

Pacific Yearly Meeting Peace and Social Order Committee Report to Representative Committee 2021

SUMMARY

PacYM Peace and Social Order Committee (PSO) invites all Monthly Meetings to share Social Concern Minutes with our committee so that we can circulate them throughout Pacific Yearly Meeting. For simplicity and clarity, we ask all monthly meetings include the name of the Meeting, the name of the clerk, and the date of approval on the Word document of any approved Social Concern Minute. There is strength and increased sense of community in sharing how Spirit is moving among us. Please send any approved Social Concern Minutes to Linnea Hanson (linneachanson@gmail.com).

We also ask that meetings seriously consider from a social justice lens how to budget, plan, and manifest hosting hybrid (in person and online) worship after in person worship resumes. PSO realizes this issue is in the domain of Ministry yet intersects PSO from disability/accessibility to counter ableism and ageism within our own meetings. For example, people in hospitals as well as long time members that are elderly that have moved out of state to live with their children have been regularly attending online worship during social distancing times. In our journey toward inclusivity how do we continue to make worship possible for those without the physical ability to attend in-person worship? Does the Worship committee want to make recommendations on this issue?

Tracking the Movement of Spirit Among Us

Faithfully meeting on a monthly basis, PSO is aware that Spirit has been moving among monthly meetings prompting multiple Social Concern (SC) Minutes primarily on racial justice. PSO distributed these SC Minutes and meetings expressed their appreciation regarding the increased awareness of how various monthly meetings are being moved by Spirit. In addition, a group in SCQM started a racial justice group which meets monthly.

PSO's 2021 survey of monthly meetings and worship groups to see what social issues are considered most pressing for their meetings are as follows (based on 13 responses at the time of this report):

- Racial Concerns-53.85% and Environmental Concerns-53.85%
- Homelessness-46.15%,
- Politics-23.08%,
- Social Isolation-23.08%,
- Poverty-23.08%,
- Aging-15.38%,
- Food Insecurity-15.38%,
- Other-7.69%

The Committee consists of Zae Illo, Brian Johnston, with Linnea Hanson, Betty Guthrie and Shannon Frediani serving as a Clerking circle.