

# Pacific Yearly Meeting Friends General Conference Representatives Report to Representative Committee 2021

## **Summary:**

Since the Annual Meeting, your two Friends General Conference (FGC) representatives attended the FGC Central Committee Meeting in October and two FGC Executive Committee Meetings in addition to other committee meetings on which your representatives serve. Based on these meetings, your representatives are proposing an action item (see below). This action item has been sent to the Clerk of the PacYM Finance committee for their consideration.

## **FGC Executive Committee September 25-26**

Don Kewman attended the Executive Committee as a guest and rising member representing PacYM. Michelle Bellows already serves on the Executive Committee.

## **FGC Central Committee Meeting October 16-18**

Unity was reached to hold a virtual annual Gathering again this year from June 27-July3, 2021.

Details of the program and additional information are available at [www.fgcgathering.org](http://www.fgcgathering.org)

The Annual Budget was approved with continued long term unsustainable draws from reserves to meet expenses.

Central Committee approved the appointment of your representative, Michelle Bellows, as Clerk of the Long Range Planning Committee. Don Kewman's appointment to the Executive Committee representing PacYM was approved.

## **FGC Executive Committee January 29-30**

Don Kewman's nomination as Clerk of the Finance Committee for a 9 month term was approved. 2020 was a challenging year programmatically and financially for the organization. However, the requirement to use Virtual conferencing resulted in many new programs and connections forged. The launching of a Capital Campaign in 2021-2022 was approved. Long Range Planning Committee, Michelle Bellows reported on planning for the 2021 virtual Gathering and the face-to-face gatherings in 2022 and 2023. The 2023 gathering at Western Oregon University will be hosted by PacYM.

FGC's Central Committee, including all of its subcommittees and Executive Committee, have adopted the practice of testing each decision with the query that arose out of the Institutional Assessment: "How does this decision support FGC in its goal to become an actively anti-racist faith community?"

## **Action Item that will be proposed to the PacYM Finance Committee for their consideration:**

Representatives to FGC propose that PacYM budgeted travel money for FGC representatives that is unused at the end of this fiscal year be donated to FGC if total PacYM expenses for this year do not exceed income.

PacYM representatives to FGC are Michelle Bellows and Don Kewman