

# Pacific Yearly Meeting Faith and Practice Revision Committee Report to Representative Committee 2021

## SUMMARY

- Upcoming *Death and Dying* revision.
- Interest Groups - Membership with emphasis on membership for large groups who find spiritual support in Zoom meetings without a specific Meeting site.
- Interest Groups - Virtual Meetings

Greetings from Faith and Practice Revision Committee. We have met three times since Annual Session. The current committee includes three new members and 2 new co-clerks. Our time has mainly been spent reviewing where the previous work of the last 3 years stands. We have been organizing ourselves as we try and deal with the most pertinent issues. We have received a lot of suggestions on topics people would like us to cover. The list now includes about 15 topics.

We have been learning how to be more organized and have developed a chart to follow the progress of the topics we are covering. These continue to include Eldering, Leadings, and Youth Program Coordinator. All of these were reviewed after feedback from the Monthly Meetings and Worship Groups that participated. No further work has been done. We hope to bring *Death and Dying* to the PacYM body for acceptance, but we are unaware of any specific steps to take.

Another concern we have is how this rolling revision used in the last three years is working. A discipline format where we could review the whole Faith and Practice and present it as one piece when finally presented seems more useful to us. We do not see this as rewriting the whole book but addressing things that no longer speak to our needs. We do believe that more people would make the committee more functional. We have also discovered that Mary Klein of Western Friend can make individual copies when requested for around \$10.00 or \$12.00. There are more Luddites among us than previously known.

We agree with the Nominating Committee email, sent out by Julie Harrow, that identifies how job descriptions are done. We do ask that if there is an issue that should be in Faith and Practice we are notified of that fact.

We are working on two Interest Groups for Annual Session. One on Membership which includes gatherings that have grown with Zoom Meetings. There are people finding spiritual support in groups unassociated with one Monthly Meeting. The other is possibly on Virtual Meetings.

The F&P Revision committee consists of Patricia Portillo, Sarah Tyrrell, Margaret Mossman, Jim Anderson, Diego Navarro, Jan Tappan (Archivist, ex officio), Sue Scott (Co-Clerk), and Ray Rischpater (Co-Clerk).