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PLENARY I

The 54th session of Pacific Yearly meeting opened at 7:25 p.m. with shared silent worship at Mount Madonna Center. We heard the epistle from Britain Yearly Meeting.

Roll Call
People stood for the following meetings: Appleseed, Berkeley, Chico, Claremont, Davis, Fresno, Grass Valley, Guatemala, Honolulu, Humboldt, Southern Humboldt WG, Inland Valley, La Jolla, Marin, Marloha-Long Beach, Mexico City, Monterey Peninsula, Napa-Sonoma, Orange County, Orange Grove, Conejo Valley WG, Pacific Ackworth, Palo Alto, Redding, Redwood Forest, Reno, Sacramento, San Diego, San Francisco, San Jose, Santa Barbara, Ojai WG, Santa Cruz, Central Coast Preparatory Meeting, South County WG, Santa Monica, Strawberry Creek, Visalia, Whitleaf, Ukiah WG.

Introduction of Visitors
We welcome Amy Cooke, new Head of School from John Woolman School; Anne Engelhardt from German YM, Christopher Wabula-Kakala from Uganda YM, Rosa Marta Soto representing Mexican Reunion General, and Linley Gregory from Aoteraroa/New Zealand YM. Mark Tope from Earlham School of Religion and Western Yearly Meeting, Mary Burton Riseley from IMYM, Ross Flanagan from IMYM, Katharine Smith now of Santa Barbara Meeting bringing greetings from Charleston, SC Meeting, and Jay Owen Smith from Ohio Valley YM.

Welcome to Mt Madonna
Brajesh from Mt Madonna welcomed us and told us about this Yoga based community. He pointed out that Friends share with this community a value on silence and service.

PYM 2000-1  Friends approved the nomination of the Epistle Committee as follows: Lowell Tozer, Convener; Jamie Newton, and Jane Peers.

State of the Society by Ministry and Oversight Committee
We celebrated our ‘charge’ in song. “Sing, break into song for within you is the light” -- “This is holy ground…” “Seek ye first the kingdom of God,” “with all of our voices and with all of our visions, Friends we could make such sweet harmony.” These are some of the phrases that characterize the state of our society.

Minutes were approved. Meeting closed with shared silence at 9:00 p.m.

Faithfully submitted,

Jeannie Graves, Recording Clerk  Margaret Mossman, Presiding Clerk

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PLENARY II

The Presiding Clerk, Margaret Mossman, opened the meeting at 9:30 a.m. with worship. We heard Friends reflect on the diversity of qualities, needs, and gifts within the large human family of which we are part. We were told that Friends who have a hard time being heard may be best able to listen.

Jane Peers, Reading Clerk, read from the epistle of Northern Yearly Meeting. She read a portion of a poem written by the "central" Friends — those of middle school age — of North Pacific Yearly Meeting.

The Clerk invited visitors to introduce themselves. We welcomed Mike Ingerman, Development Director of Friends House (Friends Association for Services to the Elderly), and Anthony Manousos, Editor of Friends Bulletin.

Lincoln Moses, Clerk of the Faith and Practice Revision Committee, reported on the work of approximately 30 people who have contributed to this revision. The Committee now has 11 members. The preliminary draft was offered to Friends for revision and comments in March, 2000, at the meeting of our Representative Committee. The Committee continues to welcome responses, which will be taken into account as revision goes on. Quaker quotations are needed, with full citations to their sources. In the present meeting for worship, Friends were asked to give worshipful consideration to our statement of Faith and Practice.

A Friend who had read through the draft in a single session found it satisfying and an accurate reflection of the current thinking and practice of this Yearly Meeting. A universalist himself, he felt some concern for what he perceived as a lack of christocentric language.

A Committee member informed us that comments about language were profuse among recommendations received by the Committee, some of them quite vehement. Many of us are "allergic" to explicitly religious phrasing. It is difficult to write a statement of the faith and practice of a nondogmatic religious society, yet there is great danger in the temptation to avoid articulating our beliefs and our ways as best we can. If we use language with care, we may find our way to a deeper place of understanding that is beyond words.

Another Committee member gave thanks for her awareness of the spirit's guidance in the meetings and the work of the Committee, even as Committee members struggled to find their way, learning to release their own initiative and listen for guidance. We seek to express our truth in this document, aware that our truth must transcend inevitable blemishes of expression. We were asked to settle into worship, not knowing what the spirit would bring us, but knowing it would be what we needed to hear.

Study groups in Santa Cruz Meeting, we were told, united in the conviction that we should include an unequivocal statement on unity with nature in our Faith and Practice.
We were reminded that we sometimes learn from shocks. A former revision of *Faith and Practice* was greeted, in part, with anger. Pegge Lacey, a former Presiding Clerk of this Yearly Meeting and Clerk of the Discipline Committee which prepared that revision, died in a traffic accident on the evening of the day when she and her Committee had presented their completed work to a plenary session. Chastened by loss, Friends labored together more tenderly in the following year.

We heard gratitude for this draft’s focus on spirituality over procedure, and for its inclusive quality. It does not suffer from the dilution of clarity that might result from efforts to avoid offending Friends with firm views on sensitive issues. A Friend found this revision especially helpful in explaining membership to new inquirers.

The work of revision is not about a product; it is about process. We seek not to exclude anyone, but to include all who are part of this fellowship.

We heard a concern that our queries and advices on family may be too ambitious in scope, departing from the comparative simplicity of our statements on other topics. Let us bear in mind that historically Friends have had influence on society beyond what might be expected of a small minority. Our language should be accessible to the larger society.

Why do we say so little about unity with nature? Have we ceded our responsibility for the environment to a small committee of especially concerned Friends, so that most of us may neglect it? Our attention was drawn to a concise statement on environmental stewardship that was recently prepared by Eric Sabelman, Clerk of our Unity with Nature Committee.

We were asked to be aware that we speak and write not only for ourselves and for our monthly meetings, but for all of the varied organizations we have created.

We will not come to unity on a final statement of *Faith and Practice*, because our leadings are given to us anew as we worship day by day. Can we approve this draft as our current statement, knowing that it will be superseded? Some issues, including unity with nature, may be more appropriately treated in other media.

To a former member of the Faith and Practice Revision Committee, a central question was this: “Are we a Christian community, or are we not?” His monthly meeting, and others, have valued members who do not consider themselves Christians as well as others who are committed Christians. Can we call this a book of *Christian Faith and Practice*?

We heard a Friend report that her monthly meeting gave detailed, careful attention to this draft, with a very positive response.

The draft was described as a delightful, delicious puzzle, with many pieces in place. This is a puzzle without edges, for which we must design pieces even as we fit together the pieces that have been given to us in the past. Our awareness of our inherent unity with nature, and of the imperative to live simply, walking lightly on this earth of which we are not owners but stewards, should be prominent in our statement of *Faith and Practice*.
Even for those of us who are universalists, who draw on varied religious traditions for inspiration, preservation of the language and the concepts of our Christian heritage is needed as a foundation.

We give thanks for the stories that have become part of Quaker culture. They help us to recall our history, and to preserve the wisdom of past generations. We were reminded of the story of the Indian chief who listened to the ministry of his visitor, Friend John Woolman, understood none of his words, then said that he loved the place from which the words came.

From a Friend whose small meeting lost three elderly Friends in recent months, we heard of the diverse ways in which these beloved people were memorialized. There is no right and no wrong way to celebrate the lives of our dead. This *Faith and Practice* provides the spiritual framework for our search for ways to greet death and celebrate life in a manner suitable to the lives and the deaths that are given to us.

A Friend who grew up as a Christian and recently returned to Christian discipleship after years of separation described her discovery that fidelity to the teachings of Jesus is more alive and consistent among Friends than in other groups she had explored, despite our allergies to Christian language. Words are metaphor; spirit is real.

We heard thanks to the Faith and Practice Revision Committee for its decision to approach this session as a meeting for worship. A former member of the Committee was surprised and grateful that expressions of the core of our faith do appear in the pages of this draft, having found it so difficult to frame such expressions. Our Yearly Meeting needs to labor with its most challenging problems in this way. As we do, insights emerge.

Our pronouns matter. When queries ask, "What do you do?", we hear the questions in the voices of those we revere and have learned from in the past. They claim our attention.

A person new to Friends told us that she found *Faith and Practice* helpful and not restrictive, having observed that her own Meeting diverges from written guidelines where different practices seem fitting.

When Friends stand while another is speaking, is the spirit attempting to interrupt itself? We were reminded that it is in stillness that we hear the messages we are meant to give.

The Committee was commended for having found language that is clear, direct, and plain. To a former social worker, the sections on family life and death seem especially important, as she herself approaches the end of life with waning strength, growing dependency, and greater need for help. How should we care for the many people in our society and throughout the world who come to the end of life with meager resources? Elderly people face great decisions and daunting challenges, while strength ebbs and self-reliance becomes more difficult to sustain. How will we help?
To many of us, a change of consciousness has occurred about our relationship to the natural world. We are not superior, spiritual beings given dominion over nature, but a species to whom stewardship has been entrusted and from whom much destruction has come. Our Faith and Practice should reveal us as a part of the web of life.

Too little emphasis is given in the history section of this revision of Faith and Practice to the positive qualities of “incandescent spirituality” that are revealed through courageous Quaker social action. The section is good as far as it goes, but it does not represent our witness fully.

We were asked to consider whether the draft represents Pacific Yearly Meeting as it is now. The Committee has heard much about language and much about unity with nature. If my personal faith is not well represented in this statement, can I learn and grow from the faith of others in this, my spiritual community, so that I find myself more present in these pages? Can I convey my ministry better, so that I am more fully heard and understood? Let us not lobby, seeking to influence the Faith and Practice Revision Committee and so to shape the final draft in our individual images. Let us, rather, support these Friends as they complete their task.

We heard announcements from Janet Leslie, Assistant to the Presiding Clerk.

Faithfully submitted,

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

The third plenary session of PYM 2000 opened at 9:30 a.m. with silent worship, Margaret Mossman, presiding.

Epistles from other Yearly Meetings (YM’s) – Jane Peers, Reading Clerk
We heard epistles from Southeastern YM, Burundi YM, and Australia YM. In these epistles, we are reminded to question whether our ministry has extended far enough outside the Society of Friends.

Arrangements
Sue Torrey and Dan Richards introduced themselves so Friends would know to whom to come about arrangements, and they made announcements relating to arrangements.

Introduction of visitors
We welcomed Bob Alpern from Friends Committee on National Legislation.

Peace & Social Order – Trudy Freidel, Peace & Social Order clerk
Trudy shared a minute from Claremont Monthly Meeting calling for a moratorium on and abolition of the death penalty, as well as action on certain legislation relating to the death penalty. A review of previous issues of Faith and Practice shows a gradual strengthening of our stand on peace as reflected in the Advices and Queries. She has brought postcards to be used to write to our legislators, remembering that they, too, have that of God within them. She read queries on peace and social order which are incorporated as part of these minutes.

Rachel Fretz, the PYM representative to Friends Peace Teams Project, addressed us. The Elise Boulding Fund is available to Friends wishing to participate in the Peace Teams Project. We hope to encourage our young people to participate in activities which promote peace. She told us about the African Great Lakes initiative. War, famine, and AIDS are still major issues in this region. A Friends Peace Team has visited there at the request of Friends in Africa and has found active peace efforts going on. A Trauma Healing and Reconciliation Center is planned for Burundi. Rachel is going to Africa this summer to help set up this center. On her return to California, she will be available to visit our monthly meetings. She hopes there will be a contact person in each meeting for ongoing information and action. On the good side, a sense of family and community and an expectation of sharing resources is a part of the African Great Lakes cultures. African Friends invite us to share our resources with them. The act of asking is their spiritual gift to us.

Trudy thanked Young Friends for sending an articulate representative and for their interest in peace and social order.

East-West Relations Committee (EWRC) Role – Carl Anderson, EWRC clerk
The committee was established in 1983 by PYM. At that time the committee was to explore the possibility of having a presence in Russia. We now have that presence,
including Friends House Moscow. The committee brought a proposed minute that would revise their role in light of this changed situation.

**PYM 2000-2** Friends approved charging the EWRC with these responsibilities:

1. To nurture the work of Friends House Moscow (FHM).
   A. To be a contact point for PYM’s representatives to FHM’s board. As way opens, to advise and assist the representatives.

   B. To assist PYM committees and monthly meetings as related to FHM.

   C. To assist individuals who are interested in FHM or who might become interested.

   D. To assist with outreach, publication of the newsletter, fundraising, database management, and other specific tasks.

   E. To provide a treasurer, who will handle a bank account related to sales for support for PYM representatives to FHM’s governing board meetings and, when possible, FHM program.

2. To assist Quaker activities in Russia and other areas formerly part of the Eastern bloc, as Friends come forward and way opens.

**PYM 2000-3** Friends approved asking Nominating Committee and EWRC to look at the remaining parts of the proposed minute we have not approved and bring back any suggestions at a later plenary session this week.

**Earthlight incorporation – Eric Sabelman, Unity with Nature clerk**

Earthlight Magazine has been the predominant activity of the Unity with Nature Committee. There are certain problems that would be solved by incorporating the magazine. There are certain risks to doing this as well. Under the proposed by-laws, at least three of the nine board members would be members of the Religious Society of Friends. Incorporating the magazine would free the committee to spend more effort in other areas. The committee requests that PYM approve the incorporation of Earthlight Magazine as a tax exempt religious purposes corporation. We heard concerns, and we deferred action to a later plenary.

Announcements were made by Janet Leslie, Assistant to the Clerk. The minutes were approved. The meeting closed with shared silent worship at 12:20 p.m.

Faithfully submitted

Jeannie Graves, 
Recording Clerk

Margaret Mossman, 
Presiding Clerk
PLENARY IV

The Presiding Clerk, Margaret Mossman, opened the meeting at 9:30 a.m. with worship. We were given ministry, spoken and in song, that called us to release ourselves from the demands of individual willfulness and open ourselves to the spirit that flows within and around us as a river without end. We were reminded of the old query: “Was thee faithful? Did thee yield?” We meet in worship, seeking not to negotiate acceptable consensus on the issues before us, but to find our way to right action in unity with the spirit by which we are guided. God’s peace and mercy are given to us abundantly. “This is the day that God has made. Let us rejoice in it.”

Our Reading Clerk, Jane Peers, read from the epistle of Philadelphia Yearly Meeting, and from the epistle of Junior Yearly Meeting of North Carolina Yearly Meeting.

Naming Committee

Rob Roy Woodman, Clerk of the ad hoc naming committee, thanked Friends who have served on the Nominating Committee and proposed these names as new members of the Nominating Committee:

- Martin Otero, Orange Grove (2002)
- Sherrin Loyal, Strawberry Creek (2003)

Carol Mosher was recommended to serve as Clerk of the Nominating Committee. These names will come before us for approval at a later plenary session.

Nominating Committee

Joe Magruder, Clerk of the Nominating Committee, presented the Nominating Committee’s written report for a first reading, informing us of changes and additions. Pending a conclusion to the review now in progress of the name, charge, and structure of the East-West Relations Committee, six positions were recommended. The Nominating Committee proposed that three members of the Latin America Concerns Committee be ex officio, appointed by Guatemala and Mexico City Monthly Meetings, and by the El Salvador Project, thus increasing the Committee’s membership from nine to twelve.

PYM 2000-4 Pacific Yearly Meeting approved the Nominating Committee’s recommendation that the term of our representative to Friends Peace Teams be increased from one year to three years.

The Pacific Friends Outreach Society’s Board desires to increase its membership from nine to thirteen, and the Nominating Committee’s recommendations reflect this change. The recommendation that Alan Edgar be appointed to a third consecutive three-year term on the Junior Yearly Meeting Committee was explained on the basis of that Committee’s responsibilities and procedures.
These names will come before us again for approval at a later plenary session. A Friend inquired about the status of the Children’s Religious Education Committee, and we were told that it and other subcommittees of the Ministry and Oversight Committee are treated separately.

**PYM 2000-5** Pacific Yearly Meeting approved the Nominating Committee’s recommendation that the membership of the Pacific Friends Outreach Society Board be increased from nine to thirteen.

**Status of the East-West Relations Committee**

The Nominating Committee and the East-West Relations Committee have jointly recommended that the East-West Relations Committee have six members, plus three ex officio members, as proposed in the Nominating Committee’s report. The two committees did not reach unity on a recommendation for a change in the name of the East-West Relations Committee.

**PYM 2000-6** Pacific Yearly Meeting approved the recommendation from the Nominating Committee and the East-West Relations Committee that the East-West Relations Committee have six members appointed by Pacific Yearly Meeting, plus three ex officio members who are Pacific Yearly Meeting’s representatives and alternate to the Friends House Moscow Board.

**Status of the Latin America Concerns Committee**

We heard concern that committees larger than nine may be difficult to coordinate. The Clerk of the Latin America Concerns Committee explained why the Committee felt a need for this change, as a Committee that meets only during Pacific Yearly Meeting’s annual gathering and conducts its business during the year by correspondence.

**PYM 2000-7** Pacific Yearly Meeting approved the Nominating Committee’s recommendation that the Latin America Concerns Committee’s membership be increased from nine to twelve, with nine members appointed by Pacific Yearly Meeting and three ex officio members appointed one each by Guatemala and Mexico City monthly meetings and by the El Salvador Project.

An inquiry about Pacific Yearly Meeting’s process for appointment of a representative to Friends Committee on Legislation by the Peace and Social Order Committee revealed that the Clerk of the Peace and Social Order Committee had been unaware of this responsibility. Interested Friends were invited to make themselves known to the Committee. The Clerk of the Peace and Social Order Committee also pointed out that several vacancies remain on the Committee.

**Sites Committee**

Eric Moon, Clerk of the Sites Committee, presented the Committee’s recommendation that we meet July 30 — August 4, 2001, at Mount Madonna Center and that the Committee’s recommendation for a 2002 site be presented to the March, 2001 meeting of the Representative Committee. He emphasized that the Committee was able to consider only alternatives that were
realistically available. We heard, as we have before, that this site imposes special difficulties on Friends who are elderly or are, for other reasons, physically challenged. This site may well restrict participation in the Yearly Meeting’s gatherings. We were told that there are few sites in this state that can meet most of Pacific Yearly Meeting’s needs, no site that meets all of our needs, and no site that can make all of us feel fully accommodated. We do our best, and we miss Friends who are absent because the inadequacies of a site deter them. We were urged to work more vigorously with the management of Mount Madonna Center to better meet special needs within our community, such as diet and mobility.

**PYM 2000-8** Pacific Yearly Meeting approved the Sites Committee’s recommendation that Pacific Yearly Meeting be held July 30 — August 4, 2001, at Mount Madonna Center, mindful that specific needs among us continue to be inadequately met at this site.

The Sites Committee was asked to schedule an open meeting for Friends who wish to know more about the alternatives that were considered and how the decision was made.

**Treasurer’s Report**

Our Treasurer, Shan Cretin, presented the Treasurer’s Report and the Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2001 (October 1, 2000 — September 30, 2001). She noted that rather than drawing approximately $4,000 from reserves in the past fiscal year, we added over $7,000 to our reserves. Our reserves are more than adequate. The Treasurer advised us that we do not break even when we hold sessions at Mount Madonna Center; we spend more than we take in, and this is not sustainable without a subsidy from a source such as our reserves.

**PYM 2000-9** Pacific Yearly Meeting accepted the Treasurer’s report, with appreciation.

**Finance Committee**

Harry Bailey, Clerk of the Finance Committee, led us through the Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2001.

**PYM 2000-10** Pacific Yearly Meeting approved an augmentation of $300 to the Peace and Social Order Committee’s budget for the current fiscal year, raising it from $800 to $1100.

The proposed budget anticipates a transfer of about $10,000 from reserves, so that the size of our reserve will begin to decrease. No funds were budgeted for Faith and Practice publication because funds already allocated will be sufficient.

Significant increases are proposed in our support of Friends organizations, most of which contributions have remained static for years while the expenses of the organizations have increased. Similarly, travel support for Pacific Yearly Meeting delegates is increased from levels that have been progressively less adequate. The proposed budget, as published, omitted line 5276
(which is for travel to Friends Committee on Legislation). The proposed assessment per member for all meetings except Mexico City is $25, down from $28, and for Mexico City Friends $10, down from $12. The proposed budget includes $500 each to Pacific Friends Outreach Society and Earthlight, two organizations that have grown out of Pacific Yearly Meeting.

We heard a suggestion that travel reimbursements be increased even further, because they are still below typical actual travel costs. We were asked if reducing our reserves and our assessments is the right response to a large reserve. Should these funds be used, instead, for current and future commitments to infrastructure?

The Presiding Clerk deferred further consideration of the budget to a future plenary session. The Finance Committee encouraged interested Friends to attend an open meeting of the Finance Committee this afternoon.

We heard announcements from Janet Leslie, Assistant to the Clerk.

Faithfully submitted,

Jamie Newton, Recording Clerk                         Margaret Mossman, Presiding Clerk
PLENARY V
Meeting for Memorials

On the third day of the eighth month, 2000, Pacific Yearly Meeting’s Plenary Session V convened as a meeting for worship for memorials. Friends of all ages gathered to hear brief inspirational readings along with the names of members of our community of faith who have died during the past year. Ministry was offered from within the stillness of worship as these Friends were remembered and celebrated.

"The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.
He makes me lie down in green pastures;
he leads me beside still waters;
he restores my soul.
He leads me in right paths for his name’s sake.

Even though I walk through the darkest valley,
I fear no evil;
for you are with me;
your rod and your staff-- they comfort me.

You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil,
my cup overflows.
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of The Lord my whole life long."

Psalm 23, The Divine Shepherd, A Psalm of David

Dick Brown - Berkeley
Banson Sing - Berkeley
Stephen Dunn – Berkeley
Goodwin Peterson – Chico
Robert Thornton Young - Orange Grove

“But such a tide in moving seems asleep
Too full for sound or foam
As that which drew from out the briny deep
Turns again home.
Twilight, and evening bell
And after that the dark
And may there be no sadness of farewell
When I embark.”
Alfred Lord Tennyson

Charles W. Cooper - Santa Barbara
Laurie Glass - Strawberry Creek
Ben Levine - Santa Monica
Katherine Faulconer - San Diego
Charles Hornig - San Jose

“In this freeing for the forward journey, there must, one would think, be a great sense of joy and satisfaction – even as there must be in the freeing of a may fly from its water-bred pupa into the glory of air and sunshine. A strange joy in shedding of the old husks, and in getting rid of the accumulated rubbish of a lifetime ... A thousand and one tiresome old infirmities and bonds of the body slip off, and the ship of the soul departs with a strange thrill and quiver upon its endless cruise.”

Edward Carpenter

Elizabeth McCracken - Redwood Forest
Margaret Steward - Redwood Forest
Marvin Owen Embry - Palo Alto

“They that love beyond the World cannot be separated by it. Death cannot kill what never dies. Nor can Spirits ever be divided that love and live in the same Divine Principle ... They live in one another still.”

William Penn

Lillias Adlercron - Monterey Peninsula
Frances Barker Thomas - Monterey Peninsula
Eve Tartar Brown - Monterey Peninsula
Pratt Spelman - La Jolla

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

Joseph Jefferson

Elizabeth Hortense Morgridge Mills - Claremont
Alice Balassa - Claremont
Marjorie Mable Eggleston Thompson - Claremont

In reference to his 11-year-old son’s death, Rufus Jones wrote: “I know now, as I look back across the years, that nothing has carried me up into the life of God, or done more to open out the infinite meaning of love, than the fact that love can
span this break of separation, can pass beyond the visible and hold right on across the chasm. The mystic union has not broken and knows no end.”

Duane Robert Magill - Los Angeles  
Betty Muther Jacob – Honolulu  
Carletta Joy Jones – Grass Valley

“... to lose the earth you know for greater knowing; to lose the life you have, for greater life; to leave the friends you loved, for greater loving; to find a land more kind than home, more large than earth – whereon the pillars of this earth are founded, toward which the conscience of the world is tending ...”

Thomas Wolfe

Nancy de España - Guatemala  
Linda Lancy Allyn - Visalia  
Betty Figueroa - Inland Valley  
Charles Luis Welch - Delta

Faithfully submitted,

Jamie Newton, Recording Clerk
Margaret Mossman, Presiding Clerk
Margaret Mossman, Presiding Clerk, opened the sixth plenary session of PYM 2000 at 7:30 p.m. with shared silent worship.

**Epistles from other Yearly Meetings – Jane Peers, Reading Clerk**
We heard messages from the Quaker Women’s Conference on Faith and Spirituality, the Canadian Yearly Meeting and part of an epistle included in the Britain *Faith & Practice* (Section 29.17), written by Young Friends at the 1985 gathering of Young Friends at the Friends World Committee on Consultation (FWCC) at Guilford College.

**FWCC Visitors’ Panel – Jeanette Norton, Convenor of PYM Representatives to FWCC**
Jeanette Norton gave us some background information on FWCC and introduced the panelists. Our PYM representatives to FWCC, Steve Smith, Donna Smith, Gloria Kershner, and Sandy Farley welcome an invitation from monthly meetings to provide more information on FWCC.

Both programmed and pastoral Friends from all over the planet came together for eight days to share and work at the 20th FWCC Triennial. A report on action minutes submitted by PYM in 1997 on sexual discrimination, harassment, and abuse among Friends indicated that several Yearly Meetings have responded by developing protocols on this issue. Another PYM-initiated minute urged action to discourage violence by controlling illicit trade in small arms and supporting the Friends Peace Teams Project. The Triennial created a central office in Africa to promote collaboration and coordination of social action projects. They approved a minute encouraging the forgiveness of third world debt and one endorsing the World Council of Churches’ declaration of “an Ecumenical Decade to overcome the culture of violence” beginning in 2001. There is a postage stamp collection and sale project that donates proceeds to various Friends projects. The details of this project are in the representative boxes for each meeting.

A slide show of views of the meeting and a recording of the triennial choir added a dimension to the presentation. “From this place, go build a better world” was inscribed on a stone featured in the final slide.

Anne Engelhardt from German Yearly Meeting, Rosa Martha Soto from Mexican Reunion General de las Americas en Mexico and Mexico Monthly Meeting (with Rolene Otero as interpreter), Christopher Wabuula-Kakala from Uganda Yearly Meeting and Linley Gregory from Aotearoa/New Zealand YM shared reflections on the Triennial. For one Friend, it was a peak experience, a model for what can be. Though we cannot stay on that level always, something from these experiences stays for the rest of our lives. Another Friend found that being part of such a large group was somewhat daunting at first, but it was very moving to be among people who had such a deep faith in God. Whether programmed or pastoral, we all share looking for that of God in everyone.
Christopher Wabuula-Kakala told us about the situation in Africa. War, AIDS and famine are in Africa. The people lack the security to even talk about political problems and abuse. Nevertheless, Friends in Africa still seek spiritual growth, and in the various countries of Africa there are several hundred thousand Quakers. Friends there hope for our continued spiritual, moral, financial and material support. In Uganda, they are building a Day Care Center for AIDS orphans and starting a tree planting project to prevent landslides after floods, as well as other projects.

Friends in Asia are working on non-violence projects including supporting a group which teaches non-violent techniques to the police in Jokjakarta.

The epistle from this FWCC conference was read and is incorporated as part of these minutes. “Friends are people called to listen, gathered to seek, sent forth to serve” was the theme of this most recent FWCC triennial. The living God dwells in our very midst.

Announcements were made by Jeanette Norton and by Janet Leslie, Assistant to the Clerk. Minutes were approved.

Meeting closed with silent worship at 9:20 p.m.

Faithfully submitted,

Jeannie Graves, Recording Clerk
Margaret Mossman, Presiding Clerk
PLENARY VII

The Presiding Clerk, Margaret Mossman, opened the meeting at 9:30 a.m. with worship.

We heard a prayer that we might be blessed with the deep silence that sustains us. *Silence is the highest praise.* If George Fox came among us, would he recognize us as Friends of the truth? Let us be here now, fully present and aware in this moment so that we may hear the message God has for us. Can we practice the essence of what we have set out in our *Faith and Practice*? We were told of a child’s wish, expressed at breakfast today, that all children of the world could experience a gathering like this, with food, safety, and love. The parable of the Good Samaritan was given to us once again, with a personal experience of generous help given spontaneously that illustrated the enduring effects of ministering to others as our neighbors. A Friend spoke of the fear that the busy lives of Friends obsessed with doing good may deny us the intimacy of knowing God and knowing one another. Another spoke of the gift of forgiveness larger than her own, received when she responded to a confrontation with a remorseful person, who had done her great injury in the past, by crawling into Jesus, seeing through His eyes, and discovering that there was no issue of forgiveness, nothing to forgive, only love.

Our Reading Clerk, Jane Peers, read from the epistle of Intermountain Yearly Meeting and from the epistle of Middle School Friends of Philadelphia Yearly Meeting.

**Naming Committee**

Rob Roy Woodman, Clerk of the ad hoc naming committee, brought for approval the names that were recommended earlier as new members of the Nominating Committee.

*PYM 2000-11* Pacific Yearly Meeting approved the naming committee’s recommendations for new members of the Nominating Committee:

- Carol Mosher, Berkeley, to serve as Clerk of the Nominating Committee
- Martin Otero, Orange Grove (2002)
- Sherrin Loyd, Strawberry Creek (2003)

**Nominating Committee**

Joe Magruder, Clerk of the Nominating Committee, presented the Nominating Committee’s written report for a second reading, drawing our attention to revisions made since the first reading.
The Presiding Clerk asked that we hold over names we have heard for the first time today for approval at a later session.

**PYM 2000-12** Pacific Yearly Meeting approved nominees whose names were presented today for the second time for positions as officers, committee members, and representatives, as set out in the report of the Nominating Committee [Attachment H].

**Finance Committee – Proposed Budget**

Shan Cretin, Treasurer, distributed copies of a slightly revised Treasurer’s Report and Proposed Budget. Harry Bailey, Clerk of the Finance Committee, told us that input received during an interest group session led the Committee to recommend a new contribution of $800 to Right Sharing of World Resources, which is now independent of Friends World Committee for Consultation. This resulted in an increase of $800 in the proposed transfer from reserves.

We briefly reviewed past discussions of proposed contributions to Pacific Friends Outreach Society (PFOS), and we heard a suggestion that no contribution to PFOS be approved without additional consideration. We were asked to include the current PFOS report among our attachments to the PYM minutes, as we did last year. A former presiding clerk advised us that we have traditionally had difficulty finding unity on proposals for support of Friends organizations and that some Friends have repeatedly set aside their personal discomfort with some proposals in order to release the Meeting to approve the budget. A Finance Committee member informed us that our contributions to Friends organizations have remained unchanged for years because Friends have varied so widely in their views on what is appropriate. Finally, she told us, the Committee felt that these levels of giving had become so out-dated and inadequate that increases should be proposed. We heard additional recommendations for revisions to the proposed budget, both general and specific, from Friends with particular concerns, and we heard encouragement to accept the careful work that was done by our Finance Committee after extensive opportunities for Friends to dialogue with Committee members. Finance Committee Clerk Harry Bailey reiterated the Finance Committee’s criteria for selection of Friends organizations to support and for determination of levels of support. The Committee believes that the proposed budget reflects those criteria, which were adopted by Pacific Yearly Meeting in 1999.

Pacific Friends Outreach Society (PFOS) was referred to as an organization with a mission that differs importantly from the missions of other Friends organizations. PFOS seeks to establish a permanent meeting site for PYM, but PYM has not given detailed consideration to this issue in a plenary session (as contrasted to consideration by Representative Committee and within monthly meetings). PYM has not yet decided to establish a permanent site. We heard pleas to defer funding for PFOS until we find unity on the issue of a permanent site and pleas to continue to support PFOS’s exploration of the potential site that has been found.
The Clerk told us that she heard general agreement on the proposed budget, with the exception of three items: proposed contributions to Earthlight, PFOS, and Right Sharing of World Resources. Could we find unity on those three items?

**PYM 2000-13** Pacific Yearly Meeting approved the proposed budget as submitted by the Finance Committee, with one Friend standing aside.

The Finance Committee asked for approval of its recommendation that the assessment per member be reduced from $28 to $25 each, other than for Mexico City Friends, and for Mexico City members from $12 to $10 each, with the modification that US monthly meetings which are willing and able to continue assessments at the previous level of $28 do so with the understanding that the $3 difference would be allocated to a fund for support of attendance at PYM gatherings. (Currently, PYM's costs for our annual gatherings exceed payments received from attenders.)

**PYM 2000-14** Pacific Yearly Meeting approved the Finance Committee's recommendation that the assessment per member be reduced from $28 to $25 each, other than for Mexico City Friends, and for Mexico City members from $12 to $10 each.

We heard expressions of concern that reducing our self-assessments in a period of affluence may mean that we are preparing unwisely for a less affluent future. The Treasurer noted that monthly meetings which share this concern may make contributions directly to the Yearly Meeting's scholarship fund, and to PFOS.

**PYM 2000-15** Pacific Yearly Meeting approved attaching to our minutes reports from selected Friends organizations and projects and from committees, at the Presiding Clerk's discretion with advice from concerned Friends.

**Committee on Unity With Nature**

Our Committee on Unity With Nature previously proposed that we approve incorporation of *Earthlight Magazine* as a separate organization. The Clerk of the Committee, Eric Sabelman, distributed a statement that summarized the proposal and provided supportive information [Attachment F].

The Presiding Clerk, Margaret Mossman, as the author of the by-laws and articles of incorporation, asked Friend Ellie Huffman, a former presiding clerk, to serve as Presiding Clerk in her place for our consideration of this item of business. Our discussion focused on the implications of incorporation, on proposed decision procedures that would hybridize seeking for unity with a voting option, on the nature of organizations involving ecumenical participation, and on the extent to which PYM can and should maintain governance of an organization after we devolve it to independent status.
PYM 2000-16 Pacific Yearly Meeting minuted its appreciation of Earthlight Magazine, with encouragement, as the organization incorporates and proceeds as an independent organization.

PYM 2000-17 Pacific Yearly Meeting minuted appreciation to the clerks for their services in conducting our business.

Pacific Yearly Meeting Epistle – First Reading

Lowell Tozer, Clerk of the Epistle Committee, read a draft of the PYM epistle for this annual gathering. Friends were invited to submit comments and suggestions to the Epistle Committee today, since a final draft will be offered for approval at our final plenary session tomorrow.

Announcements

We heard announcements from Janet Leslie, Assistant to the Clerk.

The meeting concluded at 1:00 p.m. with worship.

Faithfully submitted,

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

Margaret Mossman, Presiding Clerk, opened the eighth plenary session of PYM 2000 at 11:15 a.m. with shared silent worship.

Epistles from Other Yearly Meetings – Jane Peers, Reading Clerk
We heard epistles from South Central Meeting of Friends, Switzerland Yearly Meeting, Junior friends of NPYM. Friends struggle with traditional problems such as conflict resolution and raising children with our values; and struggled with new challenges brought by technology.

Nominating Committee
PYM 2000 - 18  Friends approved the names which were added to the slate yesterday.

Mt. Madonna Evaluation –Brajesh, Mt. Madonna Center
Brajesh asked for feedback on the food, facilities-use, the staff, and being in a community, not just a conference center. Friends were generally pleased with the site, with some very thoughtful and heartfelt suggestions for improvements.

Reading of Preschool Epistle – Maia Wolff
The epistle was accepted and is incorporated as part of these minutes.

Reading of Junior Yearly Meeting Epistle – Rebecca Sullivan
The epistle was accepted and is incorporated as part of these minutes. The incoming slate of officers was offered and is incorporated as part of these minutes. JYM asks the larger community to review the blessed community agreements included in the registration packet.

Reading of Young Friends Epistle – Alyssa Nelson
The epistle was accepted and is incorporated as part of these minutes. The slate of their incoming officers is included as part of these minutes.

Final Reading of the Pacific Yearly Meeting Epistle – Jamie Newton, Epistle Committee
The epistle was accepted and is incorporated as part of these minutes.

Announcements were made by Janet Leslie, Assistant Clerk.

Minutes were approved.

Meeting closed with silent worship at 12:20 p.m.

Margaret Mossman closed with the following:

Going home is perhaps the hardest part
Wherever home may be
Leaving as we must
This space of joy
This place for letting go of anger/grief
This understood communion
With every whispered signal
Of the living God
Here we are closer/more aware
Of the procession of Friends and friends
Stretching back and forward
Across geography/language/culture
Know--they are with us
As we journey home
Go safely
Held in the grace of God
However we may name that known
But unnamable presence

The 54th session of Pacific Yearly Meeting is now closed, to meet again at Mt Madonna in the year 2001.

Faithfully submitted,

Jeannie Graves,
Recording Clerk

Margaret Mossman,
Presiding Clerk
List Of Action Minutes By PYM 2000
July 31, through August 5, 2000

APPROVED:

2000-1 the persons nominated for the Epistle Committee.

2000-2 changes in the charge to the East-West Relations Committee.

2000-3 requesting Nominating Committee and EWRC to review other
recommended changes and to bring resolution back to a
later Plenary Session.

2000-4 increasing the term of the PYM representative to Friends Peace
Teams from one to three years.

2000-5 increasing the number of Directors from nine to thirteen for the
Pacific Friends Outreach Society Board of Directors.

2000-6 changing the number of members of the East-West Relations
committee to six, appointed by PYM, plus three ex-officio members,
comprised of two representatives and one alternate to the Friends
House Moscow Board.

2000-7 increasing the membership of the Latin America Concerns Committee
from nine to twelve (appointed by PYM), plus three ex officio members appointed one each by Guatemala and Mexico City Monthly
Meetings and one by the El Salvador Project.

2000-8 holding the Pacific Yearly Meeting from July 30 through August 4,
2001, at Mount Madonna Conference Center, Watsonville, CA.

2000-9 acceptance of the Treasurer's report, with appreciation.

2000-10 an augmentation to the Peace and Social Order Committee's budget
for the current fiscal year in the amount of $300.00, to $1100.00.

2000-11 recommendations for new members of the Nominating Committee by
the Naming Committee.

2000-12 the slate of officers, committee members, and representatives as
presented by the Nominating Committee for a second reading.

2000-13 the annual budget for 2000-2001, as proposed by the Finance
Committee.

2000-14 reducing the annual assessment per member from $28.00 to $25.00,
other than Mexico City Friends, for whom the assessment was
reduced from $12.00 to $10.00 for each member.
This report may seem somewhat familiar to you if you read our report to Representative Committee. At that time we had had two-thirds of our residential meetings, and since the third meeting centered mostly on plans for the annual session, the difference between the two reports is not great.

M&O spent much prayerful time considering how to have plenaries through which the Spirit moves. Like almost everyone else at last year's sessions, we felt rushed and beholden to the clock rather than being led by the Divine Presence. We took to heart some of the words of the panelists who spoke last year about what of Quakerism we need to keep to sustain and nurture us: we need to speak truth to each other as well as speaking truth to power, and how do we speak truth to each other in our times of conflict?

One of the ways that the committee thought we could have more time in plenary would be to have an extra day at the beginning of the annual session to conduct the business of the Finance Committee and the Nominating Committee. At Representative Committee, however, this idea was not found acceptable. There did seem to be support for adding a day to use in ways that are spiritually important to us. M&O was asked to write queries on the right holding of YM and send them to each monthly meeting as a resource for discussion. In view of the timing between our meeting and the annual session, we decided to have an interest group on the topic and to prepare queries to send to monthly meetings in the fall.

A couple of years ago a group of Friends asked M&O to have discussions about the possibility of affiliating with FGC. M&O sponsored an interest group called Wider Quaker Affiliations - FGC? last year. Several suggestions came from that interest group. The first suggestion was to have another interest group to continue the discussion, (2) make an effort to get information to monthly meetings about FGC and their responses about whether or not to join, and (3) that we contribute financially as recognition that we derive a lot of support from them. M&O asked the Wider Fellowship Among Friends Committee to take up the continued work.

M&O was asked to oversee a scholarship fund for JYM Friends and YF to attend FGC Gatherings. (FGC makes a great effort to distinguish the year-long work of Friends General Conference from its week-long Gathering.) Because this request came to us so late in the annual session, we didn't have time to act so Orange County Monthly Meeting took care of the situation until Representative Committee Meeting in March, at which time the funds were transferred to M&O. The fund is currently at $22,000. Care was taken to tell JYM and YF of the availability of this money. Policy for this fund's use is being written and will be added to the descriptions with the rest of the Special Funds.

At last year's annual session, Nominating Committee reported that they could not find anyone who would serve on the Religious Education for Children Committee. After some discussion during plenary, an impromptu interest group was formed and from
which came the suggestion that the R.E. committee be continued. M&O was asked to take this committee under its care as a subcommittee. A subcommittee was formed with six people from CPQM and three from SQM agreeing to serve. Four of the subcommittee members met in late March in Palo Alto and report a very deep, satisfying meeting. See that committee's report for an understanding of the fine work they are doing.

We have been considering two new subcommittees. Representative Committee requested that we look into the possibility of a subcommittee on Electronic Communications and Records. We have developed a charge for this subcommittee and are contacting potential members. The second potential subcommittee, Western Fellowship of Quakers in the Arts, was brought to us by a member of WFQA. We are exploring what would be the most appropriate format for the relationship between WFQA and PYM.

As usual, we’re maintaining involvement with other subcommittees, e.g. Adult Religious Education, Released Friend, Committed Relationships, Special Funds and Brinton Visitor and have sponsored many interest groups at this annual session: Walking a Labyrinth; Quakers, Holidays and the Sacramental Nature of the Whole of Life; How we Hold Yearly Meeting; Friends and the End of Life Issues: Suicide; Finding a Balance; Parent/Child Relationships and Friends Testimonies; Sacred Circle Dance and Living Under a Leading – Friends’ Tradition of Released Friend.

We sent a letter to all the monthly meetings asking that experienced PYM attenders be in close touch with first time attenders from their meeting during the first couple of days of the annual session. We are also asked that two returning PYM people include a newcomer in their conversations at mealtimes.

We also contacted each monthly meeting with "the communication letter". We had heard from a variety of sources that mail that goes to monthly meetings is rarely answered. We phoned each meeting to alert it of an incoming survey that the clerk was to fill out (immediately) and return in the stamped, addressed envelope! We received 33 replies out of a possible 38. We will have a report on the information ready in the near future.

In our efforts to address how do we go about talking with each other simply, truthfully and without rancor, we decided to have the opening M&O presentation be one of singing - mostly rounds and some hymns to remind ourselves of the harmony that we have among us even though each of us has a distinctive voice. The music was chosen based on our desire to celebrate unity with each other and with the earth and to remember our call as religious people. May we all continue to walk in the Light.

Respectfully reported,
Marilee Eusebio, clerk
Pacific Yearly Meeting

August 2000

Report of Faith and Practice Revision Committee

The Preliminary Edition of a revised Faith and Practice for PYM has sold 1,000 copies since its release this past March. That event initiated a period of listening and comment to inform any final modifications. Comments received after December 31, 2000 may not be taken into account, for a process of revision will begin then.

We hope not to make very many changes, but rather chiefly to set right any passages that are not true, or that do not faithfully reflect the faith and practice of our yearly meeting. We need to know of any such.

The Committee hopes to learn about views of PYM Friends at this year's annual gathering, and is providing opportunities to advance that learning, through the Plenary Session, an interest group and several "listening sessions".

During this year of comment and listening we hope that Monthly Meetings will come to know the Preliminary Edition well, in study sessions, through contact with their F & P Liaison members, by using the New Advices and Queries, and by other measures.

Meanwhile, all Friends are invited to submit documented quotations (by Friends, or Biblical) for inclusion in the final volume.

Members of the Committee have found meaning and satisfaction in the work they have been called upon to do, and are grateful.

Lincoln Moses, Clerk
for the Committee
The Report for PYM 2000 from Peace and Social Order is in the form of Queries:

If you were on the committee, what would you expect of that committee during the year?

Are we aware of the myriad programs being undertaken by the various arms and affiliated associations of the larger Quaker Fellowship?

How do we show our support for the issues of peace and social justice?

Do thoughts about our learning and leadings as Friends affect our daily lives?

Are all aspects of our lives—the mundane as well as the Spiritual—affected by our convincements as Friends?

How do we as a community differ in our daily lives from all other religions?

Do we differ? Or are we indistinguishable from other doctrines of faith?

How best can we deal with differing opinion on actions for Peace and Social Justice within our Society as a whole?

The evolution of our Queries and Advices:

Faith and Practice, PYM 1975
Query: Do we refrain from taking part in war or in preparation for war as inconsistent with the spirit of Christ?

Faith and Practice PYM 1985
Queries: Do we refrain from taking part in war as inconsistent with the spirit of Christ? How do we communicate to others an understanding of the basis of our peace testimony?

Faith and Practice Revision committee Draft, PYM 1995
Advices: We are called to refuse to participate in war as soldiers, as arms manufacturers, or to contribute to its preparation with our taxes.

Advices: Friends challenge their governments and take personal risks in the cause of peace. We urge one another to refuse to participate in war whether as soldiers, as arms manufacturers, or as taxpayers.
East West Relations Committee

Responsibilities of Committee on East-West Relations (EWRC)

Minutes approved by EWRC on December 4, 1999, for consideration by Pacific Yearly Meeting.

Because Pacific Yearly Meeting wishes to continue its involvement with East-West issues, and because the minute establishing the Committee on East-West Relations (in 1983) reflects conditions that have changed, PYM charges EWRC with these responsibilities:

1. To nurture the work of Friends House Moscow*.
   A. To be a contact point for PYM’s representatives to FHM’s board. As way opens, to advise and assist the representatives.

B. To assist PYM committees and monthly meetings as related to FHM.

C. To assist individuals who are interested in FHM, or who might become interested.

D. To assist with outreach, publication of the newsletter, fundraising, database management, and other specific tasks.

D. To provide a treasurer, who will handle a bank account related to sales for support of PYM representatives to FHM’s governing board meetings and, when possible FHM programs.

2. To assist Quaker activities in Russia and others areas formerly part of the Eastern bloc, as Friends come forward and way opens.

Therefore, Nominating committee is asked to nominate a minimum of 8 members for this committee in rotating 3 year terms. PYM’s representatives to FHM’s board are ex-officio members of EWRC.

* For reference: FHM Mission Statement
Friends House Moscow is an initiative of Friends worldwide which seeks to encourage spiritual growth and the development of a civil society based on mutual trust and community cooperation. We aim to provide a stable and visible presence in the face of rapidly changing conditions as we express the unique faith and practice of the Religious Society of Friends. We put this faith into action by working for social justice based on our fundamental belief in the presence of God in each individual.
What is the PYM Committee on Unity with Nature about?

As is true for other Quaker committees, the people who serve are those whose consciences trouble them, and so are moved to trouble others’ consciences who otherwise might be content with things as they are.

We long to hear the voice of God otherwise unheard:
The voice of animals whose deaths are unremarked, known as "roadkill" and accepted as a normal cost of civilization,
The voice of animals killed deliberately, for food or for their decorative body parts,
The voice of trees falling, to be cut into fence boards and shipping pallets,
The voice of unnamed creatures who live on sea floors, smothered by dredge spoil and imported species.

If all the other Quaker committees were completely successful, and humankind dwelt in perfect harmony, still these voices would cry.

Yet it is not our committee’s work to list the manifold ways in which humans harm their world; it requires no great spiritual awareness to count and measure our civilization’s failings and to project how much worse it will be in times to come.

There is another voice that speaks of hope for our mutual future: our awareness of that part of creation harmed or ignored by human society is growing. We feel more kinship with the natural world and more appreciation of its subtle beauties than at any time in our history. This inner growth is not solely our own doing, but is in response to the voice that has always told us to love one another.

This voice speaks strongly to the young. It is they who ask hard questions about why we are the way we are. It is they who feel they do not fit into the society we have made, which demands lifelong devotion to jobs and status and striving for pleasure and comfort. That we learn to suppress our questioning and conform to the demands is a sad triumph of human adaptability. If we can, we hope to preserve the idea that the world is a marvelous and Spirit-filled place, an idea we all once had when we were children.

This voice speaks not only to Quakers, but to anyone, anywhere, who listens. As we do, these listeners will rephrase what they hear so as to be understood by the people around them. We will benefit by hearing their interpretation of the voice, both because it may inspire us to listen in new ways, and because it will help us overcome the despairing sense of struggling alone to turn civilization away from a terrible future.

So we bring to your attention words you have not heard before, and we spread your words abroad, that we may all someday turn toward the Source of the inner voice.

-Eric Sabelman
29 July, 2000
CHILDREN’S PROGRAM COMMITTEE
2001 Davetta Williams, Claremont
2001 Susan Gore, Redwood Forest
2002 Paul Robins, Redwood Forest
2002 Gail Coonen, Humboldt
2003 David Kearney-Brown, Napa-Sonoma
2003 Melissa Lovett-Adair, Humboldt/Central Coast, Clerk
Ex Officio: Present and immediate past children’s program coordinators.

EAST-WEST RELATIONS COMMITTEE
2001 #Dorothy Duncan, Central Coast
2001 Ishana Ingerman, Santa Cruz
2002 Helen Currier, Palo Alto/Redwood Forest
2002 #Stanford Searl, Santa Monica, Clerk
2003 Bill Bauriedel, Palo Alto
(Second consecutive three-year term)
2003 Susan Ross, Berkeley
(Second consecutive three-year term)
Ex Officio: PYM representatives and alternate to the Friends House Moscow Board.

FAITH AND PRACTICE REVISION COMMITTEE
Rotating Members (six three-year terms):
2001 Jeanette Norton, Orange County
2001 Elaine Wadle, Orange Grove
2002 Rick Troth, Apple Seed
2003 Marie Schutz, Redwood Forest
(Second consecutive three-year term)
2003 Traci Hjelt Sullivan, Santa Cruz
(Second consecutive three-year term)
Permanent Members (six to serve for the duration of the revision process):
  Jane Peers, La Jolla
  Aimée Elsbré, Claremont
  Stratton Jaquette, Palo Alto
  Lincoln Mosés, Palo Alto, Clerk
  Laura Magnani, Berkeley
  Leonard Joy, Strawberry Creek
Ex Officio: Historian/Archivist and PYM Clerk

FINANCE COMMITTEE
2001 Kenga Morgan, Orange County
2001 Steve Birdlebough, Sacramento, Clerk
2002 David-James Bloom, Apple Seed
2002 Sherri Sisson, Orange County
2003 Nancy Curdts, Redwood Forest
2003 Stratton Jaquette, Palo Alto
Ex Officio: Treasurer(s), Statistical Clerk

HOLDING CORPORATION COMMITTEE
(President is named by the Holding Corporation.)
2001 Phyllis Jones, Redding
2001 Steve Sharpless, Redding
2002 Brian Vura-Weis, Inland Valley (President)
2002 Anne Davenport, Claremont
2003 John deValcour, Santa Cruz
(Second consecutive three-year term)
2003 Lanny Jay, Redwood Forest
Ex Officio: PYM Presiding Clerk, Treasurer(s).

JUNIOR YEARLY MEETING COMMITTEE
2001 Mimi Edgar, Santa Cruz
2001 Linea Hånsen, Chico
2001 #Louis Armin-Hoiland, Humboldt
2002 Micki Graham, Strawberry Creek
(Second consecutive three-year term)
2002 Debrah Armitage, Strawberry Creek
2003 Alan Edgar, Santa Cruz, Clerk
(Third consecutive three year term)
2003 Tom Farley, Palo Alto
2003 David Forbes, Santa Cruz

LATIN AMERICA CONCERNS
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
2003 Liz Baker, Berkeley
2003 Vanita Blum, Berkeley
2003 Nancy Salzman, Berkeley
(Three ex officio members appointed by: Guatemala and Mexico City Meetings and the El Salvador Project)

NOMINATING COMMITTEE
(Recommended by the Naming Committee)
2001 Betsy Miller, Apple Seed
2001 Carol Mosher, Berkeley, Clerk
(Second consecutive three-year term)
2001 Pat Daggert, Orange Grove
2002 Kate Carpenter, Orange Grove
2002 Chuck Orr, La Jolla
2002 #Martin Otero, Orange Grove
2003 Sherrin Loyd, Strawberry Creek
2003 Jean Malcolm, San Diego
2003 Eric Moon, Berkeley
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PEACE AND SOCIAL ORDER COMMITTEE
2001 Trudy Freidel, Inland Valley, Clerk
2001 Edith Cole, Claremont
2001 Bobbi Kendig, Marloma Long Beach
2002 Beth Wrightson, Strawberry Creek
2002 Joseph Morris, Santa Monica
2002 Marlene Philley, Marin
2003 Eleanor Foster, Santa Cruz
2003 Thomas Leo, San Jose
(First full three-year term after completing a partial term)
2003 Sharlene Roberts-Caudle, Visalia
Ex officio: Clerks of College Park Quarterly Meeting and Southern California Quarterly Meeting Peace and Social Order Committees; Correspondents of unaffiliated Meetings; FCL representative; one of the FCNL representatives; Representative from Junior Yearly Meeting; Representative from Young Friends

SECRETARIAT COMMITTEE
2001 Raph Levien, Berkeley
2002 Ellie Huffman, Monterey Peninsula, Clerk
2003 Paul Mackinney, Berkeley
Ex Officio: Assistant to the Clerk

SITES COMMITTEE
2001 Eric Moon, Berkeley
2001 Pat Wolff, Orange Grove, Clerk
2002 Tim Morgan, Orange County
2002 John Pixley, Claremont
2003 John de Valcourt, Santa Cruz
2003 Marie Fredell, Berkeley
Ex Officio: Present and immediate past Arrangements Clerks

UNITY WITH NATURE COMMITTEE
2001 Kate Carpenter, Orange Grove
2001 Sharon Gates, Orange Grove
2001 Andrea English, Strawberry Creek
2002 Eric Sabelman, Palo Alto, Clerk
2002 Eric Joy, Grass Valley
2002 Lenore Diane, Santa Monica
2003 Kathy Rayburn, Santa Barbara
(Second consecutive three-year term)
2003 Oliver Ryder, La Jolla
2003 Steve Harris, Humboldt
Ex Officio: Earthlight Editor and Treasurer(s), FCUN Representatives

WIDER FELLOWSHIP AMONG FRIENDS COMMITTEE
2001 Greet Kershaw, Claremont
2002 Mary Miché, Berkeley
2003 Janet Leslie, Chico, Clerk
Ex Officio: Representative to EFI, FGC, FUM, RGAM, FCSWYM, Young Friends of North America, and one FWCC Representative
PACIFIC YEARLY MEETING REPRESENTATIVES, NOMINATIONS, AND OBSERVERS TO OTHER ORGANIZATIONS

* denotes representatives who are ex officio members of Wider Fellowship Among Friends Committee

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AMERICAN FRIENDS SERVICE COMMITTEE (AFSC) Corporation Members (five representatives)
2001 Tom Whiteman, Strawberry Creek
2002 Lincoln Moses, Palo Alto. Convener
2002 Carolyn Stephenson, Honolulu
2003 Margaret Mossman, Berkeley
2003 Elmyra Powell, Orange Grove

EVANGELICAL FRIENDS INTERNATIONAL (EFI)* (two-year term)
2002 Joe Franco, Orange Grove

FRIENDS BULLETIN BOARD OF DIRECTORS (three representatives)
2001 Anne Friend, Conejo Valley/Marloma Long Beach
2002 Lanny Jay, Redwood Forest
2003 Jeannie Graves, Orange County
(Second consecutive three-year term)

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)
2001 #John Mackinney, Berkeley
2002 Steve Sharpless, Redding
2002 Ernest Bicknell, Berkeley
2003 Suellen Lowery, Humboldt
2003 Hubert Morel-Heytoux, Palo Alto

FRIENDS PEACE TEAMS PROJECT BOARD (Note change from one year to three year term)
2002 Rachel Fretz, Santa Monica

FRIENDS COMMITTEE ON UNITY WITH NATURE (FCUN) (two-year terms)
2001 #Eric Sabelman, Palo Alto
2002 Tom Farley, Palo Alto

FRIENDS GENERAL CONFERENCE (FGC)* (two-year term)

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2002 Eric Moon, Berkeley
(Second consecutive two-year term)

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

FRIENDS WORLD COMMITTEE FOR CONSULTATION (FWCC) - Section of the Americas
2001 Jeanette Norton, Orange County, Convener
2001 Steven Smith, Claremont
2002 Donna Smith, Orange Grove/Redwood Forest
2002 Gloria Kershner, Grass Valley
2003 Sandy Farley, Palo Alto
(Second consecutive term, first term partial term)

Nota 1: These representatives select one of the delegation to be an ex officio member of the Wider Fellowship Among Friends Committee.

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PACIFIC FRIENDS OUTREACH SOCIETY BOARD OF DIRECTORS
2001 #Linda Dunn, Inland Valley
2001 Micki Graham, Strawberry Creek
2001 Sharlene Roberts-Caudle, Visalia
2001 #Tom Whiteman, Strawberry Creek
2002 #Debrah Armitage, Strawberry Creek
2002 Ellie Huffman, Monterey Peninsula
2002 Larry Strain, Strawberry Creek
2002 Tom Whiteman, Strawberry Creek
2003 Shan Cretin, Santa Monica
(Second consecutive three-year term)
2003 Mark Koenig, Chico
(Second consecutive three-year term)
2003 Jo Tyler, Orange County
2003 Gary Wolff, Orange Grove
(Ex officio member appointed by Lovett family)

REUNION GENERAL DE LOS AMIGOS EN MEXICO (RGAM) * (one-year term)
2001 Rolene Otero, Orange Grove
(Second consecutive one-year term)

WILLIAM PENN HOUSE (one-year term)
2001 John Mackinney, Berkeley
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PACIFIC YEARLY MEETING – JUNIOR YEARLY MEETING
Named and Approved by Junior Yearly Meeting

OFFICERS
2001 Tesla Du Bois, Redwood Forest, Co-clerk
2001 Faith Eastwood, Southern Humboldt, Co-clerk
2001 Ravahn Samati, Strawberry Creek, Co-clerk
2001 Marcella Leith, Strawberry Creek, Recording Clerk

MINISTRY AND OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE
2001 Joel Armin-Hoiland, Humboldt, Clerk
2001 Marta Blanchard, Strawberry Creek
2001 Sam Ellis, Santa Cruz
2001 Forest Parker, Humboldt
2001 Dorothy Russell, Strawberry Creek
2001 Rebecca Sullivan, Santa Cruz

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

OFFICERS
2001 Sara Corbett, Santa Monica, Co-Clerk
2001 Stephen Myers, Santa Cruz, Co-clerk

MINISTRY AND OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE
2001 Lexi Keeler, Santa Monica
2001 Alyssa Nelson, La Jolla
2001 Kate Newlin, Strawberry Creek
2001 Darcy Stanley, Berkeley, Clerk
2001 Lisa Vura Weiss, Inland Valley

COMMUNICATIONS CLERK
2001 Colin Anderson, Chico

REPRESENTATIVES TO PACIFIC YEARLY MEETING COMMITTEES

Junior Yearly Meeting Committee
2002 Dan Tappan, Orange Grove (three-year term)
2001 Eric Amen, Berkeley (two year term)

Peace and Social Order Committee
Latin American Concerns Committee
Religious Education for Children Committee
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| **TOTAL EXPENSES**               | **$50,075 $40,217.82 -5,896.93** | **$49,625 $35,530.76 $2,692.88** | **$51,375**                 |

**Proposed Assessment:** $25/member ($10/member for Mexico City)

**Note:** FY2000 budget reflects augmentation approved 8/3/00
Items in **BOLD** are proposed for FY 2001.
# Fiscal Year 2000 Interim Balance Sheet as of 7/29/00

## Assets

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**Total Assets**

$113,877.29 | $51,219.14 | -$35,357.68 | $129,738.75 | $90,926.88 | -$57,039.86 | $163,625.77

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**Total Liabilities and Reserves**

$113,877.29 | $100,486.28 | -$84,624.82 | $129,738.75 | $116,080.38 | -$82,193.36 | $163,625.77

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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 on page 4. Transfers from these special reserves are noted in parentheses in the Transfers column. A negative transfer means that funds remaining in the expense account at the end of the year were transferred to the associated reserve. A positive transfer indicates transfers from the reserve.

Explanatory Notes for Items on Page 3

1. As of 7/29/00: Peace Tax Fund of $2,367.49 and Student Conscience Fund of $12,289.80 were in World Savings accounts; $48,000 was in the Working Assets Money Market Fund; $21,865.48 was in Wells Fargo Certificates of Deposit; $10,000 was in the Friends Meeting House Fund.

2. Accounts receivable includes money owed by PYM Session Budget or others & outstanding assessments. As of 7/29/00 there were Student Conscience loans outstanding for $4,000 and $2828 in outstanding assessments.

3. Faith and Practice Inventory transactions included writing off $2,460.87 of 1985 Editions and adding $4,754.50 for the value of the draft edition produced this Spring. An additional reduction of $1,548.07 reflects sales of draft editions.

4. Fund located in separate account. Contributions are earmarked for the specific account and not available for general PYM use. Student Conscience Fund balance on 7/29/00 of $16,289.80 includes an outstanding loan of $4,000.

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

6. On 5/15/00 Orange County Friends Meeting asked PYM to accept and administer an earmarked contribution of $20,460.00 to provide scholarships for young people to participate in FGC activities.

7. 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). Wider Fellowship Travel Reserve is normally capped at $500, but this year is accumulating funds to sponsor international Friends' travel to PYM after the Trienniel (PYM minute 99-2).

8. These are the only funds available for general PYM use. Since 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 1/1/00 was $12,974. Income between then and 7/28/00 was $3131, expenses were $9,000, leaving a balance on 7/28/00 of $7,105.

2. Friends in Unity with Nature Committee:
# PYM SESSION ACCOUNTS

## PYM SESSION REVENUE

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Pacific Yearly Meeting Committee on Unity with Nature

“Pacific Yearly Meeting minutes its approval of the incorporation of EarthLight Magazine.”

EarthLight's mission consists primarily of publishing a magazine, but potentially could expand into a whole spectrum of communications media. EarthLight endeavors to convey the message that “Spirituality is not divorced from the world ...”, drawing ideas and inspiration from a broad range of human experience: “...indigenous traditions, the world's great faith[s], ... contemplative practice, eco-feminism, ... science and the new cosmology.” EarthLight currently has 2588 paid subscribers + 440 bookstore sales; 715 subscribers are in California.

The EarthLight Committee (a subcommittee of PYM-CUN) has approved EarthLight’s incorporation as a nonprofit religious corporation under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

Incorporation is necessary in order to:
- obtain independent funding without an intermediary organization (required by some foundations)
- compensate its staff as employees instead of “consultants” and formalize relationships between staff and the governing board
- release PYM-CUN to address other matters important to the yearly meeting

The Articles of Incorporation state that the specific purposes for which this corporation is organized are:
“To do any activities that nurture a spiritual connection with the Earth, regardless of religious tradition, are consistent with law, and are compatible with the basic values of the Religious Society of Friends.”

1. Present relationship of EarthLight to PYM
- The EarthLight Committee consists of 17 members, 12 of whom are Quakers; members are approved by PYM-CUN
- Decisions are made by sense of the meeting of those Committee members present at quarterly meetings or an executive committee of 6 which meets monthly or as needed.
- EarthLight receives no subsidy from PYM. A single grant of $2000 was made about 10 years ago. A grant of $500 (to be annual) was approved by PYM Finance Committee, earmarked for distribution of sample copies within PYM.

2. Proposed changes effected by by-laws
- A Board of Directors numbering 5 to 15 members shall include at least one-third members of the Religious Society of Friends.
- Directors’ decisions will be made “by unity of the meeting, as that term is understood in the Religious Society of Friends”, or
  - After a decision to vote by 80% of all Directors, by a vote of 80% of those present.
- “Committees shall not use voting in lieu of decision making by unity of the meeting.”
- “Appointment of directors, officers, and members and clerks of committees shall be according to the good order of Friends as understood by the Religious Society of Friends. Nominations shall be brought to the Board of Directors by a nominating committee that has been nominated by a naming committee, and the Board of Directors shall consider all nominations brought to it and, if approval is given, minute that approval.”
- “The Pacific Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends [CUN] may submit to the Nominating Committee the names of persons to serve as members, or as clerk, of the Board of Directors. Such suggestions are not binding on the corporation but shall carry great weight.”

3. Recommended changes to by-laws, from PYM attenders
- Increase the number of Quakers on the Board of Directors
- Either remove nominations by PYM-CUN or require that PYM-CUN nominations be binding.
- Specify personnel relationships (hiring of Editor, periodic performance appraisals, etc.)
- Establish an Editorial Oversight Committee and specify its and Editor’s respective powers.
To Friends Everywhere:

Dear Friends,

We send you our warmest greetings from the 20th Triennial Gathering of the Friends World Committee for consultation (FWCC) held at Geneva Point, New Hampshire, U.S.A., from July 22-30, 2000. Meeting in beautiful surroundings beside Lake Winnipesaukee, the Lake of the Great Spirit, we have worshipped, sung, laboured together within our theme: Friends: a people called to listen, gathered to seek, sent forth to serve.

>From 40 countries we have come together, 260 Friends, from widely differing traditions. In our worship and sharing together we have learned that uniformity is not a blessing and have been enriched by differences in language, culture and custom. Our differences can be sources of strength rather than conflict. We have sought new ways to listen to one another with tender concern and to cherish our diversity. We are, all of us, God's beloved children, created in God's image.

We are a people called to listen: called to listen to each other with open hearts, called to listen for the source beyond words, called to rest in the quiet place at the very heart of our beings where we experience the inward, living Christ, where we find the still, small voice. We find a hunger among us, a thirst for spiritual nourishment. How can we deepen our relationship with God? Do we have the courage to shed our burdens and prejudices and stand naked before the Almighty, ready and open to hear?

In listening we have heard the pain in our world: the pain of indigenous people, of prisoners, of children forced to fight the wars of adults, of people living with HIV/AIDS, and of all those caught up by violence. Yet we know this to be true: the light shines on in the darkness, and the darkness, has never overcome it. Our Sections and others have reported how Friends are working energetically to address our concerns. We treasure and uphold Friends wherever they work for God's Truth. Yet we remember that our authority comes not from our committee work, not from our Nobel Peace Prize, not from our heritage, it comes from the reality that the Living God dwells in our very midst. God is at work in each one of us.

We are a people gathered to seek: we are an adventurous people. We seek justice in an unjust world, we seek healing for all who hurt and for God's creation, we seek God's light and love and pray for the strength to make it shine forth, a beacon for all. Gathered together we have uncovered our common concerns and found new ways of working together. Yet our lives seem full of cares and distractions. When we are able to place these in God's hands, they can be
transformed in unimaginable ways. Cleaving to God, the immovable center of the circle that is the family of Friends, we are empowered to live lives ‘Centered on the Edge’, at the limits of what the world judges possible or rational.

We are a people sent forth to serve: called to a ministry of service, setting our own wills aside. It is the flow of spirit into our lives which pushes us outward into service. Our lives speak our message for the world. We serve with delight and joy. The spirit which helps us in our weakness calls us each by name and transforms us into the hands and feet of God. Sent forth into the length and breadth of the world, our journeys may not be to a place of safety or control, but God asks us to go forth and return - and go forth again and again to labour in the vineyard of love. We go out with joy and will be led forth in peace.

As we leave this tranquil place, we return to our homes with these visions for Friends everywhere: that they proclaim the Year of Jubilee, that they share the Good News, that they remember that the Earth and all therein is God’s and not ours, and most importantly that we all abide in God’s love.

David Purnell, clerk
Friends World Committee for Consultation
Preschool Epistle
Pacific Yearly Meeting 2000

TO FRIENDS EVERYWHERE:

There is one light. Tell one of the truths, because each truth has its own light.

The preschool this year enjoyed many things together. Stories, circle time, the playground, the pond and lots of Friends. We had wonderful volunteers to help us play. Much of our time was spent in conflict resolution after we got in arguments. We will remember our friends.

Lee Sisson, Robert Allen, Laura Adair, Maia Wolff
EPISTLE BY JUNIOR YEARLY MEETING
PACIFIC YEARLY MEETING 2000

DEAR FRIENDS EVERYWHERE,

This was our third year to meet at Mt. Madonna Center so we were already acquainted with the food, camping areas, and practices of the yoga community that lives here. The week started off with new faces, hot weather, and cool dips in the lake. We were excited to welcome eight new JYMers who moved up from the elementary group, and who were experiencing for the first time worship sharing and business meetings. The new JYMers have experienced a good start, and we are looking forward to what they will bring to JYM in the years to come.

We started off the week by learning about the WTO (the World Trade Organization) and watched a video about the way sweatshops are run around the world. We talked about how we can help the workers, by not buying clothes made in large factories, and by having more understanding about the clothes we buy. We also, had a presentation by Mark Tope from Earlham School of Religion about programmed meetings. Through this presentation we discovered the differences between programmed and unprogrammed Quaker communities. Four people from Friends World Committee for Consultation (FWCC) came and talked about Quakers in their own countries. There were people representing Mexico, Europe, Africa, and the Pacific Rim.

During a group worship-sharing about how drugs affect our community, we became aware that some members of JYM were not following the community expectations about drug and alcohol use. By having a business meeting the next day about the issues brought up in the worship sharing we were able to reevaluate the agreements that we had made with PYM community on a whole. As the meeting drew to a close, we came to unity on supporting each other to follow through with the standing agreements. We would like to affirm the JYM is not alone in this stance; we ask the Pacific Yearly Meeting community to also review these same community expectations.

WITH LOVE AND PEACE,
PYM, JYM Presiding Clerks
To Friends Everywhere,

Young Friends gathered as a part of Pacific Yearly Meeting (PYM) 2000 at the Mount Madonna retreat center in the mountains above Watsonville, California. In an atmosphere of inclusion and integration, our community was enriched by high school-aged Friends and those in their 30's, although most of us were college-aged.

We had several rich and productive meetings for business. In response to concerns raised in previous years, the Religious Education Subcommittee sought input from Young Friends. Many of us spoke passionately about growing up Quaker, and the various successes and failures of the religious education programs of our Meetings. Young Friends approved queries on this topic, which the Subcommittee will carry to Monthly Meetings.

A deep concern arose about unity with nature, and how faithful activism on the part of Young Friends and others should lead to a Yearly Meeting testimony. We agreed that merely including a testimony on unity with nature in our Faith and Practice would have little meaning, if the Yearly Meeting was not already actively living such a faith.

We had a full week of learning and play. Each afternoon, invited speakers offered a presentation and discussion for Young Friends on various social justice topics. As is traditional at Mount Madonna, we took a road trip to the Santa Cruz Boardwalk. The group was thrilled to fill nearly an entire car on the Giant Dipper roller coaster. Much full-voiced screaming ensued. We participated in and supplied music for the traditional intergenerational dance. Junior Yearly Meeting and Young Friends gathered for an active evening of play and sports together in the gym, where youth and energy sometimes triumphed over height and weight. As always, much of our most important sharing and socializing took place late at night, including backrubs, impromptu music sessions, and time in the hot tub.

Many of us found it rewarding to participate widely in the greater PYM. Individuals worked with committees, led an interest group, joined in worship sharing, played piano, sang, attended plenaries, performed at Community Night, and helped with the Memorial Plenary. An intensely emotional and joyously spontaneous late night Meeting for Worship left us both drained and inspired.

Even as we enjoyed our week at PYM, we continued our search for identity as a group. Most of the Faith and Practice Revision Committee joined our business meeting concerning the draft Faith and Practice description of Young Friends. An ad hoc committee of Young Friends drafted the following proposed text:

Young Friends experience Yearly Meeting as a unique opportunity to come together as a large group in fellowship and worship, giving one another emotional and spiritual support. Though many Young Friends participate in other Quaker activities, Yearly Meeting is an important experience for Friends in transition from youth into adulthood. The weeklong gathering gives them time to build community both socially and spiritually.

Young Friends hold their own Business Meetings to seek the leadings of the Light, build leadership, and encourage awareness of Quaker practice. They strive to be involved in the greater PYM community, including the Junior Yearly Meeting and children’s program. Young Friends learn and grow from the patterns of their traditions and examples of their elders and peers.

Out of the work on our own internal structure, nomination process, and better connection with the wider Yearly Meeting, we heard impassioned testimony. In recent years PYM has been reaching out more to Young Friends, even as Young Friends have taken a more active role in the wider meeting. However, we
have concerns that when we have served as representatives or liaisons to committees, our role has
sometimes been limited to token representation of “Young Friends views,” and has had little of the true
expectations and responsibilities of committee service.

Throughout the week, the most valuable element of being together was a much-needed peer community,
grounded in respect and spiritual growth.

In the Light,

PYM Young Friends
PACIFIC YEARLY MEETING
July 31, through August 5, 2000
Mt. Madonna Conference Center
Watsonville, California

Pacific Yearly Meeting Epistle
Accepted at Plenary Session VIII – 8/5/00

To Friends everywhere.

We send greetings from the 54th annual session of Pacific Yearly Meeting, which met from July 31 – August 5, 2000, at Mount Madonna Center in California’s coastal mountains, overlooking Monterey Bay.

At the first plenary session, our Ministry and Oversight Committee led us in a unique approach to considering the state of the society. Instead of listening to a summary of state of the meeting reports from monthly meetings, we joined in singing together songs that were both familiar and new, with themes that were reverent, challenging, poignant, and humorous. Strong, confident singers opened the way for the less experienced who raised their voices hesitantly, faltered, then tried again. Harmony alternated with confusion as we sang, seeking unity even as we explored the unfamiliar. We experienced song as metaphor, and as a way of discovering who we may be together.

Our Yearly Meeting has labored for 15 years to revise our book of Faith and Practice, which we expect to be completed in the summer of 2001. This long process has fostered our progress toward unity as a Yearly Meeting, an outcome we value more than the product itself. Reviewing our series of books of discipline, we see evolution toward greater emphasis on faith and less on practice. We heard our document described as a wonderful puzzle without clear edges for which we must design new pieces, even as we attempt to fit together the pieces we have received from the past. Differences remain among us on such matters as Christ-centered language and whether our concern for unity with nature has reached the status of a testimony. We have grown through this new effort to set out who we are, the beliefs and practices we share, and how we come together as a community of faith while respecting our diversity.

Our large meeting room overflowed with Friends of all ages when we celebrated the lives of those who have died this year. We heard how these Friends touched our lives — of the respect and value an older man communicated to a little child as they worked with tools together, of gifts of song and story and compassionate support in times of need, of the inspiration younger gay and lesbian Friends gained from a weighty Quaker who acknowledged his homosexuality publicly at the age of 87. Through tears, laughter, and shared memories, the love in our community was manifest as we joined our voices in the familiar strains of Swing Low, Sweet Chariot.

We heard reports and calls for action on varied issues that engage our traditional testimonies and challenge us to witness in new ways. Our Unity With Nature Committee asked for greater attention to our responsibilities as stewards of life on this fragile planet. Our East-West Relations Committee pressed for our sustained commitment to international cooperation among Friends seeking to support Quaker projects in Russia and elsewhere in the former Soviet Union. Friends active with Friends Peace Teams in partnership with the Great Lakes Initiative drew our attention to the tragedies of genocide, poverty, and the AIDS pandemic in Africa. Our meeting was enriched and our compassion deepened by the living witness of visitors from each of the four sections of Friends World Committee for Consultation. We have felt overwhelmed and inadequate, yet we have been reminded that courageous social action guided by incandescent spirituality can spark miracles.
On behalf of Pacific Yearly Meeting

Margaret Mossman, Presiding Clerk
Summary

This year we prayerfully considered the following questions, which we would like to invite PYM and its monthly meetings to explore with us:

What it is that we want to transmit to our children:
• about Quaker history and practice?
• about God?
• about spiritual experience and discernment?
• about being a good person and living a good life?

How can we best transmit these things?

Background

The very interesting history of PYM in the new Faith and Practice brings to light the fact that PYM is really still very young, and is very much its own peculiar variety of Quakerism. It has always relied heavily on "convinced" Quakers entering the ranks as adults. Many of these convinced Quakers have wanted to be open to their children choosing their own spiritual path (as we did), to the extent even of feeling reluctant to "indoctrinate" our children. Many of us just don’t know how to raise Quaker children, since we have no model in our own childhoods.

We can’t just adopt wholesale the curricula and practices of other yearly meetings (although we certainly can learn from them), because we are different. We have with more small meetings and worship groups, which seldom have enough children for a traditional "First Day school." Our meetings have many people who come to Quakerism from a universalist point of view (or a Jewish one, or Buddhist, etc.), and we cannot therefore teach from the Christian perspective alone.

Some young adult Quakers have criticized adults for not sharing the Quaker faith with them when they were growing up in PYM meetings. Certainly many meetings have tried very hard in this area, and have done many good things. It’s time to go the next step and seek together a deeper understanding of the task. The committee does not propose to develop this understanding on its own. Rather, we wish the larger meeting community to engage deeply with these questions.
Mission Statement and Job Description

The committee in its first meeting wrote a mission statement and a job description, as follows:

**Mission:** To help meetings and families foster their children's spiritual growth, sense of community, and knowledge of Quaker faith and practice.

**Job description:** This committee's work goes beyond First Day school content to include Quaker parenting, the place of children in meeting, recognizing the spiritual dimension of childcare, and education for children of all ages.

The committee will:
- Provide workshops and interest groups at yearly meeting.
- Gather and share resources.
- Provide assistance to monthly meetings, worship groups, and families, through publications, regional gatherings, visitation, or other means, as opportunity or need arises.
- Liaison with other committees and groups, such as Unity With Nature, AFSC, Ben Lomond Quaker Center, JYM, Young Friends, and children's program committees of quarterly and yearly meetings.

Tasks Undertaken

We also took on a few tasks for this year, including two PYM interest groups, correspondence with M&O on worship sharing questions, a letter to monthly meetings, and contact with Young Friends seeking further discussion of experiences growing up in meetings.

Recommendation

We would like to see the work of this committee continue, with budgeting for at least a couple of meetings a year.

This year, the subcommittee was finally marshaled by January, and met twice (with a strong minority of its members each time), once for a day in March in Palo Alto, and once in the interstices of College Park Quarterly in May. We are concerned that we were not able to meet with any of the three Southern California members this year, and hope to gather a committee with a workable plan and commitment for meeting together at least twice during the course of the year.

Send email for the committee to <quaker-re@egroups.com>;
snailmail c/o Gail Eastwood, Box 86, Redway CA95560

Gail Eastwood, Clerk
PYM M&O Subcommittee on Religious Education for Children
Pacific Yearly Meeting Holding Corporation
Minutes of the Annual Meeting held on 8/1/2000 at
Mount Madonna Center, Watsonville, CA

Board Members Present: Steve Birdlebough, Brian Vura-Weis, Phyllis Jones, Margaret Mossman, Shan Cretin. Guests: Lanny Jay
Absent: Steve Sharpless, John DeValcourt, Anne Davenport

Steve Birdlebough opened the meeting at 1:10 PM with silence. He reviewed the proposed agenda, consisting of two items:
1) Review the status of holdings under our care
2) Elect officers for the coming year

1) Review the status of holdings under our care

The Holding Corporation is currently holding or anticipating property from four meetings.

a) Los Angeles Meeting has now paid the insurance on its meeting house and provided proof to the Holding Corporation. The meeting is still struggling with the issue of its status as a monthly meeting, preparatory meeting or worship group, but these issues are best addressed by Southern California Quarterly Meeting Ministry and Oversight. The Holding Corporation should keep in touch with the situation to be sure that the insurance on the property is continued next year.

b) Inland Valley sent a letter to Steve Birdlebough announcing their intention of sending a check for $37,000 but the check has not yet arrived.

c) Holding Corporation has assisted Orange County in handling donated shares of Oracle and Bell South through our Schwab account.

d) We are still receiving mortgage payments from Mount of Olives Church on the San Fernando Meeting House property. The Church has been late in paying and is now two months in arrears, but continues to pay late fees and to make payments as they are able. They have been paying property taxes on the property and are now trying to rectify their status on the tax roles to reflect their exemption as a religious organization. If the taxes they have paid over the past two and a half years are returned, it may allow them to catch up.

2) Elect officers for the coming year

Steve Birdlebough is finishing his second three-year term and will not be renominated to the board. John DeValcourt will be renominated to a second three-year term. Lanny Jay (a lawyer from Apple Seed Meeting) will be nominated for a new three-year term. Phyllis Jones, Steve Sharpless, Brian Vura-Weis and Anne Davenport will continue to serve. Shan Cretin and Margaret Mossman will continue in their ex officio capacities as PYM treasurer and clerk.

The board unanimously elected the following slate of officers for the coming year:

President: Brian Vura-Weis
Vice-President: Lanny Jay
Secretary: Shan Cretin
Treasurer: Phyllis Jones

The meeting was adjourned at 2:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Shan Cretin
Secretary
REPORT TO PACIFIC YEARLY MEETING
FROM
PYM'S REPRESENTATIVES TO
FRIENDS WORLD COMMITTEE FOR CONSULTATION

Your representatives are happy to announce that four international Friends who will participate in the 20th FWCC Triennial will also visit Pacific Yearly Meeting. These Friends are Anne Engelhardt from German Yearly Meeting, Christopher Wabulakakula, from Uganda Yearly Meeting, Rosa Martha Soto representing Mexico Reunion General, and Linley Gregory from Aotearoa/New Zealand Yearly Meeting. Linley is the Executive Secretary of the Asia-West Pacific Section of Friends World Committee for Consultation and has a special interest in learning about PYM's former Friend in the Orient committee. You will have a chance to hear from these Friends during a plenary session and to meet them more personally at the FWCC interest group. They are looking forward to meeting all of you and I'm sure our lives will be enriched by having them with us.

Three of your FWCC representatives, Donna Smith, Steve Smith and Jeanette Norton will also be attending the 20th FWCC Triennial in New Hampshire, July 22-30, 2000. A triennial is the occasion when representatives from all over the world have the opportunity to meet and to share the life and concerns of individual yearly meetings and groups. The theme of the triennial is "Friends: a People, Called to Listen, Gathered to Seek, Sent Forth to Serve".

Your representatives want to share this experience with as many Friends as possible. We will report at the FWCC interest group at PYM and we welcome invitations to visit monthly Meetings. Another way individuals and monthly meetings can participate in the spirit of the Triennial is by using the brief study booklet prepared for the Triennial. The booklet contains fourteen reflections on aspects of the Triennial theme from a variety of Quaker cultures. The essays, and questions provided at the end of each essay may be used as a stimulus for individual and group sharing and reflection. Your FWCC representatives will be happy to provide a copy of this booklet to any Friend who requests it. Look for a display copy and order form at the FWCC table. Feel free to Xerox the booklet for others.

Four PYM representatives attended the FWCC Annual Meeting of the Section of the Americas in Zion, Illinois. Phil Gulley spoke on the theme "A People Led to Testify." We were excited to hear that Anna Morgan, a former clerk of PYM Junior Yearly Meeting, had been selected for the FWCC 2000 Quaker Youth Pilgrimage to Ireland and England. We were also delighted by the report that "Right Sharing of World Resources", now a separate Quaker Organization, had a very good first year with increases in its income and grants to projects. Ask Sandy Farley, Donna Smith, Steve Smith or Jeanette Norton for further information.
Pacific Yearly Meeting is well represented on the committees of FWCC, Section of the Americas, which carry forward the mission of FWCC. Attend the FWCC interest group at PYM and look at the FWCC display table to learn more about the exciting work of FWCC. Materials available include copies of the Report of the FWCC Section of the Americas for 1997-2000 which was submitted to the 20th FWCC triennial Meeting. It is a good summary of the changes and current focus of the FWCC Section of the Americas.

On behalf of PYM representatives to FWCC,

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Pacific Friends Outreach Society

Report to Pacific Yearly Meeting
August 1, 2000

Pacific Friends Outreach Society just passed its third year and we have exciting news to share with you. This has been a year of growth and development for us as a Friends organization. Many small and large miracles have sustained our faith and renewed our energy. Last Fall, we added new board members who brought a wealth of expertise in the governance of Quaker nonprofit corporations, in agricultural law, and in the theory and practice of environmentally-sensitive design and development. The Sanger Residence on the Lovett property was made available for our use as offices and meeting space, allowing us to invite PYM committees to meet at our site, beginning with Ministry and Counsel in January. Our board produced such mundane but important things as policy manuals on Board operations, Personnel and Finance. Meanwhile, the Spirit moved among you and we suddenly found ourselves in receipt of over half a million dollars in gifts from two extremely generous Friends. Murry Lauser came forward with more than $50,000 and an offer to encourage others to follow her example. Then an enthusiastic Friend, eager for the vision of a conference and retreat center for Pacific Yearly Meeting to become a reality, made a gift of $500,000 to celebrate Robert Vogel’s life lived in the Light.

With this sudden and blessed expansion of our treasury, we began to think in earnest about hiring our first full-time project director. The development of a job description and the hiring process became our highest priority this Spring. In response to ads and flyers circulated among Friends as well as in the Visalia/Fresno area, we had a number of well-qualified applicants and we are interviewing the most promising candidates during this Yearly Meeting at Mount Madonna. We hope our new director will begin work after Labor Day.

Anticipating the more intense level of activity that will come with having full-time staff, our board voted to expand our size from 9 regular directors to 12. We also established a full set of Board Committees (Executive, Finance, Personnel, Program, Fund Development, Site, Nominating) and have begun the process of recruiting committee members, as another way of involving a broad spectrum of Friends in our work.

Another development occurred during the year that has gladdened our hearts and transformed the context in which we are working. At last year’s annual session, a group of Friends gathered over lunch and began discussing the possibility of acquiring the 30 acres to the north of the Lovett farm for an intentional community. This group met regularly in the Fall and by January 1 had entered an escrow agreement with the current owner on purchase of the property. While this group is clearly independent of PFOS, we recognize the need for an ongoing, mutually supportive relationship.

While we have continued informal discussions with Tulare County agencies, we have yet to begin the formal planning process. We did receive our first newspaper coverage in the Central Valley with a favorable, if not always accurate, portrayal of our vision and our journey so far, along with a moving account of the Lovetts’ role.

We are excited about the prospects for the coming year. We see this as a time to move from vision to concrete planning. We hope our new director and new committees will help us capitalize on the talents and experiences of a broad representation of PYM Friends. We have plans for a fund development campaign, marketing surveys, a business plan, and feasibility studies on key aspects of site infrastructure design and development. We hope our site will continue to be used for Yearly Meeting Committee meetings and smaller Yearly Meeting events such as Representative Committee meetings. We look forward to the time we can offer PYM Sites Committee an affordable, accessible alternative for the Annual Session. Thank you, Friends, for your prayers and your continued support.

Yours in the Light,

Shan Cretin, Clerk
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MONTHLY MEETINGS OF PACIFIC
YEARLY MEETING
AUGUST 2000

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APPLE SEED 10am Garzot/Duffield Bldg. (Libby Park), Valentine & Pleasant, Sebastopol Mail: Box 1135, Sebastopol, CA 95473-1135. Clk: Ron Higgins (5-31-01) 707-887-1160; lawgins@aol.com. Rep: David-James Bloom (5-31-01) 707-869-0759; snmnbear@sonic.net. Obs: Rick Troth (5-31-01) 707-874-3821; occiwoood@sonic.net.


BIG ISLAND 10am Call 808-962-6622 for location. Mail: PO Box 284, Laupahoehoe HI 96764. Clk: rotates. (Phone # above). Corr: Grant Gerrish 808-962-6622; grant@hawaii.edu.

CHICO 10:30am 1336 Hemlock, Chico, CA. Mail: Box 3769, Chico, CA 95921. Clk: Cynthia Lammel (4-30-01) 530-343-2626; cdlwjj@aol.com. Rep: Mark Koenig (4-30-01) 530-345-3132; koenigma@butte.cc.ca.us. Obs: Peter Milbury (4-30-01) 530-345-3308; pmilbury@cusd.chico.k12.ca.us.

CLAREMONT 9:30am 727 Harrison Ave. Claremont, CA 91711. Clk: Charleen Krueger (4-30-01) 909-593-4904; charleenk@earthlink.net. Rep: Aimee Elsbree (4-30-01) 909-621-1089; lelsbree@earthlink.net. Obs: Marty Carson (4-30-01) 909-625-2924.

DAVIS 10am 345 L St., Davis, CA 95616-4229. Clk: Stuart Pettygrove (7-01) 530-753-7580; gpettygrove@ucdavis.edu. Rep: Rob Roy Woodman (7-01) 530-753-5547; robroy@juno.com. Obs: Patricia Williams (7-01) 530-747-6177.


FRESNO 10am (Habitat Office) 2219 San Joaquin Ave., Fresno, CA 93721. (rotates location on 5th Sundays with Visalia) Clk: Lowell Barnett (3-31-01) 559-435-0618; dancejog@pacbell.net. Rep: Jim Kratzke (3-31-01) 559-224-8518.


HONOLULU 10am (hymns 9:45) 2425 Oahu Ave., Honolulu HI 96822. Clk: Marjorie Cox (4-30-01) 808-949-7893; 05215.575@compuserve.com. Rep: Paul Gracie (9-1-00) 808-735-3140; keo@pixi.com. Obs: Suzanne Marinelli (9-1-00) 808-735-9197; marinelli@capitol.hawaii.gov.


INLAND VALLEY 10am 4079 Mission Inn Ave., Riverside, CA. Mail: P.O.Box 7554 Redlands, CA 92374. Clk: Dottie Vura-Weis (7-31-01) 909-796-6379; dottievv@ix.netcom.com. Rep: Trudy Freidel 909-882-4250; cfreidel@gte.net.

LA JOLLA 10am 7380 Eads Ave., La Jolla, CA 92037. Clk: Joyce Crosthwaite (4-30-02) 760-942-8317; jcrosthwaite@nctimes.net. Rep: Chuck Orr (4-30-02) 760-632-1255; chuckorr@juno.com.


MARLOMA/LONG BEACH 10am Huntington School, 2935 Spaulding, Long Beach, CA. Mail: Box 2822, Long Beach, CA 90801-2822. Clk: Rea Soares (5-31-01) 510-514-1730 (Clk. mail: Box 3477, Redondo Beach, CA 90277). No Rep or Obs.

MENDOCINO 10am Jewish Community Center Shul, Caspar Rd., Caspar, CA. Mail: Box 1003, Mendocino, CA 95460. Clk: David J. Russell (6-31-01) 707-937-0200; djr@mcn.org. No Rep or Obs.

MEXICO CITY 11am Casa de los Amigos, 132, Colonia Tabacalera, 06030 Mexico, DF. Clk: Peter U"Ren (12-31-00) 011-525-635-0957; urenc@data.net.mx. Rep and Obs not named.

NAPA-SONOMA 10am Aldea Inc., 1831 First St., Napa, CA. Mail: j Joe Wilcox, 57 Chapel Hill Dr., Napa, CA 94559. Clk: Kathy Mawer (5-01) 707-257-1652; mmawer@aol.com. (Clerk’s mail to 2339 Bohen St., Napa, CA 94559) Rep: Kathy Mawer (5-01). (See above.)


ORANGE GROVE 11am 526 E. Orange Grove Blvd., Pasadena, CA 91104. Clk: Sharon Doyle (7-1-01) 626-355-2826; sedoyle@earthlink.net. Rep: Claire Gorfinkel (8-31-00) 626-791-8715. & Elaine Wadle (8-31-01) 818-353-8286; ewadle@aol.com. Obs: Kate Carpenter 626-799-3877; home54321@aol.com.

PACIFIC ACKWORTH 11am (in John & Alice Way Library) 6210 Temple City Blvd., Temple City, CA 91780. Clk: Cal Edinger (6-30-00) 626-280-6335. Rep: Krista Wong (6-30-00) 626-357-5262.

PALO ALTO 10:30 am 957 Colorado Ave., Palo Alto, CA 94303. Clk: Barbara Babin (9-1-01) 650-369-1398; b_babin@yahoo.com. Rep: Arden Pierce 650-494-1631; ardenhiram@aol.com.

REDDEING 10am 3825 Canterbury Dr., Redding, CA. Mail: Box 991665, Redding, CA 96099-1665. Mtg. phone 530-222-5527 Clk: Phyllis Jones (5-1-01) 530-223-5405; wpehrsj@aol.com. Rep: Walt Jones (5-1-01) 530-223-5405.

REDWOOD FOREST 10 am 1647 Guerneville Rd., Santa Rosa, CA. Mail: Box 1831, Santa Rosa, CA 95402. Clk: Paul Harris (4-30-03) 707-546-0432; paulharch@aol.com. Rep: Robert Schutz (4-30-01) 707-573-4570; schutz@pacbell.net. Obs: Verna Curtis (4-30-01) 707-573-4563.


SACRAMENTO 10 am Stanford Settlement, 450 W. El Camino, Sacramento. Mail: Box 163677, Sacramento, CA 95816. Clk: Jane Kostka (5-1-01) 916-484-1426; jkostka@jps.net. Rep: Frances Taylor (5-1-01) 916-456-5444. Obs: Sally Davis (5-1-01) 916-486-1025; affirm@softcom.net.

SAN DIEGO 10:30 am 3850 Westgate Place, San Diego, CA 92105. Clk: Lowell Tozer (4-30-01) 858-672-3610; lowell@mail.sdsu.edu. Rep: Jean Malcolm (4-30-01) 619-296-9078; jmalcolm@connectnet.com.


SAN JOSE 10 am 1041 Morse St., San Jose, CA 95126. Clk: Elizabeth Zimmerman (6-30-01) 408-246-2129; jzimmer@sjm.infi.net. Reps: Emily & Thomas Leo (2-01) 408-356-6732; mleesmail@aol.com. No Obs. noted.


SANTA CRUZ 10:30am Georgiana Bruce Kirby School, 117 Union St., Santa Cruz, CA. Mail: Box 813, Santa Cruz, CA 95061. Clk: John DeValcourt (3-31-01) 831-423-8785; deval@cruizio.com. Rep: Ellie Foster (12-31-00) 831-423-2605; being@cruizio.com.


STRAWBERRY CREEK 10am Shelton Primary Education Center, 3339 M.L. King Way, Berkeley, CA. Mail: Box 5065, Berkeley, CA 94705-0065. Clk: Susan Burr (5-31-01) 510-528-7125. Rep: Helen Haug (12-00) 336-9695; hahaug@earthlink.net. Obs: Shelley Tanenbaum (12-00) 510-525-8964; clb@wenet.net.

VISALIA 10:30am 17208 Ave. 296, Visalia, CA 93292. (rotates location 5th Sundays with Fresno) Clk: Sharilee Roberts-Caudle (12-31-00) 559-539-6810. Rep. ad hoc.

CENTRAL COAST PM (Under care of Santa Cruz MM) Mail to: CCPM CLK: Henriette Groot (6-30-01) 1000 Montecito Rd., Cayucos, CA 93430 805-995-0962; henrigroot@aol.com. CCPM is divided geographically into two Worship Groups (WG) which meet together on the 2nd Sunday of each month at 10am for worship, potluck and Meeting for Business. Location for business meeting alternates between the two locations. (Clerks of each Worship Group are also assistant clerks of the Preparative Meeting.)

San Luis Obispo WG 10 am Laguna Lake Mobile Home Community Center (at the end of Prefumo Rd., off Los Osos Valley Rd.) in San Luis Obispo. CLK: Terry Mackenzie, 336 Highland Dr., Los Osos, CA 93402. 805-528-6487

Atascadero WG 9:45am sharing, followed by 10:30 worship at Atascadero Historical Society Colony House, 6600 E. Mall, Atascadero. CLK: Holly Anderson, 7030 Union Road, Paso Robles, CA 93446. 805-239-9163.

WORSHIP GROUPS

AMADOR CO. WG (Under care of Delta MM) 10:30 am on 1st Sunday of each month at the Bunting home in 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) Meets 5 PM on 1st & 3rd Sundays at Scheidlinger home. COR: Carla & David Scheidlinger, 393 Mt. Tom Rd., Bishop, CA 93514. 760-873-8439


FREDERICKA MANOR WG 2nd Wed. 3pm 183 Third Ave., Chula Vista, CA. COR: Ralph Pinney, 177 Jasmine Way, Chula Vista, CA 91912. 619-422-1859

HEMET WG (Under care of Inland Valley MM) 9:00am 43480 Cedar Ave., Hemet, CA 92544-4027. COR: Ann Rush (Mtg. address) 909-946-2326 & Susan Davidson- Davies, 1365 Beckett Ct., Hemet, CA 92545. 909-766-2093.

HERMOSILLO WG (Under care of Mexico City MM) This group is reported to be "no longer operative", but it has not been laid down.

KAUAI' WG Meets occasionally; call for time & place. COR: Lucy Douthitt, Box 1361, Lihue, HI 96766. 808-274-3311, days; dreamon@hawaiian.net.

LAKE COUNTY WG 11am 1st Sunday at 12871 Elk Mt. Road, Upper Lake; 3rd Sunday varies; 5th Sunday with Willits & Ukiah groups CORRESPONDENT & INFO: Bill Christwitz, Box 4654, Clear Lake, CA 95422. 707-995-0940; bchristwitz@hotmail.com.

LAS VEGAS WG (Under care of Inland Valley MM) 5pm First Christian Church, Room 4, 101 S. Rancho Dr., Las Vegas, NV. Mail to P.O. Box 230175, Las Vegas, NV 89123-0003. COR: Maxine Elliott, 702-434-8366; max1695@cs.com.

MAUI WG (Under care of Honolulu MM) 10:30 am Call for place. Mail to COR: Mimi Freshley, P.O. Box 280122, Pukalani, HI 96788. 808-573-2371; bbphoto@maui.net.

MOLOKA'I WG Meets occasionally; call for time and place. COR: Claud Sutcliffe, HC0 lBox 830, Kaunakakai, HI 96748. 808-553-3844; claud@aloha.net.


OJAI WG (Under care of Santa Barbara MM) 10am 506 Crestview Dr., Ojai CA 93023-3204. Mail to: COR: W. Norman Cooper at above address, 805-640-0444; vals@earthlink.net. same. Convener: Priscilla Hickman 805-646-4497.

SAN LUIS OBISPO WG (See Central Coast PM)

SOUTH COUNTY WG (Under care of Santa Cruz MM) 10:30am 1st Sunday at 51 Carr, Aromas, CA; 3rd Sunday at 131 Fifth St., Pacific Grove, CA. COR: Thom McCue, 240 Snyder Ave., Aromas, CA 95004. 831-726-2093; tamccue@hotmail.com.

SOUTHERN HUMBOLDT WG (Under care of Humboldt MM) 9:30am Elk Ridge Road, Briceland area (call for directions). COR: Gail Eastwood, P.O.Box 86, Redway, CA 95560. 707-923-9109; eastwood@asis.com.

UKIAH WG Fridays 6:00pm at Community Room, Walnut Village, 1240 N. Pine, Ukiah. COR: Nancy Nanna, 925 Bel Arbes Rd., Redwood Valley, CA 95470. 707-485-8350; iranna@saber.net.

WEST MARIN WG (Under care of San Francisco MM) Weekly at 11:30am; Presbyterian Church, Pt. Reyes Station. (Rt. 1) COR: Sandra Dorward, Box 135, Woodacre, CA 94973. 415-488-9421; dorward@wenet.net.

WILLITS WG 11am Willits Electronics, 100 Sanhedrin St., Willits. COR: Dianne Marshall, 485 Raymond Lane, Willits, CA 95490. 707-459-1911

WINDWARD OAHU (part of Honolulu MM) 9:30am, 1st Sundays. Call for location. COR: Polly Pool, 46-082 Puulena St. #1213, Kaneohe, HI 96744. 808-235-6500.
REGISTRATION STATISTICS FOR PACIFIC YEARLY MEETING 2000

As of 7/26/00:

478 persons registered for PYM 2000, approximately 20 more registered late and 10 canceled for a net of 488.

389 registered for full time
89 for part time. This compares with 486 who registered for PYM last year, but in 1999 359 registered for full time.

106 were first time attenders.
At least 60 have attended 20 or more years.

Of the 478 persons registered, 379 were adults.

There were two infants and 97 between the ages of two and 17.

Claire E. Gorfinkel, Registrar