

Pacific Yearly Meeting Children's Program Committee Report to Annual Session 2021

SUMMARY

The 2021 Annual Session Children's Program has focused on designing activities that involve all generations and that appeal to families during this unique 2020 - 2021 year.

The July 23 - 28 annual session week features intergenerational music, story time, worship, and sharing conversations. Following this official annual session week, several small-group field trips are offered, enthusiastically coordinated by Mary Miche, this year's CPC administrative program coordinator. These field trips, occurring in both northern and southern California, are for families with children (each field trip with two leaders, protections that follow state and county COVID-19 guidelines, possible books for children to take home, etc.). All this is detailed much more on the Pacific Yearly Meeting website page "Children in Yearly Meeting," at <https://www.pacificyearlymeeting.org/youth/children/>.

These events are being carried out by many dedicated committee members, volunteers and other leaders, the PacYM Youth Programs Coordinator, and a Children's Program lead/administrative coordinator. Besides a great deal of work designing and carrying out the various activities, CPC tasks have included multiple administrative items and email, postal mail, and phone outreach to families. To carry out some of this, the committee began meeting monthly in the fall of 2020; in early spring 2021, meetings increased to biweekly; and in the month prior to annual session, some meetings occurred weekly.

Thus, the Annual Session Children's Program continues to be a very major, multi-faceted undertaking that also is the source of excitement and joy. We also encourage our monthly Meetings to examine how we welcome young families into our fellowship.

The Children's Program Committee consists of Molly Bishop, Redwood Forest; Vivian Carlson, Honolulu; Sandy Farley, Palo Alto; Keenan Lorenzato (ex officio), Davis; Mary Miche (ex officio), Lake County; and Rhea Farley, Strawberry Creek, and Suellen Lowry, Humboldt (co-clerks).