

Pacific Yearly Meeting Peace and Social Order Committee Report to Annual Session 2021

SUMMARY

Key items for Meeting Representatives to convey:

- Please inform your monthly meeting to check Peace and Social Order Committee's updated webpage to review the template and simple instructions for submitting social concern minutes and for an overview of minutes that have been approved by various monthly meetings by categories. <https://www.pacificyearlymeeting.org/committee-newsletters-and-reports/peace-social-order-committee/>
- Please send all approved Social Concern Minutes to our new role-based email address: PeaceAndSocialOrderClerk@pacificyearlymeeting.org (capitalization is optional).
- Please also share with your monthly meeting that George Mills, Pacific Yearly Meeting Secretariat Clerk, archived all approved PacYM minutes since 1947, including those related to Peace and Social Order concerns. The archived minutes can be found at <https://www.pacificyearlymeeting.org/pym-minutes/>

REPORT

Overall, the PSO committee has had faithful committee members who followed through with their assigned tasks, shared the work, and functioned joyfully together as a committee.

The first year of the 2 year trial of PSO distributing approved Social Concern Minutes by monthly meetings to the remaining monthly meetings within PacYM has been a success. Feedback has been positive regarding an increased sense of working together as a larger community as well as being more informed and up to date about the movement of Spirit among other monthly meetings.

Monthly meetings within PacYM have approved the following Social Concern Minutes:

- 11 racial justice
- 7 peace
- 4 social order
- 4 refugees and immigration

Multiple monthly meetings have also begun reading groups on racial justice focused on African American and Native American writings about structural injustice. Southern CA Quarterly Meeting has also formed a Racial Justice group which meets monthly.

The Committee consists of Linnea Hanson, Betty Guthrie, Zae Illo, Brian Johnston, and Shannon Frediani (co-clerk).