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The 56th session of Pacific Yearly Meeting opened with worship on 7th Month, 22, 2002, at 7:15 PM in the University Center of the University of San Diego, San Diego, California.

Clerk Shan Cretin welcomed Friends to the annual session. Reading Clerk Walt Kersey read a rhymed verse selection from the 2001 Junior High Epistle of New York Yearly Meeting. Representatives of the University of San Diego greeted Pacific Yearly Meeting with useful information about facilities and logistics.

Roll Call
Friends from these Meetings and worship groups were present. (Also see list of attenders, ATTACHMENT A.)

Central Coast Preparative Meeting
San Luis Obispo Worship Group  Marin Monthly Meeting
Atascadero Worship Group  Marloma/Long Beach Monthly Meeting
Sierra Foothills (formerly Amador) Worship Group  Mexico City Monthly Meeting
Conejo Valley Worship Group  Monterey Peninsula Monthly Meeting

Las Vegas Worship Group  Napa-Sonoma Monthly Meeting
Southern Humboldt Worship Group  Orange County Monthly Meeting
Apple Seed Monthly Meeting  Orange Grove Monthly Meeting
Berkeley Monthly Meeting  Pacific Ackworth Monthly Meeting
Big Island Monthly Meeting  Palo Alto Monthly Meeting

Chico Monthly Meeting  Redwood Forest Monthly Meeting
Claremont Monthly Meeting  Sacramento Monthly Meeting
Davis Monthly Meeting  San Diego Monthly Meeting
Delta Monthly Meeting  San Francisco Monthly Meeting
Fresno Monthly Meeting  San Jose Monthly Meeting

Grass Valley Monthly Meeting  Santa Barbara Monthly Meeting
Honolulu Monthly Meeting  Santa Cruz Monthly Meeting
Humboldt Monthly Meeting  Santa Monica Monthly Meeting
Inland Valley Monthly Meeting  Strawberry Creek Monthly Meeting
La Jolla Monthly Meeting  Visalia Monthly Meeting

Introductions
Visitors were introduced, including Paul Lacey, clerk to American Friends Service Committee (AFSC) board of directors; Ruth Fraser, Madeline Haggans, Lawrence Reichard and Sonia Tuma, all with AFSC; Arthur Meyer Boyd of Friends Committee on National Legislation; Ira Saletan and Jim Linburg of the Friends Committee on Legislation; Cilde Grover of Friends World Committee on Consultation, Section of the Americas; Cassilde Ntamamiro of Friends Peace Team, Burundi; Katherine Jaramillo from Earlham School of Religion; Bronwen Hillman from PAV-Mexico (Alternatives to Violence Project); Deborah Saunders, representing Pendle Hill; and Anthony Manousos from Friends Bulletin. Alyn Euritt a student at Scattergood Friends School, from Penn Valley Monthly Meeting in Kansas City, Missouri, was present. Greetings were conveyed to PYM by attenders from North Pacific Yearly Meeting, Iowa Yearly Meeting, Baltimore Yearly Meeting, North Carolina Yearly Meeting (Conservative), Britain Yearly Meeting, Philadelphia Yearly Meeting, Monte Verde Friends in Costa Rica, and from Burundi Yearly Meeting. Paul Niebanck, formerly with Santa Cruz Meeting, sent his greetings.
Logistics and Announcements

The Clerk explained our procedure for Friends to speak from the floor during plenary sessions, using microphones brought to them by members of Ministry and Oversight Committee.

Melissa Lovett-Adair introduced the children participating in the Children’s Program and announced orientation Tuesday at 9:00 AM for children and parents. The afternoon schedule this year will be an activity schedule for anyone, of any age, who wishes to participate. Volunteers are encouraged to work with the children. Intergenerational activities are scheduled for Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday evenings.

Linnea Hanson and Louis Armin-Hoiland introduced the Junior Yearly Meeting Clerks -- Joel Armin-Hoiland and Forest Parker, of Humboldt Meeting, and Ravahn Samati, of Strawberry Creek Meeting --and JYM Ministry and Oversight Committee members. The JYM schedule is available, and Friends are invited to attend interest groups and to be Friendly Adult Presences. A “transition group” will as last year accommodate those moving from the Children’s Program to JYM. Parents and sponsors were reminded that JYM is not a 24-hour program and ends at midnight. Parent orientation meeting will follow this plenary.

JYM co-clerk Forest Parker read the following “mutually understood guides for behavior in the PYM community,” developed by our Committees for Ministry and Oversight and Junior Yearly Meeting, for PYM attenders of all ages:

We agree to treat every other person with respect; to participate fully in the creation of the PYM community; to be open to appropriate eldering; to not engage in sex outside of committed relationships; to not use recreational drugs, including alcohol.

Stephen Myers, of Santa Cruz Meeting, and Darcy Stanley, of Berkeley Meeting, co-clerks of Young Friends, introduced Young Friends. Young Friends and JYMers then left plenary for their activities.

Arrangements clerks Karen Morgan and Gene Gilmore made several announcements about phones, trams, facilities, schedules, and other matters, then answered questions. Friends were reminded that the University allows nothing to be hung on the walls. Emily Leo is Special Needs Coordinator for this PYM. Gary Wolff introduced the assistive listening devices available for those who need them. Sharon Gates and Rebecca Tillberg explained Worship-Sharing Group assignments. Locations will be announced in the Daily Miracle and on bulletin boards.

The Clerk reminded Friends of the schedule of reports, concerns and minutes to be presented in plenary sessions during this week and directed Friends to posters in the lobby outside plenary with text and background information for four proposed minutes.

Epistle Committee

The Epistle Committee for this PYM will be Leonard Joy (convenor), Bruce Folsom, and Sarah Rose House.

Stephen McNeil, Assistant to the Clerk, made several announcements. Minutes were read and approved. Meeting closed with silent worship.

Faithfully submitted,

Shan Cretin, Presiding Clerk

James Summers, Recording Clerk
PLENARY II

The meeting opened with worship. Walt Kersey read from the letter of the 2002 Quaker AFSC delegation to Iraq, seven people who traveled to Iraq as an act of conscience, to expand efforts to lift sanctions and to report on deteriorating living conditions of the people of Iraq.

Clerk Shan Cretin reminded us of the area within the plenary room encircled by a loop of speaker cable, as an antenna to assist those with hearing loss. Friends using this system should adjust their hearing aids to the “T” position or use the headsets provided. Karen Street of Berkeley Meeting has information for each Meeting to help us assess needs for assisted hearing systems in our Meetinghouses.

Introductions
The following Friends and visitors introduced themselves: Andrew Secrest, Berkeley Friends Church; Ernest Bicknell, Berkeley Friends Meeting; Rose Emerly, Hawaii, Big Island Monthly Meeting; Jane Blount, La Jolla Friends Meeting.

Naming Committee
Stratton Jaquette, Palo Alto Meeting, reviewed the task of the Naming Committee and introduced committee members Betty Miller, of Apple Seed Meeting, and Gary Wolff, of Orange Grove Meeting. Naming Committee recommended the following Friends for PYM Nominating Committee: Marilee Eusebio of Davis Meeting, term through PYM 2003; Keith Wedmore of San Francisco Meeting, term through PYM 2004, and to serve as Nominating Committee clerk for the coming year; Roy Allen of Berkeley Meeting, Ron Jones of Santa Barbara Meeting, and Rebecca Tillberg of Santa Monica Meeting, terms through PYM 2005.

Stephen McNeil read announcements. Minutes were read and approved for the session thus far.

On Being Led to Witness
The clerk introduced a panel of Friends to speak about their leadings to witness in the world. She suggested that we follow their panel with closing worship and ask our recording clerk to offer a summary minute at tomorrow’s plenary.

The Spirit is hard but fair. No one is asked to do everything. We are asked to do that to which we are called and for which we are uniquely prepared.

Plenary heard from Rachel Fretz and Cassilide Ntamamiro, who work with Friends Peace Teams in Burundi; Sandy Farley who works with refugees in Kosovo and Albania; Janet Riley and John Helding who work with the Alternatives to Violence Project in California prisons; Joe Franko who, with Edith Cole, was led to establish a girls’ school in Pakistan for Afghani refugees; and Carin Anderson and Chris Moore-Backman who are working with the Fellowship of Reconciliation to be a presence in “peace communities” in Colombia.

Each showed a willingness to be lead and spoke of how they came to recognize the Spirit leading them to their work, from subtle but persistent “nudgings” to “being hit with a baseball bat.” They spoke movingly of their essential connections to their faith communities and the importance of the support those communities provide. The transforming power of the Spirit is evident in their lives, in their work and in the communities that support them. We are grateful for the lives and the work of these Friends.

Meeting closed with worshipful silence.

Faithfully submitted,

Shan Cretin, Presiding Clerk
Jan Tappan, Recording Clerk
PLENARY III

Meeting began at 10:00 AM in worship. Walt Kersey read selections from the 2002 epistles of Australia Yearly Meeting and Japan Yearly Meeting, and the 2001 epistles of the Central Friends and the Kindergarten-2nd Grade Friends of North Pacific Yearly Meeting.

Introductions
Ignacio Gonzales from Mexico City Monthly Meeting and Patricia Moore (Chris Moore-Backman’s mother) were introduced. The clerk reminded Friends to hold in the Light PYM Friends traveling under concerns in various parts of the globe.

Nominating Committee
Clerk Keith Wedmore reported for Nominating Committee. Friends were invited to consider nominations, presented for our first hearing, and bring any concerns to Nominating Committee before these names are considered for approval on Friday. Clerk Shan Cretin expressed thanks of PYM for the good work of the Nominating Committee throughout this year.

Ministry and Oversight Committee
Clerk Jim Anderson introduced the report of the Committee’s work throughout this year (ATTACHMENT B), reading the final paragraph concerning their attempts to support Mexico City Monthly Meeting. Friends throughout Yearly Meeting are invited to consider whether they may have some support to offer Mexico City Meeting. Jim also made available a report produced for the benefit of any Committees considering establishing internship programs (ATTACHMENT C).

Members of Ministry and Oversight Committee read excerpts from State of the Meeting reports received from the Meetings of PYM (ATTACHMENT D). Many excerpts concerned Meetings’ responses to the violence of 9-11-2001 attacks and to military threats and other violence that have ensued. Others reflected the leadings of individual Friends working in the service of justice and peace in the world. Some excerpts related stories of Meetings reaching out to the Spirit and reaching into their home communities with their testimonies. It was clear from some passages that finding direction as Meetings does not always come easily for Friends, and that Friends are very concerned about this issue throughout PYM. Who are we, beyond a mutually caring faith community? Many Meetings wrote of where leadings come from and the challenges and joys of taking trusting steps together in the Spirit.

How do Meetings find their corporate witness? Do we bring proposals to meetings for business seeking unity? Do we use planning processes borrowed from the business world, hoping to accomplish a goal expeditiously? Or do we look to individual leadings, seasoning them lovingly in the Meeting community, perhaps with the aid of clearness committees, to let true concerns arise and through nurturing these individual witnesses over time discover our corporate voice?

It was noted that love and a strong sense of community can empower Meetings to accept both problems and new ideas, allowing us to be open to workings of the Spirit. Failure to be clear about what we are or are not, however, can make it difficult to educate newcomers and children, work with other faith traditions or rightly discern what work is truly ours. We do have time-tested spiritual practices that serve us well, allowing, if given sufficient time and scope, both the plumbing of individual spiritual depths and reliable corporate discernment. When this occurs and a Meeting is truly unified in its discernment of the way forward, it can become a minister itself, with Friends as its hands and feet.

Friends were called to a ministry of “earth justice” and cautioned against anthropocentrism in our seekings and ministries. We were reminded that consequences of continuing to ignore the unity of humanity and nature could be catastrophic. Friends pray to be more aware of the Presence, and for help to be more faithful in our lives as individuals and as a community.
Friends Committee on Legislation
Steve Birdlebough, from Friends Committee on Legislation (FCL), reminded us of William Penn’s insight that true Godliness does not remove us from the world but moves us to seek to mend it. FCL was formed fifty years ago to do this. Carol Lutness, from Orange Grove Meeting, spoke of producing a video on the last 50 years of FCL. She and Ira Saletan, interviewing 84 people, found an incredible story of an organization not always well known or appreciated, even by Meetings, despite its effectiveness in Sacramento. She introduced FCL staff and volunteers present and reviewed FCL work in Sacramento. This video will be shown at PYM and at Monthly Meetings by visiting representatives.

PYM 2002-1 Pacific Yearly Meeting gives thanks and expresses great appreciation to the Friends Committee on Legislation for fifty years of integrity and effective service in Sacramento.

Meeting closed with a silence full of worship.

Faithfully submitted,

Shan Cretin, Presiding Clerk
James Summers, Recording Clerk

7th Month 25, 2002

PLENARY IV

Meeting began at 10:00 AM following Meeting for Worship. Walt Kersey read epistles from Canadian Yearly Meeting and the Yearly Meeting of Friends in Cuba. Meg Goetz Gaona and Antonio Gaona, of Santa Barbara Meeting, were introduced.

Stephen McNeil, Assistant to the Clerk, read announcements. Recording clerk Jim Summers read the minutes from Plenary III, which we approved. Keith Wedmore brought additional nominations and corrections to our attention. Friends are encouraged to contact members of Nominating Committee with concerns and questions.

Treasurer’s Report
Treasurer Sherri Sisson, of Orange County Meeting, reported on the state of the Yearly Meeting’s finances. We thanked Sherri Sisson and accepted the Treasurer’s Report.

Finance Committee
Steve Birdlebough, Sacramento Meeting, reported for the Finance Committee on expenses for the current fiscal year and noted the need for augmentation to the budgets for the Finance and Peace and Social Order Committees.

PYM 2002-2. We approve augmenting our 2002 budget, with $200 for Finance Committee expenses and $500 for Peace and Social Order Committee, to be balanced by taking an additional $700 from reserves.

The Finance Committee presented a first reading of the proposed budget for FY 2002/3. We have intentionally spent down our reserves in recent years. Thus, even though the proposed budget is about the same or slightly less than last year, we now need to increase our Meetings’ per-member assessment to in order to meet this budget. Friends are invited to bring to Finance Committee comments and concerns about the proposed budget, which we will consider for approval later in the week. We appreciate the careful way our Finance Committee has worked to support our activities to help make our faith visible.
Epistle Committee
Leonard Joy, of Strawberry Creek Meeting, read the preliminary draft of the Epistle. Please give suggestions and comments to members of the Epistle Committee: Sarah Rose House, Bruce Folsom, and Leonard Joy.

Friends World Committee for Consultation
Sandra Farley reported for PYM's representatives to FWCC. Cilde Grover, Executive Secretary of FWCC Section of the Americas, was introduced. Sandra Farley noted that FWCC's financial contributions from Pacific Yearly Meeting members have dropped since the death of Robert Vogel, a very active FWCC fund raiser, and asked that Friends consider donating money to the work of FWCC.
At its annual meeting, FWCC Section of the Americas was led to plan a Peace Conference that will take place January 17-20, 2003, at Guilford College, Greensboro, North Carolina. Rolene Walker spoke to us of plans for this conference, the first that FWCC has called in thirty years. The conference was called to assist Friends to carry out the peace testimony in an increasingly war torn world, examining where the peace testimony has taken us in the past, where it leads us today, and what we can do in the future. To support this conference, PYM approved the following minutes:

PYM 2002-3 We approve $1000 as a one-time gift to FWCC for the purpose of putting on a Peace Conference in January 2003. We approve $1,000 to underwrite travel for four delegates to that conference. We ask our Ministry and Oversight Committee to establish a process by which Friends may apply to be delegates and to select our four delegates, working with clerks and M&O of the Young Friends to ensure the inclusion of younger and older Friends.

Cilde Gover noted that there is also opportunity for interested Friends not selected as Yearly Meeting delegates to attend this conference; Friends should contact the FWCC Section of the Americas office for more information.

Colombia Peace Communities
Carin Anderson and Chris Moore-Backman presented background information about the Peace Communities in Colombia and their accompaniment work with the Fellowship of Reconciliation. A minute of support has been seasoned by the Latin America Concerns and Peace and Social Order Committees.

PYM 2002-4: 1. We support the Peace Communities of Colombia in their efforts to find a nonviolent path, and we hold in our prayers and loving care Christopher Moore-Backman and Carin Anderson who have been led to bear witness and support the community in San Jose de Apartado. We affirm the spiritual basis for their work in San Jose de Apartado.

2. We direct the Clerk to inform the President and President-elect of Colombia, President Bush, Secretary of State Colin Powell, and the US Ambassador to Colombia, that two members of Pacific Yearly Meeting have been called to accompany and support the Peace Community of San Jose de Apartado, and that Pacific Yearly Meeting is closely monitoring the continuing violence and forced militarization in San Jose de Apartado. We direct the Clerk to ask these officials to ensure that the road from Apartado to San Jose de Apartado is kept safe for all travelers and to support the accompaniment work of the international citizens living in San Jose de Apartado.

3. We urge Friends Committee on National Legislation to work for changes in US government policy towards Colombia to ensure support for Colombia’s Peace Communities and protection for their civilian populations while working towards a just and lasting end to the armed conflict in Colombia.

Minutes were read and approved. Meeting closed with silence.

Faithfully submitted,

Shan Cretin, Presiding Clerk Jan Tappan, Recording Clerk
Plenary V - Memorials

We gathered in our traditional way to celebrate the lives of the members and attenders of our constituent Meetings who have died since our last memorial session. Members of Ministry and Oversight Committee -- Dottie Vura-Weis, Tom Farley, Susie Stanley -- and two Young Friends, Evan Nelson and Kate Newlin, each read one of the following short selections, and then a list of names. In the interspersed worship, Friends recounted stories and characteristics of departed Friends.

Eda Bicknell, Berkeley
Julia Brown, Santa Barbara
Doris Bryant, San Diego
Montford I. Cardwell, San Francisco
Louise Carolyn Conn, Davis
Bernie Firestone, Santa Barbara
Eloise "Cindy" Hewitt, Honolulu
Nancy Cox Hollister, Santa Barbara
Tex Horning, 15th Street, NY/Palo Alto
Walter Lohans, Fresno
John Bard McAllister, Visalia
Thomas McIntyre, Reno

Janet Nolan, Redwood Forest
Helen Malcolm O'Brien, Whitleaf
Peggy Reid, Berkeley
Maggie Reynolds, Santa Cruz
Marye Spencer, Marloma Long Beach
Georgia Travis, San Jose
Samuel Tyson, Delta
Linda Wright, Inland Valley/Las Vegas WG

"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." -- Helen Keller

"Death is not 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

"The eternal life is not the future life; it is life in harmony with the true order of things--life in God. We must learn to look upon time as a movement of eternity, as an undulation in the ocean of being. To live, so as to keep this consciousness of ours in perpetual relation with the eternal is to be wise,\; to live, so as to personify and embody the eternal, is to be religious." -- Amiel

"For what is it to die but to stand naked in the wind and to melt into the sun? And what is it to cease breathing, but to free the breath from the restless tides, that it may rise and expand and seek God unencumbered?"
-- Kahlil Gibran
PLENARY VI

Meeting began at 10:00 AM following worship, with Walt reading selections from the epistles of the Northwest Yearly Meeting of Friends Church and the Central and South Africa Yearly Meeting.

Brinton Visitor Subcommittee
Sally Davis, Clerk of the Brinton Visitor Subcommittee, reported to us. She recounted the history of the Brinton Visitor Fund, and reminded us that the fund is not endowed. North Pacific Yearly Meeting has requested visitation, and the funds are available. The recommendation of Eric Moon as the tenth Brinton Visitor was enthusiastically received by Friends.

Alternatives to Violence Project (AVP)
Clerk Shan Cretin, herself an AVP facilitator, asked Margaret Mossman to clerk the consideration of a minute involving PYM support of the Alternatives to Violence Project.

Central Coast Preparative Meeting, currently sponsoring an AVP program in the California Men’s Colony, has forwarded a minute requesting that PYM take their program under its care. San Francisco Meeting has forwarded a minute encouraging PYM “to explore ways to encourage Quaker participation in the Alternatives to Violence Project.” Trudy Freidel, Clerk of Peace and Social Order, introduced a proposed minute of support, to establish an AVP subcommittee under Peace and Social Order Committee.

During discussion, we acknowledged Friends’ support for and involvement with other conflict resolution programs and heard the history of AVP work in our Quaker Community and in prisons that led to the seasoning of these concerns. It was noted that committees of PYM have the power to establish subcommittees without bringing the matter to plenary. Since “Correctional Facility” is a euphemism for a prison, truth requires us to call these institutions by their true name.

PYM 2002-5 We endorse efforts by Monthly Meetings and individual Friends to establish Alternatives to Violence Project Programs in prisons, school, and communities. We hold those who are led to do this work in our prayers and loving care. We ask Peace and Social Order Committee to implement this proposal in PYM and Monthly Meetings and to help direct a flow of energy to this effort.

Friends were also reminded that without real support from the Friends of Pacific Yearly Meeting, this minute is in vain. This is not a short-term commitment. Men and women in prison may be there for a very long time, and if we are truly faithful, we could also be there for life.

Naming Committee
Stratton Jaquette reported for Naming Committee. They recommend extending Marilee Eusebio’s proposed term on Nominating Committee to 2004, and asking Kate Carpenter to continue serving through PYM 2003.

Nominating Committee
Keith Wedmore presented the revised nominations for the coming year (ATTACHMENT G). Minor corrections were made, and a few new nominations were presented for the first time.

PYM 2002-6 We approve nominations heard at earlier plenaries and will consider tomorrow names heard today for the first time.

Site for PYM 2003
Clerk Pat Smith reported for Site Committee. PYM 2003 can take place here at University of San Diego for a second year, August 4-9, 2003. The Committee anticipates achieving a pattern espoused for many years, of alternating between northern and southern California sites every two years.
Finance Committee -- Revised Budget
Clerk Steve Birdlebough presented the revised budget proposed for 2003 (ATTACHMENT F), incorporating increases in budget items for the FWCC peace conference and other adjustments reflecting information brought to Finance Committee. The proposed assessment to monthly meetings will increase from $28.00 per member last year to $34.00. Our total budget is not dramatically changed from last year, rather this increase in assessment reflects the end of our years of deliberately spending down reserves.

PYM 2002-7 We approve the proposed budget for 2003 as presented.
Bob Barns of Grass Valley Monthly Meeting is recorded as standing aside from this unity, concerned that a general discussion of the proposed permanent site has not yet taken place in PYM.

Religious Freedom Peace Tax Fund
Bob Runyan presented a proposed Peace Tax Fund Minute approved by Chico Meeting. He reminded Friends that we are paying for wars past and present when we pay income taxes. Currently, Friends may pay taxes, live below the taxable level, or resist taxes and suffer the consequences. The bill supported by this minute provides an alternative which would allow conscientious objectors to pay their full taxes into a fund that will not be used for military purposes. Friends were reminded that John Woolman was willing to go to bed hungry when the only food available was produced and prepared by slave labor, so faithfulness might also require us to live below the poverty level or be hounded by the IRS. It was recognized that this bill would not modify the federal budget, but it might cause taxpayers to think about how their tax money is spent.

PYM 2002-8 Pacific Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends (Quakers) expresses support for those conscientiously opposed to war taxes, in keeping with our Society’s 350-year religious witness for peace. Our historical Peace Testimony is expressed in words of early Friends, that “We do utterly deny all outward wars and strife and fightings with outward weapons, for any end or under any pretense whatsoever.”

We ask that our elected officials support and work for the Religious Freedom Peace Tax Fund (HR 1186), which would allow those conscientiously opposed to war to pay their taxes without violating conscience. We thank Rep. John Lewis for sponsoring this legislation and ask all U.S. Congressional Representatives to join in co-sponsoring the bill.

We ask our Clerk to send copies of this minute to our Congressional representatives, Monthly Meetings, and other Yearly Meetings in the United States. We urge members and attenders to consider their responses to war taxes and to work for passage of the Religious Freedom Peace Tax Fund Bill.

One Friend expressed disappointment that we had dropped the words “if so moved” from the end of this minute, citing the necessity for all of us to follow Divine guidance in choosing our own work.

Brian Vura-Weis, president of our PYM Holding Corporation, reported plans for a thorough seasoning and discussion of the question of a permanent site for PYM.
Minutes were read and approved, and we closed in worship.

Faithfully submitted,

Shan Cretin, Presiding Clerk           Jim Summers, Recording Clerk
PLENARY VII

Meeting opened at 10:45 AM. Walt Kersey read from the epistle of the 2002 Britain Yearly Meeting and from the Children's epistle of the 2001 Ohio Valley Yearly Meeting.

American Friends Service Committee
Some PYM Friends have voiced concerns about policies and decisions of the national office of the American Friends Service Committee. Representatives from the AFSC national office and board attended to our PYM annual session this year and we have had several opportunities to meet with them and with staff from the regional offices during this week. Our Representatives to the AFSC Corporation attended these meetings, have heard the issues, and are well prepared to represent us at the corporation meeting in the Fall.

Many PYM Friends have been involved with our two Regional AFSC offices as staff, committee members and volunteers. These Friends urge us to continue to support AFSC’s work, and particularly to support the work and the staff of the Pacific Mountain and Pacific Southwest Regions.

Friends are invited to speak with Pacific Yearly Meeting’s AFSC representatives: Jean Lester, Carl Magruder, Margaret Mossman, Lanny Jay, and Walter Sullivan. Our representatives will keep us informed and may bring issues to us if the need arises.

Written Reports
We agreed to accept and attach to the minutes of this session written reports from all committees, subcommittees and representatives (ATTACHMENTS K, L).

United Nations Dues Project
Walter Sullivan presented a minute from Santa Cruz Monthly Meeting, College Park Quarterly Meeting and Pacific Yearly Meeting Peace and Social Order Committee proposing to collect contributions of $3 per person from those who favor peaceful resolution of international conflicts. The money collected would be donated to the United Nations, a symbolic gesture. Friends expressed concern that this minute does not go far enough in addressing the US failure to ratify international treaties and efforts to promote peace and justice. Many Friends expressed the desire for a stronger, broader action that would address concerns about US foreign policy and its reliance on force and unilateralism. The minute and these broader concerns were referred to Peace and Social Order Committee.

Nominating Committee
Keith Wedmore reported one additional nomination: Leonard Joy, of Strawberry Creek Meeting, for Peace and Social Order Committee. This nomination will be acted on at Representative Committee next March.

PYM 2002 -9: We approve the additional nominations brought to us yesterday at Plenary VI. (ATTACH G)

Naming Committee
PYM 2002 - 10 We approve recommendations of the Naming Committee, that the following Friends serve on Nominating Committee: Kate Carpenter of Orange Grove Meeting, term ends 2003; Marilee Eusebio of Davis Meeting, and Keith Wedmore of San Francisco Meeting, terms end 2004; Roy Allen of Berkeley Meeting, Rebecca Tillberg of Santa Monica Meeting, and Ron Jones of Santa Barbara Meeting, terms end 2005; Keith Wedmore to clerk through PYM 2003.
**Registrars**
Joe Magruder reported on Yearly Meeting attendance. We accepted the report (ATTACHMENT H).

**Statistical Clerk**
Gary Wolff reported on the membership in the monthly meetings of PYM. Our membership has increased since last year with several meetings adding several members by conviction. We accepted the report (ATTACHMENT I).

**Discipline Committee**
Marie Schutz noted that some Yearly Meetings have made their Faith and Practice available on web sites, and PYM Discipline Committee is working to make our discipline available on the web site at www.quaker.org/pacific-ym/. We accepted their report.

**Epistles**
Aimee Sunshine-Hill read the epistle from Young Friends (ALL epistles as ATTACHMENT J); the preschool group jointly read their epistle; Lee Sisson read the lower elementary group's epistle; the upper elementary group jointly read their epistle; Alyn Euritt read the Junior Yearly Meeting epistle. Sarah Rose House read the Pacific Yearly Meeting epistle.

Arthur Carpenter, Orange Grove Meeting, presented the Young Friends nominating committee report (included in Nominating Committee report, ATTACHMENT G, along with Junior Yearly Meeting nominations).

Minutes were read and approved. The meeting closed with worship.

Faithfully submitted,

Shan Cretin, Presiding Clerk

Jan Tappan, Recording Clerk
Ministry and Oversight Committee Report
Pacific Yearly Meeting, July 22-27, 2002

In a year that has challenged all of us more than most, Ministry and Oversight Committee has worked on many of its traditional responsibilities in new ways, with new emphasis. Oversight of our annual session is a responsibility this committee has always shared, and we devoted our fall meeting to a review of last August’s annual gathering. While a review of the evaluations, a consideration of general questions of the right holding of the annual session, some reflection on how our new site might affect our meeting, all occupied us, beneath this discussion was a deeper question regarding how our community would respond to the events of September 11 and after, all still very fresh in our minds. We considered what our role was, as a committee and a society, in the new atmosphere of our world and our country. Yet, for the most part, we attended to the traditional details of our work, trying out alternative schedules, reflecting on the role of youth and the relations of generations at the gathering, seeking ways to remedy annual session conditions that evaluators mentioned as troublesome.

Over the course of the year, we encouraged the work of our ten subcommittees. One, Religious Education for Children, we have supported as it moves toward a return to standing committee status. Some others have not been sufficiently active and we have tried to encourage them along. We also surveyed the PYM standing committees to learn of their level of activity, their view of the adequacy of their budgets, and to learn of ways we might encourage the effectiveness of committee activity generally in our yearly meeting. We have for more than a year now been seeking to arrange for a conference of Quaker-related Boards; we have now found a Friend ready to coordinate this effort. Arrangements for this gathering are about to begin. Some work among Friends in our yearly meeting takes place outside committee or meeting structures, but might benefit from moving into such structures. Some Friends active in Alternative to Violence programs have in the past year been exploring with us how such a step might be taken in their work, and will bring a proposal to this annual gathering.

In addition to attending to our sessions and our committee and meeting structures, we seek to support visitation among friends, and encourage the readiness to support one another’s calls and leadings, which move us often out into the wider world. Our Brinton visitor subcommittee has been recently active in searching for a Friend who would travel among west coast meetings in this traditional pattern of ministry. We will bring a name forward to you later this week. Some of our standing committees also have been searching for ways to reach out, and to support the leadings particularly of young friends. We have explored in this past year the question of internships, a structure by which committees might both support the growth of young friends and extend their committee’s work into other settings. We have prepared, for committees considering internships, a brief document of advices to help support the best possibilities of these new directions.

Finally, in some sense coming full circle from our early reflections on how events in the fall call us into the world, we have given greater attention to Friends in distant places. Our meetings in Hawaii nurture their Quaker life in an isolation that some would call splendid, but the longing for contact with other Friends is real and is often brought to us in their letters. After some years without providing visitation, we arranged this year for one of our members, who was visiting Hawaii for other reasons, to visit Honolulu Meeting on behalf of our Committee. We believe that as a Committee and as a Yearly Meeting we should take upon ourselves the support of at least one yearly visitation with these Friends. We also believe visiting Guatemala Friends is a practice we should undertake on a regular basis. These are opportunities both to bring our presence and care into these distant meetings, and also to enrich our own community with what we learn and bring back, extending the world of Pacific Yearly Meeting closer to its true boundaries, which are greater than those we normally inhabit.

Perhaps the greatest challenge of our year has been the effort to be supportive of Mexico City Monthly Meeting as it struggles with internal difficulties in its meeting life and process, and with the substantial burdens that the operating of the Casa de los Amigos brings to this small group of Friends. We sent two visitors to Mexico City in the early part of the year 2001, and sent three Friends to visit in the early part of this year. While each of these visits has deepened our understanding of the situation there, and brought we believe some helpful counsel, we have learned also of how much continuing support will be called for to give useful aid to this community. We believe a regular series of fairly frequent visits in the coming year will provide the opportunity to help this meeting to recover the sense of Quaker process and Quaker community that is needed to manage its current challenges and find its way forward. We ask Friends throughout our yearly meeting to consider whether they may have some support to offer to this project, whether in visitation, support for travel, literature, correspondence, prayer.
Report to Pacific Yearly Meeting on the subject of internships

The presentation at PYM 2001 of the internship project developed by Unity with Nature Committee generated much interest among Friends. At the same time, questions arose regarding the purpose, organization and support of such projects, and M&O committee was asked to consider the subject of internships and bring a report to the Yearly Meeting in 2002.

Our report is divided into two sections. In the first we offer general considerations relevant to developing internship programs within Pacific Yearly Meeting committees. In the second, we offer general recommendations to committees considering internships.

General considerations:

1. Internships and employment: PYM is not incorporated and has no paid staff. The set of difficulties surrounding a conception of interns as persons employed by PYM is considerable. Although we have explored some prospects of arranging for another organization—such as AFSC—to serve as employer for projects sought out or developed by PYM committees, we do not have advice on how to proceed in this approach. Many Quaker and Quaker related organizations, on the other hand, have programs established in which young persons, sought out and supported by our committees, might participate. We see many benefits in seeking out internship opportunities developed and overseen by such existing organizations.

2. Financial support: One committee has proposed a budget line item through which Friends might contribute to the support of interns. How financial support is gathered is a topic committees should consider carefully. Monthly meetings may in this regard be important resources for interns drawn from their own communities. The committee may also seek out host organizations who themselves have the resources to support interns. The sponsoring committee’s main contribution is likely to be spiritual and emotional support and guidance. Nevertheless, we hope that as our Yearly Meeting considers a greater role in the larger world, the importance of channeling funds into the support of such work as internships, will become more apparent.

3. What sorts of projects are well suited to interns? We encourage committees to look carefully at the opportunities for learning and spiritual growth that an internship position may afford. Discussions with AFSC staff persons recommend careful attention to the educational goals of the project, and a clear accounting of the intern’s responsibilities, supervision, and expected accomplishments. If committees do decide to seek to develop internship positions on their own, rather than relying on established programs interns would join, we recommend discussions with AFSC staff and others for useful advice.

4. Recruitment of interns: Different approaches to recruitment of interns may be adopted by committees. AFSC programs rely often on college, university, and high school placement programs, thus drawing on a large pool of diverse candidates. Another approach is to look to monthly meetings for young [and not so young] persons who may benefit from the guidance of a meeting community. Since care in selection, an effective clearness process, and ongoing support are important elements of a good internship program, this second approach has much to recommend it.
Recommendations:

Given these considerations, we make the following general recommendations to committees who want to explore or support internships as an extension of their work:

1. Discuss carefully the purposes of the internship, in relation to the work of your committee and the prospective educational experience of the intern.
2. Seek out internship possibilities in existing Quaker and other organizations. Consider screening such prospects in light of the purposes developed by your committee.
3. Develop a way of making this list of possibilities available to potential interns. A brochure, a web site, and presentations at Friends' gatherings, may serve this purpose. We would advise working with, and drawing from, monthly meetings primarily, for the benefits of support and clearness this might afford. Additionally, internships adopted by those in our own community add to the rich mix of experience among PYM Friends.
4. Consider how to offer guidance to potential interns as they consider this possibility. Reflect on what degree of responsibility your committee is taking for selection, placement, financial and other support, and follow-up. Be sure interns have realistically considered, either independently or through their programs, such needs as medical insurance and living costs.
5. Explore ways in which your committee might provide other forms of support to the work of the interns. For example, seeking out financial resources for interns, providing ongoing contact, counsel, and support during the internship, helping set up opportunities for sharing this experience upon return, and cultivating relationships with organizations that may provide regular internship possibilities, all may be supportive of successful internship experiences.
6. Communicate with other committees who are exploring internship programs, to share what is learned. Consider working jointly on some aspects of the development of internships. [Some structure within PYM which coordinates internship programs for the yearly meeting as a whole may in the future be useful, if internship programs are developed by a number of committees.]

As Friends we often struggle with the tension between turning our attention outward to the needs of the world, and supporting the “beloved community” within our meetings. The rising interest in internships may represent a convergence of these, for it seems to reflect both the desire to have a more active role in the larger world, witnessing to our Friends’ visions and commitments there, and the desire to encourage and develop opportunities for our youth as they seek to let their lives speak. We encourage committees to help construct internships that attend with clarity and care to both expressions of Quaker life.

PYM Committee on Ministry and Oversight
July 2002
Immediately after September 11
A seasoned meeting speaks for many: "Immediately after September 11 our Meetings were exceptionally large and often (filled with) searching, painful attempts to understand what happened, its causes, and what we were called to do. Since then the question of 'how have we been living in the Light' has taken on an unexpected, new urgency. We had mid-week Meeting for Worship..., and) witnessing at the local mosques. Members and attenders have taken part in community wide dialogues and Study Circles related to responding to our country's new posture regarding terrorism."

The following segments are from State of the Meeting reports referring to other leadings that were acted upon last fall.
"We feel a strong sense of community with one another and are seeking the guidance of the Spirit to lead us onward."
"As Friends were called to think more about their reactions to the current situation, we had monthly discussions on being a Quaker in difficult times. Throughout the winter and spring we had a four-month series on pacifism, peace, and peacemaking that brought in members of the community as well as our own members."

"We spent many hours before we came to unity about putting up any kind of sign or flag on the Meetinghouse. We finally agreed on having changing quotes, to be approved by the Peace and Social Concerns committee. To inform ourselves we set up a series of lectures on Islam" led by a professor from Iran who teaches at UCLA.

Another southern California Meeting "...displays a symbol, contributed by a young attender, incorporating the five major religions of the world to show unity with Americans of faith."
"As an initial step ...we published a prominent article in the Religious section of our local newspaper arguing for a measured response to 9/11 based on international law and addressing the roots of terrorism."

"We joined with (another Friends Meeting) to publish a letter in the local newspapers, urging people and governments to find a peaceful alternative to bombs and to consider the root causes of anger and disaffection of some groups in the world toward the USA."

"After 9/11/01 we held a second Meeting for Worship on Tuesday evenings for the remainder of the year, to help us through this troubling time. We struggle to make the Spirit the core from which we make our day-to-day decisions rather than having our Quaker commitments being one more thing to squeeze into our busy schedules. We seek to take this idea from hope to reality."

"...spurred by 9/11 and a bill for mandatory military training lurking in Congress, the Meeting has used materials from the Central Committee for Conscientious Objection to make a presentation to a local youth group on the subject of 'War, Peace, and Conscientious Objection.' "The capital's major local newspaper published an interview on conscientious objection with two Quakers, one in his eighties and one in his twenties."

"A proposal brought forward at a called meeting for business ...led us to host an 'Alternatives To War Forum' cosponsored by the local Mennonite church and American Friends Service Committee. The event brought together 100 people from area churches, meetings, mosques and synagogues to hear about the peace traditions of our different faiths, to share a meal and to brainstorm ideas for carrying the message and fact of reconciliation into our communities and the world."

Individuals following their leadings
Individuals were led to work in a wide range of services. Two members have been called to witness in the Peace Community of San Jose de Apartado in Colombia. Their meeting writes, "Our participation in the clearness process ... and their regular communications from the field have allowed us to experience the workings of the Spirit and to add our prayers to theirs as they journey forth in faith."

Two Friends from different Southern California Meetings felt led to travel together to Pakistan to see if opportunities for service might open.
One State of the Meeting Report reads "We are extremely proud of our first child to come of age in the meeting. Although he would almost certainly qualify for deferment, he has chosen to take a clear stand as a conscientious objector by refusing to register for the draft. Various Quarterly Meeting Friends as well as folk in our Worship Group helped him research possibilities for draft resistance. Older objectors counseled him from their experience. This has been a rich rewarding experience...for all who provided counsel, support, prayers and good wishes. He has helped all of us grow in spirit."

A northern Meeting writes, "Some of our young Friends have recently felt led to speak... about the peace testimony in public meetings in the Bay Area and on National Public Radio."

Meetings reaching out
Many of our current forms of outreach have been going on for years in Friends Meetings. Familiar Quaker activities repeatedly mentioned in the State of the Meeting reports this year are assistance to programs for people without homes, work against the death penalty, prison visitation, work as chaplains in hospitals, training for AVP, participation with community clergy and interfaith groups, with peace and justice coalitions, environmental groups, and in vigils against violence.

Friends also continue to feel leadings to offer our vision to others and to support children's education in lasting values.

"A member's vision to start a Friends elementary school (Friends Western School), moved forward all year and has now found a home in Eagle Rock. It will open in September of 2002."

Another Meeting is discerning its "right relationship with the recently formed San Francisco Friends School. The school is due to open this fall with two classes of kindergartners."

We reach out first to the Spirit. Meetings wrote "We pray that the intense, authentic outpouring of love that we have experienced in our Meeting will transform and empower us for God's work in the world."

"Our little group tries to do God's work in our daily lives and our activities as a Quaker Meeting. We are aware of our challenges, but are still very glad to be together."

"As long as we remain strong in our faith and centered in the Meeting for Worship, we are confident that valuable projects will continue to grow."

"...Our Meeting this year has been far more than refuge; it has been base camp for movements of peace and social action that trailed deep into our community."

Several Meetings both north and south spoke with delight of the like-minded groups who use the Meetings' space, groups with whom many meeting members participate actively.

A large meeting writes "...members of our community are individually involved in a broad range of peace, social justice, educational and other activities as expressions of their faith. Our Peace and Social Concerns Committee encourages us to recognize these endeavors as the ministries they are, by keeping and circulating a list of individuals' callings, and by inviting people in the meeting to talk about their work."

A Bay Area meeting asks, "How well do we teach and hold our living tradition? How do we communicate our experience to the larger world? How deeply do we challenge ourselves to maintain our Quaker integrity? In regard to this last, we note especially the need to strengthen our corporate witness as a faith community, a need that is easily overlooked when so many of our members are personally active in work for social change.

Finding clear direction as Meetings does not come easily for Friends. In the report of a northern Meeting we read, "There is a strong tension in our meeting community as we try to discern our corporate response to the world." Similarly, a Southern California Meeting tells us, "Many individuals within our Meeting initiated
creative, spiritually charged responses of non-violence. But as a community, we focused inward. As we searched for responses that would lead us out into the world, the way did not open for us. We did not come to clarity or find an affirming, creative direction together."

And from another meeting, "The concern among some that meeting lacks the focus of a meeting project is confounded by the incredible diversity of enduring outside commitments of individual friends."

*This concern echoes up and down our yearly meeting.* A northern meeting writes, "...we are currently considering ideas for group service projects to augment our sense of community and help us all to make the shift that puts Quakerism at the source from which we draw the energy to make our choices to meet our own needs and those of the greater community."

"We have found it valuable to ask ourselves if we are coming to worship depending on others to deepen the spiritual quality of the Meeting for Worship."

"What sustains us is a deep appreciation of the richness and depth of our worship time."

"We sense that we should be powerful witnesses to much that needs to change. While we have yet to become truly purposive about this in our meeting, we feel that it could be about to happen."

"Who are we beyond a mutually caring faith community?"

Where do our leadings come from?

*Underlying our activities there is a continuing awareness of our yearning for a deeper spiritual life and closer spiritual connections with each other. We recognize that our activities are and should be the outward evidence of inward religious experience. Friends try to reach out to each other even as they reach out to offer our Quaker insights to the world. "We long for more time to share our spiritual selves with one another and hope to do so."

"We are a spiritually diverse group and we don’t always share the same language about the Divine, yet we seek one Truth. We pray for the gifts of love and compassion as we learn to support, comfort, and challenge each other."

"We have deepened spiritual friendships.... But our Meeting faces the challenge of teaching Quaker ways and practices to our members and attenders as even a small leave taking of experienced members impacts our Meeting."

*With all of the outward-facing challenges of this time, and despite the ongoing spiritual hunger many of us share, we also share a sense of joy in the community we have found and a willingness to be used in the service of the Spirit. Throughout the Meetings, the message is clear that we are trying to identify and follow those leadings which are truly spirit led and that we return again and again to worship together for our strength, refreshment, and guidance.*

"The spirit is moving strongly in our Meeting. We are challenged to live up to its demands of work, contemplation, compassion, and joy."

"As long as we remain strong in our faith and centered in the Meeting for Worship, we are confident that valuable projects...will continue to grow."

"The Light flickers, but it does not go out."

"We pray that the intense, authentic outpouring of love that we have experienced in our Meeting will transform and empower us for God’s work in the world."

"What sustains us is the richness and depth of our worship time."

"May we continue taking trusting steps together."
Report to: Pacific Yearly Meeting, July 24, 2002

From: Carl Anderson, Clerk, East - West Relations Committee

Friends House Moscow

FHM continues to operate well. Staff is two Russians, Sergei Nikitin and Galina Orlova, plus Suzanne Eade who is British and Nikolai (Kolya) Fomin, a Russian intern.

The situation in Chechnya (900 miles from Moscow) continues heart-rending. Galina Orlova tries to provide a Quaker response in Chechnya; FHM also supports work with Chechen refugee children in Moscow. In the view of the Russian government, the Chechen rebels are terrorists, akin to al-Qaeda; anti-Chechen sentiment among ethnic Russians has been a long-standing problem.

The Russian army uses a draft. The right of conscientious objection is written into the Russian constitution. Implementation has been difficult, but progress is being made.

Committee Activity and Membership

The East-West Relations Committee met in 8/2000, on 8/2/2001, and on 2/24/2002. The next scheduled meeting is Thursday, July 25, 2002 at 1:30 pm (during PYM at University of San Diego; Serra Hall, Room 313).

At the moment, it appears that Nominating Committee is short two names for our committee for the coming year. If you have a name to suggest, please notify Keith Wedmore or Kate Carpenter of Nominating Committee; I will be happy to answer questions etc. A member from Southern California would be especially welcome.

Kay Anderson has been one of PYM’s representatives to the Friends House Moscow Governing Board since it began. In this capacity, she has done a whole lot of fine work. She recently moved to Maryland, which means that eventually, PYM will need to find a new rep. However, Kay’s term runs until 2003 and she is planning to retain her membership in San Francisco Meeting and to attend the Governing Board meeting in October 2002 on our behalf. Thus, we don’t have a vacancy this year in this position, although we might wish to name an alternate.

Where to Find Out More -- Crafts at PYM

A. We had an interest group on Tuesday July 23 at 7:15 pm.
B. We plan to have literature on display. Julie Harlow publishes a newsletter twice a year.
C. Russian handicrafts are available at the bookstore.

How to Help This Effort

Donations continue to be greatly appreciated. For us in PYM, the best way to donate is to make checks (tax-deductible) to “Friends House Moscow Support Association” and mail them c/o Julie Harlow, 1163 Auburn Drive, Davis, CA 95616. (But if you’re making a donation in respect of Russian handcrafts, the check should be payable to “East-West Relations Committee.”)

Julie made a fine presentation at Berkeley Meeting in May. If you can arrange other audiences for her, that would be a great service.
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### July 27, 2002

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### Summary

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- **2003 Assessment**: $34.00

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## FINAL APPROVED BUDGET

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**EXPENSES NET TRANSFERS TO EARMARKED RESERVES**

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

Expense accounts with a bold face followed by the account name have an associated reserve fund on page 4. 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.

2002 Assessment $28.00
2003 Assessment $34.00
Pacific Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends  
Fiscal Year 2001 Final Balance Sheet as of 7/27/02

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**ASSETS**

1. 1701 — Treasurer’s Checking Account: $56,256.38 + $45,940.81 - $74,042.41 = 28,154.78
   
2. 1704 — Invested Capital: 82,845.36 + 2,496.37 - 4,000.00 = 81,341.73
   
3. 1705 — Accounts Receivable: 5,064.00 + 4,380.00 - 1,064.00 = 8,380.00
   
4. 1706 — Prepaid Expenses: 0
   
5. 1724 — FGC Meeting House Fund: 10,000.00

**TOTAL ASSETS**: $157,372.17

**LIABILITIES AND RESERVES**

1. 2701 — Accounts Payable: 1,823.10 + 3,346.19 - 1,823.10 = 3,346.19
   
2. 2711 — Peace Tax Fund: 2,373.35 + 35.31 = 2,408.66
   
3. 2712 — Student Conscience Fund: 16,320.24 + 5,278.69 - 4,000.00 = 17,598.93
   
4. 2713 — Clerk’s Travel & Discretion (5202) Reserve: 1,806.26 + 0.00 - 1,697.35 = 108.91
   
5. 2721 — Publishing (5205) Reserve: 11,638.10 + 1,089.00 - 25,217.47 = -12,490.37
   
6. 2731 — Brinton Visitor Reserve (M&O): 2,550.64 + 1,375.00 - 1,341.00 = 2,584.64
   
7. 2735 — FGC Scholarship: 19,110.00 + 75.00 - 515.00 = 18,670.00
   
8. 2736 — Young Friends Scholarship Reserve (5206): 1,172.47 + 510.17 = 1,682.64

**TOTAL LIABILITIES AND RESERVES**: $157,372.17

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Explanatory Notes for Items on Page 3

1. When expenses are submitted and paid after the close of the fiscal year, they are reported as Accounts

2. As of 7/21/02: Peace Tax Fund of $690.13 and Student Conscience Fund of $9,666.23 were in World Savings accounts; $46,000 was in the Working Assets Money Market Fund; $23,848.78 was in Wells Fargo Certificates of Deposit; $10,000 was in the Friends Meeting House Fund.

3. 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.

4. 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.

5. 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 Triennial (Pym minute 99-2).

6. 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).

7. Earthlight fund: No longer reporting now that it is a separate organization.

8. There may be other meetings or committees using the Pym tax identification number.
Pacific Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends
Fiscal Year 2001 Final Financial Report as of 7/27/02

**Pym Session Account**

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**Pym Session Balance Sheet**

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PACIFIC YEARLY MEETING
Nominating Committee Report – Approved at Plenaries VI & VII – July 26-27, 2002

Names in bold type were approved at the 2002 sessions. Names not in bold were continuing previously-approved terms. Except where noted, terms are three years, and all terms end at rise of PYM in year listed. Committees and names in italic type are named by Friends other than Nominating Committee, listed for information only.

PYM OFFICERS

PRESIDING CLERK (one-year term)
2003 Shan Cretin, Santa Monica

ASSISTANT TO THE CLERK (one-year term)
2003 Kitty Bergel, Orange County

ARRANGEMENTS CLERKS (two-year terms)
2003 Gene Gilmore, Monterey Peninsula
2003 Karen Thompson, La Jolla
2004 Frances Forster, Redwood Forest

HISTORIAN / ARCHIVIST
2003 Julia Bazar, Berkeley

READING CLERK (one-year term)
2003 Lois Bailey, Grass Valley

RECORDING CLERKS (two-year terms)
2003 Jan Tappan, Orange Grove
2004 Anne Friend, Marloma-Long Beach

REGISTRARS (two-year terms)
2003 Stephen Matchett, San Francisco
2004 Kim Lacey, San Francisco

STATISTICAL CLERK
2004 Gary Wolff, Orange Grove

TREASURER
2004 Sherri Sisson, Orange County

PYM COMMITTEES

MINISTRY AND OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE
2003 James Anderson, Chico, Clerk 2002-3
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

MINISTRY AND OVERSIGHT (CONTINUED)
2005 James Navarro, Santa Cruz
2005 Ellie Huffman, Monterey Peninsula
2005 Joe Franko, Orange Grove

SUBCOMMITTEES OF MINISTRY AND OVERSIGHT and appointed by that Committee

ADULT RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
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; Jean Roberts, representing North Pacific YM

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

RELEASED FRIENDS
Kristina Perry, Strawberry Creek; Kitty Bergel, Orange County; Karen Street, Berkeley; Elaine Emily, Orange Grove; Elmyra Powell, Orange Grove

WORSHIP-SHARING
John Helding, San Francisco; Kristina Perry, Strawberry Creek

SPECIAL FUNDS
Jeannie Graves, Orange County; Bobbi Kendig, Marloma-Long Beach

MENTAL HEALTH AND ILLNESS
Ellie Foster, Santa Cruz; Chuck Freidell, Inland Valley

ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION AND RECORDS
Josh Vura-Weis, Inland Valley, clerk; Vashek Cervinka, Davis; Gary Wolff, Orange Grove; Margaret Mossman, Berkeley; Jan Tappan, Orange Grove; Don Bean, Conejo Valley; Peter Milbury, Chico
CHILDREN'S PROGRAM COMMITTEE
2003 Paul Robbins, Redwood Forest
2003 Melissa Lovett-Adair, Central Coast,
2004 Susan Gore, Redwood Forest
2004 David Lederman, Orange County, Clerk 2002-3
2005 Stephen Pope, Santa Barbara
2005 _______________________
Ex Officio: Present and immediate-past Children's
Program coordinators

DISCIPLINE COMMITTEE
2003 Marie Schutz, Redwood Forest,
2003 Ellie Foster, Santa Cruz
2004 Rachel Fretz, Santa Monica
2004 Margaret Mossman, Berkeley, Clerk 2002-3
2005 Jane Mills, Redwood Forest
2005 Langdon Elsbree, Claremont
Ex Officio: Historian/Archivist and PYM Clerk

EAST-WEST RELATIONS COMMITTEE
2003 Bill Bauriedel, Palo Alto
2003 Ruth Ross, Orange Grove **
2004 Carl Anderson, Strawberry Creek, Clerk 2002-3
2004 Ihsana Ingerman, Santa Cruz
2005 Dorothy Duncan, Central Coast
2005 Ernest Bicknell, Berkeley
Ex Officio: PYM representatives to
Friends House Moscow Board.

FINANCE COMMITTEE
2003 Nancy Curdts, Redwood Forest
2003 Stratton Jaquette, Palo Alto
2004 Steve Birdlebough, Sacramento, Clerk 2002-3
2004 David Barrows, San Diego
2005 David James Bloom, Apple Seed
2005 Cliff Lester, Orange Grove
Ex Officio: Treasurer(s), Statistical Clerk

HOLDING CORPORATION COMMITTEE
(president named by HC Committee)
2003 John de Valcourt, Santa Cruz
2003 Lanny Jay, Redwood Forest
2004 Harry Bailey, Grass Valley
2004 Steve Sharpless, Redding
2005 Vanita Blum, Berkeley
2005 Karen Lawrance, La Jolla
2005 Guy Littman, Redwood Forest **
Ex Officio: PYM Presiding Clerk, and Treasurer(s)

JUNIOR YEARLY MEETING COMMITTEE
2003 George Parker, Humboldt
2003 Jan Turner, Redwood Forest **
2003 Kathryn Manalo, Berkeley
2004 Linnea Hanson, Chico, Co-clerk 2002-3
2004 Louis Armin-Holand, Humboldt, Co-clk 2002-3
2004 Susanne Ratcliffe-Wilson, Redwood Forest
2005 Gary Johnson, Mariposa-Long Beach
2005 Karen Thompson, La Jolla
2005 Paul Harris, Redwood Forest

LATIN AMERICA CONCERNS
2003 Liz Baker, Berkeley
2003 Vanita Blum, Berkeley
2003 Nancy Salzman, Berkeley
2004 Linda Rowell, Chico
2004 Barbara Flynn, Redwood Forest
2005 Rolene Walker, San Francisco
2005 Monique Lusse, Red Forest, Co-clk 2002-3
2005 Michael Eastwood, Humboldt
(& three members appointed by: Guatemala MM,
Mexico City MM, El Salvador Project)

NOMINATING COMMITTEE
(nominated by the Naming Committee)
2003 Kate Carpenter, Orange Grove
2003 Jean Malcolm, San Diego
2003 Eric Moon, Berkeley
2004 Marilee Eusebio, Davis
2004 Sue Torrey, Central Coast
2004 Keith Wedmore, San Francisco, Clerk 2002-3
2005 Roy Allen, Berkeley
2005 Rebecca Tillberg, Santa Monica
2005 Ron Jones, Santa Barbara

PEACE AND SOCIAL ORDER COMMITTEE
2003 Lincoln Moses, Palo Alto
2003 Thomas Leo, San Jose
2003 _______________________
2004 Sarah House, Orange Grove
2004 Arden Pierce, Palo Alto
2004 Hubert Morel-Seytoux, Palo Alto
2005 John Helding, San Francisco
2005 Rea Soares, Mariposa-Long Beach
2005 Claire Gorfinkel, Orange Grove
Peace and Social Order Committee continued:
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

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FOR CHILDREN COMMITTEE
(This committee, formerly a sub committee of M and O, was made a PYM Committee at Rep Com 2002.

2003 Heather Levien, Berkeley
2003 Tom Farley, Palo Alto
2004 Kathy Runyan, Chico
2004 Robyn Wooton, La Jolla
2005 Sue Torrey, Central Coast
2005 Gail Eastwood, Humboldt, Clerk 2002-3

SECRETARIAT COMMITTEE
2003 Paul Mackinney, Berkeley
2004 Raph Levien, Berkeley
2005 Larry Perry, Strawberry Creek, Clerk 2002-3
Ex Officio: Asst. to Presiding Clerk, Kitty Bergel

SITE COMMITTEE
2003 John de Valcourt, Santa Cruz
2003 Marie Fredell, Berkeley
2004 Pat Smith, Claremont, Clerk 2002-3
2004 Darcy Stanley, Berkeley
2005 Roena Oesting, La Jolla
2005 John Pixley, Claremont
Ex Officio: Current and immediate-past Arrangements Clerks (Gene Gilmore, Karen Morgan)

UNITY WITH NATURE COMMITTEE
2003 Henriette Groot, Santa Cruz
2003 Mary Ann Percy, La Jolla
2003 Eric Sabelman, Palo Alto, Clerk 2002-3
2004 Vashek Cervinka, Davis
2004 Suellen Lowry, Humboldt
2004 Dee Rossman, Strawberry Creek
2005 Douglas Hamm, Grass Valley
2005 Stephen Myers, Santa Cruz
2005 Carl Magruder, Strawberry Creek
Ex Officio: EarthLight editor and treasurer(s), FCUN Representatives

2003 Janet Leslie, Chico, Clerk 2002-3
2004 Anthony Manousos, Whitleaf
2005 Jan Tappan, Orange Grove
Ex Officio: Representatives to six Friends organizations marked with asterisk \* below.

PACIFIC YEARLY MEETING REPRESENTATIVES, NOMINATIONS, AND OBSERVERS TO OTHER ORGANIZATIONS

AMERICAN FRIENDS SERVICE COMMITTEE
AFSC Corporation Members (five representatives)

2003 Margaret Mossman, Berkeley, Convenor 2002-3
2003 Lanny Jay, Redwood Forest
2004 Jean Lester, Orange Grove
2005 Carl Magruder, Strawberry Creek
2005 Walter Sullivan, Santa Cruz

\*EVANGELICAL FRIENDS CHURCH SOUTHWEST
2003 Tom Davis, Santa Cruz

\*EVANGELICAL FRIENDS INTERNATIONAL (two-year term)

FRIENDS BULLETIN BOARD OF DIRECTORS
(three representatives)
2003 Jeannie Graves, Orange County
2004 Joann Taylor, Santa Monica
2005 Lanny Jay, Redwood Forest, Convenor 2002-3

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)
2003 Suellen Lowry, Humboldt
2003 Hubert Morel-Seytoux, Palo Alto
2004 Joe Franko, Orange Grove, Convenor 2002-3
2005 Ted Neff, Davis
2005 Stephen Myers, Santa Cruz
FRIENDS PEACE TEAMS PROJECT BOARD  
(one representative, three-year term)  
2005 Rachel Fretz, Santa Monica

FRIENDS' COMMITTEE ON UNITY WITH  
NATURE (FCUN) (two-year terms)  
2003 Tom Farley, Palo Alto  
2004 Suellen Lowry, Humboldt

*FRIENDS GENERAL CONFERENCE (FGC)  
(two-year term)  
2004 Frances Forster, Redwood Forest

*FRIENDS UNITED MEETING (FUM)  
2003 Bruce Folsom, San Francisco

*FRIENDS WORLD COMMITTEE FOR  
CONSULTATION (FWCC) - Section of the Americas  
2003 Sandy Farley, Palo Alto, Convenor 2002-3  
2004 Donna Smith, Orange Grove  
2004 Carin Anderson, San Francisco  
2005 Gloria Kershner, Grass Valley  
2005 Roena Oesting, La Jolla  
Representatives select one of the delegation as ex officio member of Wider Fellowship Among Friends Committee.

PACIFIC FRIENDS OUTREACH SOCIETY (PFOS) BOARD  
(Corporation independent of PYM, appoints own board)  
2003 Mark Koenig, Chico,  
2003 Jo Tyler, Orange County  
2003 Gary Wolff, Orange Grove  
2003 Ellie Huffman, Monterey, Clerk  
2004 Micki Graham, Strawberry Creek  
2004 Sharlene Roberts-Caudle, Visalia  
2004 Nancy Rowan, Santa Barbara  
2004 Debrah Armitage, Strawberry Creek  
2005 ________________________________  
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Ex Officio: member appointed by Lovett family

*REUNION GENERAL de los AMIGOS en  
MEXICO (one-year term)  
2003 Rolene Walker, San Francisco

WILLIAM PENN HOUSE (one-year term)  
2003 Joe Franko, Orange Grove

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

CO-CLERKS  
Alyn Euritt, Penn Valley MO; Xavier Manalo, Fresno;  
Andre Nelson, Redwood Forest

RECORDING CLERK  
Sam Ellis, Santa Cruz

MINISTRY AND OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE  
Forrest Parker, Humboldt; Janine Carmona, So. Humboldt; Annalisa Chacon, Santa Cruz; Alice Coutinho, La Jolla; Margaret Pettygrove, Davis; Eleni Richey, La Jolla; Rachel Rosenthal, Santa Barbara

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PACIFIC YM – YOUNG FRIENDS  
named and approved by Young Friends  

CO-CLERKS  
2003 Darcy Stanley, Berkeley  
2004 Kate Newlin, Strawberry Creek

MINISTRY AND OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE  
Anne Bleile-Kratzer, clerk; Tesla DuBois; Melina Larkin; Adrienne Pasta; Josh Vura-Weis

RECORDING CLERK  
Lisa Vura-Weis

ARCHIVIST  
Alyssa Nelson

ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS  
Colin Anderson

SPIRIT and LIGHT GATHERINGS  
Ad hoc Committee  
Martin Otero, clerk; Thatcher Biddle; Paul Boling;  
Arthur Carpenter; Aimee Sunshine Hill; Oneda Rae House; Sarah Rose House; Melina Larkin; Alyssa Nelson; Kate Newlin; Sarah Orr; Darcy Stanley
Registrars' Report - PYM 2002
July 27, 2002

Last year, 2001, a total of 501 persons attended Pacific Yearly Meeting for one day or more at Mt. Madonna.

This year, 2002, our first at the University of San Diego, the total was 480.

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Respectfully submitted,

Joe Magruder
Stephen Matchett
PYM Co-registars
Pacific Yearly Meeting
Statistical Clerk

Statistical Report – As of May 31, 2002
Presented at Plenary VII - July 27, 2002

This report summarizes the membership in the Religious Society of Friends within the constituent monthly meetings of Pacific Yearly Meeting at the close of the statistical year that ended May 31, 2002.

We increased our membership by 33 members bringing our total to 1,513 members. This represents an increase of 2.23% in membership. This compares to an increase of only seven (7) members or an increase in membership of 0.47% during the prior year.

There were thirty-seven (37) constituent monthly meetings compared to thirty-eight (38) from the year before. That decrease was a result of Whitleaf Monthly Meeting becoming a worship group under the care of Orange Grove Monthly Meeting. The transfer of members from the former Whitleaf Monthly Meeting to other meetings was not complete by end of the reporting year and hence for the purposes of this report the members are still shown as being affiliated with Whitleaf Monthly Meeting.

Overall, sixty (60) members were accepted into membership by convincement compared to thirty-five (35) members during the prior year.

La Jolla Monthly Meeting reported the greatest growth in membership with an increase of nine (9) members (all through convincement). This represents an increase in membership of 13.6%. Santa Cruz Monthly Meeting reported the next greatest growth with an increase of eight (8) members. Santa Barbara Monthly Meeting reported the greatest decline in membership with a decrease of three (3) members.

Berkeley and Palo Alto Monthly Meetings reported the largest memberships with 114 and 110 members, respectively. Guatemala, Napa-Sonoma, and Pacific Ackworth Monthly Meetings reported the smallest memberships with five (5) members each.

Santa Cruz Monthly Meeting reported that in October 2001, it began using its new meetinghouse.

A summary of the reports submitted by the meetings is attached.

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Preschool

To Friends everywhere all over the world,

We are mostly preschoolers. We love you. You are great friends.

This week we played with clay and Legos. We found out about children in Guatemala. They have amazing sand drawings.

We ran outside. We went to a dance. We loved the dance. It was fun.

We know you live far away. We wish we could send you some presents. We hope we get to meet you sometime.

Your friends,
The PYM preschool group
(Silas, Henry, Max, Louie, Sam, Cole, Sydney, Dylan, Cooper, Miles, Rachel, Hannah, Alan, Eric, Samantha, Albee, Jonathan)

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Lower Elementary

To Friends everywhere --

In the lower elementary group, we did many things.

Rose M. enjoyed going to the pool and doing her first lap. Laura liked swimming in the pool. Jayden had fun with clay in the afternoon.

Robert enjoyed the whole morning program. Lee liked preparing snack and cleaning up, as well as physical games. Ariel liked hearing the chapter book, *The Family Under the Bridge*.

Upper Elementary

Dear Friends,

As the Upper Elementary we enjoyed this year’s PYM at the University of San Diego. We would like to share the things we learned, enjoyed, and hope to do next year.

This year the Upper Elementary focused on having a Council of All Beings. We made masks, collages, and learned interesting facts about our animal beings, in preparation for the Council.

We were all different animals, and we learned to put ourselves in the place of our animals and to tell the other animals (students) how we are suffering and why we had to come to the Council of All Beings. We told the humans (adult parents and volunteers) what was happening to our natural habitats.

We also enjoyed the afternoon activities, such as beadmaking, creating notebooks, swimming, and singing.

In conclusion, this year’s Upper Elementary program was a wonderful success.

Sincerely,
The Upper Elementary

Junior YM Epistle 2002

To Friends everywhere,

Members of the community of Junior Yearly Meeting met at the University of San Diego during the 2002 summer session of Pacific Yearly Meeting. During this session, we found the focus to be unity in community and Quakers in service. We deepened our connections through business meetings and lightened our hearts through games like “capture the flag.”

We benefited by sharing time with Young Friends at the beach and while playing “capture the flag.” Part of our community experience was a visit to Chicano Park, where we were enlightened regarding the Mexican American struggle in San Diego. We honored the recently departed at the memorial and celebrated life at the dance.

Throughout the week, the community faced concerns and utilized Quaker process, and overcame them. When dealing with a disciplinary issue, the JYM community felt an inappropriate bypassing of due Quaker process occurred. Upon receiving knowledge of the situation, the JYM community, supported by Young Friends, immediately took action utilizing Quaker process to correct misconduct. Through the dynamic events of the gathering, the community grew tremendously.

Forever in the Light,

Junior Yearly Meeting of PYM
Forrest Parker, Ravahn Samati, and Joel Armin-Hoiland, clerks
Young Friends Epistle 2002

To Friends Everywhere,

Pacific Yearly Meeting (PYM) Young Friends gathered together on the campus of the University of San Diego (USD) from the 22nd through the 27th day of Seventh Month, 2002. Our community maintains a strong foundation of committed members, and we attracted over 30 Friends to our gathering this year, including some new ones.

We were inspired by the second Plenary when we listened to the personal stories of Friends who have been given leadings of the Spirit and have striven to follow them. Many said that they have felt inadequate to their callings, but that with the support of their Friends communities they have persevered. In an effort to foster such support for Quaker activism among Young Friends, we joined with Junior Yearly Meeting (JYM) to clean up Chicano Park in a non-affluent Mexican-American neighborhood, assisting AFSC in this urban outreach program. Many of us also joined Friends from the greater PYM to hold a vigil at the US-Mexico border. With JYM we visited Ocean Beach, and we played a game of Capture the Flag on Astro-turf. Although we lost the game miserably (we were sorely outnumbered), all of these events brought us closer together as a community.

Yet, we crave to play a more active role in the nurturing of JYM. We are concerned about the apparent lack of recognition of the completeness of the Light that shines in all Friends, young and old. We feel privileged to have observed the ability of the members of JYM to follow Friends’ process in response to difficulties in their community.

In worship-sharing groups, we explored the directions our lives and faith have taken over the past year in the wake of events both large and small, local and global. This and our reflections on our sense of unity in Business Meetings have led us to earnestly consider our need for closer interactions during the 51 weeks between Yearly Meetings. We concluded that we need both closer fellowship and the satisfaction of common goals. To that end, we explored myriad possibilities in a threshing session. We formed an ad hoc committee to address this and to plan our Fall “Spirit and Light” gathering, which we hope will strengthen a tradition of service and fellowship gatherings. We look forward to future gatherings and eagerly anticipate coming together at USD once again in Eighth Month 2003.

In the Light,

Young Friends Gathering of Pacific Yearly Meeting
Stephen Myers and Darcy Stanley, Clerks
Pacific Yearly Meeting Epistle—2002

To Friends everywhere,

Greetings from Pacific Yearly Meeting’s 56th annual gathering, July 22nd to 27th, 2002.

As we gathered in San Diego, California, we were comforted by our coming together even as we were reminded of the challenges we face, both individually and corporately. We were acutely aware of our many concerns for the world. The events of September 11th and its aftermath gave new significance to the question, “What canst thou say?” Reports from our Monthly Meetings told of our responses and our advocacy for alternatives to war.

The tone of our gathering was set by Friends who told of their healing ministries in Burundi, Kosovo, Pakistan, Colombia, and in the California prison system. Their stories moved many to tears. We were reminded that tears are a message from the Spirit, and that love is made visible through the Spirit. In one-to-one connection, Spirit calls to Spirit to evoke a different consciousness that enlarges the definition of family. One Friend prompted us to remember what we already knew—that we need community support to sustain our personal non-violence.

Finding and following our leadings was a recurrent theme throughout our gathering. We sensed the need to revive the tradition of the released Friend. The Spirit has transforming power in the lives both of those who are called to non-violent witness and the communities that nurture them. The personal ministry of Friends needs to become the work of the Meeting. Meetings were urged to offer financial and emotional support along with critical dialogue while providing a community in which to hold personal ministries accountable.

Our State of the Meeting Reports revealed a great willingness among Friends to be used in the service of the Spirit. But it also revealed our struggle to find our corporate witness. The question stays with us, “Who are we beyond a mutually caring faith community?” One Friend urged us to understand that social justice is inseparable from, and contained within, the context of Earth-justice.

We happily celebrated the 50th anniversary of the Friends Committee on Legislation and the significant role it plays as a Quaker presence in California’s state capital.

A deep and loving concern was expressed for the American Friends Service Committee as a Spirit-led organization. There were questions about the structure of the organization and the relationship between the Regional and National offices. We hold AFSC in the Light and express our loving support for our Regional Office staff and for AFSC’s work in the world, nationally and internationally.

We were grateful to our Finance Committee and a budget designed to give more opportunities for us to respond to the call of the Spirit, for the Spirit is moving strongly among us.

Tears came again at our memorial plenary with the clear message that we are of one another.

In the Divine Spirit that unites us all,

Shan Cretin, Clerk
Dear Friends,

The mission of Friends Bulletin is to let the voices and actions of Quakers in the Western United States be known, both to Friends within our region and those outside. We have continued those efforts this year and have both successes and 'learning experiences' to report. Some successes may seem small but they have required the consistent hard work of our editor and board. Some 'learning experiences' may seem obvious in retrospect but they were earned, too.

Our learning experiences have centered on our efforts to increase subscriptions. We would like to have a larger number of Quaker families in our region receive the magazine. Even though the percentage of subscribers to Friends Bulletin is greater within the three western yearly meetings than the subscribers to Friends Journal is in the east, we would like to do better. We have tried making personal presentations to meetings, we have tried special offers to meetings that subscribe most of their members, and we have sent out an omnibus mailing that went to most Quaker households in our region. The success of these efforts has yet to be seen and our subscriptions are down slightly at this time. We are planning further efforts and would welcome any suggestions.

Two areas of success should be noted. First, our financial picture has remained strong due to the continued strong support of the yearly meetings, an increase in advertising revenue and an increase in the contributions by individual donors. This support has enabled us to meet rising costs and make some improvements in the magazine's appearance. We have standardized the cover format and have increased the photos and white space in the magazine, making it more accessible to our readers. Second, our editor has had a wider group of authors, photographers, poets and artists to contribute their efforts and this has added greatly to the quality of the output from Friends Bulletin. As a measure of this improved quality, some of this work has been picked up to be published by Friends publications elsewhere. Our website, westernquaker.org, is a resource that is being widely used and allows publication of writings for which we lack space in the magazine. We are confident that Friends Bulletin will continue to improve and be worthy of the support it is given.

This has been a momentous year for all of us due to the tragic events of last September and the chilling responses to those events. As Friends we have been struggling to find our bearings in a world that threatens to spiral into greater and greater violence. It is our hope that Friends Bulletin can continue to be a place where Friends in the Western United States can make their voices heard in messages of peace, love and caring for all humankind. We believe that Friends can find in Friends Bulletin a connection to our wider fellowship in facing the challenges ahead.

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Re: Annual support for Friends Bulletin

Dear Intermountain Yearly Meeting, North Pacific Yearly Meeting and Pacific Yearly Meeting Clerks, Committee Clerks and members:

I am writing for your past support and to request the continued financial support of Friends Bulletin by your Yearly Meeting.

The purpose of Friends Bulletin is to provide a means for widely scattered Western unprogrammed Friends to maintain contact with the activities of yearly meetings and other groups of Friends within the region. The core meaning of Friends memberships lies within the monthly meetings but this core needs the challenge and stimulation of wider contacts with Quakers. We thrive best if we keep in touch. Isaac Pennington once described Friends as "heaps of living coals warming each other." Friends in the West have great distances to overcome and it is our hope that Friends Bulletin can continue to provide some of the warmth we need.

The Board of Friends Bulletin is made up of representatives of each of the three Western yearly meetings and provides oversight to the publication of ten issues each year. The costs of this publication is covered by advertising sold in the magazine, donations from individual Friends, subscriptions offered at a modest cost, and funding from the yearly meetings. Overall this has been a good financial year for the Bulletin. Subscriptions are holding up well, individual donations and advertising revenue have increased. Yearly meeting support has remained strong. If you need detailed financial information that can be furnished upon request.

We are making efforts to improve the magazine in appearance and content. We have recently enlarged the magazine slightly and have enlarged the type size a bit and made the margins wider as a means of making it easier to read and enjoy. The improvement in content is reflected in the fact that some other Friend's publications are reprinting articles that first appeared in the Bulletin. We also maintain a web site at Western Quaker.net keeping the contact information for monthly meetings and worship groups as well as a selection of articles and information announcing upcoming events.

We appreciate your continued support.

Sincerely,

Robert Griswold
They Have Forsaken Me, the Spring of Living Water (Jeremiah 2:13)

Friends from the four Meetings in Mexico gather every fifteen months for four days (like our Yearly Meeting). The theme of the meeting was our spiritual responsibility as stewards of the Earth. About one hundred people gathered, half of whom were children. A 10-year-old read the poem by Matthew Fox, "In the Beginning was the Gift, and the Gift was with God". A young agronomist was contemplating the idea of creating a plan for the state of Tamaulipas to preserve agricultural land, and of asking her Meeting to help her present it to the legislature. There was great joy in meeting people and in sharing news about Meetings.

They often ask visitors to give a talk, and the talk I gave was on what Hebrew prophets had to say about the Earth. It is time for us to take references about the Earth literally, instead of as metaphor for our spiritual journey. We discussed a variety of topics: how do prophets describe creation? What is the value of the land, and how do humans fit in to creation? What are the consequences of disobeying God's law for the land? How does God feel about creation, and what is God saying through these prophecies to us today?

In the first creation story in Genesis, three times God looks at creation and calls it good. The importance, reverence, and mystery of creation have gotten lost in our later focus on the "grand" acts of God in human history. At the end of prophetic books of the Old Testament is always a song of praise and joy -- a song of an earth restored.

"Life in modern cities has come to symbolize the fact that humans can adapt to skies without stars, streets without trees, buildings without beauty, bread without flavor, celebrations without joy -- life without reverence for the past, love for the present, or hope for the future." (Theodore Hiebert)

Elizabeth Watson, in her book Your God is Too Small, says only when we come to see ourselves as part of the whole, instead of apart from the whole, can we begin to work effectively to have an earth renewed and whole.

What Friends have to offer the world that is special is our ability to listen deeply. To listen deeply to the still small voice of God (Kings 19:18) that we may know the right path to follow. To listen deeply to those in conflict, so we can hear what they need. To listen deeply to creation, so it can teach us how to live in harmony.

Rolene Walker, Orange Grove / San Francisco Meeting
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