PLENARY I

The session began at 7:15 p.m. with silent worship. Carin Anderson, Reading Clerk, read epistles from Australia Yearly Meeting and from the six-to-eight year olds of Illinois Yearly Meeting. Margaret Mossman, Presiding Clerk, introduced PYM clerks at the front table.

Roll Call of Meetings
Janet Leslie, Assistant Clerk, read the names of PYM meetings and worship groups. The following meetings answered the roll call: Apple Seed, Berkeley, Big Island, Chico, Claremont, Davis, Fresno, Grass Valley, Honolulu, Humboldt, Inland Valley, La Jolla, Marin, Marloma/Long Beach, Mendocino, Monterey, Napa-Sonoma, Orange County, Orange Grove, Pacific Ackworth, Palo Alto, Redding, Redwood Forest, Reno, Sacramento, San Diego, San Francisco, San Jose, Santa Barbara, Santa Cruz, Santa Monica, Strawberry Creek, Visalia, Whitleaf, and Central Coast Preparative Meeting (which includes Atascadero, Los Osos, and San Luis Obispo). These worship groups were present: Atascadero, Los Osos, Southern Humboldt, Conejo Valley, Bishop, and Ojai.

Conference Center Staff
Brajesh of Mount Madonna Center described the site and its programs, welcomed PYM attenders, and offered opportunities to learn more about the Center and to participate in some of its activities.

Visitors
The following visitors introduced themselves: Aura Kanegis from Friends Committee on National Legislation, Dorothy Ackerman from Friends General Conference, Marion Stamler-Bowers from Gila Monthly Meeting in New Mexico, Carlie Numi from Central Philadelphia Monthly Meeting, Dick Whitham from Charleston, West Virginia (attending Central Philadelphia Monthly Meeting), and Pablo Stanfield from University Monthly Meeting (North Pacific Yearly Meeting).

Logistics
Sue Torrey and Peggy Thompson, Arrangements Clerks, and John de Valcourt, Registrar, explained some PYM logistic arrangements.

Children's Program
Kim Lacey, Children's Program Committee Clerk, discussed their schedule, which includes structured mornings and free play afternoons. Tom Farley is the Children's Program Coordinator.

Junior Yearly Meeting (JYM)
Alan Edgar, JYM Committee Clerk, discussed this year's JYM program. JYM co- clerks are Aimee Sunshine-Hill, Anna Morgan, and Jean Boling.

Young Friends
Sue Farley, Co-Clerk with Josh Vura-Weis, discussed this year's Young Friends activities.
Worship Sharing and Affinity Groups
Rachel Fretz discussed arrangements for Worship-Sharing Groups. Margaret Mossman announced the following Affinity Groups: 12-Step; Artistic Quakers; Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Trans-gender, and Questioning; Meeting Clerks; Men; Mental Health; Quakers of Color; Universalist Quakers; Women; and Young Friends.

The session closed at 9:00 p.m. with silent worship.

Faithfully submitted.

Gale Lederer, Recording Clerk         Margaret Mossman, Presiding Clerk
PLENARY II

Margaret Mossman, Presiding Clerk, opened the meeting at 10:30 a.m. with worship. Carin Anderson, Reading Clerk, read excerpts from the 1998-99 epistle of New Zealand Yearly Meeting, and she read the 1998 epistle of New England Yearly Meeting.

The Presiding Clerk invited newly arrived visitors to introduce themselves. Dick Ramsay, the new Secretary General of Casa de los Amigos in Mexico City, was welcomed.

PYM 99-1 Pacific Yearly Meeting approved the Clerk’s endorsing a travel minute brought by Carlie Numi and Richard Whitham from Central Philadelphia Monthly Meeting.

Friends World Committee for Consultation, Section of the Americas
Rolene Otero, a PYM Representative to Friends World Committee for Consultation (FWCC), Section of the Americas, reported to us on current work in response to tragedies of nature and human conflict. She told us of upcoming events and advised us that FWCC is currently reorganizing. Right Sharing of World Resources is now a separate organization.

Our FWCC representatives recommended that PYM host up to five visiting Friends from other countries at our year 2000 annual gathering, with a maximum expense of $1,500. These traveling Friends will be attending a triennial gathering in the United States.

PYM 99-2 Pacific Yearly Meeting approved hosting five visiting Friends from other countries at our annual gathering in the year 2000, with a maximum expense of $1,500.

Finance Committee
Harry Bailey, Clerk of the Finance Committee, described the process we will follow as we consider our budget. Shan Cretn, Treasurer, presented the Treasurer's Interim Report [Attachment A]. The Treasurer noted that revenue exceeded costs for our 1998 sessions. A transfer of $6,273.91 has been made to our reserves.

The Finance Committee requested two budget augmentations for the 1999 fiscal year:

- $800 for the Faith and Practice Revision Committee, changing their allocation from $2,500 to $3,300, and
- $400 for the Ministry and Oversight Committee, changing their allocation from $2,200 to $2,600.

PYM 99-3 Pacific Yearly Meeting approved a transfer of $1,200 from reserves, to augment FY99 funding by $800 for the Faith and Practice Revision Committee and by $400 for the Ministry and Oversight Committee.

Harry Bailey drew our attention to the proposed budget for fiscal year 2000, including two new items: Latin American Concerns Outreach, and Pacific Friends Outreach Society.
The proposed budget is based on an assessment of $28 per Monthly Meeting member ($12 for Mexico City), a reduction from $29 (and $15 for Mexico) last year.

Ministry and Oversight Committee
Marilee Eusebio, Clerk of the Ministry and Oversight Committee, introduced a panel of Friends of varied ages and backgrounds: Anna Morgan, Sue Farley, Kim Lacey, Eric Moon, and Jane Peers. Jeanette Norton read the Committee's report. We were asked to consider the diversity of our Yearly Meeting, reflecting on the following query which was set before us after Jim Anderson’s brief tour through highlights of Friends' history:

As we enter the new century, what of Quakerism do we need to sustain and nurture? What do we need to leave behind? What do we need to create or to recover?

Panelists offered their responses to the query, leading us into a period of worshipful contemplation. We heard from Friends on these themes, and more:

- The importance of recognizing realistically both the commonality and the diversity among us.
- Bringing our experiences with inner peace and outward peace-making visibly to the world.
- Evolving a right relationship to the rapid development of technology, with its speed, power, and implications for human activities.
- Age, maturity, wisdom, and rediscovery of the godliness of enthusiasm.
- The virtue of examining our minutes and our dealings with each other to see if they are truly shaped by our own truth in this present.
- Our media of communication as they support or impede intimacy in our search for the light to guide our decisions and actions.
- Empowering Friends to pursue leadings with our resources and personal support.
- Learning to talk with love when we differ.
- The place of Jesus among us.
- Approaching the world with the strength that comes from unity within a diverse community.
- Managing Quakerly sensitivity tenderly, with the strengths and weaknesses sensitivity involves.
- Acknowledging and redressing income inequality, and participating rightly in business vocations.
- Releasing self to discover in stillness divine wisdom and true leadings.
- Bringing Quaker values and practices to other seekers through outreach tempered by humility.
- Offering stability and understanding in a confusing world.
- Raising a voice of spirit-inspired hope in an era of desperation.

Approval of minutes
These minutes were read and approved. Janet Leslie, Assistant Clerk, read a few announcements. The meeting concluded at 12:35 p.m.

Faithfully submitted,

Jamie Newton, Recording Clerk
Margaret Mossman, Presiding Clerk
PLENARY III

The session began at 10:30 a.m. with silent worship. Carin Anderson, Reading Clerk, read excerpts from the epistles from Nebraska Yearly Meeting, the Yearly Meeting of the Church of Friends in Cuba, and Baltimore Yearly Meeting. Friends may consult the book of epistles if they wish to read those for which there is not enough time during plenary. Visitors Nancy Sunshine of Flushing, NY, and Ken Larsen of Friends Committee for Legislation of California introduced themselves.

Ad Hoc Naming Committee
Ernest Bicknell, Convenor, presented an initial report from the Ad Hoc Naming Committee asked to suggest new members and a clerk for PYM Nominating Committee. Introducing other Naming Committee members, he announced their recommendation that Joe Magruder serve as Clerk of Nominating Committee for the coming year.

Nominating Committee
Gary Wolff, Clerk, presenting the initial Nominating Committee report, highlighted new nominees and other changes. Two action items -- to lay down the Religious Education for Children Committee, and to extend the term of our representative to Friends House Moscow Board to three years to match that organization's bylaws -- will be considered at a later plenary.

Sites Committee
Eric Moon, Clerk, introduced the Sites Committee. Members of the Committee will approach Friends with a survey about their needs and expectations in a site, and to ask at which times Friends would be willing to meet during the summer. The Sites Committee recommends California Polytechnic University at San Luis Obispo for next year. This site has many good features and has been discussed as a possible site for many years, but is available next summer only the week of August 14-19. Friends had a number of questions and concerns.

M & O Subcommittee on the Right Holding of Yearly Meeting
Marilee Eusebio, Ministry and Oversight Committee Clerk, reported that the Committee has laid down its Subcommittee on Right Holding of Yearly Meeting, as Ministry and Oversight Committee has been reorganized in such a way as to undertake many of the Subcommittee's functions. Jane Mills, Subcommittee Clerk, gave the Subcommittee's final report [Attachment B], which includes a proposal of five criteria for PYM contributions to other Friends organizations. Discussion ensued.

PYM 99-4 We approved the Right Holding of Yearly Meeting Subcommittee's five criteria for PYM contributions to other Friends' organizations with the insertion of the word "normally" into criterion #4.
CRITERIA FOR PYM CONTRIBUTIONS TO OTHER FRIENDS ORGANIZATIONS

1. Needs of Friends’ projects that grow out of PYM work should be given particular consideration, especially in the early stages.
2. Friends’ groups which rely on Yearly Meetings for contributions and policy guidance should be considered for support.
3. A one-time gift should not mean continuing support.
4. Friends’ groups under the care of a Monthly or Quarterly Meeting should normally look there for support rather than to the Yearly Meeting.
5. Friends’ groups should normally serve the entire Yearly Meeting, not only California.

The Subcommittee also reported results of a 1998 survey on how long PYM sessions should be [Attachment C]. Unfinished subcommittee business includes proposed changes in Representative Committee, questions about how the Pacific Friends Outreach Society (PFOS) and PYM will work together, and issues concerning the financial support of Quaker organizations. The Right Holding of Yearly Meeting Subcommittee hopes that its work will not be lost.

Friends Bulletin
Anthony Manousos, editor of Friends Bulletin, presented a report from the magazine’s Board of Directors [Attachment D] and encouraged Friends’ comments on the magazine. He also presented a report on the Book Project, to commemorate the seventieth anniversary of Friends Bulletin [Attachment E]. The project, which so far amounts to over two hundred manuscript pages, needs more histories of Friends who have played significant roles in the lives of our Meetings. Anthony invited us to a discussion and celebration of the project this evening, which will include cake and balloons.

Latin American Concerns Committee
Brian Vura-Weis, Clerk, spoke about some of the Committee’s activities, introduced Committee members, and said that information on volunteer opportunities in Latin America will soon be available. Committee member Carin Anderson spoke about her experiences working in El Salvador, emphasizing her hope that we go into this work with deep humility and a recognition of our Latin American Friends’ deep spiritual gifts. She then sang a song about the experiences of two El Salvadoran young people.

The Guatemala Friends Scholarship Program has raised $65,000 a year over the past several years for scholarships for approximately 85 students a year. Over 700 students have received scholarships since Friends first started the program in 1974. Miguel Angel Costop from Guatemala reported that the scholarship program has helped many Mayans such as himself to help themselves and others in their communities.

The session adjourned at 12:30 after silent worship.

Faithfully submitted,
Gale Lederer, Recording Clerk

Margaret Mossman, Presiding Clerk
PLENARY IV

Margaret Mossman, Presiding Clerk, opened the meeting at 10:30 a.m. with worship. Carin Anderson, Reading Clerk, read excerpts from the 1998 epistles of North Pacific Yearly Meeting and German Yearly Meeting. The Clerk invited visitors from other yearly meetings and Quaker organizations to introduce themselves. Brian Fry, of John Woolman School, and Lauren DeBoer, editor of *Earthlight* magazine, were welcomed.

**Pacific Friends Outreach Society (PFOS)**
Shan Cretin, Clerk of the PFOS Board, told us they have met often and sought guidance from many Friends, as work continues toward establishing a conference site useable by Pacific Yearly Meeting. A written report [Attachment F] and other information has been provided for Friends' perusal, and means have been provided for expressions of Friends' views. It is hoped that Friends will visit the prospective site -- Quaker Oaks -- in Visalia, California, during the coming year. An "allegorical play in one part" was performed by PFOS Board members with participation by PYM preschoolers and Junior Friends, to help us appreciate the potential of this site, with its life-affirming natural environment. Mark Koenig interpreted the allegory and asked for support and assistance as PFOS proceeds to develop the site.

**Faith and Practice Revision Committee**
Laura Magnani reported on the Committee's work. (Lincoln Moses, Committee Clerk, is traveling in Africa.) The Committee has held eight weekend meetings this year and has a manuscript ready for editing this fall by Claire Gorfinkel. A preliminary edition is expected to be ready when the Representative Committee meets in March 2000. Friends will be asked to read and discuss this draft. It will include a placeholder for selected Quaker quotations which Friends are asked to recommend.

**M & O Subcommittee for Brinton Memorial Visitor**
Joan Johnson, Subcommittee Clerk, brought their report [Attachment G]. Robert Griswold, of Mountain View Monthly Meeting in Denver, will begin his travels as the 1999-2000 Brinton Visitor in October, 1999, with a visit to College Park Quarterly Meeting at John Woolman School, after which he will visit monthly meetings and other Friends' gatherings. With long experience among Friends, he is well versed in the writings of George Fox, and adept at problem-solving. The Brinton Memorial Visitor Subcommittee solicited suggestions for the next Brinton Visitor.

**Nominating Committee**
Gary Wolff, Committee Clerk, informed us of Friends added to the slate of nominees since the Committee's initial report.

**Friends Committee on National Legislation**
Aura Kanegis, Associate for Native American Affairs of the Friends Committee on National Legislation, summarized the history and work of FCNL. She told us how the 1999 gathering of Friends on Native American Affairs originated, producing a call for more attention to issues of
importance to native peoples. This is a period of crisis and opportunity on these issues, she said, encouraging Friends to educate themselves and respond.

Naming Committee
Ernest Bicknell, Convenor of the Naming Committee, brought the names of three Friends to complete the Nominating Committee: Kate Carpenter, Chuck Orr, and Joy O'Connell.

Sites Committee
Eric Moon, Committee Clerk, reported the Committee had heard from a number of Friends unable to attend PYM if our year 2000 gathering were held August 14-19, the only summer period available to us at California Polytechnic University, San Luis Obispo. July 31-August 5, 1999, is open to us at Mount Madonna Center as an alternative. Friends were asked to speak to any member of the Sites Committee concerning this alternative. We were again asked to complete the survey the Sites Committee has prepared.

Epistle Committee
Walter Sullivan, Convenor of this year's Epistle Committee, introduced Committee members (Jeannie Graves and Lowell Tozer) and read the first draft of the 1999 PYM Epistle. The Committee's goals have been to convey who we are spiritually—not what we have done—and to be brief. Epistle Committee members will be available to receive comments. The epistle will be presented for approval at our final plenary session.

Peace and Social Order Committee
Trudy Freidel, Clerk of the Peace and Social Order Committee, opened the Committee's report period. David Hartsough spoke to us on the horrors of the recent war in Kosovo. He asked us to draw on this experience to address the challenge of finding responses to conflict conditions in the future which could lead to escalation into war without effective alternatives. We were offered the vision of creation of a standing international peace force for nonviolent intervention at the scene of a potential war, beginning with hundreds and growing to become thousands committed to monitoring, interposition between antagonists, and nonviolent direct action. [Attachment H] The initial cost is estimated at $5 million -- about what the world now spends on war and preparation for war in just four minutes. Friends were asked to consider personal involvement to bring this vision into reality, sponsorship of individuals through monthly meetings, and contributions of funds and skills.

Kay Anderson, PYM Representative to Friends Peace Teams, told us that Friends Peace Teams has sent two delegations this year to the Great Lakes Region of Africa. It now intends to send two small teams to Burundi and Uganda for two-year periods of service. Suggestions of Friends who may wish to serve on these teams are welcome. The Peace and Social Order Committee seeks to develop the idea of "Every Meeting a Peace Center," another Peace Teams concept, and brochures on the proposal are available.

Stephen McNeil brought us the Peace and Social Order Committee's proposed minute on stopping arms sales to Africa. After discussion, we approved the following revised minute:
PYM 99-5 From our FWCC representative to the last Triennial, we have heard African 
Friends' plea for help to reduce the violence in Africa promoted in part through US 
arms sales: "Stop the arms trade to Africa."

We encourage Friends and like-minded people to join with the efforts of AFSC 
and FCNL to promote a world without violence and to:

- Pass in Congress the "Code of Conduct on Arms Transfers" provisions, especially 
in bill H.R. 2269;
- Support the work of the Commission of Nobel Peace Laureates for an 
  International Code of Conduct on Arms Transfers; and
- Become involved locally in the new International Action Network on Small Arms 
  (IANSA) campaign announced at the Hague Peace Conference.

We also encourage Friends and Friends Meetings to financially support the Friends 
Peace Team Great Lakes Initiative that seeks to promote reconciliation and create 
a trauma center in the Great Lakes Region of Africa. Pacific Yearly Meeting asks 
its representatives to carry this concern to the FWCC annual meeting and to the 
year 2000 triennial.

Trudy Freidel directed Friends' attention to several additional matters of importance:

- Edith Cole has brought us Claremont Meeting's minute [ Attachment I ]on "affluenza" 
  (excessive affluence in purchases of consumer goods).
- Nancy Lynch asks our involvement in the year 2000 millennial gathering at the Nevada 
nuclear test site.
- Joe Franko reminded us of the minute Pacific Yearly Meeting approved in 1996 on 
equality of marriage rights, and of its current relevance to the Knight Initiative which 
  would forever deny legal registration of same-sex marriages in California. This 
  initiative will come before California voters in March 2000.
- Thomas Leo told us that the U.S. House of Representatives has voted within the past 
  few days not to fund the Army's School of the Americas. Friends were asked to thank 
  U.S. Representatives who voted in this way and to write immediately to ask U.S. 
  Senators to vote likewise.
- Last PYM, we approved a minute calling for an end to U.S. economic sanctions 
  against Iraq, but these sanctions are still in place. We were asked to communicate 
  with U.S. legislators on these issues.
- David Hartsough will take to the Livermore Laboratories the thousand origami cranes 
  we are folding at this gathering as symbols of hope for nuclear disarmament.

Approval of minutes
These minutes were read and approved during the plenary session.

Faithfully submitted,
Jamie Newton, Recording Clerk          Margaret Mossman, Presiding Clerk
PLENARY V: MEMORIALS

We gathered in our traditional way to celebrate the lives of the members and attenders of our constituent Meetings who have died since our last memorial session. Many here have also had personal losses of friends and family members whose memories we hold in our hearts today.

Members of the Ministry and Oversight Committee each read one of the following short selections, and then a list of names. In the interspersed worship, Friends were led to minister, recounting stories and characteristics of departed Friends.

Their work is done, their joys accomplished, but the sharing of their lives continues in the memories of others.

--Walter Jones

Duane Abrams (Berkeley)
Ralph Semons (Berkeley)
Frances Fallgatter (Berkeley)
Barbara Nelson (Berkeley)
Melvin Koch (Berkeley)

Sunset and evening star and one clear call for me.
And may there be no moaning of the bar when I put out to sea.

--Alfred, Lord Tennyson

Charles Kallender (Apple Seed)
Peggy Gonzales (Claremont)
Frances Thomas (Berkeley)
Almena Neff (Davis)
Andy Williams (Davis)

Every exit is an entrance somewhere else.

--Tom Stoppard

Tina Emerson (Fresno)
Ruth Fukuda (Honolulu)
Marietje Fuller (Honolulu)
Marie Parker (La Jolla)
Marta Silberman (La Jolla)

We are but tenants, and shortly the great landlord will give us notice that our lease as expired.

--Joseph Jefferson
Glenn Crosby (San Jose)
Bea Burch (La Jolla)
Leo Pach (La Jolla)
John Howe (La Jolla)
Denis Flagg (San Diego)

They that love beyond the world cannot be separated. 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. Death is but crossing the world, as friends do the seas; they live in one another still.

--William Penn

Mildred Adams (Monterey Peninsula)
Leta McKinney-Adler (Orange Grove)
Dorothy Pinney (Orange Grove)
Arthur Currier (Palo Alto)
Nancy Harjan (Palo Alto)
Charles Cooper (Santa Barbara)

No seed shall perish which the soul hath sown.

--John Addington Symonds

Allen Norris (Palo Alto)
Catharine Newton (Palo Alto)
Jane Scott (Redwood Forest)
Naomi Binford (Redwood Forest)
Wilma Gurney (Redwood Forest)

To die is the great debt and tribute due unto nature.

--Laurence Sterne

William Scott (Redwood Forest)
Elaine Schwartz (Redwood Forest)
Robert Noble (San Diego)
George Wayland (San Jose)
Phyllis Warner (Visalia)

Additional names of departed Friends mentioned during the Meeting for memorials but not written on the placards mounted on the walls of the meeting room or announced by Ministry and Oversight are listed below.

Steve Dunn (Berkeley)
George Vincent (San Fernando)

Faithfully submitted,
Gale Lederer, Recording Clerk

Margaret Mossman, Presiding Clerk

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PLENARY VI

Margaret Mossman, Presiding Clerk, opened the meeting at 10:30 a.m. with worship. Carin Anderson, Reading Clerk, read from the 1998 epistle of New York Yearly Meeting, and from a letter written by New York Yearly Meeting adults to the young people of their Yearly Meeting.

The Clerk announced that plenary would not hear reports from our Statistical Clerk and Registrars, and she asked Friends' permission to attach these to the minutes [Attachments J and K].

Naming Committee

PYM 99-6 Pacific Yearly Meeting approved the Naming Committee's suggestions, announced earlier: that Joe Magruder (Berkeley) serve as the Nominating Committee Clerk through PYM 2000, and that Kate Carpenter (Orange Grove), Chuck Orr (La Jolla), and Joy O'Connell (Redding) serve as Nominating Committee members through PYM 2002.

Nominating Committee

Gary Wolff, Clerk of the Nominating Committee, presented the Nominating Committee's final report [Attachment L]. In addition to the slate of nominees, the Nominating Committee brought three recommendations.

The Nominating Committee earlier recommended that the Religious Education for Children Committee be laid down, due to inactivity and insufficient interest. We heard expressions of concern about the implications of this recommendations for Pacific Yearly Meeting's stewardship of our children's spiritual growth and their personal well-being. Friends spoke fervently of a need to integrate younger Friends more fully into the central activities of this Yearly Meeting, and of a need for greater adult involvement with our children. One suggestion was that PYM establish a mentoring program for younger Friends, who would serve with PYM officers and committee clerks. Vanita Blum, a former clerk of the Religious Education for Children Committee, will convene a discussion today on religious education of children. This matter will be included in the agenda of our next plenary session.

PYM 99-7 Pacific Yearly Meeting approved the Nominating Committee's recommendation that the term of service of PYM representatives to the Friends House Moscow Board be changed from two years to three years, to match the by-laws of the Friends House Moscow Board.

PYM 99-8 Pacific Yearly Meeting approved the Nominating Committee's recommendation that the position of Representative Committee Recording Clerk be laid down. The PYM Recording Clerks will share the responsibility for minutes at the March Representative Committee meetings.
PYM 99-9 Pacific Yearly Meeting approved the final report of the Nominating Committee [Attachment L].

Sites Committee
Eric Moon, Clerk of the Sites Committee, thanked Friends who have offered their views on a site for next year's gathering. The Committee brings the recommendation suggested yesterday, that we return to Mount Madonna one more year, with the firm intention of meeting elsewhere in August 2001.

PYM 99-10 Pacific Yearly Meeting approved authorizing our Arrangements Clerk to negotiate with Mt. Madonna Center to hold our next gathering here, July 31-August 5, 2000.

PYM asked Sites Committee to continue working with Cal Poly San Luis Obispo to hold PYM there early in August, 2001, concurrently working to identify other sites (south of San Luis Obispo if possible) should Cal Poly not be available then. PYM authorized Sites Committee to consider alternative dates if early August, 2001, should prove unavailable. Friends asked Sites Committee to try acquiring sites four or even five years in advance.

Treasurer
Shan Cretin, PYM Treasurer, explained differences between her initial report and the final report, which accompanies these minutes [Attachment A].

PYM 99-11 Pacific Yearly Meeting accepted the Treasurer’s final report.

Finance Committee
Harry Bailey, Clerk of the Finance Committee, reminded Friends of our past decision to give special consideration to contributions to organizations that have grown out of PYM, especially in their early stages. Therefore, the Finance Committee recommended a contribution of $1,000 to the Pacific Friends Outreach Society.

The Presiding Clerk reminded us that although PYM has not yet decided whether we will use a permanent site, Pacific Friends Outreach Society (PFOS), an organization which we created and nurtured, is exploring a site we might use.

A Friend asked what spiritual benefits we expect from the site under consideration, and whether this is the best use of the world's resources. One Friend told us that in his opinion development of this site will cost approximately $7 million, and we were advised to consider the energy this prospect represents in the context of an economy that is not sustainable. Another Friend envisioned the site being explored by PFOS as a year-round center for development and expression of Friends' values and practices. We did not find unity on the Finance Committee recommendation to add this contribution to our budget.
Harry Bailey noted changes in the final budget proposal, which would not require an increase in our $28.00 assessment, but would need a modest increase in transfer from reserves.

PYM 99-12 Pacific Yearly Meeting approved the proposed budget for fiscal year 2000, [Attachment A] with the exception of two items: the proposed $1,000 contribution to Pacific Friends Outreach Society, and the proposed increase from $350 to $800 in funds for travel to board meetings of the Friends Peace Team Project.

Unity With Nature Committee
Martha Hunkins, Clerk of the Unity With Nature Committee, opened the Committee's report period. We heard minutes and queries from several Friends' bodies on stewardship of the environment, including quotations from esteemed individual Friends [Attachment M]. Worship followed.

Approval of minutes
These minutes were read and approved during the plenary session. The meeting closed at 12:45 p.m. with worship.

Faithfully submitted.

Jamie Newton, Recording Clerk
Margaret Mossman, Presiding Clerk
PLENARY VII

The session began at approximately 11:15 a.m. with silent worship. Carin Anderson, Reading Clerk, read the 1998 JYM epistle of the New York Yearly Meeting.

Finance Committee

PYM 99-13 PYM approved a recommendation from Finance Committee that funding for travel of our Friends Peace Team Project representative be increased from $350 to $450.

Religious Education of Children Committee

Nominating Committee has recommended laying down this Committee and requesting that Ministry and Oversight Committee form a subcommittee to pick up its functions.

PYM 99-14 PYM approved asking Ministry and Oversight to take children's religious education under its care for this year and to form a subcommittee, (a) to carry responsibility for supporting religious education of children and (b) to find ways to integrate children of all ages more fully into the life of the wider Quaker community. PYM authorizes M&O to use funds budgeted for the Religious Education of Children Committee and asks M&O, in consultation with Nominating Committee and JYM, Young Friends, and the Children's Program Committee to bring a recommendation to Representative Committee regarding how to carry this concern forward.

Mount Madonna Community

Brajesh of the Mount Madonna community requested general verbal feedback from those present at today's plenary and encouraged Friends to fill out evaluation forms to discuss their experiences here more specifically.

PYM Epistles

Rose Gates-MacKenzie, Maya Kratzer, and Winnie Sunshine read the epistle from the Preschool Children [Attachment N]. Carin Anderson, Reading Clerk, read the epistle from the upper elementary group of Children's Program [Attachment O]. Anna Morgan, Junior Yearly Meeting Co-Clerk, read JYM's epistle [Attachment P] as well as a list of its officers for next year. Eric Amen read the Young Friends epistle [Attachment Q]. Brooke Stanley announced that next year Sarah Corbett and Mishka Quine will be Young Friends Co-Clerks and that Darcy Stanley will be clerk of Young Friends Ministry and Oversight Committee. Jeannie Graves read the PYM epistle [Attachment R]. Meeting accepted the epistle.

Dick Ramsay from Mexico Monthly Meeting and the Casa de los Amigos in Mexico City spoke to us briefly. The session closed at approximately 12:35 p.m.

Faithfully submitted.

Gale Lederer, Recording Clerk Margaret Mossman, Presiding Clerk
## Pacific Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends
### Treasurer's Interim Report

**8/7/99**

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NOTES
# Pacific Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends
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Explanatory Notes for Items on Pages 1 & 2

1. Expense accounts with a bold face R following the account name have an associated reserve fund (See page 4). Transfers from these special reserves are noted in parentheses in the Transfers column. A transfer means that funds remaining in the expense account at the end of the year were transferred to the associated reserve.

Explanatory Notes for Items on Page 3

1. Accounts receivable includes loans to PYM Session Budget or others & overdue assessments. Currently there is one Student Conscience loan outstanding.

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

3. Fund located in separate account. Contributions are earmarked for the specific account and not available for general PYM use. Current fund balance of $16,051.25 includes $14,051.25 in the bank account and $2,000 owed from an outstanding loan.

4. Reserve fund for future publications, under control of RepCom per PYM minute 89-4. Income from sale of Faith and Practice is added to this fund.

5. Travel reserves are set aside for future travel costs PYM has agreed to cover; some groups meet every 2 to 3 years, but we budget a portion of cost each year. Young Friends Travel Reserve has a cap of $2,500 (PYM minute 92-4) and Wider Fellowship Travel Reserve is capped at $500.

6. 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 are reported separately (see page 5).

Status of Other Funds

1. East-West Relations Committee: Balance as of 6/19/68 was $6,590.87. Income between then and 6/30/99 was $10,030.49, expenses were $7,389.47, leaving a balance on 6/30/99 of $9,231.89

2. Friends in Unity with Nature Committee fund: Reports a balance as of 1/1/99 of $114.16 with income since that date of $125.80 and no expenses, leaving a balance of $239.96.

Earthlight fund: Balance on 1/26/98 was $24,960.21. Reports income between 1/15/98 and 1/15/99 of $70,699.85 and expenses in the same period of $69,164.26. For the period 1/15/99 to 6/30/99, the income reported was $25,153.83 and the expenses were $30,152.14.
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The Right Holding of Yearly Meeting Subcommittee of Ministry and Oversight was given two specific assignments at last year's gathering, which this report will cover first, before some final thoughts on our unfinished business.

You may remember that in a plenary in 1997, Junior Yearly Meeting came with a proposal, practicing good order among Friends, to lengthen our summer gathering by one day. Several members of our subcommittee met with JYM last year to hear their concerns, and one result was a survey of last year's attenders on their wishes. Copies of the summary report are available to those interested, but here is a brief summary. On the question of lengthening YM by one day there was a slight weighting in favor of a longer session, with almost one-third undecided. When the results were divided by age, the group aged twenty and under seemed to favor a longer session most strongly, by 60%. Reasons given were along the lines of wanting more time for "fellowship with our spiritual community." Among older groups, there was much comment about the busyness of YM as it is now, wanting time for more casual contacts with Friends, more interest group time, and more time for reflection. Reasons given for not supporting the lengthening were primarily about added expense, time away from work, and fatigue among older adults and younger children. It was mentioned that when we have a permanent site, perhaps costs will be lower, and the idea can be considered again.

Ministry and Oversight announced at Representative committee that YM would not be lengthened this year. We’re bringing it to your attention so that the dialogue on this issue may continue for the future, although it is not clear where this concern should be taken for further consideration. This issue has been alive in the YM for a number of years, with the feeling that perhaps younger Friends and those with much energy could camp together at either end of our YM session. It seems that this is happening among JYM Friends and others. For non-campers, another possibility is to develop a program dealing with Quaker history, values, or contemporary experiences, somewhat akin to the earlier Theology conferences that preceded YM.

The second issue raised in a plenary at last year’s YM came after Pacific Friends Outreach Society’s request for a contribution of $1,000 from YM. This was referred to Finance committee, and they came back to plenary seeking clearer guidelines for contributions by PYM to other Friends organizations. RHYM was asked to clarify and redefine criteria for contributions, which we have, with the help of the clerk of Finance committee. We studied criteria that were established in 1980, and developed the following proposal:
CRITERIA FOR PYM CONTRIBUTIONS TO OTHER FRIENDS ORGANIZATIONS

1. Needs of Friends projects that grow out of PYM work should be given particular consideration, especially in the early stages.
2. Friends groups which rely on Yearly Meetings for contributions and policy guidance should be considered for support.
3. A one-time gift should not mean continuing support.
4. Friends groups under the care of a Monthly or Quarterly Meeting should look there for support rather than the Yearly Meeting.
5. Friends groups should normally serve the entire Yearly Meeting, not only California.

The RHYM committee deliberated at length on these criteria, and hopes the YM will approve them.

A number of issues are in the category of unfinished business for the RHYM subcommittee, and we hope the YM will find a way to continue to deliberate on them. These are long range, and do not lend themselves easily to quick solutions.

The role and function of Representative committee was listed in the final report of the previous ad hoc RHYM committee as their major unfinished business. It became our first agenda item, and partly because of the content of their report, we focused in particular on possible alternatives to the March meeting as currently planned. We held a number of interest groups on this topic, and found a widespread concern. In an earlier time, Representative committee was charged with the responsibility for planning for YM, and that is why over the years Friends requested scheduled time during Representative committee for interest groups, and for plenary sessions. This process has been streamlined recently, and we believe that the YM would benefit greatly from further changes in the content of the March Representative committee meetings. A possibility we discussed at length is that a generous amount of time be given over for representatives and committee clerks to talk together about issues that are stirring within their meetings, with that input helping to shape a framework for the content of YM. The issue of the March meeting is part of the unfinished business of this subcommittee.

We have followed with interest the formation and growth of Pacific Friends Outreach Society (PFOS), which grew out of a felt need within the YM for a home that would more nearly meet the needs of this diverse group than we have found in our search for sites. While PYM and PFOS are legally separate organizations, many ties connect us. The hope was that they might create a site that YM could decide to use. Our interest as a committee has been informal and exploratory, but we believe questions about how these two organizations will work together are important for both groups.

A third problem of some complexity is financial support of Quaker organizations. We have a history of different groups within the YM taking on this issue, and it needs continuing attention. In research done in 1998, we discovered that Friends Organizations
support amounted in 1997-98 to 23% of the budget, and delegates' travel to conferences took 16%. The issues raised by this information are highly charged, and need to be addressed in some way.

The hope of this subcommittee is that our work will not be lost, but that whatever group continues consideration of the right holding of Yearly Meeting, will be able to build on what we've learned.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane Mills
clerk to RHYM
Results of August 1998 Survey: "How Long Should PYM Be?"

1. Do you like the idea of making PYM one day longer?

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2. If your answer is yes, what are your reasons?

**Under 20-years old:**
- So that our schedule is not so squished.
- Too many scheduling conflicts. More time for interest groups & interacting. Only happens once a year.
- It's fun.
- Funner.
- See more people, have more free time.
- To expand the length of bonding and fellowship with our unique spiritual community.

**20-40 year olds:**
- Extra free time to connect. Use time for community building as a whole to deepen experience.

**40-60 year olds:**
- More free time (24 responses)
- More time without other stuff.
- PYM too rushed.
- More Family Nights.
- More time between and around activities and more worship.
- Easier to come for part of week & still participate.
- More time to be together.
- Wouldn't take more off-work time.
- Because JYM wants to.
- I came a long way & would like the time.
- Meditation & silent time.
60-80 year olds:

We would not be so compacted & stressed.
Need the time to shuck the daily concerns and enter into the rhythms for spiritual renewal with friends we rarely see.

If JYM wants it, that's a compelling reason.
To strengthen, explore new friendships. More time together.

3. If your answer is maybe or no, are any of the following concerns to you? (Circle as many as apply.) [Some “yes” respondents also circled these.]

Under 20 year olds: [of respondents who gave each answer]

a. Expense [Maybe - 1]
b. You’re exhausted by the end of PYM as it is [Maybe - 1; No - 2]
c. Your children are exhausted by the end of PYM [n/a]
d. You don’t have enough vacation/free time to spend another day at PYM [Maybe - 1; No - 1]
e. Other concerns:
   [from respondents who said “No”: People will keep wanting another day - it will always seem too short. Friendships will degrade.]

40-60 year olds: [of respondents who gave each answer]

a. Expense [Maybe - 12; No - 13]
b. You’re exhausted by the end of PYM as it is [Maybe - 3; No - 12]
c. Your children are exhausted by the end of PYM [Maybe - 3; No - 7]
d. You don’t have enough vacation/free time to spend another day at PYM [Maybe - 9; No - 10]
e. Other concerns:
   [from respondents who said “Maybe”: Ideally should be Sun - Sat; all food problems solved; sliding scale; more free time to build community.]
   [from respondents who said “No”: Cooler time of year; it’s just right, ready to go home; travel days; don’t lengthen: JYM campout before.]

60-80 year olds: [of respondents who gave each answer]

a. Expense [Yes 2; Maybe - 8; No - 12]
b. You’re exhausted by the end of PYM as it is [Maybe - 3; No - 19]
c. Your children are exhausted by the end of PYM [Yes - 1; No - i]
d. You don’t have enough vacation/free time to spend another day at PYM [Maybe - 2; No - 9]
e. Other concerns:
   [from respondents who said “Maybe - Only if we have permanent site.
Responsibilities at home, travel time. Only if free time.
   [from respondents who said “no” - Talk will expand BEYOND the time allotted it. Too many of the same interest group topics year after year. We could rotate. Long enough bearing in mind other demands. Some of the busy stuff we do should be eliminated.]
80 years and up: [of respondents who gave each answer]

a. Expense  [Maybe - 3; No - 3]
b. You’re exhausted by the end of PYM as it is  [Maybe - 1; No - 1]
c. Your children are exhausted by the end of PYM
d. You don’t have enough vacation/free time to spend another day at PYM  [No - 2]
e. Other concerns:
   [A day each way for travel. Too rich even as it is.]

4. Please share any other ideas you have about the length of the PYM summer session, or how the time should be used if it is lengthened.

Under 20:

   Left empty.
   Camping trip with Unity with Nature, intergenerational games.
   1 day for kids - JYM & YF - plenaries etc. start the next day, kids leading the way,
   stamping out the path.
   Less children’s programs on the extra day. More time with family.
   Wider fellowship, perhaps emphasis on service. Interest groups or silent worship.
   Perhaps fund-raising would be in order.

20-40 year olds:

   [“Yes” respondents]: Time to truly relax. Free time. More group activities like Talent Night. Sun & Sat. wouldn’t need more vacation time.
   [“Maybe” respondents]: Extra day for fun, community building, free time & singing. Some scheduled free time daily at least 45 min. I would like PYM to overlap a weekend (Th - Tues) to allow accessibility to those who work to attend a few days. More unprogrammed time. More still time. Free time.
   [“No” respondents]: Free time. As a teacher, July works better for me than August.

40-60 year olds:

   [“Yes” respondents]: Non-structured times. Excursions. Expenses would have better return if longer. More free time w/friends and children. More community building. More family talent time. Time for recreational choice activities. Pre-PYM camping trip. Optional pre-conference fellowship day. More time for fellowship. Use preliminary time for orientation, after-time for clean-up, etc.

   And so on - many more comments from Friends about how to spend time (more interest groups, less interest groups, return to having Representative Committee, have excursions, have pre or post conferences, etc.) Many comments that we need more free time for fellowship and spiritual renewal. A few scattered comments about using the time well with more interest groups. Also many comments on the finances, including one questioning whether PYM general funds could be used to lower the summer session expenses and another suggesting that when we have a permanent site expenses should go down, so lengthening the summer session would be ok.

-- Compiled by Dottie Vura-Weis, Inland Valley Mtg.
This year *Friends Bulletin* celebrates its 70th anniversary. To commemorate this event, the magazine has featured a series of articles on the lives and history of Western Friends. We have launched a book project. The book is to be a commemorative volume about the development of Quakerism in the Western United States to be published in the year 2000. Friends from the three yearly meetings are serving as the editorial board. Archival material received will be stored at Whittier College for future use by historians. All meetings and worship groups will be listed in the commemorative volume.

In addition to the present *Friends Bulletin* website at http://www.quaker.org/tb containing information from past issues and information for subscribers and advertisers, we have a new website at http://www.quaker.org/western. This website contains a directory of Western Quaker meetings, worship groups, and organizations.

*Friends Bulletin* has published articles this past year with a wide range of topics, focusing, for example on children and youth, the environment, Native American concerns, and the history of *Friends Bulletin*. Comments from our readership survey were published. Memorial minutes and poems may cause Friends to pause in the eternal.

To continue publishing a magazine worthy of our three yearly meetings and to fund the commemorative book project, we need money. Since expenses are rising faster than income, the subscription rate, long held at the same level, will be raised $1.00 per subscription, that is, $20.00 for subscriptions through groups and $25.00 for individual subscriptions, effective January 1, 2000. New subscribers will continue to be welcomed at a special rate of $15.00 per year. We thank individuals and meetings for their generous contributions.

We are continuing the transformation from Friends Committee to corporation board. As a relatively new corporation, we are working to bring Quaker business practices to our transactions. We have purchased insurance to cover our employees and ourselves in a variety of ways. We have participated in fund raising training. A marketing plan has been initiated to increase the subscription base, advertising revenue, and donations. Friends have been appointed to draft policy and procedures guidelines. We are employing a work study student intern through an arrangement with Whittier College. We derive great satisfaction from conducting our business in a spirit of worship and value our times of silence together.

Since our last report, we have welcomed Anne Friend (PYM) and Alan Chickering (NPYM) onto the Board. Jeannie Graves (PYM) now serves as our clerk. We bid farewell to Board members, Annis Bleeke and Rob Roy Woodman, who served for many years. The Board presently consists of three Friends from Pacific Yearly Meeting, two from North Pacific Yearly Meeting with another soon to be added and two members from Intermountain Yearly Meeting with, we hope, another to be added soon.

*For the Corporation Board of Friends Bulletin*

Jeannie Graves, Clerk
Report on the Commemorative Book Project - Summer 1999
by Anthony Manousos, Editor

Overall, the project is going very well. A 200-page manuscript has been put together and circulated among editorial board members at the three Yearly Meetings. Over $1200 has been raised in donations. Interest in the project is growing both here in the West and also on the East Coast, where I visited Friends in May.

However, a great deal of work still remains to be done. Even though I have repeatedly notified Meetings and Worship Groups through the magazine, questionnaires, and personal solicitation, only the following 35 Meetings and WG's have so far responded:


In many case, the “response” of these Meetings has been simply to send back the questionnaire with a note saying, in effect: “We’ll get back to you.” Nearly 100 Meetings and WG’s have not responded in any way.

Sometime in late August or early September, the editor and members of the editorial committee will be calling clerks and meeting liaisons, urging them to send in historical material relating to their Meeting.

I am also interested in tracking down the slide show that Caroline Estes developed for her presentation for PYM in 1983. It was turned over to the YM archivist, but no trace of it can be found in the Whittier College archives. Any clues about its whereabouts would be greatly appreciated!

This summer we undertook the fascinating process of applying Quaker principles to the selection of material for this book. In keeping with Friends’ practice, editorial meetings were preceded by a time of silent reflection, and the selection process was carried out in the spirit of Quaker worship. It is therefore our hope that the readings reflect the Spirit of Love and Truth.

What we have put together is not a narrative or analytic history, but rather a collection of “testimonies” or eye-witness accounts about how people in the Western United States have tried to apply Quaker principles to their lives.

What a colorful and exciting “procession of Western Friends” this proves to be! There are stories about how Western Quakers helped the Japanese internees during World War II, built homes for the survivors of the Hiroshima bombing, worked on behalf of Native peoples, sailed into the forbidden waters of the nuclear test zone, provided sanctuary for AWOL soldiers during the Vietnam War, and for Central American political refugees, provided sanctuary for Central American political refugees, conducted citizen diplomacy in the former Soviet Union, championed the rights of gay and Lesbian, and much more. There are also stories about spiritual breakthroughs—such as experiencing the “Inner Light” and becoming a “convinced” Friend—as well as intimate moments—such as a Quaker courtship and marriage. Also included are the testimonies of young Friends who have gone to work camps, defied draft laws, and lobbied on behalf of peace and justice.

The results do not constitute an exhaustive or complete history of Western Quakers. But as one Gospel writer put it, “If it all were to be recorded in detail, I suppose the whole world could not hold the books that would be written” (John: 21, 25). Material relating to Western Quakers could fill, if not the whole world, at least a moderate-sized library.

While compiling this history, we gathered far more information about Western Quakers than could possibly be included in one book. This superabundance of material is stored in an archive at Whittier College. At a future date, we expect to publish a “Who’s Who of Western Quakers” and a history of individual meetings (a subject omitted from this volume due to space limitation). We also hope that a future historian will avail him or herself of this archive to write a comprehensive history of Western unprogrammed Friends.

We plan to create a study guide to facilitate discussion of Quaker principles and practices based upon the Quaker testimonies, as defined by Howard Brinton.

As we proceed with this book in the Spirit of Friends, we look forward to your involvement. We are not simply writing a book, we are also “building the Western Quaker community” for the current generation and for generations to come!
Report on the Pacific Friends Outreach Society (PFOS)
To the August 1999 Annual Session of Pacific Yearly Meeting

We have always known that our mission to develop a permanent site for Pacific Yearly Meeting is an enormous undertaking, requiring the support and creative energy of a group far wider than our board. With this in mind, we sought to bring our vision of a possible environmental education and retreat center in Visalia to the Quarterly and Monthly Meetings within PYM, hoping to engage as many of you as possible in our planning and development.

Simultaneously, we worked with the Lovetts to formalize their generous offer. We signed an agreement this Spring establishing the conditions PFOS must meet to complete the transfer of the property. The first condition is that we receive approval from Tulare County for the uses we are proposing on the site. Much of this past year has been spent collecting information and developing a plan for the project that will allow us to obtain county approval.

From reports of earlier Permanent Site Subcommittees of PYM and United Conferences, Campgrounds and Retreats (UCCR, a nonprofit management organization that runs several church-owned centers around the Bay Area), we recognized that the PYM annual session would never be sufficient to allow our site to pay its own way. Building on the work of earlier PYM committees, we are considering a variety of activities that would permit year-round operation of the site. A conference center, a retreat center, an environmental education center and farming are four candidates for generating income.

Conference center: A preliminary look at the marketing potential for Badger Creek, a site within 50 miles of Quaker Oaks Farm, found a substantial market among businesses, government agencies and churches for a large conference center to serve the area between Fresno and Bakersfield. Other conference facilities in the general area were booked well in advance. We will redo such a study specifically for Quaker Oaks Farm when we get further along in our planning process.

Retreat Center: Many Friends have expressed an interest in creating "a Pendle Hill of the West." This would be a place for sojourners and those interested in contemplative study of Quaker themes. We anticipate including a local library and also reaching out to connect with other already-established resources.

Environmental education center: We learned from earlier reports that UCCR moved many church conference centers into a positive cash flow position by developing an environmental educational program. Quaker Oaks Farm, like every other site, presents unique opportunities and constraints. One major asset: the farm is immediately adjacent to Kaweah Oaks Preserve, a 337-acre oak and grassland preserve. This location makes the idea of environmental education programs especially attractive. We have already met on several occasions with board members of the Four Creeks Land Trust, the local nonprofit conservation organization that operates the preserve. Four Creeks Land Trust is delighted to work with us on
a jointly funded education center on our property that will serve local elementary school children as well as the general public. As it happens, a Quaker, Charles Rich, began a program over thirty years ago in Tulare County that continues today teaching environmental education. This program has a more distant site for a week-long camp conducted for sixth graders only. In preliminary conversations, the Tulare County Office of Education expressed interest in a site close to town where younger students can go for day outings or brief overnight stays. We will seek to meet that need.

An environmental education center opens up opportunities for financing unavailable for conference centers. Some grants not only cover program-related expenses, but will also fund capital investment for buildings and facilities necessary for an environmental program. One untapped area in environmental education is field opportunities for disabled children. Our relatively flat site and the adjacent preserve are well suited to meet this need. We are also exploring professional growth programs in field biology and environmental science for teachers in conjunction with the local community college.

Farming: Quaker Oaks is now a working farm, growing Christmas trees, walnuts and other food crops. California land use law strongly encourages the preservation of farmland and continuing to farm part of the Quaker Oaks campus provides us with income potential plus a unique opportunity. Agriculture in the California Central Valley has not been kind to the environment, often generating negative impacts far from the points of origin. A demonstration farm practicing sustainable agriculture (e.g., minimizing water use, composting to generate natural organic nutrients for growing, abstaining from using pesticides and chemical fertilizers) could complement the other environmental education programs under consideration.

We are approaching the time when we will submit our application to Tulare County for the conditional land use permits needed. In seeking to reach unity within our Board on the right timing of this step, we have focused most of our attention on the spatial requirements and physical development of the site and on the question of whether we should seek to obtain any or all of the 30 acre property to the North of Quaker Oaks Farm. At the same time, we recognize the need for a sound business and development plan that will allow us to move forward with confidence in establishing a year-round retreat at the Visalia site. We were heartened by the recommendation by RepCom that the Holding Corporation release part of the money from the sale of the San Fernando Meeting House for our use in developing a conditional land use application and a business development plan.

In addition to bringing on new board members at this Yearly Meeting, we plan to recruit those interested in working as members of specific Board committees to bring the skills needed to develop a detailed business plan and raise funds from grants and donations. We will be looking for creative ways to defray the costs of development and operation of the center. For example, rice farmers may be willing to donate rice straw for use as a building material or we may be able to partner with other organizations seeking to promote renewable energy and environmentally sensitive construction methods.
We are just beginning our analysis of funding sources for one large dormitory, a science center, a dining hall, a plenary hall and library building, a swimming pool or pond, and a sewage/gray water treatment system. We are looking to grants, individual donations of money, materials, and labor, and self-generated income to develop the site. We envision beginning our development with facilities necessary for an on-going retreat and environmental education center, adding some conference capability, and ending with a conference facility capable of handling 500 to 600. We believe the facilities for the environmental education center will allow PYM, if it chooses, to meet at this site prior to completion of the larger conference facility.

As we carry out this work, we look to the lessons learned by Friends involved with Ben Lomond, Friends House and John Woolman School. We are also beginning to build relationships with PYM committees and other Quaker organizations regarding year-round uses of the site to carry out their work. AFSC, College Park Quarterly Meeting, Southern California Quarterly Meeting, PYM Sites Committee, other PYM committees such as Friends in Unity with Nature, Peace and Social Order, and Ministry and Oversight all can be part of our planning process.

Keeping PFOS Separate from Intentional Community: Whether there will be an intentional community associated with the Quaker Oaks site has not been resolved. Our board is very clear, however, that our mission is to develop and operate a permanent site, not to develop an intentional community. We also recognize that a nearby or adjacent Quaker intentional community could, indeed, benefit us by providing a pool of like-minded Friends who may want to work with us on specific projects or as employees. If an intentional community does develop, it must have its own organizational structure independent of PFOS. As with Four Creeks Land Trust or any other potential partner, we would need to negotiate a mutually agreeable relationship. There is clear agreement on the PFOS board that we will not provide any financial support to an effort to develop an intentional community. We also see that the realization of a permanent site may depend on our cooperation and collaboration with Friends with different but compatible leadings.

Considerations in Expanding the Size of the Site: The Board’s deliberations in recent weeks have often concerned a 30-acre property immediately adjacent to the Lovett farm. This land was divided some years ago into 5-acre home sites and has continued under the same ownership. The property has not been farmed for over a decade and Tulare County planners would like to return the land to agricultural use. Based upon our preliminary site plans, we saw that acquiring some additional land beyond the 23-acre Lovett property would enable us to expand the campus and continue the working farm.

Because the 5-acre parcels have covenants, codes and restrictions (CC&Rs) recorded with the property, PFOS would not be able to acquire just one or two parcels for use as part of our site development. Several different suggestions have been put forward ranging from doing nothing about the 30 acres to having PFOS purchase the land, rewrite the CC&Rs and resell home sites. PFOS has also been exploring the possibility that individual Friends might be willing to buy one
of the 5-acre parcels. We have heard expressions of interest from a few Friends who want to purchase a parcel with the thought of living in community; others are simply interested in living in proximity to the PYM permanent site. PFOS board members have not yet reached unity regarding the desirability or feasibility of acquiring additional land. We continue to season and consider this issue, obtaining additional information that we hope will move us forward.

As the year ends, we are laboring over our own internal processes, finding some board members unable to continue the intensive meeting schedule and others frustrated by our slow progress. We see Yearly Meeting as an important time for rededication, rejuvenation, and recommitment to the tasks ahead. Aided by your prayers, your ideas, your energy and support, we look forward to the time we can hold this Annual Session at a site of our own.

Respectfully submitted,
Shan Cretin, Clerk
On behalf of the PFOS Board
REPORT OF THE BRINTON MEMORIAL VISITOR, A SUBCOMMITTEE OF THE MINISTRY AND OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE OF PACIFIC YEARLY MEETING FOR AUGUST 1999

of the RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS

At the 1998 Sessions of PYM the Brinton Memorial Visitor Committee was pleased to recommend Robert Griswold of Mountain View Monthly Meeting in Intermountain Yearly Meeting to be the Brinton Visitor for the 1999-2000 series of Visitations. In Plenary II Robert was approved to serve.

Robert will begin his Visitations in Pacific Yearly Meeting in the College Park Quarterly Meeting area. He will attend the Quarterly Gathering on October 15-17, 1999 at the John Woolman School and then visit the Northern Meetings and Worship Groups until November 15, 1999. He plans to travel throughout the rest of PYM in the year 2000.

As you read the biographical material, which is attached to this report, you will find that Robert has been involved with a number of monthly meetings as well as yearly meetings. He will bring that rich experience to you as you discuss with him the concerns and future goals you have for your own meeting. He is looking forward to that inter-change.

Robert has written on a wide range of Quaker topics and he offers your meeting a selection of topics from which he is prepared to present and then discuss with your meeting. You will find a clear description of these topics following the biographical material.

We hope you can take advantage of his ministry and counsel in various ways. Robert is happy to meet with both large and small groupings of Friends. One meeting plans to have him join them at their annual retreat. But please don't hesitate to invite him because your group is very small. Sometimes important things have happened in the life of a meeting when just a few Friends have met with the Brinton Visitor. We wish you a fruitful and inspiring time with Robert.

Concurrently, while planning Robert's visitations in PYM, the Committee is working to identify appropriate Friends to travel in NPYM and IMYM. These Meetings together with PYM make-up the three Yearly Meetings which participate in the program. We ask a Friend, or a couple, to travel in one of these Meetings other than their own. We wish to invite you to share in that search. If you would like to suggest a Friend from PYM or NPYM to serve as a visitor please let us know. We are grateful for your help and follow up each suggestion in a thoughtful and Quakerly manner.

During our last series of visitations we learned that some meetings had thought the Brinton Visitor Program was an endowed program. Unfortunately, that is not the case. The Program relies on the contributions given by meetings and worship groups. The Committee greatly appreciates that continuing support.

In Friendship,

John Johnson, Clerk

with

Members of the Committee
Mary Lou Coppock, IMYM
Leonard and Martha Dart, PYM
Sally Davis, PYM

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*Friends theology:* Most Friends are more familiar with Quaker practice than with Quaker theology. This can lead to the notion that Friends' practices are merely traditional. In fact early friends had very definite ideas about the nature of the divine and the relationship between themselves and God. And these ideas shaped and limited their religious practice and ours as well. You can't separate the theology from the practice or the practice from the theology without changing what Friends have been about. Change may be needed but it is critical for us to know both practice and theology to be fully aware of what change means. I would like to discuss how theology and practice are connected.

*Friends of Truth:* Quakers used this name for themselves long before The Religious Society of Friends came into use. Truth has been a central concept for Friends but has largely fallen out of use among liberal Friends. Fear of appearing arrogant in an age of relativity may be part of the reason. I want to examine truth with a small 't' as we usually think of it and compare that to the Quaker conception of Truth. I believe we would do well to take back this name to keep ourselves sharply focused on what we are about.

*Friends membership:* With our strong emphasis on individual experience of the divine and lack of a catechism, Quakers often struggle with their membership processes. Many meetings have threshing sessions every few years to try to come to a common understanding of what membership means and usually don't feel very satisfied at the end of these sessions. I would review some of the issues that separate us and would explore the concept of covenant as one that might help to bring these separations together.

*A spiritual journey:* My spiritual journey has been long and my understanding has grown out of experiences and trials (one of which was in court). Most of these were and are related to overcoming my self-centerness and pride. I would share some of these experiences to see if what I have learned of my "condition" may resonate with the "condition" of others.
BORN: Sidney, New York, August 4, 1934


ATTENDED: Earlham College 1951-55, BA in Psychology, active in young Friends Bowling Green State University 1955-56, MA in Psychology U. of Colorado and other universities, about 80 graduate hours, mostly in philosophy, psychology, and non profit administration

CONSCIENTIOUS OBJECTOR: After a long process including a trial, I did two years alternative service at a city hospital working with developmentally disabled persons, 1960-1962

WORKED in service to developmentally disabled persons, 1960-1985 in Denver Colorado. Worked with emotionally and behaviorally disturbed children in 1985-1991, Anchorage, Alaska. Worked with students and staff at Scattergood Friends School, West Branch, Iowa from 1991-1995. Most of the time I was an administrator or the director of the above programs. Currently I have the title of Special Projects and do a variety of tasks for an agency serving disabled persons. I expect to retire August 31, 1999.

TRANSFERRED MEMBERSHIP to Mountain View Friends Meeting after attending for many years. Clerk of Anchorage Friends Meeting for several years. Transferred membership to West Branch Friends Meeting, 1991. Rejoined Mountain View Friends Meeting, 1996. Formerly Trustee of Mountain View Friends Meeting, currently Convener of Membership Guidance Committee. Have led Quakerism 101 sessions on discernment for MVFM. I have read Fox's Journal and Epistles and continue to do so. Recently I have read Hidden in Plain Sight: Quaker Women's Writing 1650-1690 and recommend it. Favorite poets: Wendell Berry and Jelaluddin Rumi.
An International Peace Force

by David Hartsough and Mel Duncan

Tanks rumble into Kosovo. NATO proclaims victory from 15,000 feet above after eleven weeks of pounding bombs without a single Alliance casualty. The Serb army demonstrates for back pay in the streets as their butcher leader also proclaims victory. The KLA disarms—sort of. Over a million Kosovar Albanians resentfully return to the rubble of home as Kosovar Serbs are cleansed northwards out of their homes.

The irradiated landscape soaked in blood, strewn with land mines and pocked with mass graves flows with hate. Thousands of well armed multinational troops will attempt to keep the hatred at bay while relief organizations beg for millions to help rebuild from the carnage.

While the technology has dramatically advanced, we end the bloodiest century of humankind, the way we began it—-with organized brutality seeking to resolve conflicts and assert national and ethnic claims. More people died in wars during the 20th century than in the totality of human history up to 1900. Our world now spends $740 billion of precious resources on armaments each year while keeping over 40 million people in the military. Thirty five thousand nuclear weapons glut the globe with 5,000 remaining on high alert. The two newest members of the nuclear club continue a five decade war in the snowy peaks of Kashmir.

Yet this century has also witnessed dramatic advances in alternatives to war. The recent legacy of nonviolence extends far beyond the well known examples of Indian independence and the Civil Rights Movement in the U.S. In fact, the use of effective nonviolent strategies is on the rise. Most of these nonviolent actions have not been carried out by saints and pacifists but by ordinary people. South Africa threw off apartheid through largely nonviolent means. A subsequent truth and reconciliation process has avoided a civil war. In 1991 thousands of unarmed Russians surrounded the White House in Moscow to thwart a military coup attempt. The people in most of the nations of the former Soviet block overthrew their communist dictatorships through nonviolent means. Gains secured by the labor, womens, disability rights and environmental movements have come primarily through nonviolent means.

Peace activists are courageously and creatively at work in conflict and violent areas throughout the world. Peace Brigades International, the Balkan Peace Teams, Witness for Peace, PEACEmakers, the Helsinki Citizens Assembly, Christian Peacemaker Teams, SIPAZ, the International Fellowship of Reconciliation and others operate in numerous countries including Colombia, East Timor, Guatemala, the Balkans, the U.S., Israel/Palestine, Mexico and Nicaragua. Most are doing small scale, highly specialized activities designed to be an active presence to lower the potential or current levels of violence and support local peacemakers.

Yet when faced with the brutal aggression of Slobodan Milosevic throughout the last decade, international peace activists have lacked a credible, coherent and comprehensive response. For several years the President of Kosovo, Ibrahim Rugova, sought support for their nonviolent resistance. While some international activists bravely carried out nonviolent strategies with people of the Balkans and still are, many others cited a variety of excuses as to why they could not be expected to help resolve the crisis or, in some cases, reluctantly shrugged their shoulders and supported the NATO attacks. When the March bombing began, many people of
conscience faced a profound dilemma of opposing military escalation yet not wanting to ignore genocide.

The indelible blood stains of Kosovo, the Sudan, Rwanda, Burma, and so many other places remind us that we need to bring peacemaking activity to a dramatic, new level. We need to develop a strategic, efficient and effective nonviolent response to brutality, violence and genocide when actions focused on the root causes have either failed or are ineffective in stopping current slaughter.

The world needs institutions that encourage large numbers of people to engage in actions that inspire hope and call them to higher values such as the Golden Rule. We need to develop a multiethnic, multi-spiritual standing peace force that would be trained in nonviolent strategies and deployed to conflicts or potentially violent areas at the invitation of local peace movements. The international peace force would have to include thousands of trained volunteers committed to strategically put themselves in harm’s way to defuse violence and create the space for peaceful resolution.

Collectively, we have the capacity to make such a peace force a reality. Many veterans of the nonviolent movements of this century are still living. They have the expertise to shape the force. Thousands of citizens have demonstrated their willingness to put themselves in harm’s way to stop violence and oppression. They will continue to be available. Youth and retirees are longing for commitments that provide meaning to their lives. A World Wide Web, already used to advance the cause of peace in organizing the grassroots campaigns for a ban on land mines and the creation of an international criminal court, provides an instant means for such a force to recruit, monitor and communicate. And the cost for the nonviolent peace force will be infinitesimal when compared to military operations.

Such a task is daunting. The endeavor is replete with problems, contradictions and questions. We must live those questions. In the last 50 years, nations, some of whom were former enemies, came together and created NATO, able to administer sophisticated and strategic responses to armed conflict. In the next 50 years, we must develop an international peace force with similar commitment, cooperation and sophistication that promotes peace over war and life over death.

David Hartsough, is a member of San Francisco Friends Meeting and is the executive director of PEACEWORKERS. He worked in Kosovo over the past three years where he was arrested, jailed and expelled in March of 1998.

Mel Duncan has organized at the grassroots for peace and justice for over 30 years. He has helped found three important organizations including the Minnesota Alliance for Progressive Action. He is currently bringing medical supplies into Iraq.

PEACEWORKERS 721 Shrader St., San Francisco, CA 94117
Peaceworkers@igc.org
Attachment I

MINUTE FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF
THE FRANKLIN ZAHN EQUALITY FUND
adopted by Claremont Monthly Meeting, June 1999

In order to help address the growing problem of inequality in a direct and personal manner, the Monthly Meeting establishes a special EQUALITY FUND to receive designated contributions from members and attenders. These contributions will be raised not as additions to ordinary charitable donations, but in each and every case by a conscious decision to forgo, limit or reduce some personal expenditure, thus reducing the existing inequalities of wealth, privilege and opportunity by some small measure -- as well as helping us to become more mindful of our responsibility for the right sharing of our resources.

The Peace and Social Order Committee will report to the Meeting at six month intervals on the status of the Equality Fund and present -- if appropriate -- their recommendations about projects to be considered for funding in accordance with the specific purpose of the Fund to concretely address the needs of less privileged members of our society.

This Fund will be named the FRANKLIN ZAHN EQUALITY FUND in memory of a beloved member of our Meeting who lived fully in the spirit of equality which we are trying to follow.

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We have a few copies of the "Affluenza" video that helped us get the discussion started in our own Meeting for loan to others. Please address requests to:

Claremont Monthly Meeting
attn: Peace and Social Order Committee
727 W. Harrison Avenue
Claremont, CA 91711
The possibility of formation of a Preparative Meeting in California's central coast area was reported by the Statistical Clerk last year.

I am pleased to report that this new Preparative Meeting does, indeed, now exist as Central Coast Preparative Meeting under the care of Santa Cruz Monthly Meeting with Murry Lauser serving as Clerk.

The organization of this Preparative Meeting is unusual in this yearly meeting. It consists at present of four small Worship Groups (Atascadero, Los Osos, San Luis Obispo and South County) who meet separately, but unite monthly for worship and the conduct of their business, as well as fellowship with one another. (It should be noted that there is another Worship Group called South County, under the care of Santa Cruz Monthly Meeting, which meets in a different area.)

The reported membership for Pacific Yearly Meeting last year was 1489, but subsequent discovery of a reporting error indicates it should have been 1490. Once again this year, our membership has become somewhat smaller.

1479 members were reported for 1999.

Anne Davenport, PYM Statistical Clerk, 1999
365 West San Jose Ave, Claremont CA 91711
(909)626-3106 glenn_davenport@eee.org
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**MONTHLY MEETINGS OF PACIFIC YEARLY MEETING**

**AUGUST 1992**

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Box # refers to PO box unless noted.

**APPLE SEED**
10 am Sr.Ctr., 167 N.Hi St
Sebastopol Mail: Box 1135, Sebastopol, CA 95473-1135
Clk: Betty L. Miller (12-31-99) 707-539-3654
Rep: Bob Madrone (12-31-99) 707-632-3245
Obs: Rick Troth

**BERKELEY**
11am 2151 Vine St, Berkeley CA 94709.
Clk: Nancy Salzman (5-31-00)
510-233-8133.
Rep: Vanita Blum (5-31-00) 510-526-7465.
Obs: Ernest Bicknell (5-31-99) 510-547-2099.

**BIG ISLAND**
10 am. Call (808-962-6622) for location.
Mail: PO Box 284, Laupahoehoe HI 96764.
Clk: rotates. (Phone # above).
Rep: (1-00) Sharon Wheeler Gerrish (808-962-6622)
Obs: rotates

**CHICO**
10:30am 1336 Hemlock, Chico CA.
Mail: Box 3769.
Chico CA 95927.
Clk: Peter Milbury (4-30-00) 530-345-3308.
Rep: Linda Rowell (4-30-00) 530-894-1666.
Obs: Mark Koenig (4-30-00) 530-345-3132.

**CLAREMONT**
9:30am 727 Harrison Ave. Claremont CA 91711.
Clk: Pat Smith (4-30-00) 909-946-2326.
Rep: Aimee Elsbree (4-30-00) 909-621-1089.
Obs: Marty Carson (4-30-00) 909-625-2924.

**DAVIS**
10am 345 L St., Davis CA 95616-4229.
Clk: Karen Nilsson (7-00) 530-758-2958.
Rep: Gil Hamilton (7-00) 530-756-1414.
Obs: Pablo Stanfield (7-00) 530-750-5547.

**DELTA**
2nd wk 10:30am 445W.Weber, Stockton CA.
Mail: 408 E. Loretta, Stockton CA 95207 Clk:
Betsy Huling (5-00) 209-478-8423 Rep: same.
Obs: Judy Bunting (3-00) 209-223-0843

**FRESNO**
10am 2219 San Joaquin Ave., Fresno CA 93721.
Clk: Lowell Barnett (3-31-00) 559-435-0618.
Rep: Jim Kratzler (3-31-00) 559-224-8518.
No Obs.

**GRASS VALLEY**
9:45am 13075 Woolman Ln, Nevada City, CA 95959 Mail: same. % John Woolman Sch.
Clk: Pat Peltier (6-30-00) 530-292-3457 Rep:Eve Hall (9-30-00) 530-265-3164
Obs: Gloria Kershner (9-30-00) 530-273-7501

**GUATEMALA**
1st & 3rd wk, 11am. Call Clerk for location.
Mail: Lacelle L-180, 1325 NW 93 Ct. B-102, Miami FL 33172.
Co-Clk: Loren Lacelle & Martha Dungan (5-31-00) Int’l code +502-201-4251.
Lacelle is Rep in 2000.

**HONOLULU**
10 am (hymns 9:45) 2425 Oahu Ave., Hoilolulu HI 96822.
Clk: Peggy Broderick (4-30-00) 808-946-4923.
Rep: Tootsie Dodge (9-1-99) 808-595-3857.
Obs: Paul Gracie (9-1-99) 808-637-8010.

**HUMBOLDT**
11am (Seekers 9:45 am) 1920 Zehnder Ave. Arcata, CA. Mail: Box 4786, Arcata CA 95521.
Clk: Gail Coonen (6-00) 707-434-6943.
(Clk.mail-178 Pacific Lumber Camp Rd. Eureka CA 95503) Rep & Obs not noted.

**INLAND VALLEY**
10 am Phone Clk for place.
Mail: Box 7554 Redlands CA 92374 Clk: Dottie Vura-Weis (6-10-00) 909-796-6379.
Rep: Brian Vura-Weis—same #. No Obs noted.

**LA JOLLA**
10am 7380 Eads Ave, La Jolla CA 92037.
Clk: Joyce Crosswaite (4-31-02) 760-942-8317 Rep: Chuck Orr (No date) 760-632-1255.
No Obs yet.

**LOS ANGELES**
11am 4167 Normandie Ave., Los Angeles CA 90037.
Clk: Doug Barnett (323-296-0733).
Rep: Doug Barnett

**MARIN**
10 am 177 E. Blithedale Ave., Mill Valley CA.
Mail: Box 1301, Mill Valley CA 94942.
Clk: Louise Aldrich (no date) 415-491-0113.
Rep: Marlene Philley (4-30-00) 415-898-1762.
No Obs.

**MARLOMA/LONG BEACH**
10am Huntington Sch., 2935 Spaulding, Long Beach CA.
Mail: Box 2822, Long Beach CA 90801-2822.
Clk: Rea Soares (5-31-00) 310-514-1730.
(Clk.mail: Box 3477, Redondo Beach CA 90277) No Rep or Obs.

**MENDOCINO**
10am Jewish Comm.Ctr. Shul, Caspar Rd, Caspar CA.
Mail: Box 1003, Mendocino, CA 95460.
Clk: Connie Flederjohann (6-30-99) 707-964-5305.
No Rep or Obs.

**MEXICO CITY**
11am Casa de los Amigos, Ignacio Mariscal 132, Colonia Revolution, 06030 Mexico, DF. (011-525-651643).
Clk: Peter U'Ren (011-525-651643) Rep and Obs.

**MONTEREY PENINSULA**
10am Carl Cherry Hall, Guadalupe & 4th, Carmel CA.
Mail: Box 51426, Pacific Grove CA 93950-6426.
Clk: Gene Gilmore (no date) 831-957-9337.
No Rep or Obs.

**NAPA-SONOMA**
10am 575 Jefferson St., Napa CA.
Mail: 57 Chapel Hill Dr., Napa CA 94559.
Clk: David Kearney-Brown (no date) 707-226-2064.
Rep: Marianne Kearney-Brown (no date).
Same #. No Obs. noted.

**ORANGE COUNTY**
10am Whittier Law Sch., 3333 Harbor Blvd., Bldg.3 Rm 2, Costa Mesa CA.
Mail: Box 25684, Costa Mesa CA 92799-5684.
Clk: Shirley Price (5-31-01) Clks mail: 29 Gilman, Irvine CA 92612 (949-786-7691).
Rep: Kenga Morgan (5-31-00) 949-856-1925.
Obs: Jeanie Graves (5-31-00) 949-494-3432.
**ORANGE GROVE** 11am (Adult FDS 10am) 526 E Orange Grove Blvd., Pasadena CA 91104. Clk: Jean Lester (6-30-00) 626-577-1691 & Sharon Doyle (6-30-01) 626-355-2826. Rep: Claire Gorninkel (8-31-00) 626-791-8715. Obs: Elaine Wadle (8-31-01) 818-353-8286.


**SAN DIEGO** 10:30am 4848 Seminole Dr. San Diego CA 92115. Clk: Lowell Tozer (4-30-00) 619-672-3610. Rep: Jean Malcolm (4-30-00) 619-296-9078. No Obs.

**SAN FRANCISCO** 11am 65 Ninth St, San Francisco CA 94103. Clk: Stephen Matchett (4-30-00) 415-621-0558. Rep: Nancy Nothhefer (4-30-00) 415-695-7786. Obs: Kay Anderson (4-30-00) 415-668-3077.

**SAN JOSE** 10am 1041 Morse St, San Jose CA 95126. Clk: Ruth Hultman 6-30-00) 408-241-8203. Reps: Terry Fieldhouse/Carol Fuller (2-00) 408-615-9802. No Obs. noted.


**VISALIA** 10:30am 17208 Ave 296, Visalia CA 93292. Clk: Sharlene Roberts-Caudle (12-31-99) 559-539-6310. No Rep. or Obs. noted.


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**PREPARATIVE MEETING**

**CENTRAL COAST PM** (Under care of Santa Cruz MM) Mail: CCPM Clk: Murry Lauser (6-3-00) 429 Binsearth Rd., Los Osos CA 93402 (805-528-1244). CCPM is divided geographically into 4 Worship Groups (WG) which meet together every other 4th Sunday 10:30am for worship, potluck and Mtg. for Bus. (Correspondents listed for each group.)


Atascadero WG 9:45am Call for location. Corr: Vicki Langfeldt, (4450 Arizon’a) Box 2703, Atascadero CA 93423. (805-466-3095).

Los Osos WG 10am (w/dialog following); in homes. Corr. CCPM Clk (see above info).

(CCPM) South County WG 10am Call for location. Corr: Judy Malcolm (805-773-5839) 151 Esparto Ave., Shell Beach CA 93449.

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**WORSHIP GROUPS**

**AMADOR CO. WG**

(Under care of Delta MM) M/Fw; monthly, 1st wk. 10:30am 10730 Bonnefoy Dr., Jackson CA Mail: Judy and Peter Bunting PO Box 387 Jackson CA 95642 209-223-0843

**ATASCADERO WG** (See Central Coast PM)
BISHOP WG (Under care of Reno MM) Bi-weekly. Call for time and place. Corr: Carla & David Scheidlinger, 393 Mt Tom Rd., Bishop CA 93514. (760-875-8439)

CHULA VISTA WG 3rd wk. 10:30am at home of Barbara Mahal, 1411 Eagle Peak, Chula Vista CA 91910 (619-421-0294)


HEMET WG (Under care of Inland Valley MM) 9:30am 43480 Cedar Ave, Hemet CA 92544. Corr: Ann Rush (Mtg address) 909-927-7678

Hermosillo, Sonora, MEXICO. (011-621-7-0142)


LAS VEGAS WG (Under care of Inland Valley MM) 5pm First Christian Ch., 101 S. Rancho Dr., Rm 4, Las Vegas NV. Mail to Corr: Mary Morton, 1985 Dwarf Star Rd., Las Vegas NV 98115 (702-437-3247).


MAUI WG 10:30am Call for place. Mail to Corr: Jean Norman, 760 Kihei Rd. #616, Kihei, HI 96753 (808-879-9125); or Corr: John Dart (808-878-2190).

MOLOKA'I WG Call for time and place. Corr: Claud Sutcliffe, S.R.Box 338-C. Kaunakakai, HI 96748 (808-553-3844).

NOE VALLEY/BERNAL HTS. WG (Under care of San Francisco MM) 10am St Anthony's Sch Lib, Shotwell & Precita St, San Francisco. Mail to Corr: Alison Pence, 232 27th St., San Francisco CA 94113 (415-282-4796).

OJAI WG (Under care of Santa Barbara MM) 10am 506 Crestview Dr., Ojai CA 93023. Mail: same. Corr: W Norman Cooper (805-640-0444)

SAN LUIS OBISPO WG (See Central Coast PM)


SOUTHERN HUMBOLDT WG 9:30am (Under care of Humboldt MM) Call for location. Corr: Gail Eastwood, Box 86, Redway CA 95560 (707-923-9109)

UKIAH WG Friday 6:30 pm. Call 707-463-0266 for information.


WEST MARIN WG (Under care of San Francisco MM) 11:30am Presbybyter Ch., Pt. Reyes Station. Corr: Sandy Dorward, Box 135, Woodacre CA 94973. (415-488-9795)

WEST VALLEY WG 9:00am. Call for location. Corr: Noel Peattie, 23311 County Rd 88, Winters, CA 95694 (530-662-3364).

WILLITS WG 11am Willits Electronics, 100 Sanhedrin St., Willits. Corr: Dianne Marshall, 485 Raymond Ln., Willits CA 95490 (707-459-1911)

WINDWARD OAHU WG (Under care of Honolulu MM) 9:30am, 1st wk. Call for location. Corr: Polly Pool, 46-082 Puulena St., Kaneohe HI 96744 (808-235-6500)
REGISTRAR'S REPORT
PACIFIC YEARLY MEETING -- 1999

Overall
486 adults and children registered for PYM this year. There were 283 “units,” that is, families, singles, couples, groups of young people. As of Tuesday evening, 430 had actually arrived on campus, and we estimate another 30 or more arrived on Thursday. This compares with 497 who attended PYM last year.

Many PYM attenders come for only one or two days. We think it’s interesting that although more people registered for PYM last year, this year more people registered to attend the entire session (359, compared with 341 full-time in 1998).

Camping
267 of the 486 (55 percent) who registered were planning to camp.

Demographics
Of the 430 who had arrived by Tuesday evening: 312 were 20 or older, 66 were between 11 and 20, 42 between 2 and 10 years old. We had ten children aged one or two.

For 84 attenders this was their first time at PYM.
All but 23 attenders came from California.

John deValcourt. Registrar
PACIFIC YEARLY MEETING
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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.
Items in bold type were approved by the Yearly Meeting at Plenary VI.
Names preceded by a "#" will serve a partial term.

PACIFIC YEARLY MEETING OFFICERS

PRESIDING CLERK (one-year term)
2000 Margaret Mossman, Berkeley
(second consecutive one-year term)

ASSISTANT TO THE CLERK (one-year term)
2000 Janet Leslie, Chico
(second consecutive one-year term)

RECORDING CLERKS (two-year terms)
2000 Jamie Newton, Palo Alto
2001 Jeannie Graves, Orange County

REPRESENTATIVE COMMITTEE
RECORDING CLERK (one-year term)
Approved to lay down the Representative Committee Recording Clerk position.
Recording Clerks shall share the responsibility of recording the Representative Committee meeting in March.

READING CLERK (one-year term)
2000 Jane Peers, La Jolla

STATISTICAL CLERK (three-year term)
2001 # Phyllis Jones, Redding

TREASURER (three-year term)
2001 Shan Crelin, Santa Monica

HISTORIAN/ARCHIVIST (three-year term)
2000 Anthony Manousos, Claremont

ARRANGEMENTS CLERKS (two-year terms)
2000 # Sue Torrey, Central Coast
(Completed one two-year term prior to this appointment.)
2001 Dan Richards, Reno

CO-REGISTRARS (three-year terms)
2000 Claire Gorfinkel, Orange Grove
2002

PACIFIC YEARLY MEETING COMMITTEES

MINISTRY AND OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE
2000 # Joe Franko, Orange Grove
2000 James Anderson, Chico
2000 Rea Soares, Mariona Long Beach
2001 Marty Carson, Claremont
2001 Walter Jones, Redding
2001 Terry Mackenzie, Central Coast/Santa Cruz
2002 Susan Stanley, Berkeley
2002 Marilee Eusebio, Davis, Clerk
(first full three-year term after completing a partial term)
2002 Dottie Vura-Weis, Inland Valley

SPECIAL FUNDS
Walt Jones, Redding

BRINTON VISITOR
Joan Johnson, Conejo Valley/Orange Grove, Clerk
Sally Davis, Sacramento
Mary Lou Coppock, Inermomnats YM
North Pacific YM appoints member only in years where there is a visitation.

FAITH AND PRACTICE LIAISON
Janette Norton, Orange County

WORSHIP-SHARING
Sherrin Loyd, Strawberry Creek, Clerk
Stephanie Kennedy, Strawberry Creek
Rachel Fretz, Santa Monica
M&O Liaison with JYM
Jeanette Norton, Orange County

SUBCOMMITTEES OF MINISTRY AND OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE
(Appointed by Ministry and Oversight Committee)
ADULT RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
Joan Johnson, Conejo Valley/Orange Grove, Clerk
Walter Hjelt Sullivan, Santa Cruz
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CHILDREN'S PROGRAM COMMITTEE
(need a clerk.)
2000 Kim Lacey, San Francisco, Convener
2000 David Lederman, Orange County
2001 Heather Leven, Berkeley
2001 Susan Gore, Redwood Forest
2002 Paul Robins, Redwood Forest
2002 Robyn Wooton, La Jolla
Ex Officio: Present and immediate past children's program coordinators.

EAST-WEST RELATIONS COMMITTEE
2000 Susan Ross, Berkeley
2000 Carl Anderson, Strawberry Creek, Clerk
(Completed two consecutive three-year terms prior to this appointment.)
2000 Bill Baueiedel, Palo Alto
2001 Henry Helson, Berkeley
2001 Beth Olshewsky, Orange Grove
2002 Helen Carrier, Palo Alto/Redwood Forest
(first full three-year term after completing a partial term)
2002 ____________
2002 _______
Ex Officio: PYM representatives and alternate to the Friends House Moscow Board.

FAITH AND PRACTICE REVISION COMMITTEE
Rotating Members (six three-year terms):
2000 Marie Schutz, Redwood Forest
2000 Traci Hjelt Sullivan, Santa Cruz
2000 Jeanette Norton, Orange County
2001 Elaine Wade, Orange Grove
2002 Rick Troth, Apple Seed
(second consecutive three-year term)
Permanent Members (six to serve for the duration of the revision process):
Jane Peers, La Jolla
Aimée Elsbree, Claremont
Stratton Jaquette, Palo Alto
Lincoln Moses, Palo Alto, Clerk
Laura Magnani, Berkeley
Leonard Joy, Strawberry Creek
Ex Officio: Historian/Archivist and PYM Clerk

FINANCE COMMITTEE
2000 Harry Bailey, Grass Valley, Clerk
2000 Stephen McNeil, Strawberry Creek
2001 Kenga Morgan, Orange County
2001 Steve Birdlebough, Sacramento
2002 David-James Bloom, Apple Seed
2002 Sherri Sisson, Orange County
Ex Officio: Treasurer(s), Statistical Clerk.

HOLDING CORPORATION COMMITTEE
(President is named by the Holding Corporation.)
2000 Steve Birdlebough, Sacramento, President
(second consecutive three-year term)
2001 John DeViacourt, Santa Cruz
2001 Phyllis Jones, Redding
2001 Steve Sharpless, Redding
2002 Brian Vura-Weis, Inland Valley
2002 Anne Davenport, Claremont
Ex Officio: PYM Presiding Clerk, Treasurer(s).

JUNIOR YEARLY MEETING COMMITTEE
2000 Alan Edgar, Santa Cruz, Clerk
(second consecutive three-year term)
2000 Jim Summers, La Jolla
(filling partial term after completing a full three-year term)
2001 Mimi Edgar, Santa Cruz
2001 Linnea Hanson, Chico
2001 ____________
2002 Micki Graham, Strawberry Creek
(second consecutive three-year term)
2002 Deborah Armitage, Strawberry Creek
2002 _______

LATIN AMERICA CONCERNS
Committee established at Plenary IV, August 7, 1997.
Composed of five to nine members as determined by the Nominating Committee in consultation with the Latin America Concerns Committee based on need.
2000 Ellen Gonzalez, Mexico City
2000 Mary Thompson, Guatemala
2000 Carmen Broz, Palo Alto
2001 Linda Rowell, Chico
2001 Carin Anderson, San Francisco
2001 Joan Johnson, Orange Grove
2002 Rolene Otero, Orange Grove
2002 Donna Smith, Orange Grove/Redwood Forest
2002 Brian Vura-Weis, Inland Valley, Clerk
NOMINATING COMMITTEE
(Recommended by the Nominating Committee)
2000 Linda Rowell, Chico
2000 Joe Magruder, Berkeley, Clerk
2000 Maggie Hutchinson, Whalef
2001 #Betty Miller, Apple Seed
2001 Carol Mosher, Berkeley
(second consecutive three-year term)
2001 Pat Daggerty, Orange Grove
2002 Kate Carpenter, Orange Grove
2002 Chuck Orr, La Jolla
2002 Joy O'Connell, Redding

PEACE AND SOCIAL ORDER COMMITTEE
Committee established at Plenary IV, July 29, 1998, by combining the former Peace Committee and the Social Order Committee.
2000 Robin Standish, Strawberry Creek
2000 Liz Baker, Berkeley
2000 # Thomas Leo, San Jose
2001 Trudy Freidel, Inland Valley, Clerk
2001 Edith Cole, Claremont
2001 Bobbi Kendig, Marloma Long Beach
2002 Beth Wrightson, Strawberry Creek
2002 Stephen McNeil, Strawberry Creek
2002 Andy Liberman, Santa Monica
Ex Officio: Clerks of College Park Quarterly Meeting and Southern California Quarterly Meeting Peace and Social Order Committees: Correspondents of unaffiliated Meetings; one of the FCNL representatives: Representative from Junior Yearly Meeting; Representative from Young Friends.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FOR CHILDREN COMMITTEE
(Need a clerk.)
2000 Maria Koenig, Chico
2000 John Pixley, Claremont
2001 Margaret Mints, Orange County
2001 Susan Stanley, Berkeley
2002 __________________
2002 __________________

SECRETARIAT COMMITTEE
2000 Peter Milbury, Chico
2001 Raph Levien, Berkeley
2002 Ellie Huffman, Monterey Peninsula, Clerk
Ex Officio: Assistant to the Clerk.

SITES COMMITTEE
2000 Marie Fredell, Berkeley
2000 # Jeannie Graves, Orange County
2001 Eric Moon, Berkeley, Clerk
2001 Pat Wolff, Orange Grove
2002 Tim Morgan, Orange County
2002 John Pixley, Claremont
Ex Officio: Present and immediate past Arrangements Clerks.

UNITY WITH NATURE COMMITTEE
2000 Mary Morton, Las Vegas
2000 Kathy Rayburn, Santa Barbara
2000 Martha Hunkins, Humboldt
2001 Kate Carpenter, Orange Grove
2001 # Sharon Gates, Orange Grove
2001 Andrea English, Strawberry Creek
2002 Eric Sabelman, Palo Alto, Clerk
(first full three-year term after completing a partial term)
2002 Eric Joy, Grass Valley
2002 Lenore Diane, Santa Monica
Ex Officio: Earthlight Editor and Treasurer(s), FCUN Representatives.

WIDER FELLOWSHIP AMONG FRIENDS COMMITTEE
2000 Pam Rider, San Diego
2001 Greet Kershaw, Claremont
2002 Mary Miché, Berkeley, Clerk
(first full three-year term after completing a partial term)
Ex Officio: Representative to EFI, FGC, FUM, RGAM, FCSWYM, Young Friends of North America, and one FWCC Representative.
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PACIFIC YEARLY MEETING REPRESENTATIVES, NOMINATIONS, AND OBSERVERS TO OTHER ORGANIZATIONS
* denotes representatives who are ex officio members of Wider Fellowship Among Friends Committee

AMERICAN FRIENDS SERVICE COMMITTEE (AFSC) Corporation Members (five representatives)
2000 Kimi Nagatani, Orange County
2000 Nancy Salzman, Berkeley
2001 Tom Whiteman, Strawberry Creek
2002 Lincoln Moses, Palo Alto, Convener
2002 Carolyn Stephenson, Honolulu

EVANGELICAL FRIENDS INTERNATIONAL (EFI)* (two-year term)
2000 Anne Friend, Conejo Valley/Mariloma Long Beach

FRIENDS BULLETIN BOARD OF DIRECTORS (three representatives)
2000 Jeannie Graves, Orange County
2001 Anne Friend, Conejo Valley/Mariloma Long Beach
2002 Lanny Jay, Redwood Forest

FRIENDS HOUSE MOSCOW BOARD (Approved to have two representatives and one alternate at Plenary IV, August 1995. Approved to change the term to three years at Plenary VI, August 1999.)
2000
2001 Kay Anderson, San Francisco
(Initially appointed in August 1995.)
2001 Julie Harlow, Davis
(Initially appointed in August 1995.)

FRIENDS CHURCH, SOUTHWEST YEARLY MEETING (FCSWYM)*
2001 Anthony Manousos, Whitleaf

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

FRIENDS COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL LEGISLATION (FCNL) (five representatives)
2000 Marion Givens, Orange Grove
2000 Stephen McNeil, Strawberry Creek, Convener
2001 Henriette Groot, Central Coast
2002 Steve Sharpless, Redding
(second consecutive three-year term)
2002 Ernest Bicknell, Berkeley

FRIENDS PEACE TEAMS PROJECT BOARD (one-year term)
2000 Rachel Fretz, Santa Monica

FRIENDS COMMITTEE ON UNITY WITH NATURE (FCUN) (two-year terms)
2000 Michael Dunn, Inland Valley
2001 Pat Wolff, Orange Grove

FRIENDS GENERAL CONFERENCE (FGC)* (two-year term)
2000 Eric Moon, Berkeley

FRIENDS UNITED MEETING (FUM)*
2002 Bruce Folsom, San Francisco

FRIENDS WORLD COMMITTEE FOR CONSULTATION (FWCC) - Section of the Americas
2000 # Sandy Farley, Palo Alto
2001 Jeanette Norton, Orange County. Convener
2001 Steven Smith, Claremont
2002 Donna Smith, Orange Grove/Redwood Forest
2002 Gloria Kershner, Grass Valley
Note 1: These representatives select one of the delegation to be an ex officio member of the Wider Fellowship Among Friends Committee.
Note 2: In consultation with these representatives, the Nominating Committee recommends three to attend the FWCC Triennial session. The next session is planned for July 2000 in New England.

PACIFIC FRIENDS OUTREACH SOCIETY BOARD OF DIRECTORS
2000 Mark Koenig, Chico
2000 Joy O'Connell, Redding
2000 Shan Cretin, Santa Monica
2001 # Sharlene Roberts Caudle, Visalia
(Replacing Walt Jones, Redding)
2001 # Winnie Suashin, La Jolla
(Replacing Jean Malcolm, San Diego)
2001 Micki Graham, Strawberry Creek
2002 Ellie Huffman, Monterey Peninsula
2002 Larry Strain, Strawberry Creek
2002 Steve Sharpless, Redding
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REUNION GENERAL DE LOS AMIGOS EN MEXICO (RGAM) * (one-year term)
2000 Rolene Otero, Orange Grove

WILLIAM PENN HOUSE (one-year term)
2000 Marion Givens, Orange Grove
(second consecutive one-year term)

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PACIFIC YEARLY MEETING – JUNIOR YEARLY MEETING
Named and Approved by Junior Yearly Meeting

OFFICERS
Arthur Carpenter, Orange Grove, Co-clerk
Seth Newlin, Berkeley, Co-clerk
Heather Russell, Strawberry Creek, Co-clerk
Matt Sableman, Palo Alto, Recording Clerk

MINISTRY AND OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE
Tesla DuBois, Apple Seed, Clerk

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PACIFIC YEARLY MEETING – YOUNG FRIENDS
Named and Approved by Young Friends

OFFICERS
Sara Corbett, Santa Monica, Co-clerk
Mishka Quine, Humboldt Co-Clerk

MINISTRY AND OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE
Darcy Stanley, Berkeley, Clerk
Brooke Stanley, Berkeley
Sue Farley, Palo Alto
Josh Vura-Weis, Inland Valley
Dara Grey, Palo Alto
Anna Morgan, Orange County
Zac Moon, Berkeley
Joel de Valcourt, Santa Cruz

REPRESENTATIVES TO PACIFIC YEARLY MEETING COMMITTEES

Junior Yearly Meeting Committee
Dan Tappan, Orange Grove (three-year term)
Eric Amen, Berkeley (two year term)
Bridge O'Connell, Reading

Peace and Social Order Committee
Sarah House, Orange Grove

Latin American Concerns Committee
Colleen Milbury, Chico

Religious Education for Children Committee
Sue Farley, Palo Alto
PYM Committee on Unity with Nature

Following are the quotations cited in the Committee’s presentation at the close of Plenary VI:

A. Minute on the Care of God’s Creation

The following minute was approved by Friends United Meeting in Triennial Session on July 15, 1999. It was shared with Philadelphia Yearly Meeting on Wednesday this week, and is now being shared with Pacific Yearly Meeting:

George Fox “... lived in the virtue of that life and power that took away the occasion of all wars and [he] knew from whence all wars did rise, for the lust, according to James’s doctrine.” (Journal, 1651)

It is the same lust (cravings, desires, self-centeredness) that causes violence in war, and which causes us to do violence to God’s creation. The “life and power that takes away the occasion for all wars” also takes away the occasion for violence against creation.

The concern for the care of God’s creation has long been implicit in our Christian testimony. We recognize that our historic peace testimony. We recognize that our historic peace testimony to living in harmony with the world is a covenant, the renewal of which was foreseen by the prophets as in Isaiah’s vision of the peaceable kingdom (11:1-9), by Paul (e.g.: Romans 8:12-17), and in the great commission when the risen Christ told the eleven “Go into all the world and proclaim the good news to the whole creation” (Mark 16:15 New Revised Standard Version; the American Version has “all creatures”). Implicit in our testimony on simplicity is the understanding that we will not take more than we need, particularly (and here we move into the testimony on justice) if it means depriving others, including future generations, of their basic needs.

We call upon Friends to examine their own lives to see if their own patterns of consumption reflect self-centeredness and greed, rather than a concern for living harmoniously in the creation, that we might witness to the world that harmony. We call upon the nations of the world, and in particular our own governments, to enact laws and reach agreements which will protect the creation from the effects of human exploitation, greed and carelessness.

B. Queries

Ten years ago Netherlands Yearly Meeting approved a minute on sustainability, which it forwarded to FWCC. Four queries in this minute were reprinted last year by New England Friends in Unity with Nature (NEFUN) Committee in a letter to its Monthly Meetings (PYM-CUN sent a similar letter to our Monthly Meetings in 1997). The queries are:

1. We live in a society where political and economic choices are more often dictated by greed than by need, and powerfully shaped by corporate power. What choices do we make as individual Friends?

2. If the dominant life-style, the dominant economic model is causing... detrimental effects, even the extinction of God’s creatures, should not Friends question it?

3. Throughout Friends’ history we are reminded not only of the “Words of God” but also of the “Works of God”. Who are we to put these works of God at risk?

4. We are called to sound stewardship in order to care for the integrity of Creation. How do we let our lives speak in answer to the love of God?

Also in NEFUN’s letter were these words of John Woolman, written in 1772: "...to impoverish the earth now to support outward greatness appears to be an injury to the succeeding age." (as quoted in the Britain Yearly Meeting Faith and Practice 25.01, from “Conversations on the True Harmony of Mankind”)
Epistle from Preschool

We pretended we were acorns.
We fell off the tree and fell down.
We waved to our Moms and Dads.
We became trees because of earth, water, air, and fire.
We had fun.

Lee Sisson
Maya Kratzer
Mary Kearny-Brown

Rose Gates-MacKenzie
Sam Sisson
Tanith Weavers

8-7-99

EPISTLE from CHILDREN'S PROGRAM -- 1999
(upper elementary group, ages 8-10)

We liked PYM. We liked meeting new and old friends.

We went on walks in the woods and wrote poems outside. We played lots of new and different games, like the rattlesnake game, rochambeau, twizzle. In the afternoons we swam, played games, heard stories, and one day we visited the white deer.

We did a meditation on creation with candles and storytelling. In our Council of All Beings, we learned to feel differently about some animals and plants and to like them better. We learned about the Three Gates of Speaking, which are: (1) is it true? (2) is it necessary? (3) is it kind? We had fun at community night performing a skit we made up about the Three Gates of Speaking.

We liked making medicine shields. We also had fun making little bead people.

We had some problems with teasing. A JYMer helped us do a mediation. The listening, talking, and doing (changing behavior) parts of the mediation all helped us.

WE HAD FUN.
To Friends Everywhere:

Hot and cold, light and dark, happy and sad, energetic and tired. These are all extremes that we experienced as we met again at Mt. Madonna for our Junior Yearly Meeting. When we first arrived, the weather was tremendously beautiful, and no one could resist swimming in the lake. We all needed sunscreen and swimming suits. Almost exactly halfway through the week, the fog rolled in over the Santa Cruz Mountains and stayed until our last few hours together. The hot tub suddenly seemed more satisfying than the cold lake, and our outdoor camping under the stars was moved into the gym under bright fluorescent lights.

During our week together we dealt with many miscommunications: misunderstandings in our own group as well as scheduling conflicts with the greater Pacific Yearly Meeting. This year, like last year, JYM found itself dealing with issues of camping and meeting sites. We were glad to have the support of PYM while managing all of our difficulties. Despite these setbacks, we were able to pull off many activities like a trip to the boardwalk, a picnic, a dance, and several interest groups, including a moving presentation about homelessness. We also spontaneously created successful men’s and women’s discussion groups.

One night, the eight senior members of JYM were invited to go out to eat with the Young Friends, but the trip was canceled due to foul weather. Instead, these eight JYMers found themselves in the midst of a Young Friends threshing session. One of the main concerns discussed was how Young Friends could help JYM through some leadership problems we fear might occur in the future. Young Friends were also concerned about the future of their program and how they might be able to help themselves. We hope that in the next few years JYM will continue to flourish and participate in the entire PYM community.

In Love and Peace,

Jean Boling
Anna Morgan
Aimee Sunshine-Hill

1999 JYM Co-Clerks
To Friends Everywhere:

We came together for the second year at Mount Madonna Center in the beautiful fog-lessed hills of Watsonville, California near Santa Cruz. We found our community to be abundant in number. There was a desire to be recognized as a unified body. The love and companionship we rediscovered as we came together was intensified by the size of our group. This was found when returning to our spiritual home as a community. Our activities included a trip to the Boardwalk in Santa Cruz. While there, we rode a roller coaster, filling nearly two trains with our awesome Quaker presence. We enjoyed such fellowship activities as volleyball and basketball in the gym. These times were just as important to us as our talks under the stars and our worship sharing groups discussing our Quakerism and spirituality.

Issues arose regarding our role in, and detachment from, Junior Yearly Meeting and the greater body of Pacific Yearly Meeting. We had planned an unofficial celebration of the transition for members of the older JYM community to enter into Young Friends. We came to realize that there were deeper issues to face beyond the minor details of our event. We were confronted with the realization that unintentional barriers had been set into place between ourselves and JYM. Our hope is to gain a greater sense of community, camaraderie and integration. We are attempting to dissolve these transitional barriers from JYM to Young Friends. Our wish is to make this action one of individual conscience and not one of physical age. Our attempt was to provide a further sense of community in future sessions. We are taking steps to play a more active role in the JYM community by participating in the JYM committee, and supporting further interaction. We hope these actions will help to pave the road ahead.

A strong concern presented itself regarding our lack of education on Quaker process, testimony, and history. Many of us felt hurt and angry that we had lost our place in the wider community. Though we ourselves failed to participate in many PYM events, we also felt ignored and neglected by the rest of the gathering. This concern is accompanied by a desire to become a more active body and unified voice within the greater PYM. We feel very strongly that our participation in the greater community is vital and should be welcomed and encouraged. We have accepted invitations to participate in committees such as Peace & Social Order, Latin American concerns, and the Pacific Friends Outreach Society, a corporation which seeks a permanent site for Pacific Yearly Meeting. We created our own Ministry and Oversight committee in order to nurture our community and support our clerks. This committee will enable a stronger and more cooperative relationship with the M and O committee of the greater PYM. We hope that these actions will create a stronger and more unified community for us all.

On Behalf of Young Friends-Pacific Yearly Meeting

Josh Vura-Weis, Co-Clerk; Sue Farley, Co-Clerk
To Friends everywhere.

We met for our 53rd annual session from August 2 through 7, 1999 at Mount Madonna Center, a yoga based intentional community in California’s coastal range overlooking Monterey Bay. We feel a kindred spirit with the natural environment and with the spiritual community which built and cares for this place.

We are aware of joining with Quakers around the planet in a re-assessment of ourselves as a new millennium approaches. We were asked what of Quakerism do we need to sustain and nurture, what shall we leave behind, what shall we create or recover? And we were enjoined that if we find any wisdom here, that we not wait to implement it. Early Friends knew well that transformation can happen in any moment.

If it is to be powerful, our Quaker way will be derived from a present truth in our lives. How do we maintain an awareness of that truth so that we shed what is not spiritually vital?

Hearing the concern of African Friends, we approved a minute to oppose the sale of American guns in Africa. Peace and Social Order also brought us an inspiring vision of Peace Teams. For the “next Kosovo,” the world needs a third choice other than ignoring atrocities or responding militarily. There were other important issues, but no time to consider them in our Plenary sessions. When we fill our agenda so full, we lack the time we need to labor together as Friends on weighty issues which evoke conflicting viewpoints.

It is hard to find a nook or cranny of our space here that doesn’t have a group of Friends meeting to discuss some topic of mutual concern. And yet, we are reminded of the Advices and Queries on simplicity in our Faith and Practice. Do we keep our lives uncluttered with things and activities so as to avoid commitments beyond our strength and light?

In our highly compressed week, our daily meetings for worship and worship sharing are all the more precious. We have felt more time to be with our friends in loving fellowship this year, but perhaps have had less time for quiet reflection. Finding ways that we are together across the age spectrum has been exciting. Yet we still have not given young people their rightful place in our community. With all these joys and struggles, it feels very much like family here.

We have felt well held at this meeting by the many Friends who worked and prayed to prepare the way. We continue to be blessed with skillful leadership.

Dear Friends, there is wisdom here among us now. Let us look together for the young Friend in each of us, the “be-Goddedness,” the giddiness, the transforming power of the Spirit in this very moment.

On behalf of Pacific Yearly Meeting

Margaret Mossman. Presiding Clerk
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