2001
Annual Session
Minutes and Reports

Held at
Mount Madonna Conference Center
Watsonville, California
July 30 – Aug 4, 2001
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-- George Mills, Secretariat Clerk, December 28, 2020
PLENARY I

The 55th session of Pacific Yearly Meeting opened as we nestled into silent worship at 7:20 p.m. at Mount Madonna Center. Our presiding clerk, Margaret Mossman, greeted us and reviewed the agenda.

We heard epistles from Australia Yearly Meeting, Young Friends, Junior Young Friends and Children.

Roll Call. People stood for the following meetings:

Introduction of Visitors: We welcomed Katherine Smith from Charleston SC Meeting; Ann Boone, who just returned from attending YM in New Zealand bringing their epistle and their greetings, Dorene Mercer from Multnomah Meeting in Portland, Oregon; Sue Axtel from Earlham School of Religion; Bob Alpern from Friends Committee on National Legislation and Becky Blake, who just returned from North Carolina Friends Meeting.

Melissa Lovett-Adair explained our Children’s program. Alan Edgar talked about Junior Yearly Meeting, assisted by the clerks of JYM, Ravahn Samati, Tesla Dubois and Faith Eastwood.

Brajesh from Mt Madonna welcomed us back to Mt Madonna. The resident community is committed to the study and practice of Yoga. They own and manage the retreat and conference center which we use, as well as a school that emphasizes values and character development.

Dan Richards and Karen Morgan are our arrangements clerks. Dan explained the logistics of our stay here. Lawrence Reiker, Rolene Otero and Nova Davenport offered to be volunteer coordinators.

There were necessary announcements.

Minutes were approved. Meeting closed with silent worship at 9:15 p.m.
Faithfully submitted,

Jeannie Graves     Margaret Mossman
Recording Clerk     Presiding Clerk
PLENARY III

Plenary III convened at 10:15 after Meeting for Worship. Reading Clerk Sue Farley read the epistle of the 180th meeting of Ohio Valley Yearly Meeting, held in the year 2000.

Phyllis Jones, Statistical Clerk, presented the statistical report, which is attached. Total membership is 1,480, an increase of seven this year.

Ministry and Oversight Committee nominated Jane Peers, Kitty Bergel, and Carl Magruder for the Epistle Committee.

**PYM 2001-1** Pacific Yearly Meeting approves naming Jane Peers (convener), Kitty Bergel, and Carl Magruder to the Epistle Committee.

It was noted that, in another yearly meeting, this committee is called the Watching Committee, reminding them of an important part of that committee’s job.

Jim Anderson, Clerk of Ministry and Oversight, read a report from this committee. The report is attached.

Various announcements were made.

Ministry and Oversight Committee reported on the state of Pacific Yearly Meeting. Reports from monthly meetings and worship groups are available in the reading room during the annual session. These were summarized and portions were read aloud by members of M&O. These excerpts focused on four topics, and Friends responded to them from the silence of worship. The four topics were (1.) meeting for worship, (2.) the growing and diminishment of meetings, (3.) nurturing the community within the meeting, and (4.) reaching out to the larger community.

Friends were reminded of the primacy of the Spirit in our meetings for worship, of the primacy of worship in the life of our meetings, and the roots of our social action in these factors. Friends noted a lack of mention of the children in this part of the report, and the usefulness of some ongoing discussion and training regarding vocal ministry. A Friend spoke movingly of the complacency of merely “deepening our worship” when God is asking, “Who is weeping for My children?” Does our sense of community include the whole of the suffering world? Are we pregnant with God’s love? Are we open to God and all of God’s peoples?

Addressing growth and diminishments, Friends spoke of the challenges of aging and deaths in meetings, of challenges facing small meetings, and of the effects of a meeting having its own site. Meetings often face the issue of much of the work being done by a few people. Children’s programs present challenges, joys, disappointments and rewards. Friends were reminded that when the connection with the Spirit is robust, that joy, energy, exuberance and activity result, that we are able to open more deeply to that of God in ourselves and others, but that closing up makes us find more fault with those around us. We were asked to risk more, to not only turn inward in seeking, but to share what we find. Do we pray with and for our friends so that they might not lose their way? Although imagination may fail when trying to address the Divine, prayer makes other ministries more powerful, encouraging growth in both Spirit and numbers.
Community is nourished by many conscious community-building activities reported by meetings, and by passing through the various stages of life with our Friends, from the passages of childhood, the release of children into adulthood, through the end of life as our elders die among us. The invocation of the presence of God in each of us, in our business, in our various ministries today, and in all our activities brought to us a strong sense that we are a community united in the service of the Divine.

Reaching out to the larger community takes many forms, but some patterns recur in meeting and individual actions. Meetings report both individual and corporate ministries, with the most common being work toward the abolition of the death penalty, providing meals for homeless people, physical efforts to benefit the environment, providing shelter for those in need, opposition to gun violence, and Alternatives to Violence programs. A Friend spoke of the difficulty of discerning where to put one’s energy when so many opportunities for ministry present themselves. We were reminded also of the great opportunity now to offer our experiences of spiritual depth to those young people reeling from their recent confrontation in Genoa with the forces that maintain the world’s great economic divide. A Friend spoke movingly of her connection with the inmates of two prisons, only a few of the many people in the world who do not live our comfortable life. “How can you not be happy if you are free?” asked one of these inmates. We have spoken little among ourselves of the connection between heart and hands, of the spiritual depth and resources that individual activism brings to meeting for worship, or of the spiritual resource that meeting can be for activists.

We have a vision and a prayer to be “a people of God, on fire” and pray to open ourselves to the beautiful community that is the world.

Meeting closed with deep silent worship at 12:15.

Faithfully submitted,

James Summers  Margaret Mossman
Recording Clerk  Presiding Clerk
PLENARY V

The fifth plenary session of PYM 2001 opened at 10:15 a.m. after meeting for worship, which was our fourth plenary session. Margaret Mossman was Presiding Clerk.

Epistles from other Yearly Meetings (YM’s)—Sue Farley, Reading Clerk
We heard epistles from German and Austrian YM.

Our clerk reviewed this morning’s agenda.

Introduction of visitors: We welcomed Karen Hayes and Sonia Tuma from American Friends Service Committee in Pasadena; Mark Peterson from Pacific Friends Outreach Society (PFOS) and James Karkheck From Big Island Monthly Meeting.

PYM 2001-2  Friends approved the following people to the Naming Committee: Gary Wolff, Linda Koenig, and Murry Lauser with Rob Roy Woodman as an alternate. Gary Wolff will convene the committee.

Initial Nominating Committee Report—Carol Mosher
The committee presented the initial slate for 2002 for our first hearing. We will reconsider this item later in the week.

Peace and Social Order—Trudy Freidel
The committee presented three action minutes for consideration: “Opposition to the Death Penalty,” “A Renewed Call to End Sanctions Against Iraq” and a minute on drug concerns (as adopted By Philadelphia Yearly Meeting).

Friends found unity on the concepts in the three minutes and there was much fruitful discussion. A frequent theme in the discussion was our need to speak from the moral and spiritual authority that are the foundation of our convictions as Quakers. Peace and Social Order will consider what they have heard this morning and come back to us at another meeting.

Holding Corporation—Brian Vura-Weis
PYM has realized approximately $200,000 from the sale of the San Fernando Valley Friends meeting house, which had been donated to PYM when the SFV Meeting was laid down. The basic purpose of this donation was to help PYM create a permanent site. The Holding Corporation has care of the funds. There are legal considerations regarding the eventual disposition of the assets. The remaining Friends from SFV Friends have sent a letter saying that the efforts of the Pacific Friends Outreach Society to develop a permanent site are consistent with the SFV Friends’ hopes for the use of their gift. The clerk of the Holding Corporation asked that a threshing session be held at the next Yearly Meeting to discuss Friends opinions about the relationship of PYM and PFOS, which might lead to the eventual adoption of a yearly meeting site. No decision regarding the funds by the Holding Corporation can be made at this time because PFOS still needs a conditional use permit for its proposed facility from Tulare County.

PYM 2001-3  Friends approved incorporating the annual report to PYM from PFOS as part of the minutes of this meeting.
Stephen McNeil, Assistant Clerk, made current announcements. Minutes were approved. Meeting closed in a worshipful manner at 12:30 a.m.

Faithfully submitted,

Jeannie Graves, Margaret Mossman,
Recording Clerk Presiding Clerk
PLENARY VII

Plenary VII convened at 10:15 after Meeting for Worship. Reading Clerk Sue Farley read the meeting themes from the epistles of Japan Yearly Meeting, SAYMA (Southern Appalachian Yearly Meeting and Association), Canadian Yearly Meeting, North Carolina Yearly Meeting Conservative, Philadelphia Yearly Meeting, Northwestern Yearly Meeting, and Ohio Valley Yearly Meeting.

A visitor, Lawrence Reichard, from the AFSC Stockton office was welcomed.

Marie Friedell reported for the Sites Committee. A number of possible sites for yearly meeting have been investigated, including the Visalia Convention Center, and one has been selected. The Sites Committee has approved seeking a contract to hold yearly meeting at the University of San Diego for the next two years. Dates would be July 22-July 27, 2002 and July 28-August 2, 2003. An information sheet is attached.

Julia Bazar, archivist, presented her report, which is attached. PYM records are in temporary storage at the Pasadena AFSC office during a renovation of Whittier College Library. The archiving process for PYM records is undergoing a thorough professional evaluation and revision.

Shan Cretin, PYM Treasurer presented her report, which is attached. Large PYM reserves have been drawn down this year as planned. Publication expenses of the new Faith and Practice do not show in the first two pages of this report. The Publishing Reserve (line 2721), currently containing about $9,000, will be inadequate for actual publishing, but the reserves transferred to this fund to cover these expenses will be converted into assets in the form of books. Improved inventory control is expected to improve management of this asset. Lines 2751 and 2752 represent remaining reserves of about $80,000. The last part of page 5 shows session expenses for this and the last two years. Session reserves have been subsidizing costs of meeting at Mt. Madonna at about $5000-6,000 per year. Session reserves may not be adequate for this year’s session, and some general fund reserves may need to be transferred. This needs to be considered in planning for next year at a new site.

Steve Birdlebaugh, Clerk of Finance Committee presented the proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2002, on page 1 of the Treasurer’s report. Changes include increases in scholarship funds for the attendance of Young Friends at PYM, the equipment purchase funds, yearly meeting attendance scholarship funds, Ministry and Oversight Committee funds, Secretariat Committee funds, and travel for a delegate to Friends Church Southwest. Finance Committee proposes that current assessments for monthly meetings be increased from $25 to $28 per member. Friends were reminded that there is a “hunk of money” in the Holding Corporation, being held for the purchase of a permanent site, and assured that no other such funds exist.

PYM 2001-4 Pacific Yearly Meeting approves the annual budget for fiscal year 2002 as presented.

Monthly meetings in Hawaii have received funds for inter-visitation. Finance Committee is seeking someone to audit the books this year.
Bob Barnes of Grass Valley Meeting is recorded as standing aside from this budget approval, objecting to PYM’s support of Pacific Friends Outreach Society.

Eric Sableman introduced Jennifer Caron, Unity with Nature Committee intern, who reported on her work at the Tar Creek Superfund Cleanup site. She is working among largely poor, largely indigenous, people who live in communities affected by lead, zinc and cadmium poisoning from abandoned and neglected mines. She has presented to Junior Yearly Meeting, is making her information available to Yearly Meeting, and is looking for guidance about how to continue and extend her work. The Unity with Nature Committee intern program is supported by meeting and individual contributions, and a subcommittee is forming to support this intern program. A line item is requested in the yearly meeting budget to handle donations to this program.

Friends are grateful for the leadings among us that send and support our youth to do God’s work in the world.

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PYM 2001-6 Ministry and Oversight Committee is asked to consider the subject of internships and bring a report to Representative Committee 2002 or PYM 2002.

Plenary closed with worship at 12:30.

Faithfully submitted,

James Summers  Margaret Mossman
Recording Clerk  Presiding Clerk
PLENARY VIII

MEETING FOR WORSHIP FOR MEMORIALS

“Come lovely and soothing death,
Undulate round the world serenely arriving, arriving,
In the day, in the night, to all, to each,
Sooner or later, delicate death.

Praised be the fathomless universe,
For life and joy, and for objects and knowledge curious,
And for love, sweet love - but praise! Praise! Praise!
For the sure-enwinding arms of cool-enfolding death.

Dark mother always gliding near with soft feet,
Have none chanted for thee a chant of fullest welcome?
Then I chant it for thee, I glorify thee above all,
I bring thee a song that when thou must indeed come, come unalteringly. . . .

Over the tree-tops I float thee a song,
Over the rising and sinking waves, over the myriad fields and the prairies wide,
Over the dense-packed cities all and the teeming wharves and ways,
I float this carol with joy, with joy to thee O death.” - Walt Whitman

Betty Bacon -- Berkeley
Robert Barnhart -- Santa Cruz
Florence Bedell -- Las Vegas
Eve Brown -- Monterey Peninsula
Paul Courteoul -- Davis

“And this is the Comfort of the Good
and the Grave cannot hold them,
and they live as soon as they die,
For death is no more
Than the turning of us over from time to eternity.
Death, then, being the way and condition of life,
We cannot love to live,
If we cannot bear to die.” - William Penn

Kurt Bergel -- Orange County
Irving England Cox -- Marloma/Long Beach
Russell Curtis -- Redwood Forest
Robert Bruce Cutler -- Santa Cruz
Edwin Duckles -- Mexico City
“So live, that when they summons comes to join
The innumerable caravan, which moves
To that mysterious realm, where each shall take
His chamber in the silent halls of death,
Thou go not, like the quarry-slave at night,
Scourged to his dungeon, but thy grave
Like one who wraps the drapery of his couch
About him, and lies down to pleasant dreams.”  - William Cullen Bryant

Edward C. Hawarth -- Whitleaf
Kingsley Lawrance -- La Jolla
Sean Masterson -- Santa Monica
Mary Hill Mikesell -- Claremont

“Death is a beginning; death is not an end. Who knows when the end is reached? Death may be the beginning of life. How do I know that love of life is not a delusion, after all? How do I know that he who dreads to die, is as a child who has lost the way, and cannot find his home? How do I know but that the dead repent of having previously clung to life?”  - Chuang Tzu, 300 BC

Clare Millikan -- Redwood Forest
Prudence Myer -- Santa Barbara
Anton Nelson -- Berkeley
Jean Norman -- Honolulu

"As we watch from the headland, a lovely schooner clears the harbor and spreads white sails to the freshening breeze. It moves away with strength and beauty toward an unseen shore over the horizon, and we gaze until it hangs like a speck of cloud where sea and sky meet. Someone at our side says, 'There! It's gone.' Gone? Only from our sight. It is just as real and graceful as when it left our side; the diminished size is only us. And just as someone here says, 'There! It's gone!', there are others to watch the ship approach and to take up the glad shout, 'Here it comes!'”  - Author unknown

Tesquala Raincatcher -- Humboldt
Joan Collins Runyon -- San Francisco
John Salyer -- La Jolla
Robert Rudolph Schutz -- Redwood Forest

“Sorrow cannot be fought and overcome; it cannot be evaded or escaped; it must be lived with. Whether it be sorrow for our own loss, or sorrow for the world’s pain, we must learn to shoulder the burden of it, to carry it so that it does not break our stride or sap the strength of those about
us through pity or woe . . . Somehow we must learn not only to meet it with courage, which is comparatively easy, but to bear it with serenity, which is more difficult, being not a single act but a way of living.” - Elizabeth Gray Vining, in  World In Tune

Selkis Gayil Sekhmet -- Marin
Sybil Shanks -- La Jolla
Marjorie Patton Shouse -- La Jolla
Ruth Dart Smith -- Claremont
Albert Schmidt -- San Diego
Mary Gwynne Schmidt -- San Diego

“We bereaved are not alone, we belong to the largest company in all the world - the company of those who have known suffering. When it seems that our sorrow is too great to be borne, let us think of the great family of the heavy-hearted into which our grief has given us entrance, and inevitably, we will feel about us their arms, their sympathy, their understanding.

“Believe, when you are most unhappy, that there is something for you to do in the world. So long as you can sweeten another’s pain, life is not vain.” - Helen Keller

Jean Engle Taylor -- Orange Grove
Pauline Thompson -- San Francisco
Robert Thompson Sr. -- San Jose
Chris Valentine, Jr. -- Berkeley

“Death is only a horizon; and a horizon is nothing save the limit of our sight.”
- Rossiter Raymond

Irene Wade -- Central Coast
Frank Walker -- Redwood Forest
Laura Wilcox -- Grass Valley

Faithfully submitted,

James Summers Margaret Mossman
Recording Clerk   Presiding Clerk
The tenth plenary session, a meeting for worship on the occasion of doing the business of Pacific Yearly Meeting 2001, opened at 10:21 a.m. after meeting for worship (which was our ninth plenary session). Margaret Mossman was Presiding Clerk.

Epistles from other Yearly Meetings—Sue Farley, Reading Clerk
We heard the epistle from New York Yearly Meeting.

Our clerk reviewed this morning’s agenda.

Naming Committee—Gary Wolff
The naming committee recommends people for the Nominating Committee as listed on the attached report. The new recommendations are as follows:

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We will act on this recommendation at a later plenary.

Final Nominating Committee Report —Carol Mosher
New nominations have been offered. We will act on the amended Nominating Committee Report at a later plenary session.

Several Friends hope that the Subcommittee on Religious Education for Children will again become a committee in its own right rather than a subcommittee of Ministry and Oversight.

*Faith and Practice* —Lincoln Moses
The revision process of our *Faith and Practice* began in 1991 and we now have a publication that is being distributed among meetings and will soon be available for purchase by individual members. Unfortunately the index is consistently incorrect.

**PYM 2000-7** Friends accepted the revised version of Faith and Practice-A Guide to Quaker Discipline in the Experience of Pacific Yearly Meeting.

**PYM 2000-8** Friends approved deep thanks for the many people who worked on this committee and helped bring forth our new edition of the Faith & Practice.

Evaluation of Mt Madonna—Brajesh
Brajesh asked how we liked the food and the facilities and how we felt about being in the midst of their community. We generally like being here and we had specific suggestions. There is clearly a resonance between this faith-based Yoga Community and our own faith-based community. Brajesh offered evaluation forms for additional comments.
Committee clerks who will be submitting written reports to be attached to the minutes are asked to provide copies to the Presiding Clerk and Recording Clerk.

Peace and Social Order—Trudy Freidel
Peace and Social Order Committee offered revised minutes for our consideration.

**PYM 2001-9**  Friends approve a minute opposing Iraqi sanctions as follows:

Pacific Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends reaffirms its opposition to economic sanctions against the people of Iraq. This opposition was first expressed by the Yearly Meeting in a Minute of Concern in 1998.

We ask again, with renewed energy, that the President of the United States, the United States State Department and members of the United States Congress work to drop all economic sanctions and replace them with programs to aid the Iraqi people in rebuilding the shattered infrastructure of their society. Let us see what love can do.

The clerk of Pacific Yearly Meeting will send this minute to the President of the United States, the Secretary of State of the United States and members of the United States Congress. The Clerk will also send this to all Monthly Meetings, Worship Groups, Interfaith contacts, and with appropriate cover letters, to editors of the San Francisco Chronicle, Sacramento Bee, San Jose Mercury-News and the Los Angeles Times.

**PYM 2001-10**  Friends approve a minute opposing the death penalty as follows:

Pacific Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends reaffirms its opposition to the death penalty. The deliberate taking of a human life by the state, under any circumstances, is an absolute and irrevocable denial that there is that of God in everyone. Each life is uniquely valuable and sacred and no one is totally beyond redemption. Capital punishment rejects the message of forgiveness. It degrades the humanity of the executioners and of the society that endorses the act.

We will work with concerned members of all religious faiths and others of like conviction to abolish the death penalty.

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**PYM 2001-11**  Friends approved a minute on drug concerns as follows:
Pacific Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends approves in principle the appended Minute on Drug Concerns of the Philadelphia Yearly Meeting.

“Friends for over 300 years have sought to live ‘in the virtue of that life and power that takes away the occasion of all war.’ Today the United States government is engaged in a ‘war on drugs’ which bears all the hallmarks of war: displaced population, disrupted economics, terrorization of minorities, abandonment of hope by those the war is supposedly being fought to help, the use of military force, the curtailment of civil liberties, and the demonizing of the ‘enemies’.

Drugs continue to do terrible harm to people in the United States and throughout the world, particularly to the young. We call upon our State and Federal Governments to move from criminalization to health care solutions. We ask Friends to assist our legislators in exploring ways in which the vast sums now being used in this way can be diverted toward treatment, research, and education on the dangers of the use of illegal drugs and inappropriate use of legal drugs, such as alcohol and tobacco.

Some Friends under the weight of this concern are developing political alliances to change U.S. government policy. Others are developing ways to reach out to people in and out of the Society of Friends suffering from addiction and to help them call on the Holy Spirit for aid in freeing themselves from this terrible burden. We urge all Friends to support those who carry this concern and pray that others will join them in finding paths that lead us toward peace, reconciliation and healing.”

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The Peace and Social Order Committee is working on a series of queries and a resource list to share with all monthly meetings and worship groups prior to Pacific Yearly Meeting’s annual session in 2002.

Epistle Committee—Jane Peers
We heard the first reading of our epistle, which will be posted. We will act on this matter at a later plenary.

Registrar’s Report—Roena Oesting
498 people attended Yearly Meeting this year, with representation from many age groups.
We heard announcements. Minutes were approved. Meeting closed with silent worship at 12:35 p.m.

Faithfully submitted,

Jeannie Graves,   Margaret Mossman,
Recording Clerk   Presiding Clerk
PLENARY XI

Plenary XI convened at 11:15 with worship. Reading Clerk Sue Farley read the epistle from Japan Yearly Meeting for the year 2000.

PYM 2001-12 The Naming Committee report was approved as presented. Nominations of Friends to the Nominating Committee are approved as follows:

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PYM 2001-13 The Nominating Committee report for 2001 was approved as corrected. The corrected Nominating Committee report for 2001 is attached.

Reports from standing committees, M&O subcommittees and representatives to other organizations are attached, although not read aloud during this session.

Epistles from the children’s program (preschool, lower and upper elementary), Junior Yearly Meeting and Young Friends were read, joyfully received, and are attached. A list of new officers appointed by Junior Yearly Meeting and Young Friends for next year are also attached. The children’s program also read aloud the “The Quaker Hero Stories” of conscientious objectors Harry Bailey, Bill Lovett and Alan Strain. The handmade and illustrated books written and produced by the children were presented to Harry Bailey and Bill Lovett.

Jane Peers, convener of the Epistle Committee read the epistle for the PYM Annual Session of 2001 at Mount Madonna.

PYM 2001-14 The PYM epistle for 2001 was accepted as amended and is attached.

Various announcements were read.

Faithfully submitted,

James Summers, Margaret Mossman,  
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ACTIONS MINUTES - PYM 2001

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Drugs continue to do terrible harm to people in the United states and throughout the world, particularly to the young. We call upon our State and Federal Governments to move from criminalization to health care solutions. We ask Friends to assist our legislators in exploring ways in which the vast sums now being used in this way can be diverted toward treatment, research, and education on the dangers of the use of illegal drugs and inappropriate use of legal drugs, such as alcohol and tobacco.

Some Friends under the weight of this concern are developing political alliances to change U.S. government policy. Others are developing ways to reach out to people in and out of the society of Friends suffering from addiction and to help them call on the Holy spirit for aid in freeing themselves from this terrible burden. We urge all Friends to support those who carry this concern and pray that others will join them in finding paths that lead us toward peace, reconciliation and healing.”

Plenary XI

PYM 2001-12 The Naming committee report was approved as presented.

Nominations of Friends to the Nominating committee are approved as follows:

Ron Jones Santa Barbara 2002
Keith Wedmore, Clerk San Francisco 2003
David Lederman Orange County 2004
Sue Torrey Central coast Prep. Mtng 2004
Pat Daggerty Orange Grove 2004

PYM 2001-13 The Nominating Committee report for 2001 was approved as corrected.

PYM 2001 14 The PYM epistle for 2001 was accepted as amended.
PACIFIC YEARLY MEETING
of the
RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS

2001 STATISTICAL REPORT FOR PACIFIC YEARLY MEETING
Session held July 30 – August 4 at Mount Madonna Center, Watsonville, California

Statistical reports from Pacific Yearly Meeting member meetings report a net gain of seven members during the past year, bringing our total membership to 1,480, almost exactly what it was two years ago. There are thirty-eight monthly meetings and over 80% of our members belong to the nineteen largest meetings, many of which own meetinghouses. Membership in the other half of the meetings ranges from five to twenty-five per meeting.

The greatest growth in membership was reported by Santa Cruz Monthly Meeting. Central Coast Preparative Meeting is under the care of Santa Cruz and nearly one-third of the Friends listed as members of Santa Cruz attend the preparative meeting.

Nineteen worship groups associate themselves with Pacific Yearly Meeting, although six of them are not under the care of a monthly meeting. Lake County Worship Group reports that they are taking steps in that direction. When we communicate with meetings, do we remember to include them, as well as the groups at Fredericka Manor in Chula Vista, and those in Ukiah, Willits, Kaua’i and Moloka’i? Mexico City Monthly Meeting reported that the Hermosillo Worship Group no longer exists, but that one member of Mexico City has been trying to establish a worship group in San Miguel de Allende. The 9:30 Worship Group, formerly known as Noe Valley/Bernal Heights, was laid down by San Francisco Monthly Meeting this summer.

This year there were increased problems about getting reports back from meeting clerks and/or recorders. Replacement forms were sent to six meetings who either lost the originals or claimed that they never arrived. Your Statistical Clerk shares the concern of Ministry and Oversight Committee about how we can improve our responding to communications sent to meetings.

Phyllis Jones
PYM Statistical Clerk, 2001
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MONTHLY MEETINGS OF PACIFIC 
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AUGUST 2001 

Mail to meeting address, unless noted. Worship (MfW) first day unless noted. CLERK (Clk); PYM REP (Rep); OBSERVER (Obs) (w/ term expiration) noted when available. Box # refers to PO box unless noted.

APPLE SEED 10am Garzot/Duffield Bldg. (Libby Park), Valentine & Pleasant Hill, Sebastopol Mail: Box 1135, Sebastopol, CA 95473-1135. Clk: Ron Higgins (5-31-02) 707-887-1160; lawgins@aol.com. Rep: Rick Troth (12-31-01) 707-874-3821; occiwool@sonic.net. Obs: unnamed as of 5-31-01.

BERKELEY 11am 2151 Vine St, Berkeley CA 94709 (mail to 2153 Vine St.) Clk: Catherine Anderson (5-31-02) 510-526-1403. Rep: Anne Maiden Brown (5-31-02) 510-549-2130. Obs: Marie Fredell (5-31-02) 510-527-3969; mariefr@juno.com.

BIG ISLAND 10am Call Convener for location. Mail: PO Box 284, Laupahoehoe HI 96764. Convener: Rose Everly (1-30-02) 808-775-0972. Rep: James Karkheck 808-323-2916; JFKona@Kona.net.

CHICO 10:30am 1336 Hemlock, Chico, CA. Mail: Box 3769, Chico, CA 95927. Clk: James Anderson (4-30-02) 530-345-3429; janderson@csuchico.edu. Rep: Bob Runyan (4-30-02) 530-749-2578; runyan@neteze.com. Obs: Linda Rowell (4-30-02) 530-894-1666.

CLAREMONT 9:30am 727 West Harrison Ave. Claremont, CA 91711. Clk: Charleen Krueger (4-30-02) 909-593-4904; charleenk@earthlink.net. Rep: Marty Carson (4-30-02) 909-625-2924.

DAVIS 9:45am Sundays & 6:00pm Wednesdays. 345 L St., Davis, CA 95616-4229. Clk: Stuart Pettygrove (6-30-02) 530-753-6808; gspettygrove@ucdavis.edu. Rep: Jay Owen-Smith (6-30-02) 916-444-4063; ccauzo@ix.netcom.com. Obs: Patricia Williams (6-30-02) 530-747-6177.


FRESNO 10am 2219 San Joaquin Ave., Fresno, CA 93721. (except 5th Sundays) Clk: Lowell Barnett (3-31-02) 559-435-0618; dancejog@pacbell.net. Rep: Linda Arreola (3-31-02) 559-298-3440.

GRASS VALLEY 9:45am 13075 Woolman Ln, Nevada City, CA 95959. Mail: same, c/o John Woolman Sch. Clk: Stuart Smith (6-30-02) 530-663-3539. Rep: Marybeth Webster (6-30-02) 530-477-6419; mbethwebster@jps.net. Obs: Eve Hall (6-30-02) 530-265-3164.


HONOLULU 10am (hymns 9:45) 2425 Oahu Ave., Honolulu HI 96822. Clk:Marjorie Cox (3-31-02) 808-949-7893; 105215.575@compuserve.com. Rep: Suzanne Marinelli (9-1-01) 808-735-9197; marinelli@capitol.hawaii.gov.


INLAND VALLEY 10am 4061 Mission Inn Ave., Riverside, CA 92501. Clk: Susan Scott (5-31-02) 909-679-2712; sescott@juno.com. Rep: Trudy Freidel (5-31-02) 909-882-4250; cfreidel@gte.net.

LA JOLLA 10am 7380 Eads Ave., La Jolla, CA 92037. Clk: Joyce Crosthwaite (4-30-02) 858-456-1020. Rep: not determined.


MENDOCINO 10am Jewish Community Center Shul, Caspar Rd., Caspar, CA. Mail: Box 1003, Mendocino, CA 95460. Clk: David J. Russell (12-31-01) 707-937-0200; djr@mcn.org. No Rep or Obs.


NAPA-SONOMA 10am Aldea Inc., 1831 First St., Napa, CA. Mail: c/o Joe Wilcox, 57 Chapel Hill Dr., Napa, CA 94559. Clk: Katharine Mawer (5-1-02) 707-257-1652; mmawer@aol.com. (Clerk’s mail c/o Mawer, 2339 Bohen St., Napa, CA 94559) Rep: not named.


ORANGE GROVE 11am 526 E. Orange Grove Blvd., Pasadena, CA 91104. Clk: Sharon Doyle (6-30-02) 626-355-2826; sed Doyle@earthlink.net. Rep: Elaine Emily (12-31-01) 818-353-8286; eemily@bcm-net.org. Obs: Kate Carpenter 626-799-3877; home54321@aol.com.


PALO ALTO 10:30 am 957 Colorado Ave., Palo Alto, CA 94303. Clk: Barbara Babin (8-31-02) 650-369-1398; b_babin@yahoo.com. Rep: Arden Pierce 650-494-1631; ardenhiram@aol.com.

REDDING 11:30am on 2nd & 4th Sundays at 1st United Methodist Church (corner of South & East streets), Redding, CA. Mail: Box 991665, Redding, CA 96099-1665. Mtg. phone 530-222-5527 Clk: Sue Morehouse (5-1-02) 530-244-6216; morehou4@aol.com. Rep: Doris Bond (5-1-02) 530-243-5350; gmb007@c-zone.net.


RENO 10 am Sundays and 7 pm Thursdays at 497 Highland Ave., Reno, NV 89512-2219. Clk: Harbert Rice (12-31-01) 775-329-9400; hvrice@sierra.net. Rep: Dan Richards (12-31-01) 775-747-6749; danielprichards@worldnet.att.net.

SACRAMENTO 10 am 890 – 57th St., Sacramento. Mail: Box 163677, Sacramento, CA 95816. Clk: Jane Kostka (4-30-02) 916-484-1426; jkostka@jps.net. Rep: Frances Taylor (4-30-02) 916-456-5444. francestaylor@macnexus.org. Obs: Sally Davis (4-30-02) 916-486-1025; affirm@softcom.net.


SAN JOSE 10 am 1041 Morse St., San Jose, CA 95126. Clk: Elizabeth Zimmerman (6-30-02) 408-246-2129; jjzimme@sjm.infi.net. Reps: Emily & Thomas Leo (2-02) 408-356-6732; mleesmail@aol.com or wfhensel@aol.com. No Obs. noted.

SANTA BARBARA 10am Antioch University, 801 Garden St., Santa Barbara. Mail: Box 40120, Santa Barbara, CA 93140-0120. Clk: Nancy Robinson (6-30-02) 805-964-4475; nancyrobinson@compuserve.com. Rep: Nancy Rowan (6-30-02) 805-963-5640.

SANTA CRUZ 10:30am Georgiana Bruce Kirby School, 117 Union St., Santa Cruz, CA. Mail: Box 813, Santa Cruz, CA 95061. Clk: Traci Hjelt Sullivan (3-31-02) 831-336-8333; mail@quakercenter.org. Rep: Ellie Foster (3-31-03) 831-423-2605; ehfoster@mymailstation.com. Obs: Tom Nedelsky (3-31-03) 831-423-5841; tommy@cruzio.com.

SANTA MONICA 10am 1440 Harvard St., Santa Monica, CA 90404. Clk: Rachel Fretz (9-15-02) 310-826-1743; fretz@humnet.ucla.edu. Rep: Stanford Searl 323-938-9094 stansearl@aol.com

STRAWBERRY CREEK 10am Crowden School, 1475 Rose St., Berkeley, CA. Mail: Box 5065, Berkeley, CA 94705-0065. Clk: Susan Burr (5-31-02) 510-528-7125; BurrSL@aol.com. Rep: Shelley Tanenbaum (12-31-01) 510-525-8964; sheltan@pacbell.net. Obs: Carl Magruder (12-31-01) 510-652-1437; cmagruder@earthlink.net.

VISALIA 10:30am 17208 Ave. 296, Visalia, CA 93292. Clk: Greg Seastrom (12-31-01) 559-734-4911; gseastrom@mediaone.net. Rep, Mark Koenig (12-31-01) 559-592-4253; mark.koenig@cos.cc.ca.us. Obs: David Chandler 559-539-5300; david@davidchandler.com.


CENTRAL COAST PM (Under care of Santa Cruz MM) Mail to: CCPM Clk: Henriette Groot (6-30-03) 1000 Montecito Rd., Cayucos, CA 93430-1528. 805-995-0962; henrigroot@aol.com. CCPM is divided geographically into two Worship Groups (WG) which meet together on the 2nd Sunday of each month at 10am for worship, Meeting for Business and potluck.
Location for business meeting alternates between the two locations. (Clerks of each Worship Group are also assistant clerks of the Preparative Meeting.)

San Luis Obispo WG 9:30 am at the offices of Blakeslee & Blakeslee, 299 Madonna Rd. (enter at Madonna Plaza side), San Luis Obispo. Clk: Judy Malcolm, 151 Esparto Ave., Shell Beach, CA 93449 805-773-5839; elffffff@aol.com.

Atascadero WG 9:45am sharing, followed by 10:30 worship at Atascadero Historical Society Colony House, 6600 E. Mall, Atascadero. Clk: Morgan Paige, 8888 Toro Creek Rd., Atascadero, CA 93422 805-461-6657.

WORSHIP GROUPS

AMADOR CO. WG (Under care of Delta MM) 11:00 am on 1st Sunday of each month, usually at the Bunting home, 10730 Bonnefoy Dr., Jackson, CA. Mail: Judy and Peter Bunting, PO Box 387, Jackson, CA 95642. 209-223-0843: itsmee@cdepot.net.

ATASCADERO WG (See Central Coast PM)

BISHOP WG (Under care of Reno MM) Call for information about time and location. Corr: David Scheidlinger, 393 Mt. Tom Rd., Bishop, CA 93514-2121. 760-873-8439

CONEJO VALLEY WG (Under care of Orange Grove MM) 1st and 3rd wks 11:15am 2277 Townsgate Rd. Suite 208, Westlake Village, CA. Mail to Corr: Joan Johnson, 2224 Thorsby Rd., Thousand Oaks, CA 91361. 805-495-9753; pbjprime2@aol.com. (Long or complicated messages go to Don Bean at dbbean@netmug.org.)

FREDERICKA MANOR WG 2nd Wed. 3pm 183 Third Ave., Chula Vista, CA. Corr: Ralph Pinney, 177 Jasmine Way, Chula Vista, CA 91910. 619-622-1859


KAUAI’I WG Informal group meets occasionally; call for time & place. Corr: Lucy Douthitt, Box 1361, Lihue, HI 96766. 808-274-3311; dreamon@hawaiian.net.

LAKE COUNTY WG 11am 1st & 3rd Sundays in various homes; Correspondent: Barbara Christwitz, 3568 Vista St., Clear Lake, CA 95422. 707-995-0940; bchristwitz@hotmail.com.

LAS VEGAS WG (Under care of Inland Valley MM) 5pm First Christian Church, Rm. 4, 101 S. Rancho Dr., Las Vegas, NV. Mail to 425 Donner Pass Drive, Henderson, NV 89014. Corr: Maxine Elliott, 702-434-8366; max1695@es.com.

MAUI WG (Under care of Honolulu MM) 10:30 am at 427 Liholihi, Wailuku. Mail to Corr: Mimi Freshley, P.O. Box 880122, Pukalani, HI 96788, 808-573-2371; mimif58@yahoo.com.

MOLOKA’I WG Meets occasionally; call for time and place. Corr: Claud Sutcliffe, HC01Box 244, Kaunakakai, HI 96748. 808-553-4443 (home); 808-553-3844 (work); claud@aloha.net.

OJAI WG (Under care of Santa Barbara MM) 10am. Mail to: Corr: Gracia Fay Ellwood, 10 Krotona Hill, Ojai, CA 93023; gratiapay@bemail.org. Call Quaker Dial-a-Thought at 805-646-0939 to verify time and place.

SAN LUIS OBISPO WG (See Central Coast PM)

SOUTHERN HUMBOLDT WG (Under care of Humboldt MM) 9:30am in Briceland area (call for directions). Corr: Gail Eastwood, P.O.Box 86, Redway, CA 95560. 707-923-9109; eastwood@asis.com.

UKIAH WG Fridays 6:00pm at Community Room, Walnut Village, 1240 N. Pine, Ukiah. Corr: Nancy Nanna, 925 Bel Arbes Rd., Redwood Valley, CA 95470. 707-485-8350; iranna@saber.net.

WEST MARIN WG (Under care of San Francisco MM) Weekly at 11:30am; Presbyterian Church, Pt. Reyes Station. (Rt. 1) Corr: Sandra Dorward, Box 135, Woodacre, CA 94973. 415-488-9795; dorward@wenet.net.

WILLITS WG 10am on the last Sunday of each month in the lobby of Willits Electronics Assembly, 100 Sanhedrin Circle, Willits. Corr: Dianne Marshall, 485 Raymond Lane, Willits, CA 95490. 707-459-1911; dmarshall@pacific.net.

Ministry and Oversight Committee Report
Pacific Yearly Meeting, July 30-August 4 2001

What has been the work of your Ministry and Oversight Committee this past year? Pacific Yearly Meeting is a community that exists in one very visible form during the first week of August each year, and in another less visible the remaining 51 weeks of the year. In regard to the week of the annual session, our committee has searched for ways to achieve a coming-together, a seamlessness, in our experience of community. This is a practical and a spiritual goal. Worship and business are not equivalents, but their relationship can be deepened, their superficial boundaries dissolved. Old persons and young persons differ, but with imagination, sensitivity, and love we may effect an interpenetration of these overlapping worlds. This place we meet in does not suit everyone equally well--but neither does this world as a whole. Yet we can work to support one another, to respond tenderly to the joys and struggles of our friends here. In this place from which it seems you can see forever, we struggle with space. In a time totally released from the have-to's of our daily lives, we scramble for time. Our committee has searched for ways to nurture our being together during this week. Our proposal for an extra day was not taken up, but we have supported our Presiding Clerk in working toward a simpler, more open annual session. We seek and invite all to find, a week worshipful and accommodating of differences, inviting friendly conversation and the in-breaking of that of God, which is always here, and which, in its cumulative effect, may bring us to the end of the week with a sense of transformed lives and transformed world.

What work contributes to these effects, the creation of a transformed community? Our committee gives most of one weekend each fall to a discussion of the annual session. We ask: what is at work in the life of the community, which we can help bring forward, make space for, provoke and nurture? How can we support the sustained ebb and flow of worship, the "river that flows from deep within," as one who ministered last year sang to us? Opportunities to share with like-minded and like-spirited friends are given in the affinity groups, this year opened to being freely established by friends on arrival, to give variety and flexibility in topic and meeting time. After much discussion, our committee came to believe that worship sharing groups serve us best when they are constituted by all of us on the basis of our fundamental humanity, rather than being selected according to special interests and affinities. Other occasions exist for these valuable associations, but in worship sharing, we come, perhaps, as strangers to one another, and we learn from that. Our committee has brought, directly or through our various subcommittees, 7 interest groups to foster sharing and learning on a number of topics. In these and other ways, we try to contribute to this week of fellowship, spiritual growth, and refreshment.

We attend to and serve also the Pacific Yearly Meeting that exists for the other 51 weeks of the year.

--one part of the work of our committee is the establishment and oversight of a number of subcommittees. Special Funds subcommittee, for example, oversees a new fund this year, established to support Young Friends attendance at Friends General Conference gatherings. The subcommittee on religious education for children has been very active this past year. In addition to committee meetings, they have offered an interest group at College Park Winter Quarterly, organized book tables, are surveying meetings and worship groups, have begun to visit monthly meetings, and have a listserv electronic conversation underway. The Brinton Visitor subcommittee organized and supported visits of Robert Griswold to many of your meetings in
the past two years. Subcommittees on committed relationships, released friends, and adult religious education also work for the larger PYM community. This year we have appointed two new subcommittees: one on electronic communications and records, and one on mental health and mental illness.

--In an effort to facilitate communication among our meetings and individuals, we developed and distributed this past spring, a leaflet addressing the challenges of tracking meeting mail. Our committee gathered the experiences and recommendations of monthly meetings and consolidated those in this leaflet that has now been distributed, we hope to good effect.

--We have begun in this past year also to explore prospects for a weekend gathering of representatives of our Quaker Boards, to discuss common aspects of their work. We have contacted the 8 to 10 Boards associated in some way with our yearly or quarterly meetings to learn of their interest, and explored the availability of services of the Friends Board Training and Service Project in Philadelphia. Representative Committee in March of this year minuted its support of this project, and we hope the gathering may be scheduled in the early part of 2002.

--We have extended support this Spring to Mexico City Monthly Meeting, which has been facing difficulties. These grow in part from struggles related to the Casa de los Amigos, the Center which Friends in the monthly meeting have the major task of overseeing. After hearing concerns brought to us by individual friends, by our Brinton visitor, and by our Latin American Concerns Committee, and learning that the Meeting there felt a visit would be helpful, we asked two Friends to visit Mexico City to learn more of their situation. We are reviewing their report now. The difficulties are not resolved, and we continue to search for ways to be helpful.

submitted July 31, 2001
Greetings from the Pacific Friends Outreach Society (PFOS) Board and Quaker Oaks Center. The PFOS board has spent the last year working with our new Project director, formalizing our structure, visiting monthly meetings, and coordinating the many uses of this evolving site.

At PYM 2000 the board conducted interviews for the position of Project Director and chose Mark Peterson of Clovis, CA. Over the past year he has been a major resource to the board and created a PFOS business office in the Sanger house at Quaker Oaks Center. Mark is available at 559-594-4125 and at pfospd@earthlink.com. He is very approachable, knowledgeable about the permanent site project and quite willing to talk with you.

The board has spent much of its time better formalizing its structure - creating critical documents like a board manual, personnel manual, and business plan. A five day intensive workshop in March helped the board formalize a conceptual site design based on universal access, and created a sustainable energy policy. In late spring the board was approached by young Friends asking about intern positions at Quaker Oaks Center. They were the impetus to develop a Quaker Oaks Center Intern Policy and funding mechanism for future applicants. If you know anyone interested, ask them to contact our Project Director and thanks to the young Friends who got the QOC intern program off the ground.

Since outreach is a major reason for our being we visited Santa Barbara Meeting, showed a video and had a lively discussion about a permanent home for PYM in Visalia. Murray Lauser of the Central coast Meeting organized a very pleasant group visit and had a tour at the Center led by resident Bill Lovett.

Many Friends have visited and we encourage use of the site by Friends and PYM committees. An information packet has been prepared to explain logistics and available facilities for your use. In March the Representative Committee of PYM had its meeting at Visalia Friends Meeting House. The Visalia Meeting went all out to make the gathering a friendly success for their visitors and many got a chance to tour the farm and worship under the magnificent Valley Oaks that enfold the site. Other groups included the AFSC SCQM Youth service project, who, lead by Pat and Gary Wolff, did wonderful work on the campground; the Visalia Boy Scouts camped there while doing Kaweah Oaks Preserve service project; and the Visalia Meeting campout had an astronomy field trip lead by David Chandler.

In the coming year, we will be working to transfer title of Quaker Oaks Farm to PFOS and finalizing an application for a use permit. Other projects include building a pavilion to better accommodate the many visitors and work crews. Your spiritual support and financial assistance are greatly appreciated.

Mark Koenig, Clerk
Pacific Friends Outreach Society
Quaker Oaks Center, Visalia, CA.
July 31, 2001
University of San Diego

- Private Catholic medium-sized university in the city of San Diego in an ethnically diverse neighborhood. Homosexuality is not an issue with them.

- Dates: July 22 – July 27, 2002
  July 28 – Aug 2, 2003

- Conference center has 350-seat plenary room (microphone available), 650-seat theater, rooms for interest groups etc., and a large room for children’s program. There are outdoor spaces, playing fields, and a large “quad” for central gathering.

- Dining room is in the same building. It has college-style cafeteria with many food choices: e.g. soup and salad at every lunch/dinner, 2 entrees—one vegetarian—side dishes, desserts. There is also a snack bar with extensive offerings.

- Dorms are 3-story and consist of 2-bedroom suites with lounge and kitchenette—each room with 2 beds and bath. Children and teens can sleep in sleeping bags on the floors. There are handicapped rooms on the first floor. The dorms are ½ mile from the conference center—slight hill, smooth sidewalks. The campus is planning a shuttle service between the dorms and conference center; if it is not fully adequate, PYM will provide its own.

- There is no on-site camping. We will be addressing the needs of those who camp for reasons of economy.

- The chapel is open for meditation most of the time. The swimming pool, with lifeguard, has regular hours, or can be reserved for a private group swim. All facilities are open to us without added charge. Most facilities would be for our exclusive use. Other groups using the dining room would have meals scheduled at a different time from ours.

- Costs for children and teens would be less than at Mt. Madonna—children under 5 free (compared to under 2), 5-18-year-olds at sleeping bag rate (compared to under 12). Adult costs are under negotiation; they will probably be less than Mt. Madonna’s rooms with bath and more than economy dorms.

- The area provides many possibilities for PYM outings—both campouts and beach parties and service projects.
ARCHIVIST’S REPORT
PYM 2001

I’d like to start by introducing myself to those who don’t know me and let you know what you got yourself into by allowing me to be chosen as PYM Archivist last session.

My name is Julia Bazar. I am a member of Berkeley Meeting though I’ve been working in Los Angeles for the last 10 months and attending Orange County Meeting. I am a professional archivist with a master’s degree in Library and Information Science (Archives Management Concentration) and an MA in History. I have been employed as an Archivist in a variety of institutions over the last five years.

As many of you already know the PYM Archives have been stored for the last several years at the Whittier College Library.

As a Northern Californian who had no expectation at last PYM that I would be working in LA in two month, I accepted the position on the assurance that what was wanted of me was not hands on care of the records but a professional evaluation of the status of the archives, and an evaluation of what was needed to get the Yearly Meeting’s vital and historical documents into a useable and professionally acceptable condition, with estimations of what it would take in time and money to reach and maintain that state.

That report is not coming until next year.

Instead I ended up in Southern California, adjusting to a new job, etc., and then just before Representative Committee I was given two months notice that Whittier College’s Library Renovation Project was about to start and if we did not move the materials before May (2001) that they would be inaccessible for at least two years.

Immediately I began seeking an alternative site. It is not easy to find storage for 11-13 filing cabinets and assorted cartons.

Joe Franko of the Pasadena AFSC offered the free use of their storage room and PYM took up the generous offer of free storage space. Representative Committee approved a budget allowance for moving costs. They also appointed an Ad-hoc Committee to assist the Archivist consisting of Jan Tappan, Bruce Folsom and Stephen McNeil.

I had, and still have some concerns about temperature and humidity fluctuation and security, which I’m planning on exploring further. I already removed the easily identifiable photographic and audio-tape materials, which are currently stored in my apartment in Long Beach. They will go to Jan Tappan when I move back North, probably in October.
I ended up not using any of the moving budget since Brian and Josh Vura-Weiss, of Inland Valley Meeting donated not only their muscle but also the rental of a U-Haul Trailer for the move. David Lederman of Orange County Meeting also helped with the move.

The Archives Committee had a productive meeting after lunch on Tuesday. Finance committee has informed me they intend to recommend carrying over the unspent amount for moving, into next year’s budget. If that is approved by PYM I intend to invest in a hydro thermograph which will tell me what the conditions in Pasadena actually are so that I can determine what materials can be safely stored there. I will also continue to explore security devices.

Due to the unsettled status of the PYM Archives at the present we are asking Monthly Meetings to resist sending materials to the Archives for the next two years. However, if you have materials that you must find a home for, Bruce Folsom at San Francisco Meeting has agreed to take charge of this material during this period.

At this point it appears that the materials will be returned to the new and improved Whittier College Library in the year 2001. though the committee and I will continue to explore alternate sites, but I doubt we will find an institution that will give us a better arrangement and allow us to retain ownership of our records.

The Committee has decided to create a 2-page pamphlet on what the PYM Archives are, and how to access the materials and to whom to address informational queries.

We will also work on guidelines for Monthly Meetings & committees on what sorts of items should be sent to the PYM Archives and how to prepare materials for Archival storage, which will be distributed to Monthly Meetings.

We have also decided to prepare a duplicate set of PYM Minutes to be housed at San Francisco Meeting under the care of Bruce Folsom. We will try to make sure Swarthmore has a complete set as per a previous request.

Keep your eyes open — workshop on the handling of archival materials will be held at PYM in the next year or two.

Last, but certainly not least, I will continue my survey of the archives, and meeting records and should have one or more “modest” Proposals for PYM’s consideration next year.

Submitted by Julia Bazar
## Pacific Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends
### Fiscal Year 2001 Interim Budget Report as of 7/28/01

**REVISED August 1, 2001**

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### EXPENSES

#### GENERAL EXPENSES

| 5202 — Clerk’s Travel & Discretionary R2713 | 250 | 250.00 | -250.00 | 250 | 250.00 | 0.00 | 250 |
| 5203 — Expenses of the Officers | 1,000 | 866.81 | | 1,500 | 121.72 | | 1,500 |
| 5204 — PYM Minutes | 1,000 | 192.05 | | 1,000 | 551.56 | | 1,000 |
| 5205 — “Faith & Practice” Publishing R2721 | 5,000 | 6,764.40 | 1,764.40 | 0 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0 |
| 5206 — Young Friends PYM Scholarship R2742 | 1,500 | 1,500.00 | -560.00 | 1,500 | 1,500.00 | 0.00 | 2,000 |
| 5207 — Equipment Purchase R2722 | 0 | 0.00 | | 0 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0 |
| 5208 — Travel to Representative Com. | 8,500 | 5,868.78 | | | | | 8,500 |
| 5209 — Young Friends Officers’ Expense | 100 | 94.89 | | 100 | 42.05 | | 100 |
| 5210 — Audit Account R2723 | 300 | 1,200.00 | 900.00 | 300 | 42.05 | | 300 |
| 5211 — Hawai’i Regional Support | 400 | 0.00 | | 400 | 0.00 | | 400 |
| 5212 — Latin American Concerns Outreach R2749 | 400 | 400.00 | | 400 | 0.00 | | 400 |
| 5213 — PYM Attendance Scholarships | 3,500 | 3,500.00 | | | | | 5,000 |
| **SUBTOTAL GENERAL EXPENSES** | **$18,450** | **$17,136.93** | | **$17,450** | **$8,383.37** | | **$19,950** | | |

#### COMMITTEE EXPENSES

| 5221 — Ad Hoc Committees | 200 | 0.00 | | 200 | 0.00 | | 200 |
| 5222 — Children’s Program | 400 | 216.15 | | 400 | 360.76 | | 400 |
| 5223 — East-West Relations | 400 | 144.37 | | 400 | 0.00 | | 400 |
| 5224 — “Faith & Practice” Revision | 2,500 | 2,231.64 | | 2,000 | 1,902.97 | | 2,000 |
| 5225 — Finance | 500 | 339.20 | | 500 | 253.59 | | 500 |
| 5226 — Junior Yearly Meeting | 400 | 216.15 | | 300 | 163.55 | | 300 |
| 5227 — Ministry & Oversight | 2,200 | 1,895.15 | | 6,100 | 2,696.05 | | 6,100 |
| 5228 — Nominating | 1,225 | 1,096.43 | | 1,225 | 1,096.43 | | 1,225 |
| 5229 — Peace & Social Order | 1,100 | 1,079.87 | | 1,050 | 564.90 | | 1,050 |
| 5230 — Religious Education | 300 | 0.00 | | 0 | 0.00 | | 0 |
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| 5237 — Committee Supplemental Expense R2714 | 500 | 500.00 | -44.52 | 500 | 316.13 | 0.00 | 500 |
| 5238 — Latin American Concerns | 50 | 50.00 | | 50 | 0.00 | | 50 |
| **SUBTOTAL COMMITTEE EXPENSES** | **$11,425** | **$8,759.81** | | **$14,375** | **$7,094.66** | | **$14,475** | | |
## Fiscal Year 2001 Interim Budget Report as of 7/28/01

**REVISED August 1, 2001**

### SUPPORT OF FRIENDS ORGANIZATIONS

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### TOTAL EXPENSES

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**EXPENSES NET TRANSFERS TO RESERVES** $45,979.56 $36,940.06

**Explanatory Note for Items on Pages 1 & 2**

Expense accounts with a bold face R following the account name have an associated reserve fund on page 3. Transfers from these special reserves are noted in parentheses in the Transfers column. A negative transfer means that funds remaining in the expense account at the end of the year were transferred to the associated reserve. A positive transfer indicates transfers from the reserve.

**Proposed Assessment FY2002:**

- Mexico City: $10 per member
- All others: $28 per member
Pacific Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends  
Fiscal Year 2001 Interim Balance Sheet as of 7/28/01

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Explanatory Notes for Items on Page 3

1. As of 7/28/01: Peace Tax Fund of $2,403.10 and Student Conscience Fund of $11,572.17 were in World Savings accounts; $46,000 was in the Working Assets Money Market Fund; $22,246.46 was in Wells Fargo Certificates of Deposit; $10,000 was in the Friends Meeting House Fund.

2. Accounts receivable includes money owed by PYM Session Budget or others & outstanding assessments. As of 7/28/01, the outstanding assessments total $580. In addition, there is a total of $6,000 in outstanding Student Conscience Loans.


4. Fund located in separate account. Contributions are earmarked for the specific account and not available for general PYM use. This year completed gifts plus accumulated interest of $1,655.44 are available for distribution by Peace and Social Order Committee for "life-affirming activities consistent with Friends principles."

5. Fund located in separate account. Contributions are earmarked for the specific account and not available for general PYM use. Student Conscience Fund balance on 7/28/01 of $17,572.17 includes an outstanding loan of $6,000. An old loan of $1,116 previously written off was repaid this year.

6. Reserve for future publications, under control of RepCom per PYM minute 89-4. Income from sale of Faith and Practice is added to this fund.

7. On 5/15/00 Orange County Friends Meeting asked PYM to accept and administer an earmarked contribution of $20,460.00 to provide scholarships for young people to participate in FGC activities.

8. Travel reserves are set aside for future travel costs PYM has agreed to cover; some groups meet every 2 to 3 years, but we budget a portion of cost each year. Young Friends Travel Reserve has a cap of $2,500 (PYM minute 92-4). Wider Fellowship Travel Reserve is normally capped at $500, but in FY1999/2000 was accumulating funds to sponsor international Friends' travel to PYM after the Trienniel (PYM minute 99-2).

9. These are the only funds available for general PYM use. Since 10/1/94 the Registrar's Checking account and expenses and income connected with the annual sessions are reported separately (see page 5).
Pacific Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends
Fiscal Year 2001 Interim Financial Report as of 7/28/01

### PYM SESSION ACCOUNT

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| **PYM SESSION EXPENSES** |                           |                           |                          |
| 6220 — Registrar’s Expenses | $120,000.00 | $540.74 | $600.00 | $724.47 | $600.00 | $948.77 |
| 6221 — Secretariat’s Expenses | $900.00 | $971.14 | $1,000.00 | $484.12 | $1,000.00 | $0.00 |
| 6222 — Arrangement Clerk Expenses | $650.00 | $613.90 | $700.00 | $3,130.17 | $700.00 | $0.00 |
| 6223 — Children’s Program | $4,000.00 | $3,191.15 | $4,200.00 | $3,737.71 | $5,000.00 | $203.04 |
| 6224 — Cost of Facilities | $80,600.00 | $89,575.29 | $95,000.00 | $99,786.93 | $101,000.00 | $4,000.00 |
| 6225 — Junior Yearly Meeting | $850.00 | $904.21 | $950.00 | $35.61 | $950.00 | $0.00 |
| 6226 — Young Friends | $100.00 | $0.00 | $100.00 | $0.00 | $100.00 | $0.00 |
| 6227 — Breakage | $200.00 | $0.00 | $200.00 | $0.00 | $200.00 | $0.00 |
| 6228 — PYM Clerk’s Invited Guests | $0.00 | $0.00 | $0.00 | $0.00 | $0.00 | $0.00 |
| 6229 — Insurance | $200.00 | $149.00 | $200.00 | $149.00 | $200.00 | $149.00 |
| 6230 — M&O Mental Health Professional | $250.00 | $250.00 | $250.00 | $250.00 | $250.00 | $250.00 |
| 6231 — Session Attendance Subsidies | $4,500.00 | $4,511.00 | $5,000.00 | $3,542.69 | $5,000.00 | $0.00 |
| 6232 — Returned Check Fees | $5.00 | $0.00 | $5.00 | $0.00 | $5.00 | $0.00 |
| 6533 — Uncollectable debts-written off | $385.00 | $0.00 | $385.00 | $0.00 | $385.00 | $0.00 |
| **TOTAL PYM SESSION EXPENSES** | $93,450.00 | $100,706.43 | $108,200.00 | $110,398.70 | $115,000.00 | $5,300.91 |

### PYM SESSION BALANCE SHEET

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| **LIABILITIES AND RESERVES** |                       |                                  |                       |                                  |                       |
| 6451 — Accounts Payable | $742.68 | $0.00 | $742.68 | $0.00 | $0.00 | $0.00 | $0.00 |
| 6452 — Attendance Assistance Fund | $3,447.99 | $1,630.62 | -$5,542.69 | $7,535.92 | 4,199.12 | $0.00 | 5,735.04 |
| 6455 — PYM Session Reserves | $9,787.75 | $97,126.51 | -$101,033.38 | $5,880.88 | 82,346.96 | -$5,019.62 | 80,208.22 |
| 6456 — Donations to PYM | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | $0.00 | 0.00 |
| **TOTAL LIABILITIES AND RESERVES** | $13,978.42 | $98,757.13 | -$105,318.75 | $7,416.80 | $86,546.08 | -$5,019.62 | $85,943.26 |
August 3, 2001
Report to Pacific Yearly Meeting from Faith and Practice Revision Committee
Lincoln Moses, Clerk

The revised *Faith and Practice* has appeared at this annual gathering of Pacific Yearly Meeting in two forms. In the reading room five spiral-bound copies were made available for inspection starting Tuesday. On Thursday, August 2, one copy was sold to the Representative of each Monthly Meeting and Worship Group. The full production run will be delivered to the AFSC Bookstore in Pasadena on or about August 20th. Orders for multiple copies for Meetings should be placed with the AFSC Bookstore for delivery after that date.

The revision process began in August 1991 with PYM Minute 91-3, which called for expansion of the Discipline Committee and renaming it the Faith and Practice Revision Committee. That Minute called for systematic interaction between the Committee and Pacific Yearly Meeting’s Monthly Meetings and their members. We believe that was a wise provision, and we have tried to honor it by means of visits to monthly meetings, by encouraging suggestions to us, and by convening interest groups at annual gatherings of PYM.

Minute 91-3 also called for circulation of a preliminary edition for at least a year. The preliminary edition was distributed at Representative Committee at La Jolla in March 2000, with a deadline of December 31, 2000 set for receiving suggestions. We received many useful suggestions during that period. Some very thoughtful suggestions were necessarily relegated to a file named “Next Faith and Practice.” We will pass that file on to our successors, again to be called the Discipline Committee. That committee may season and act upon these ideas.

This new version differs in some important respects from the Preliminary Edition (the Green Book): there is now a section of quotations, topically arranged, the result of the contributions of many Friends; Friends relation to the Creation is more fully treated; some critical passages have been modified, other passages enlarged. So we urge Friends to acquire the new edition and to discard their copies of the Green Book. Before recycling that obsolete version it might be wise to retain the yellow endpapers that comprise the study guide.

Service on this Committee has entailed much work—rewarding work—and each person who has been a member carries away a body of experiences to be glad of. More than two dozen Friends have participated in this process. We thank the Yearly Meeting for this opportunity.
PACIFIC YEARLY MEETING 2001
REGISTRAR’S REPORT

In the year 2000 a total of 487 persons attended Pacific Yearly Meeting at Mount Madonna Conference Center.

In comparison, this year, 2001, a total of 498 persons attended - eleven more than the previous year.

The breakdown by ages is:

- Toddlers - under 2 years of age - 3
- Children - Ages two to twelve - 65
- Junior Friends - Ages 13 to 17 - 40
- Adults 18 and older - 390

Roena Oesting
Joe Magruder
Co-Registrars
Names in **bold** type are new or reupped, recommended for approval this year. Where not otherwise noted, terms are three years in duration and expire in August of the year listed. Committees and names in *italic* type are named by Friends other than Nominating Committee.

## PACIFIC YEARLY MEETING OFFICERS

### PRESIDING CLERK (one-year term)
2002 Shan Cretin, Santa Monica

### ASSISTANT TO THE CLERK (one-year term)
2002 Stephen McNeil, Strawberry Creek

### RECORDING CLERKS (two-year terms)
2002 Jim Summers, La Jolla
2003 Jan Tappan, Orange Grove

### READING CLERK (one-year term)
2002 Walt Kersey, Sacramento

### STATISTICAL CLERK
2004 Gary Wolff, Orange Grove

### TREASURER
2004 Sherri Sisson, Orange County

### HISTORIAN / ARCHIVIST
2003 Julia Bazar, Berkeley

### ARRANGEMENTS CLERKS (two-year terms)
2002 Karen Morgan, Redwood Forest
2003 Gene Gilmore, Monterey Peninsula

### CO-REGISTRARS (two-year terms)
2002 Joseph Magruder, Berkeley
2003 Stephen Matchett, San Francisco

## PACIFIC YEARLY MEETING COMMITTEES

### MINISTRY and OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE
2002 Susan Stanley, Berkeley
2002 Mariee Eusebio, Davis
2002 Dottie Vura-Weis, Inland Valley
2003 James Anderson, Chico, Clerk
2003 Sally Davis, Sacramento
2003 Jane Peers, La Jolla
2004 Bobbi Kendig, Marloma Long Beach
2004 Jeannie Graves, Orange County
2004 Tom Farley, Palo Alto

### SUBCOMMITTEES OF MINISTRY AND OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE
(appointed by that Committee)

#### ADULT RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
Eve Forrest, Santa Cruz; Jane Mills, Redwood Forest; Jane Peers, La Jolla; Walter Sullivan, Santa Cruz

#### BRINTON VISITOR
Sally Davis, Sacramento, Clerk; Tom Davis, Santa Cruz; Joan Johnson, Conejo Valley / Orange Grove; Lowell Tozer, San Diego — plus Intermountain YM representative and, in years when Visitor travels, North Pacific YM representative.

#### COMMITTED RELATIONSHIPS
Laura Magnani, Berkeley, co-clerk; Joseph Magruder, Berkeley, co-clerk; Elaine Emily, Orange Grove; Joe Franko, Orange Grove

#### RELEASED FRIENDS
Kay Anderson, San Francisco; Kitty Bergel, Orange County; Karen Street, Berkeley; Elaine Emily, Orange Grove; Elmyra Powell, Orange Grove

#### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FOR CHILDREN
Gail Eastwood, Humboldt/Southern Humboldt, Clerk; Tom Farley, Palo Alto; Robin Mohr, San Francisco; Kate Newlin, Strawberry Creek; Kathy Runyan, Chico; Winnie Sunshine, La Jolla; Sue Torrey, Central Coast; Jo Tyler, Orange County
WORSHIP-SHARING
Sharon Gates, Orange Grove; Rebecca Tillberg, Santa Monica

M&O Liaison with JYM
Marilee Eusebio, Davis

SPECIAL FUNDS
Susie Stanley, Berkeley

MENTAL HEALTH and ILLNESS
Jim Anderson, Chico; Dorothy Callison, Davis; Ellie Foster, Santa Cruz; Chuck Freidel, Inland Valley

ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION and RECORDS
Josh Vura-Weis, Inland Valley, clerk; Vashek Cervinka, Davis; Henriette Groot, Santa Cruz; Gary Wolff, Orange Grove

CHILDREN’S PROGRAM COMMITTEE
2002 Paul Robbins, Redwood Forest
2002 Gail Coonen, Humboldt
2003 David Kearney-Brown, Napa-Sonoma
2003 Melissa Lovett-Adair, Central Coast, Clerk
2004 Susan Gore, Redwood Forest
2004 David Lederman, Orange County
Ex Officio: Present and immediate past children's program coordinators

EAST-WEST RELATIONS COMMITTEE
2002 Helen Currier, Redwood Forest
2002 Stanford Searl, Santa Monica
2003 Bill Bauriedel, Palo Alto
2003 Susan Ross, Berkeley
2004 Carl Anderson, Strawberry Creek, Clerk
2004 Ishana Ingerman, Santa Cruz
Ex Officio: PYM representatives to Friends House Moscow Board.

DISCIPLINE COMMITTEE
2002 Kitty Bergel, Orange County
2002 Rick Troth, Apple Seed
2003 Marie Schutz, Redwood Forest, Clerk
2003 Ellie Foster, Santa Cruz
2004 Rachel Fretz, Santa Monica
2004 Margaret Mossman, Berkeley
Ex Officio: Historian/Archivist and PYM Clerk

FINANCE COMMITTEE
2002 David-James Bloom, Apple Seed
2002 Cliff Lester, Orange Grove
2003 Nancy Curdts, Redwood Forest
2003 Stratton Jaquette, Palo Alto
2004 Steve Birdlebough, Sacramento, Clerk
2004 David Barrows, San Diego
Ex Officio: Treasurer(s), Statistical Clerk

HOLDING CORPORATION COMMITTEE
(president named by HC Committee)
2002 Brian Vura-Weis, Inland Valley (President)
2002 Anne Davenport, Claremont
2003 John de Valcourt, Santa Cruz
2003 Lanny Jay, Redwood Forest
2004 Harry Bailey, Grass Valley
2004 Steve Sharpless, Redding
Ex Officio: PYM Presiding Clerk, Treasurer(s)

JUNIOR YEARLY MEETING COMMITTEE
2002 Tim Morgan, Orange County
2002 Paul Harris, Redwood Forest
2002 Alan Edgar, Santa Cruz
2003 George Parker, Humboldt
2003 Tom Farley, Palo Alto
2003 Kathryn Manalo, Berkeley
2004 Linnea Hanson, Chico, Co-Clerk
2004 Louis Armin-Hoiland, Humboldt, Co-Clerk
2004 Susanne Ratcliffe-Wilson, Redwood Forest
LATIN AMERICA CONCERNS

2002 Rolene Otero, Orange Grove, Clerk
2002 Donna Smith, Orange Grove
2002 James Navarro, Santa Cruz
2003 Liz Baker, Berkeley
2003 Yasita Blum, Berkeley
2003 Nancy Salzman, Berkeley
2004 Carin Anderson, San Francisco
2004 Linda Rowell, Chico
2004 Barbara Flynn, Redwood Forest
(three members appointed by: Guatemala MM, Mexico City MM, El Salvador Project)

NOMINATING COMMITTEE
(Recommended by the Naming Committee)

2002 Kate Carpenter, Orange Grove
2002 Ron Jones, Santa Barbara
2002 Martin Otero, Orange Grove
2003 Keith Wedmore, San Francisco, Clerk
2003 Jean Malcolm, San Diego
2003 Eric Moon, Berkeley
2004 Pat Daggerty, Orange Grove
2004 David Lederman, Orange County
2004 Sue Torrey, Central Coast

PEACE and SOCIAL ORDER COMMITTEE

2002 Beth Wrightson, Strawberry Creek
2002 Joseph Morris, Santa Monica
2002 Trudy Freidel, Inland Valley, Clerk
2003 Lincoln Moses, Palo Alto
2003 Thomas Leo, San Jose
2003 Sharlene Roberts-Caudle, Visalia
2004 Sarah House, Orange Grove
2004 Arden Pierce, Palo Alto
2004 Hubert Morel-Seytourx, Palo Alto

Ex officio: Clerks of College Park Quarterly Meeting and Southern California Quarterly Meeting Peace and Social Order Committees; correspondents of unaffiliated Meetings; FCL representative; one of FCNL representatives; representative from Junior Yearly Meeting; representative from Young Friends

SECRETARIAT COMMITTEE

2002 Ellie Huffman, Monterey Peninsula, Clerk
2003 Paul Mackinney, Berkeley
2004 Raph Leviex, Berkeley
Ex Offico: Assistant to Presiding Clerk

SITES COMMITTEE

2002 Roena Oesting, La Jolla
2002 John Pixley, Claremont
2003 John de Valcourt, Santa Cruz
2003 Marie Fredell, Berkeley, Co-Clerk
2004 Pat Smith, Claremont, Co-Clerk
2004 Darcy Stanley, Berkeley
Ex Offico: Current and immediate past Arrangements Clerks

UNITY WITH NATURE COMMITTEE

2002 Eric Sabelman, Palo Alto, Clerk
2002 Eric Joy, Grass Valley
2002 Lenore Diane, Santa Monica
2003 Henriette Groot, Santa Cruz
2003 Mary Ann Percy, La Jolla
2003 Steve Harris, Humboldt
2004 Vashek Cervinka, Davis
2004 Suellen Lowry, Humboldt
2004 Dee Rossman, Strawberry Creek

Ex Officio: EarthLight editor and treasurer(s), FCUN Representatives

WIDER FELLOWSHIP AMONG FRIENDS

2002 Janet Leslie, Chico, Clerk
2003 Mary Miche, Berkeley
2004 Anthony Manousos, Whitleaf
Ex Officio: Representatives to six Friends organizations marked with asterisk * below.
AMERICAN FRIENDS SERVICE COMMITTEE
AFSC Corporation Members (five representatives)

2002 Lincoln Moses, Palo Alto, Convener
2002 Carolyn Stephenson, Honolulu
2003 Margaret Mossman, Berkeley
2003 Elmyra Powell, Orange Grove
2004 Jean Lester, Orange Grove

*EVANGELICAL FRIENDS CHURCH,
SOUTHWEST Yearly Meeting
2002 Tom Davis, Santa Cruz

*EVANGELICAL FRIENDS INTERNATIONAL
(two-year term)
2002 Joe Franko, Orange Grove

FRIENDS BULLETIN BOARD of DIRECTORS
(three representatives)

2002 Lanny Jay, Redwood Forest, Convener
2003 Jeanie Graves, Orange County
2004 JoAnn Taylor, Santa Monica

FRIENDS HOUSE MOSCOW BOARD
2003 Kay Anderson, San Francisco
2004 Julie Harlow, Davis

FRIENDS COMMITTEE on LEGISLATION of
CALIFORNIA (FCL) – one representative, appointed
by Peace and Social Order Committee

FRIENDS COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL
LEGISLATION (FCNL) (five representatives)

2002 Steve Sharpless, Redding
2002 Ted Neff, Davis
2003 Suellen Lowry, Humboldt
2003 Hubert Morel-Seytoux, Palo Alto
2004 Joe Franko, Orange Grove, convener

FRIENDS PEACE TEAMS PROJECT BOARD
(one representative, three year term)
2002 Rachel Fretz, Santa Monica

FRIENDS COMMITTEE ON UNITY WITH
NATURE (FCUN) (two-year terms)

2002 Tom Farley, Palo Alto
2003 Eric Sabelman, Palo Alto

*FRIENDS GENERAL CONFERENCE (FGC)
(two-year term)
2002 Eric Moon, Berkeley

*FRIENDS UNITED MEETING (FUM)
2002 Bruce Folsom, San Francisco

*FRIENDS WORLD COMMITTEE FOR
CONSULTATION (FWCC) – Section of Americas

2002 Jeanette Norton, Orange County
2002 Gloria Kershner, Grass Valley
2003 Sandy Farley, Palo Alto, Convener
2004 Andrea Armín-Holland, Humboldt
2004 Donna Smith, Orange Grove

*REUNION GENERAL DE LOS AMIGOS EN
MEXICO (one-year term)
2002 Rolene Otero, Orange Grove

WILLIAM PENN HOUSE (one-year term)
2002 Joe Franko, Orange Grove

Representatives select one of the delegation as ex officio member of Wider Fellowship Among Friends Committee.
PACIFIC YEARLY MEETING
Nominating Committee Report – August 4, 2001

PACIFIC YM – JUNIOR YEARLY MEETING
named and approved by Junior Yearly Meeting

OFFICERS
2002  Forest Parker, Humboldt, Co-clerk
2002  Joel Armin-Hoiland, Humboldt, Co-clerk
2002  Ravahn Samati, Strawberry Creek, Co-clerk
2002  Jesse Gerstin, Strawberry Crk, Recording Clerk

MINISTRY and OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE
2002  Andre Nelson, Redwood Forest, Clerk
2002  Faith Eastwood, Humboldt
2002  Rebecca Hjelt-Sullivan, Santa Cruz
2002  Rose Armin-Hoiland, Santa Cruz
2002  Mallory Marshall, Visalia
2002  Davis Carlson, Chico

PACIFIC YEARLY MEETING – YOUNG FRIENDS
named and approved by Young Friends

OFFICERS
2002  Stephen Myers, Santa Cruz, Co-Clerk
2002  Darcy Stanley, Berkeley, Co-Clerk
2002  Joel Moody, Berkeley, Recording Clerk

MINISTRY and OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE
2002  Alexis Keeler, Santa Monica
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REPORT OF THE BOARD OF FRIENDS BULLETIN

This year has been an extraordinary one for Friends Bulletin corporation. The magazine continues to thrive, with subscriptions, donations, and advertising revenue at record levels. The magazine has increased in size, and now ranges from 20 to 28 pages, and has also contained newsletter inserts from John Woolman School, the Peace Pilgrim Center, and the Colorado Program of the AFSC. Themes and topics addressed this year included "Ministry to the Dying," "Quakerism in the Age of Science," Navajo spirituality, Latin American Southwestern States Border Concerns, and Teaching Gandhi to Children. And the issue on the FWCC Triennial was sent to 400 Meetings around the United States.

What makes this year unique, however, was the publication of A Western Quaker Reader, which appeared in time for the 50th anniversary of Phoenix Meeting. Compiled by an editorial committee from each of the Yearly Meetings and involving dozens of volunteers, this commemorative book is quite popular, having sold over 900 copies so far. Responses from readers and from Quaker historians have been very favorable.

In keeping with our mission of "building the Western Quaker community," the editor was led to "travel in the ministry," sharing the historic legacy of Western Quakers and becoming better acquainted with the Friends both in the West and across the United States. Over the past year, Anthony Manousos has attended or given presentations at over 40 meetings and Quaker gatherings. Some of these are Phoenix FM, Tempe FM, Orange Grove FM, University FM, Albuquerque FM, IMYM, West Richmond Friends Church (Indiana); the annual gathering of the Friends Association of Higher Education, Friends Council on Education, Friends Historians and Archivists; Whitleaf FM, First Friends Church, Claremont FM, Santa Monica FM, NPYM, La Jolla FM, PYM, Marioma/Long Beach FM, New Mexico Regional Gathering, Colorado Regional, Visalia FM, San Jose FM, Palo Alto FM, Strawberry Creek FM, San Francisco FM, Davis FM, Redwood Forest FM, Santa Cruz FM, San Diego FM, Santa Barbara FM, Hemet WG, Inland Valley FM, SCQM Retreat, Orange County FM, Conejo Valley WG, Eastside FM, Bainbridge Island, and Tacoma FM.

The Directory of Western Friends Meetings and Organizations now appears online and has attracted over 7000 page views since August when a counter was added to the revised website. The expanded Friends Bulletin websites include sample articles, histories of Meetings, biographies of Western Friends, and much more. These sites are updated on a regular basis.

In March 2001, the editor attended a gathering of Quakers United in Publishing at Pendle Hill. This brought together for the first time the editors of all the major Quaker periodicals in the USA and UK. Plans are being developed for significant cooperative Quaker publishing ventures, in which Friends Bulletin will presumably plan a part.
New Board members are bringing new energy and new ideas for enhancing the magazine’s quality and scope. Phyllis Hoge of IMYM brings her literary knowledge along with a wealth of experience going back to the days of Shirley Ruth’s editorship. Lisa Down brings her experience working with an innovative magazine called YES. Robert Griswold brings his expertise with Quaker schools and his recent travels as last year’s Brinton visitor. On the other hand, we are deeply concerned for the health of May Lou Coppock of IMYM, pleased with the recoveries to better health of two of our three members from PYM, and saddened by the rotation off of the Board of Cynthia Taylor of IMYM and Lucy Fullerton of NPYM.

The corporation’s new bookkeeper provides assurance that the magazine’s financial affairs are conducted in a professional manner, Kathleen Ross, the editor’s wife, has been hired to do clerical work, including proofreading. Both the magazine’s editor, Anthony Manousos, and the Board are pleased to have Kathleen’s assistance. With Anthony, Kathleen, numerous volunteers performing a myriad of essential tasks, and an increasingly experienced Board, Friends Bulletin looks forward to another fine year of service to the three Western unprogrammed Yearly Meetings and to our readership.

Faithfully,

Lanny Jay
Clerk of Friends Bulletin’s Board
PYM M&O Subcommittee on Religious Education for Children, 2000-2001

Rufus Jones described how in his childhood he was surrounded at home by a wordless witness to the reality of God, in the "hush of thanksgiving" before meals, and the "weighty silences" after reading from the Bible.

"These silences," he wrote, "during which all the children of our family were hushed with a kind of awe, were very important features of my spiritual development. There was work inside and outside of the house waiting to be done, and yet we sat there hushed and quiet, doing nothing. I very quickly discovered that something real was taking place. We were feeling our way down to that place from which living words come..."

Query: How can meetings and families transmit to children this experience of the "place from which the living words come"?

What we learned this year

During the past year, as committee members talked and visited with meetings which seemed to be having success in welcoming families with children, we noted some common threads. Critical ingredients seem to be:

1. Children are embraced by the meeting as a whole, not just the parents and children's committee.
2. The meeting has a regular plan for children, staffed by dedicated and committed individuals.
3. Parents have committed to getting their children regularly to the children's program.

Children, talking about why they like meeting, talk about their friendships (with people of all ages), not about the lesson plans.

What next?

This year we plan to:

1. Continue visiting meetings, bearing queries and resources.
2. Invite concerned Friends to join us at our northern and southern committee meetings in a workshop format, where we can recharge ourselves together with worship and worship sharing; as well as share thoughts, experiences, projects, and resources.
3. Investigate the possibility of setting up a website for sharing of experiences, bibliography, and resources.

Survey of Children's and Teen Programs

This year the subcommittee tried to get an overview understanding of some of our questions about religious education in PYM's monthly meetings through a survey, mostly conducted by phone. We completed the College Park Quarterly and Hawaii parts of the survey. We found that the typical children's program describes itself as "small," with irregular attendance of a smallish number of uneven-aged kids.

In College Park Quarterly and Hawaii, out of 25 monthly meetings surveyed, 17 (about two thirds of the total) have a weekly program of some kind for children. Most of these programs are small: about half serve less than ten children total. Of the 25, seven
have children of all ages in one group. Nine have two groups (most often separating preschool and elementary school). Big Island's "radical" program includes children in full length meeting for worship (including some "family meetings") which feature song and story, providing religious education for children and adults together.

Of the 25 surveyed, we found only two weekly programs for teens. One of these programs includes teens from two large meetings; the other is a teen-directed program with four teens from one small meeting. Two meetings have monthly or semi-weekly teen groups; another two meetings report trying to have some teen activities, not yet on a regular basis. A handful of teens in the quarter attend meeting for worship or are involved with other adult meeting activities.

But most commonly, teens drop out of involvement with monthly meetings. For the overwhelming majority of our teens, any teen religious education or Quaker religious experience is available only at the quarterly or yearly meeting level, or at Quaker Camp, and AFSC service projects (or, of course, at home). Few of the people we spoke to in the course of the survey reported that young people raised in their meetings went on to become members either in their meeting or elsewhere.

Of the eight meetings with no active children's program (about a third of the total number of meetings surveyed), six say they have too few (or no) children, sometimes because a whole cluster of children have grown up and left. Two others meetings have no space for a children's program and don't feel the need to have one.

Meetings vary in what they present in their children's programs, and how they do it. A few meetings have a well-established concept of what they are trying to do in religious education. Some meetings have significant gaps in agreement, with questions such as "Shall we teach Bible stories?" disputed. In a preponderance of meetings, the meeting as a whole does not try to agree on purposes or methods of religious education for as a whole not try to agree on purposes or methods of religious education for children, leaving the discernment of these issues to a committee. In practical reality, a few parent-teachers may have compete responsibility. The committee's 91-92 report comments, "there are Friends putting their hearts and souls into First Day School work, and... many of them are in small, isolated places where it feels like lonesome work." The same could be said today.

The most common difficulties with first Day School noted in our survey were irregular attendance of children, difficulty getting adults to volunteer with consistency, difficulty of mixed ages and interests on the part of the children, and disinterested teens. These difficulties have been very consistent over time, making frequent appearances almost ten years ago in the committee's 91-92 survey.

Many of the people we interviewed wanted better access to resources, and wished that they knew more about what other meetings were doing that was working well. The 91-92 report reviews the need for continuing support from the quarterly and yearly meeting level; again, little seems to have changed in a decade.
Want to Connect with the Committee?

Do you want us to visit your meeting? Do you want to be on the mailing list for workshops? Do you just want to communicate with the Committee?

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Sue Torry.
The Peace and Social Order committee presented an Interest Group on the global economy. This is a deep and very urgent concern of many Friends. Severe impact on the poor, indigenous people, the environment and the democratic voice of the people is feared. Friends with this urgent concern have prepared a packet of study materials for Meetings, urging Peace and Social Order Committees and all Friends to undertake a study of the complex issue. (This packet is included in the material for all Meeting Representatives to take home.)

Many feel that, as worldwide concern grows the active participation of faith communities is essential to creative and effective change.

A new Pendle Hill pamphlet: Testimony: John Woolman on today’s Global Economy also call on Friends to involve themselves deeply. The issue is complex, but the pain is very real for growing numbers of people. Compassion call on us to hear all sides of the global dilemma, and then to find the voice of love.

Peace and Social order, PYM 2001
To Friends everywhere from Pacific Yearly Meeting in session at Mt. Madonna, California, from July 30th to August 4th, 2001.

We send our greetings to you.

We were reminded in our opening session that “Living by Faith is not a private matter,” and we experienced the truth of that message. We approved Minutes on such real-world matters as concerns related to our opposition to the so-called “War on Drugs,” sanctions against Iraq, and the death penalty. For the first time that we can remember, we approved the support of an intern from this yearly meeting. She has been led to work in community service at the Superfund cleanup site at Tar Creek in Oklahoma. The PYM Unity with Nature Committee will oversee her activities.

As we re-form our blessed community each year, we welcome the opportunity to practice living together as the Quakers we would like to be. We were delighted to receive the long-awaited new edition of FAITH AND PRACTICE; “A Guide to Quaker Discipline in the Experience of Pacific Yearly Meeting.” The whole of our Quaker family celebrated publication with vegan Birth Day cake for all.

Virtually our entire community joined in the Meeting for Memorials. Loving ministry testified to the witness provided by these dear friends. Two young lives had been cut short by gun violence. Regardless of how many years our Friends had lived, we heard of risks taken, witness demonstrated, and much love.

Despite our losses, the size of our Yearly Meeting remains the same.

We sense a quickening among us. We are paying more attention to members who report to us about their work to alleviate suffering throughout the world.

Next year, we expect to meet in a city on the U.S.-Mexico border. As we move down from our mountaintop experience, we will have new opportunities for engagement and service. We look forward to the challenges and to our responses.

Respectfully submitted by the Epistle Committee, 2001

Jane Peers, convener
Kitty Bergel
Carl Magruder
JYM, the haven of junior high and high school “kids” alike, making a
difference, one agenda point at a time. That’s right, folks, a bunch of youngsters
having a joyous adventure. What did we do this week? Like we said we had a
joyous adventure, jeez, pay attention!

Well, first, we introduced ourselves to each other through big booties and big
winds. In other words we played enlightening Quaker games. During these
“games” we learned about out our rhythmic skills (sort of) and other useless
information. Most were excited, one could say, to see old and/or new friends, or
at least we assume this is so due to the rock concert-esque noise level at sleep
time.

Tuesday was ruby, we had a lovely business meeting in the morning filled
with harmonious laughter and delight. The afternoon consisted of
Boardwalking. At this event 24 JYMer’s rode the Giant Dipper in utter silence. It
was a historical and monumental occasion which had been dreamed of for
years. But some would say the bus rides to and from el boardwalk-o was the
best part of the evening. What with the sweet smell of boardwalk candy on the
floor, and the loud, yet merrily jovial music, which bestowed upon us great
pleasure.

Wednesday consisted of more neat-o Quaker stuff. But seriously, folks, there
were some stirring activities. Later in the not so night, we had interesting
interest groups. Also, JYMer’s had the pleasure of having quality playtime with
the young enemies...oops, rather with the Young Friends as those tender
morsels like to be labeled. There was more booty about, as well as sock
snitching madness. Later us swingin’ hipsters swung the night away with the
rest of PYM at the dance a rooni.

Thursday! What can one say about Thursday. One could say a lot but we’ll
choose not to. To summarize Thursday, it was good.

In conclusion, JYM was absolutely, positively wonderful. Why was JYM this
way? Just never you mind about that. You oughta know by now, anyhow.
To Friends everywhere,

This year we returned for another session at Mount Madonna Center, near Gilroy, California. The peace and serenity of the site was a warm and inviting beginning to our week. Young Friends were vigorous in number once again consisting of first-time attenders as well as long time friends. Amid the complexity and chaos of our daily lives, the warm embrace of loving friends started us on a journey of query and reflection. PYM attendance has always provided such a time of reflection. This sessions' focus manifested into the nature of personal relationships. Worship sharing throughout the week brought forth queries of personal contact, lost relationships, community and how our relationships further our spiritual development. Worship and business meetings were well attended, though some were present solely in the spirit of rest. Ministry and oversight had an angelic presence this session looking after the well being of the entire community.

Young Friends voyaged to a nearby reservoir to strengthen our peer community. With a fiasco at the grill, we ended up with bellies full of half cooked bar-b- qued delicacy. Combating the humming-bird-size mosquito’s we still managed worship sharing and a late night walk to the lake. While boats and jet skis were allowed on the reservoir a friendly ranger informed us that there was no swimming, unless an “accidental entry occurred”. After a night of fellowship, there was a renewed appreciation for the larger community.

Once again, the Quaker community kicked up their heels at an all ages dance. Community night festivities consisted of dancing, singing, game playing, and other activities. Activities such as these strengthened the sense of family, community and intimacy amongst all friends in attendance.

In the Light,

Young Friends
Stephen Myer, Co-clerk
PACIFIC YEARLY MEETING 2001
PRESCHOOL EPISTLE

We went on adventures. We went in a cave. We looked for pinecones, we looked for bugs. We liked playing in the sand-box. Dinosaurs don't fight. We played with toys and sang songs.

Thank you for being in the pre-school.

Thank you for being at PYM.

We are Quakers, aren't we!