our clerk wrote to the governor regarding same sex marriage. Members of meeting at National Coming Out Week and showed “Love Makes a Marriage”. A coalition of support groups for sexual minorities has held meetings at the meeting house.

Meeting discussions regarding same sex marriage.
8. Has anyone been “gay bashed”?

Not now, but a few years ago a couple was harassed by neighbors and left town.

Don’t know

Oh yes! One person was beaten. Others who would be legally married aren’t.

I have been called names, excluded, disparaged, suffered loss of health benefits.

My community center is frequently attacked and damaged.

Of course

no

Certainly

Even now I can only rarely attend meeting for the bruising we took [from the meeting]. Nothing is as bad as the difficult experiences with meeting and the sense of abandonment after these struggles, when the meeting was so absorbed in the problem of how to help homophobic heterosexuals “heal” from the rifts of disagreement that they left gay Friends to fend for themselves.

It is impossible to be gay in this society without having experienced discrimination whether one is open or not.

One former teacher was greeted yearly at the door of her classroom by colleagues collecting signatures on a ballot to “Get Gays out of the Schools”.

Some of our members have been.

Self restrictions because of fear of harassment or discrimination.

Six incidents in six weeks, two to straight people perceived as being gay.
9. Has your meeting had a same gender marriage?

No

Don't know

N/A

Number of marriages under the care of meetings: 4

10. Has your meeting received a request for a same gender marriage?

No

N/A

Don't know

Number of requests: 5

11. Has your meeting considered same gender marriage?

Yes 13

Minute passed: 5
One meeting passed a minute for one couple only

N/A

no

12. Was consideration prompted by a request for marriage?
Only tabulation for those meetings which have considered same sex marriage.

Yes: 2

no: 11
13. How many people have AIDS or HIV disease?
(Our best estimate of how the epidemic is affecting our yearly meeting. San Francisco and Sacramento meetings are known to have had AIDS deaths, but they did not respond to the survey. Likewise, other meetings may also be impacted by the epidemic but did not respond to the survey. This information could be very useful to help the Yearly Meeting comprehend the extent of the impact of the epidemic in our community.)

Number: 3

A mother and her two children had AIDS but have moved out of town

Don’t know

14. How many people have died from AIDS?

Number: 8
(Some meetings have had multiple deaths.)

One person known to our meeting.

Many of us know people outside the meeting who have died from AIDS.

15. How many people have suffered a loss due to AIDS?

Number: 18

We all have.
Many of us
Several
The whole meeting.
Unknown

16. How many are suffering an impending loss due to AIDS?

Number: 5

I have HIV friends.

A family moved away but we keep in touch.
17. How has your meeting responded to those impacted by AIDS/HIV?

Very supportive for several years.

Personal support.

Some concern.

Nothing special. A person could use caring and sharing.

We have done hospice, offered help and are members of a community consulting group. AIDS chaplaincy.
(From a meeting greatly impacted by AIDS.)

Provided care for a dying former member. Visited a dying sojourner regularly. Food was collected for People with AIDS Coalition. Blood was donated.

We have held ongoing, repeated clearness committees in support of those impacted by HIV/AIDS.

Did AIDS education with the meeting.
18. How can Yearly Meeting help your meeting respond to the needs of sexual minority people and those affected by HIV/AIDS?

Nothing needed.
(The predominant response. All other responses below)

Their [sexual minority members and attenders] needs are being met.

Be available for consulting, similar surveys and minutes.

Educational materials, updates on proposed legislation, information about activities.

We need support, caring and comforting for our grief.

We need help dealing with fundamentalists.

We hope that M&O would be able to respond to meetings quickly with counseling, oversight, or financial aid, should they be contacted.

Good minutes from PYM help raise conscientiousness.

Help us deal with prejudice.

Education, advocacy, about the needs of LGBT people and their issues. Sponsor a tour for the young LGBT group that went to NPYM. Provide a ‘Welcoming Meeting’ process similar to the Unitarian one.

NOTES ON A NAME: The name of the M&O sub-committee which sponsored this survey, sexual minority sub-committee, was suggested by a gay man. But many of us find it offensive. The term ‘minority’, while descriptively accurate also implies a ‘less than’ or disempowered status. Women would not feel any more included in a ‘Gay’ sub-committee than men would feel included in a ‘Lesbian’ sub-committee. Bisexual people, who have long included themselves in Gay and Lesbian activities now rightfully want name recognition. We included the name Transsexual because we want transsexual people to know that they are welcome. But no transsexual people have made themselves known to us and some of us find it presumptuous to include them without their permission. After all, a person who was once a man and is now a woman may simply consider herself a woman and not a sexual minority at all. Trying to us a long list of groups in the name of a committee or organization is tiresome and not simple. To us a list of letters is obscure. For the retreat sponsored by the Sexual Minorities Sub-Committee we used the term Queer (Quaker Queeries). We used that term because it is inclusive and descriptive without a need for a long list. We received calls from meetings which found the term offensive as did some of our group. While offensive for some, it is a term of empowerment and pride for others, just as the epithet quaker has been changed into a name of great respect. We even considered 19th century terms such as ‘inverts’ and ‘Uranians’ but thought them too obscure. In the end, we still do not have unity on what to call ourselves or the sub-committee. Perhaps this reflects the difficulty we have in finding an identity in society.
Response from the Quaker Queeries retreat (Quaker Center July 7-9, 1995)

As Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual people who are often unwelcome elsewhere, we come to this community of faith with a spiritual hunger, with hurting hearts, and with profound gifts we have gained through our struggles. The results of this survey opened our eyes and we hope it opens the eyes of all Friends in PYM to the disparity between good intention and right action. Certainly Friends are accepting of our Queer presence when the measuring stick is held outside of our individual meetings. But when the measuring stick is held inside of our individual meetings, often we see that there is still much work to be done. We invite Friends to take the next step beyond acceptance by moving firmly into a position of advocacy. Let us consider the results of this survey prayerfully and with open hearts that the Light might be revealed unto us all.

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR MEETINGS:

1. If your meeting does not already have one, work on a marriage minute before a same gender couple requests marriage. If heterosexual couples can marry and same gender couples can’t, then Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual people cannot participate fully in the life of the meeting.

2. Place information about the meeting in gay newspapers.

3. Post Friends for Lesbian and Gay Concerns and other Gay related information on the bulletin board.

4. Provide pertinent materials in the library.

5. Make Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and AIDS issues part of your Social Concerns
   films
   speakers
   legislation

6. Request FCL and FCNL to include Gay rights and AIDS in their legislative agenda.

7. Make the meeting house available to Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual organization - reach out to them.

8. Use Unitarian materials to become a ‘Welcoming Congregation’.

9. Post a sign that says that Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual people are welcome or include a statement in the newsletter or welcoming pamphlet.

10. Invite Lesbian, Gay, and Bisexual people to share more and contribute personal experiences and expertise.
RECOMMENDATIONS FOR LESBIAN, GAY AND BISEXUAL PEOPLE

1. Wear a rainbow flag or pink triangle.

2. Make an effort to welcome new Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual attenders.

3. Try to verify the reality of your fears about being out so that you can be out as much as possible.

4. Invite your meeting to participate with you in PRIDE events.

5. Share your unique stories, experiences and struggles with the meeting.

6. Meditate on what knowledge and wisdom you have gained from your experience and offer it to your meeting.

7. Appreciate that you can be a resource to the meeting.

8. Bring Lesbian, Gay, and Bisexual social issues to your meeting so that the meeting is aware of them - resources: FLGC Newsletter, National Gay and Lesbian Task Force, Lambda Letters, Human Rights Campaign Fund.

9. Seek out and offer support to your Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual people and those who are coming out in the meeting.

10. Honestly share your fear and pain if evoked in the meeting.

RECOMMENDATION REGARDING AIDS

1. Provide AIDS education to the meeting.

2. Assure AIDS education to JR. Yearly Meeting and Young Friends.

3. Donate blood.

4. Identify people in your meeting with HIV/AIDS experience and expertise in order to create a resource directory for the yearly meeting.

5. If the meeting has experience with AIDS the meeting might make themselves known to other meetings as a resource.

6. Contribute to local AIDS organizations/hospice.

7. Consider worship in the home of the person who is ill.

8. Hold a meeting for suffering.

9. Allow AIDS to be your spiritual teacher.

10. Identify and support people in your meeting with HIV/AIDS or who are suffering a loss or impending loss from AIDS.

11. Establish a community care committee to network between resources available in the meeting and members needs for practical support.
THE FOLLOWING MINUTE WAS APPROVED AT FRIENDS FOR LESBIAN & GAY CONCERNS MEETING FOR WORSHIP WITH ATTENTION TO BUSINESS 7 MONTH 6, 1995.

Friends are encouraged to carry this Minute back to their Monthly & Yearly Meetings:

It is fundamental to Friends' faith and practice that we affirm the equality and integrity of all human beings. Equally, we hold that the purpose of recognizing and affirming committed relationships is to strengthen our families and communities.

Therefore, it is our belief that it is consistent with Friends' historical faith and testimonies that we practice a single standard of treatment for all committed relationships.

Given that the State offers legal recognition of opposite-gender marriage and extends significant privileges to couples who legally marry, we believe that a commitment to equality requires that same-gender couples be granted the same rights and privileges.

Therefore, we believe that the State should permit gay and lesbian couples to marry and share fully and equally in the rights and responsibilities of marriage.

We invite Monthly Meetings, Yearly Meetings and Quaker Organizations to consider a minute of support for legal recognition of same-gender marriages, and to communicate this support to their elected representatives.

Because of pending legislation and litigation, we urge a timely response.
"Our peace testimony is much more than our special attitude to world affairs; it expresses our vision of the whole Christian way of life; it is our way of living in this world, of looking at this world and of changing this world. Only when the seeds of war—pride, prestige, and lust for power and possessions—have been purged from our personal and corporate ways of living; only when we can meet all men as friends in a spirit of sharing and caring, can we call upon others to tread the same path."

— Friends World Conference, 1952

GREETINGS TO PACIFIC YEARLY MEETING

Friends' testimonies of love, peace, justice, simplicity, and community continue to guide the Friends Committee on National Legislation in the way we live in, look at, and try to change this world. In 1994, we were challenged to give substance to these testimonies in many ways.

Legislative Focus: On Capitol Hill, and in Local Communities

To carry out the legislative priorities adopted for the 103rd Congress by FCNL’s General Committee, the work of staff, volunteers, and local activists was concentrated on several key issues. Activities on Capitol Hill—visits and letters to members of Congress, committee hearings, coalition work, research—were matched with assistance to Friends and others around the country who communicated with their legislators and endeavored to improve their community’s knowledge of and attitudes toward public policy.

Budget and Military Matters. Staff worked diligently, often in coalition with other religious denominations, to persuade members of Congress to shift federal budget priorities away from the huge military sector and toward more peaceful, life-affirming purposes. FCNL provided leadership in the Arms Trade Working Group, particularly in support of legislation to curb sales and transfers of U.S. weapons around the world, to end the use of anti-personnel landmines, and to prohibit blinding as a method of warfare.

Domestic Issues. Friends from many walks of life who were especially concerned with health care reform worked closely with staff to gather and disseminate information about the various health plans being advocated in Congress, so they could be evaluated according to a set of key principles. FCNL staff and volunteers struggled to persuade Congress not to expand the use of the death penalty, and to promote constructive alternatives to prison, rather than mandating ever-longer sentences. In cooperation with Native American groups, FCNL advocated greater protection for Native Americans’ religious freedom.

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Policy, Priorities, and Field Program

In 1994, FCNL completed its two-year process of revising the Statement of Legislative Policy. This statement, which guides all of FCNL's legislative work, is scrutinized and revised about every six years. The main outlines of the revised statement were approved by FCNL's General Committee in 1993. During 1994, the detailed policy recommendations in the statement were carefully reviewed by FCNL's Policy Committee, with input from many Friends. A draft statement was submitted in advance to the General Committee for its consideration at the Annual Meeting in November 1994. There, Friends sought guidance of the Spirit as they thoroughly and prayerfully examined, discussed, modified, and finally adopted a revised Policy Statement. Gratitude and quiet joy were experienced as Friends found unity in this complex and crucial task. The text was printed and disseminated as the December 1994 issue of the FCNL Washington Newsletter.

The choice of legislative priorities--those issues that will receive the most attention and emphasis in the 104th Congress, 1995-1996--was also accomplished at the November 1994 Annual Meeting. The General Committee's adoption of priorities followed a highly consultative process, in which Friends' Meetings across the country were invited to participate in group discussions and two rounds of surveys to identify which legislative concerns they believed should be given major attention in the next two years. This kind of active participation by Friends in their home meetings gives strength and validity to FCNL's process of discerning its direction. The new legislative priorities were printed and explained in the January 1995 FCNL Washington Newsletter.

After months of exploration, study, and discussion, FCNL in 1994 adopted plans to strengthen its field program, in order to draw in more active participants at the community level and find effective avenues for them to work locally on their concerns. A new committee was established to have oversight of the field program, and several new activities are in formation. Finally, 1994 saw two more innovations for FCNL: the production of two videotapes about FCNL legislative issues, for general distribution; and the creation and adoption of an attractive new logo, which eventually, we hope, will give instant recognition to all FCNL publications.

The task of bringing Quaker concerns to the attention of U.S. lawmakers and administrators is a daunting one. To carry out this task, FCNL relies on the wisdom, faith, and support--both spiritual and temporal--of individual Friends and of Monthly and Yearly Meetings. We thank you for your many gifts, and ask that you hold the Friends Committee on National Legislation in the Light in the months and years ahead.

Joe Volk, Executive Secretary
EXCERPTS, STATE OF THE MEETING REPORTS

A. Place...

The most pragmatic concern is the continued lack of a meetinghouse. Some members are uncomfortable meeting in homes; others feel this may influence the size of the Meeting. We are still pursuing possibilities and have hopes for the near future. We are grateful to those members who regularly open their homes for meeting.

The Clerk of our House Committee has completed most of a major repair/remodeling of the Meetinghouse, which had undergone only limited maintenance for some time. The remodeled kitchen is gorgeous as well as efficient, serving the needs of the Meeting, the house caretaker, and the various user groups. The meeting room is next, provided that sufficient funds can be found before our craftsman moves to a new community.

We have taken some steps forward in letting our existence be known (listings in community directories and at the university, etc.), but are slow to get signs for the meetinghouse or to do outreach in the local community. We continue to meet at a HeadStart center and gathered one day to clean our meetingroom and make some material improvements (making seat cushions, etc.). We feel a need for more effective ongoing management of our physical surroundings, to be perhaps more organized in practical matters.

We continue to make regular contributions to our building fund. Our hope to be part of an environmentally-conscious office building is being renewed.

The Reno Friends Meeting has been absorbed in the effort to renovate the property we have purchased which will become our permanent Meetinghouse. Throughout the thirty-three years as a Monthly Meeting, we have met in a variety of places, struggling to maintain a strong identity and meet the spiritual needs of our members and attenders...With all the good fortune we have experienced so far, we have a strong feeling of dedication to carry out what seems to be a leading to establish a permanent home. We feel we will be better able to once again be more involved in social action, following the leadership of the earlier years of this Meeting. We hope to be more visible and provide a locale for the many seekers who have expressed an interest in the type of spiritual experience that Friends offer.

The Pacific Ackworth Monthly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends continues to gather on First-Days on the Pacific Ackworth Friends School campus. Our mission is to maintain a Quaker presence at the Temple City location.

Recognizing the limitations of Meetings with few members, interested Friends have initiated a coalescing movement among the small Meetings in the Los Angeles area. Westwood Worship Group and Los Angeles Monthly Meeting together have started an informal group, the Third Street Worship Group, which meets regularly on First-Days. Meetings wax and wane through the years, but the dedication and desire in our Quarter to carry on the tradition of our Quaker heritage has resulted in this new group.

Currently we meet for worship in a small historic church which has become a library for the Monterey History and Art Association. The location and ambience are very satisfactory. However, space is limited, which brings to mind a wish for larger quarters which could make room for a First-Day School also.

Concomitant with our "aging children" and the growth of our First-Day School is the possible need for a larger meetinghouse -- only a short time after our meetinghouse expansion!

The past year has been one of positive growth, enrichment and change for the Mendocino Worship Group. Our Meeting has grown with new people and families, each adding more diversity. We found ourselves stretching the Kelly House facilities. This occasioned a change of location with both physical and emotional adjustments.

It was a relief and a pleasure to acquire attractive, modest and comfortable chairs for our Meetingroom, after a year and a half of searching.

ATTACHMENT N - 1
This year has been one of great change in the life of our Meeting, following our decision to sell the property at 2160 Lake Street. We who had frequently been a fractious, froward, dispirited, sorry lot suddenly had new blood in our veins, and from that time on way opened smoothly before us.... In summary, a strong spirit of community emerged in the process of moving. Instead of a Meeting where most of the work was done by a few, there is wider participation. We have new members who admitted reluctance to join the Meeting while there was discord among us; now, as one new member put it, our differences are ones which often lead to growth.

Our worship has frequently inspired us. I believe our Meeting is moving in a direction where all of us may grow spiritually and find strength to obey the great commandments: to love God and to love our neighbor.

B. Children...

Interest in and commitment to the spiritual nourishment of our children and youth, and their integration into the Quarterly Meeting gatherings, have continued to grow. The Religious Education and Quaker Adventures Committees have programs at the three Quarter gatherings to provide instruction, fellowship and fun for the children and for the teens. Additionally, two special programs, established two years ago -- the Regional First-Day School and Gathering, and the AFSC/SCQM Youth Service Projects, have provided programs for children and for teenagers in between the Quarterly Meetings. These in-between programs have given continuity to the work with our young people and have helped them to build a sense of Quaker identity. The Youth Service Projects program focuses its work specifically on service with a Quaker perspective, and the Regional School focuses its efforts on helping children learn about Friends' beliefs and practices through stories, skits, play, and modeling behaviors. The Regional School has been especially beneficial for small Meetings which have few children.

Over the past few years, there has been an ongoing debate over the role of children in meeting for worship. Our concerns about the effect of the presence of small children upon the other people at meeting have abated considerably. This issue has been resolved largely due to our own mindfulness of the need for loving patience and acceptance with respect to the little ones. Not a small factor, also, is the very fact of the maturing process at work in the children. Meeting misses those Friends who were unable to stay with us through the resolution of this problem.

For at least two years, though we have provided a childcare program, we have not had a religious education program for our children. We have tried new approaches and will continue to plan, for example, intergenerational gatherings such as parties, sing-alongs, service projects and campouts. Just this month, Ministry and Oversight has sent a letter to each child seven years and older, inviting them to join us in the regular Meeting for Worship each First-Day, including a small booklet describing how to use the silence.

Our personal and financial resources are limited, so it has been necessary to keep our committee structure simple. Because we have fewer children in our Meeting this year (about five of various ages, who attend irregularly), we have laid down our Children's Program Committee and incorporated this concern under our Worship and Ministry Committee. This Committee also acts as a conduit for our peace and social order concerns. No solutions are permanent nor totally satisfactory. We ask ourselves, "Do we have no First-Day School program because we have so few children, or do we have so few children because of the lack of such a program?" A threshing session has been held. Beyond this, we pray for guidance and hope for unity.

We have a monthly semi-programmed family meeting for worship that is consistently attended by adults and as many as ten children. A group of parents meets monthly to share thoughts on rearing children in the Meeting and the family.

We experienced renewed participation by children and families at a monthly Family Worship of one half-hour with singing, sharing and silence by all ages. In First-Day School, our children participated in projects such as raising school supplies for the AFSC Haiti Schools program. Our teen program has been steady and active for several years, and now five to ten young people meet weekly. Has the teen group been so successful because it has a critical mass, or because the Meeting plays an advisory role and the teens set their own direction?

Religious Education has developed some exciting ways to connect children and adults, partially based on the outcomes of a meeting held last June in which the question was: What are the Meeting's most important obligations to our children? The older children have their own Meeting for Business and have shared their minutes with Monthly Meeting. This program is still in its infancy and causes a lot of thought on the part of all... Once a month, children "interview" individual adults on the Meeting about their lives as children and as adults, and about Quakerism in their lives. Children draw scenes from the adult's narrative, and a collage is made and displayed. On those days, some of us adults wish we were in First-Day School, too. In addition to worshipping with the adults at the beginning of the meeting, the children are encouraged to return to introduce themselves and hear the announcements.

**ATTACHMENT N-2**
We are in the process of initiating a worship service at the Monterey County jail, twice a month. Four to seven from the Meeting expect to participate. Individually, our members participate as volunteers in many social services in the community.

Monthly meetings for worship continue to be held in Lompoc Federal Penitentiary. Monthly (almost) Alternatives to Violence Project workshops are offered in the prison and annually in the community. An AVP reunion in the prison during February was inspirational for the Meeting, reminding us of the transforming power of the spirit.

The number of requests from prisoners for Christmas packages has grown to consume a significant amount of the time and resources of Meeting during each November and December. This has led us to explore some underlying concerns about how we might reach out to people in prison, and how we might respond to imprisonment in view of Quaker experience.

Through our connection with Inner City Ministries, Meeting continues to work with several young men who have been incarcerated. We share meals with them and their families.

Hotel de Zink, the shelter for the homeless operated by the Urban Ministry, accommodated fifteen men in our New Meetinghouse during December; they appreciated our fireplace and the evening meals we brought them on cold rainy nights.

Peace and Social Action continues to provide sleeping bags and sandwiches for the homeless; sandwich-making violates a recent Santa Monica city ordinance forbidding feeding of the homeless in city parks unless restaurant-like health standards can be met. Representatives of Santa Monica Meeting expressed their friendly opinions at the City Council meeting during which these sanctions were discussed but came away feeling that their words were unheeded.

D. Reconciliation...

In our lives and work, we try to act out our faith. Being a community is difficult, and we often stumble. At the same time, this Meeting is a blessing to us. May love and unity grow among us as we continue to seek God together, and seek to allow God to work in our lives.

We feel that our Meeting has grown in more love and depth of caring for one another because of the help we have received from two healing sessions provided by the Quarterly Meeting’s Ministry and Oversight Committee. On our own, we have also grown in our ability to really listen to one another and accept and understand our different perceptions of truth. We have recently used clearness committees very helpfully.

The issue of the children as well as that concerning the remodeling of a room produced some bruised feelings. We reminded ourselves often of the need to care for each other and handle our differences in a spirit of loving cooperation...Overall, this year has been one of growth, a lessening of interpersonal tensions, some losses, considerable outreach, and an increased richness in the spiritual life of the Meeting. We are grateful for all our blessings and mindful of the awesome responsibility we have to tenderly nurture each other. Through all of it, we have been aware of the guiding force of God’s spirit and the illumination provided by the Divine Light.

The affection and joy evident at that gathering and at our quarterly meeting for business weekends can no longer mask our need to seek spiritual unity as the basis for our Meeting. In recent years some of us have had a growing sense of differences among us, and a lack of a shared vision. We wonder if they are not the reason for the ever sparser attendance at our weekly meetings for worship. Led by the words of the Advice on Unity, we do take heart that we have at last recognized our difficulties, and that we will persevere in our search for divine guidance through this hard time.
Some members are disturbed when there is meager attendance since it represents to them a lack of commitment from other members. Others feel that commitment to attend has to balance with other commitments and so are comfortable with a less frequent attendance. One drawback of a small Meeting is that absences are very noticeable. Many feel it is better to be fully present when at meeting, even if they attend less often, than to attend out of a sense of duty. We strive to reconcile these views. We agree that the silent worship is the foundation of the Meeting.

As we consider the seeming contradictions of our being simultaneously disparate individuals and a single community, born of the Earth and of the Spirit, isolated and interdependent, fragile and strong, we begin to wake from our blindness and know that we are simultaneously in need of and assured of the Grace of God.

Many of us become more aware with each passing year that the Meeting occupies a central place in our lives. We are not only a "community" of Friends, but a "family". This realization gives us deep satisfaction, at the same time that it causes frustration -- even anger -- when problems within this family threaten to disrupt the comfort of our Meeting. A few members and attenders have actually stopped coming to Meeting because of the discord. This is painful for us. However, we are reminded that we are first of all a religious community, and that healing in a Meeting lies primarily in spiritual growth. For this reason we remain hopeful.

E. Conclusions...

We need to be open to change... As we worked on what to include in this yearly State of the Meeting report, we came upon some new insights: Let us RELAX! Accept changes in the Meeting; the ups and downs of the numbers of children, the number of people with energy and time. Don't worry about how many slots to fill on our Nominating Committee's paper. Perhaps we don't need all the committees to be filled -- perhaps one or two people will be fine for certain responsibilities... When one of us has a special interest, ask others if they share the interest, and start a group... Thus, we will try this coming year, to relax -- to be open to change, flexibility and restructuring, answering the Meeting's needs as they come along with a creative spirit.

Indicative of our situation, scheduling conflicts and other oversights postponed our retreat on the theme of simplicity three times before it was finally held. Those who attended reflected deeply on what simplicity really means, as one member wrote: "simplicity is an overused word; we apply it to everything from automobile design to overscheduling." This matter is at once comic and serious, as we feel challenged to maintain our centeredness in the midst of activity.

If the Hawaiian community, made up of all ethnic backgrounds, cannot achieve justice and peace, then what hope is there elsewhere? That is the question that stays in the forefront of the Honolulu Friends Meeting, as we continue to educate ourselves concerning Hawaiian sovereignty. One of the things we have learned is that the implications of Hawaiian sovereignty touch all of us who reside there in profound ways. Out of the Hawaiian sovereignty group of the HFM, which came together last year to prepare for the interest group at 1994 PYM, we have continued to discuss issues concerning our own homelands for those of us not native-born to Hawaii and homeland issues of those born in Hawaii but not of Hawaiian blood. We have listened to and asked questions of leaders of the Kanaka Maoli ("true people") community. We have shared our fears of the ramifications of some of the positions on sovereignty espoused by the more extremist groups. We have also shared among ourselves our visions of the Hawaii in which we would like to live.

And through it all we have come to a deeper appreciation of the extraordinary uniqueness of our island community. Given the isolation of the Hawaiian Islands, some 2500 miles from the nearest land mass, one can find species of plants and birds that exist on no other place on earth, the result of centuries of evolution. The immigration of diverse ethnic groups for hundreds of years has resulted in a blending of racial mixes that will only continue to grow. In 1992, according to the State statistician, sixty percent of the babies born in Hawaii were of mixed race. This has led not only to a population of mixed racial heritage but also a multicultural community, a community where cultural customs have been adopted by a whole community and made a part of everyone's life. Everyday customs like removing one's shoes before entering the house, or the giving of flower leis as a gift of love, are a rich part of life for all who reside in Hawaii.

But perhaps the most unique phenomenon of Hawaii is the "aloha spirit". Of recent years with the growth of tourism the word "aloha" has been overused and perhaps misused as it has become more commercialized. Most think it is a friendly greeting which can mean "hello" or "goodbye", but to the Kanaka Maoli it is much more than that. Aloha is a feeling -- it's the essence of the native Hawaiian people. It encompasses acceptance, love, compassion, harmony, unity, and peace. Do these sound familiar? All words around which Quakers have adopted testimonies that are the essence of the Religious Society of Friends. Is it any wonder then, that friends in Hawaii continue to seek clearness on issues arising from the Hawaiian sovereignty movement? We are inextricably linked.

The literal translation of aloha is broken into two parts: 'alo' means the bosom, as in the center of the universe; 'ha' means the breath of God. So, my friends, aloha.
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PACIFIC YEARLY MEETING
M&O Subcommittee on Adult Religious Education

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Joan Johnson, clerk
A LOVING RESPONSE TO HOSTILITY AGAINST SEXUAL MINORITIES

Background:

Within the territory comprising our Yearly Meeting, there are Friends and others who risk hostility, verbal abuse and physical violence because they are, or are perceived to be, members of sexual minorities (for example, lesbians, gays, bisexuals). There are growing campaigns to legalize discrimination based on sexual orientation.

All hostility separates us from God and from each other. As Friends, we seek a response that arises from the Light, and reaches out to care for the needs and human dignity of those affected on all sides of this conflict.

Action Minute:

Pacific Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends endorses all nonviolent efforts to establish and protect the civil rights of all persons regardless of their sexual orientation. We oppose all legislation or policy which disparages sexual minorities or abridges their basic constitutional rights.
MINUTES
PACIFIC YEARLY MEETING HOLDING CORPORATION
August 4, 1995
Craig Hall
Gordon Hall Conference Center
Chico, California

Present: Robert Young, Margaret Mossman, Harry Bailey, David Tappan, Steve Birdlebough, Shan Cretin, Ellie Huffman and Phyllis Jones.

Business: Robert Young reviewed the minutes of the March 1995 meeting. Since then he has learned that the PYM Holding Corporation is named on the title of only one property, the Los Angeles Meeting House.

Several possible actions were discussed in connection with the Sites Committee's search and possible acquisition of property. We could either remain as a 501 c 2 corporation or change to a 501 c 3 corporation to which donations would be tax-exempt. Then donations for permanent site expenses could be received by the Holding Corporation and held until a separate corporation was formed.

It was decided to keep our present status. If Pacific Yearly Meeting itself approves, a special account to receive donations earmarked for a permanent site could be kept with other Yearly Meeting funds until such time as a separate corporation was formed. The earmarked funds would be available for use by the Sites Committee for expenses related to search, feasibility studies and purchase of property.

The progress of the search for a permanent site was discussed.

Election of Officers:
President/Clerk: Steve Birdlebough
Vice President: David Tappan
Secretary/Treasurer: Phyllis Jones
Assistant Secretary/Treasurer: Shan Cretin

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Phyllis Jones, Secretary
In late 1993, about forty Friends from throughout the United States gathered in Philadelphia to discuss the concept of encouraging Quaker Peace Teams. Peace Teams are envisioned as small groups of experienced Quakers who are trained in conflict resolution, peacemaking, and non-violent action and who are able to travel to areas of conflict to serve as a living witness to the "Spirit which takes away the occasion of all wars." A Coordinating Council was formed, co-­clerked by Mary Lord of Baltimore Yearly Meeting and Elise Boulding from Colorado. The purpose of this Council is to serve as a clearinghouse on training and service opportunities. More specifically, it will promote the training of Friends interested in learning peacemaking skills and refer experienced and trained Friends to peacemaking opportunities through existing organizations.

In January 1994 the Council sent letters to yearly meetings asking them to (a) inform Monthly Meetings of the work of the Coordinating Council and ask them to compile a roster of Friends who would be willing to share their experience and knowledge; (b) ask Yearly and Monthly Meetings and Friends Churches to find Friends (especially young Friends) who wish to be trained in peacemaking skills and provide them with spiritual and financial support, and (c) recognize the Peace Teams Project with a minute and appoint a person from the Yearly Meeting to the Coordinating Council, including funding for their travel. As of September of 1994, the following Yearly Meetings had minuted their support for the Friends Peace Team Project: Baltimore, Intermountain, Iowa Conservative, New York, Philadelphia, South Central, and Southern Appalachia. In August and November 1994, the PYM Peace Committee sent information about the Peace Teams Project to Monthly Meetings for seasoning.

Minute
Pacific Yearly Meeting recognizes and supports the Friends Peace Team Project along with its Mission Statement, and will appoint a representative to the Coordinating Council. The PYM Peace Committee and the Representative to the Friends Peace Team Project will assist in providing resources and encouragement to interested Friends and their Meeting. (No funding is being represented at this time.)
This minute adapted from a Southern California Quarterly Minute approved May 7, 1995, from minutes brought to S. C. Quarter by Los Angeles and Santa Barbara Monthly Meetings.

FRIENDS PEACE TEAM PROJECT
Mission Statement

As Friends, we believe that faithfulness to the injunction to love our neighbor, including those who may hate us, requires more than statements abhorring war and violence: we must actively search for alternatives that will enable all to learn to peacefully and creatively resolve conflicts and overcome differences. We must actively work to create a world in which it is safe to be a minority, and where security derives from mutual trust, not power or advantage.

The Friends Peace Teams Project will provide an opportunity to put our Peace Testimony into practice and to provide ourselves and our world with examples of our faith in action. We envision teams drawn from the communities in conflict as well as including Friends with diverse perspectives. We see Friends rigorously trained to serve in areas of tension and violence both at home and abroad. We propose to be flexible and creative—meeting different needs in different conflicts and situations.

In serving others, we recognize we will be served ourselves. Our Monthly Meetings will be enriched, our young people will be offered more ways to practice peace witness and the individuals who participate will find their lives changed.

We seek to connect Friends led to participate with existing resources and training opportunities in peace making, conflict resolution and nonviolent direct action. By this means, we seek to accumulate a pool of experienced Friends whose knowledge and skills can bring into practice a new vision of Peace.
1995 PYM Registrar's Report

Attendance at PYM, counting all ages and at least one day stay, was 428 persons. This compares with 483 at Chico in 1994, and 497 at Walker Creek in 1993. There were 60 first-time attenders, meaning that 105 who attended in 1994 did not come this year. The Registrars made an effort to contact a sample of those who had attended in 1994 but did not register for 1995; there was no consistent cause for deciding not to come in 1995. There were 18 cancellations after initial registration; the most common single cause was illness. These cancellations, and the one registrant who neither came to Chico nor informed us of cancellation, have been referred to Ministry & Oversight.

There were 249 "family" groups in attendance. These comprised individuals in the following age ranges:

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The PYM population peaks at ages 15-20, then drops before another peak at age 45-50; although the scarcity of attenders aged 20-30 is not surprising, the decline at age 55-60 is. First-time attenders were broadly distributed by age, with slight peaks at age 5-10 and 40-45 years. 58.6% of attenders were female, the remainder were not.

Of the family groups, 50% took advantage of the 5% early registration discount, 42% were regular fee schedule, and 8% paid late penalties. There were 19 individuals who registered on-site.

Sixty individuals chose to register as "sleeping bag" campers (how many actually slept under the sky, I know not). There were 45 tent campers and 5 RVs.

8/6/95

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To Friends Everywhere:

We came together for the 49th gathering of Pacific Yearly Meeting August 2-6, 1995 in the heat of the northern Sacramento Valley in the small university town of Chico, California.

We write to share with you one of the lessons that was set before us this week: that we are called to be faithful to the whispers and shouts of the Spirit.

Our Brinton visitors in their addresses on Quaker Struggles with Equality reminded us that this testimony was formed and informed by faith; to live the testimony requires not good politics but faithfulness. In small worship-sharing groups, we continued to reflect on the equality testimony in the light of our personal experience as we pondered: What are the real distinctions that we need to honor? What are the false distinctions that we need to work to eradicate?

In several working sessions we felt increased energy around issues of peacemaking. Living the peace testimony also requires faithfulness in order to transform our energy into right action. On this 50th anniversary of the dropping of the Bomb, our annual Hiroshima Peace Walk gave us a chance to recollect ourselves to living in the virtue of that power that takes away the occasion for all war.

We have been dealing with many questions about who and what we are as a yearly meeting as we have wrestled with the issue of future meeting sites and whether we should acquire a permanent home. Are we committed to remaining one yearly meeting? What is our vision for our future? The passionate support of the concept of a permanent site from the young adults moved us all. We are thankful for their diligence and clarity on this issue, and glad they have ministered to us.

We acknowledge our own lack of clarity about many important issues, and we sometimes forget that what we are seeking is God's clarity and that we can know it through worship and faithfulness. When we did worship together as we struggled in business sessions, we left stronger for feeling the Living Spirit among us. We learned that unity is not only found in our decisions but also in our work together; we were blessed with times when we were bound by the Spirit during our laboring together to know God's will for us.
There is a continuing yearning in the Yearly Meeting for more spiritual nurture; we know that we need to do some spiritual work in order to strengthen our faith. We are in the midst of revising our Faith and Practice and are grateful for this opportunity to discern anew our spiritual foundation. In addition, we have resolved to expand opportunities at each Yearly Meeting Session to explore and deepen our faith.

As we leave Yearly Meeting, we still have unresolved issues before us. We hope to remember that we cannot solve the hard problems of the Yearly Meeting or the world without being faithful to the leadings of the Spirit. Yet faithfulness seems the hardest spiritual task and the most essential. Please pray for us, Friends, that we may know God's Truth in our hearts and live it in our actions.

In the spirit of Love,

Ellie Huffman, Clerk
Pacific Yearly Meeting
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