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-- George Mills, Secretariat Clerk, September 29, 2021
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The 57th gathering of Pacific Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends (Quakers) opened with worship on 8th Month 4, 2003, at 7:50 pm in the Hahn University Center of the University of San Diego, San Diego, California.

Clerk Shan Cretin welcomed Friends to the annual session. Representatives of the University of San Diego greeted us with useful information about facilities and logistics.


roll call
Clerk Shan Cretin asked for approval to have acting Assistant to the Clerk Janet Leslie fill in for Assistant to the Clerk Kitty Berkel. Janet Leslie read the list of Monthly Meetings and Worship Groups. Friends from these Meetings and worship groups were present (See also Attenders List, ATTACHMENT A):

- Apple Seed Monthly Meeting
- Berkeley Monthly Meeting
- Central Coast Preparative Meeting
- Chico Monthly Meeting
- Claremont Monthly Meeting
- Conejo Valley Worship Group
- Davis Monthly Meeting
- Fresno Monthly Meeting
- Grass Valley Monthly Meeting
- Honolulu Monthly Meeting
- Humboldt Monthly Meeting
- Inland Valley Monthly Meeting
- La Jolla Monthly Meeting (celebrating their 50th anniversary this year)
- Los Angeles Monthly Meeting
- Marin Monthly Meeting
- Marloma/Long Beach Monthly Meeting
- Mexico City Monthly Meeting
- Monterey Peninsula Monthly Meeting
- Napa-Sonoma Monthly Meeting
- Orange County Monthly Meeting
- Orange Grove Monthly Meeting
- Palo Alto Monthly Meeting
- Redwood Forest Monthly Meeting
- Sacramento Monthly Meeting
- San Diego Monthly Meeting
- San Francisco Monthly Meeting
- San Jose Monthly Meeting
- Santa Barbara Monthly Meeting
- Santa Cruz Monthly Meeting
- South Santa Cruz County Preparative Meeting
- Strawberry Creek Monthly Meeting
- Ukiah Worship Group
- Visalia Monthly Meeting

introductions
Clerk Shan Cretin read letters of introduction for Mary Ellen McNish and David R. Miller, members of Byberry Meeting in Pennsylvania. Mary Ellen is visiting as General Secretary of the American Friends Service Committee (AFSC) in Philadelphia. David, Assistant Presiding Clerk of Friends General Conference (FGC), is visiting as one of the FGC’s visitors to Yearly Meetings program.

Other visitors were introduced, including Nancy Yarnall, FWCC Western Field Staff from Corvallis, Oregon; Paul Lacey, Clear Creek Meeting, Richmond Indiana, and clerk of the AFSC board of directors; Karen Hayes, development staff for AFSC Pasadena office; and Vu-Duc Vuong, Regional Director of the AFSC Pacific Mountain Regional Office in San Francisco.
Logistics and Announcements

David Lederman, Orange County Monthly Meeting, introduced the Children’s Program. An orientation meeting is scheduled tomorrow morning at 8:30 am for children and parents. Volunteers are needed to work with the children.

Sandy Farley, Palo Alto Meeting, introduced our new Middle School Program for 6th graders, planned as a transition between the Elementary Program and the Junior Yearly Meeting. It may eventually include grades 7 and 8 as well, with a focus on learning how to be Quaker.

Linnea Hansen, Chico Monthly Meeting, introduced the Junior Yearly Meeting clerks. Forest Parker, clerk of Junior Yearly Meeting Ministry and Oversight, explained the expectations for participants in Junior Yearly Meeting. Parents and sponsors were reminded that Junior Yearly Meeting is not a 24-hour program and ends at midnight. The first Junior Yearly Meeting plenary will follow this session.

Young Friends Clerk Kate Newlin and the Young Friends Ministry and Oversight Committee -- Melina Larkin, Tesla DuBois, and Adrienne Pasta -- introduced the Young Friends program.

Secretariat Committee Clerk Larry Perry explained the location and functions of the Secretariat. Expect a Miracle, our daily newsletter, each morning -- available outside plenary room (ably edited again this year by Raph Levien). Committee clerks and other Friends reporting to plenary sessions are encouraged to submit both paper copies and electronic media files at the time reports are made, to assist the Secretariat in preparing minutes for these sessions in a timely manner

Messages left for Arrangements Clerks on a designated chair outside our plenary hall will be handled and resolved. In addition, Arrangements Committee members and clerks will be using walkie talks to expedite problem resolution. Emily Leo is the Special Needs Coordinator; Friends needing assistance with problems with food, accessibility needs, wheelchair seating, listening assistive devices, or chairs for showers should contact her or may leave a message for her on the Arrangements chair.

The Clerk introduced Committee Clerks Jim Anderson (Ministry and Oversight), Leonard Joy (Peace and Social Order), Eric Sabelman (Unity with Nature), Carl Anderson (East-West Relations), Carin Anderson (Co–Clerk of Latin America Concerns), Keith Wedmore (Nominating). Friends who wish to bring a concern to a plenary session should speak to the presiding clerk or to one of the Committee clerks.

PYM 2003-1 Friends approved the Epistle committee, nominated by Ministry and Oversight Committee: Jim Summers of La Jolla Meeting (convenor), Marilee Eusebio of Davis Meeting, and Carl Magruder of Humboldt Meeting.

Naming Committee

Eric Sabelman reported for the Naming Committee. PYM Nominating Committee consists of nine members with staggered 3-year terms. The Naming Committee nominates the following Friends:
For terms ending in 2005: Sharon Gates, Orange Grove Meeting; Rick Troth, Appleseed Meeting
For terms ending in 2006: Eric Moon, Berkeley Meeting; Jo Tyler, Orange County Meeting; Anthony Manousos, Santa Monica Meeting

These nominations, to be considered for approval on Saturday, will be posted outside the plenary room.

Assistant to the Clerk Janet Leslie read announcements. Meeting closed with worshipful silence.

Faithfully submitted,

Jan Tappan, Recording Clerk
Shan Cretin, Presiding Clerk
The session opened with a period of worship. Lois Bailey read selections from Epistles from Alaska Friends Conference (including the Epistle of Alaska Youth Exchange) and from Monte Verde Monthly Meeting, Costa Rica.

Nominating Committee
Clerk Keith Wedmore explained their process and gave their first report in detail. (ATTACHMENT N, report as revised and finally approved)

Ministry and Oversight Committee
James Navarro explained the format of this morning’s session: two parts, using two queries developed from themes recurring in the State of the Meeting reports from constituent Meetings.

The first query: “Given the despair many have felt in world affairs this last year, how has the Spirit worked within you to nurture your spiritual needs and to nurture the spiritual needs of others in your Meeting community?”

Laura Magnani, speaking to this query, recalled the depth and continuity of our fellowship, remembering some of those who are part of our heritage from the past. She called on us to acknowledge our despair, naming its facets, using it to lead us to find better ways to address the problems of our world. She spoke of the need to relate more closely with our elders, those who can guide and support us in responding to the needs of our world; of the resources that we receive from centering in the Spirit to find strength and vision; and, finally, of hope. She challenged us to change our relationships with each other, with all the people of the world, and with the planet itself.

Carin Anderson, accompanied by Chris Moore-Backman, sang a prayer she had written, asking for divine guidance from love to action. Friends then spoke out of the silence, responding to the first query.

The second query: “What religious experiences or programs have most deeply nurtured your spiritual growth?” After excerpts from two State of the Meeting reports, several younger Friends told us of experiences in their lives.

Davis Carlson, Chico Monthly Meeting: Experiences with Friends, especially camps at Quaker Center, have made it easier to understand and accept others. Understanding Quaker process and Testimonies has come from participation in Junior Yearly Meeting. Belonging to the Boy Scouts has given him experience with a wide variety of people, offering him challenges and chances to explore other approaches to religious experience, which he brings back to his relationship with Friends.

Alyn Euritt: She described herself as having "the temperament of a Pentecostal" and very disturbed by the atmosphere of violence she sees around her. Service camps at Ben Lomond Quaker Center gave her a new sense of grounding and prepared her for the special insight she found at a Catholic Mass. After this revelation, she revels in the beauty and richness of the world. She finds the revelation renewed in every Quaker meeting, making her feel complete.

Andre Nelson, Redwood Forest Meeting: "Quakerism has shaped my experience and me as a person more than almost anything." His experiences at Young Friends New Year's gathering has been the greatest influence on his spiritual life, showing him what love is. He feels the love, connects with the center and goes into the world prepared to connect with other people.

Arthur Carpenter, Orange Grove Meeting: Experiences with Friends in many ways have influenced his spiritual growth. It is friends more than Friends who have given him the strongest grounding at Quaker gatherings, and he can rely on Quaker meetings, wherever and whatever they are, to connect with the Center. "That is why I come back."

Again, Friends spoke to the query in a spirit of worship. After announcements and a period of silence, we adjourned.

Faithfully submitted,
Anne Friend, Recording Clerk

Shan Cretin, Presiding Clerk
PLENARY III

The session opened with silent worship. Lois Bailey read from Lake Erie Yearly Meeting Epistle. Minutes from Plenary II were approved.

Introductions
Jim Lindburg of the Friends Committee on Legislation (California) and Andrew Watson from Mexico City Monthly Meeting introduced themselves.

American Friends Service Committee
Presiding Clerk Shan Cretin asked former PYM Clerk Ellie Huffman to clerk this portion of the session, as Shan currently serves as Regional Director of the Pacific Southwest Region of AFSC.

Paul Lacey, Clerk of the Board of Directors of AFSC, began by recalling a sign he had seen outside a small town in Ohio: "God bless America. United we stand. All you can eat." This can be seen as summing up a belief that America is especially blessed by God, entitled to a leading position in the world and to as much of the world's resources as we can get. In contrast, the testimony of Friends is to stewardship. We are called to reach out to other peoples of the world, to become partners in caretaking, the loving nurture of others. Although it may be difficult to see how small things like sending blankets helps, we must do what we can. (ATTACHMENT B)

Mary Ellen McNish, General Secretary of AFSC, reviewed the structure of AFSC, particularly noting connections to PYM Friends. (ATTACHMENT B) She then told us of experiences in her life that had led her to apply for the position of General Secretary. During her first year, six goals were set for AFSC. After September 11, 2001, work for peace has had to take priority over other projects. First came the "No More Victims" campaign, then AFSC took an active role in founding the "United for Peace and Justice" coalition which includes NAACP, AFL-CIO, NOW, MoveOn.org, and other groups, and, most recently, the "Win without War" coalition. AFSC is currently working with the "misleader campaign" to call the current U.S. administration to account for lies they have told the American people. AFSC is encouraged by an approach from the Ford Foundation to fund ways to increase grassroots involvement in four geographic regions. In conclusion, "We know that love is with us on the path and that love will be with us at the journey's end."

There was a time for questions from Friends. Some were concerned about the discernment process for accepting money from the Ford Foundation. Mary Ellen responded that the Ford Foundation money is for AFSC to continue with its present work, not to meet Foundation requirements. In the discussion of this report, one Friend expressed a concern that the information about the discernment process used when accepting the Ford Foundation grant could have been presented with more clarity. Clarifications were made by both speakers. Paul Lacey further responded to the difficulty, always present, of being certain that funds from various sources are untainted. If AFSC could ensure that all donations were "untainted", it would be almost impossible to raise funds for its work.

Peace and Social Order Committee
Clerk Leonard Joy gave the attached report. (ATTACHMENT C)

John Helding reported for the Alternatives to Violence Program Subcommittee. (ATTACHMENT D) In response, Friends reported activity in their Meetings and requests from Friends for help in moving forward.

Hubert Morel-Seytoux informed us about plans and activities supporting "Health Care for All Californians". He then read a draft minute on this subject, to be considered at an interest group later this week.

Unity with Nature Committee
Clerk Eric Sabelman reported for the Committee, reviewing its history. (ATTACHMENT G) This year it has been difficult for the Committee to meet. With the separation from responsibility for publishing, especially Earthlight, the Committee is seeking a new goal, for instance, researching ways of living more intentionally, in care of the earth, and then passing these ideas on to Peace and Social Order for action. Although there is much reason for despair, one duty of the Committee is to increase and share awareness of the beauty, harmony, and joy of God's creation.
Jennifer Caron of Orange Grove Meeting, intern with the Committee, reported movingly on her work on the Tar Creek superfund site. She spoke of the wounding of the earth, of people at the Tar Creek site, the importance of nature and its effects on the human spirit. Friends were deeply moved by Jennifer’s account. (ATTACHMENT H)

She also told us that the difficulties arising from how the Committee was able to implement the internship caused her pain and affected her work to some extent.

After a time of silent worship, the session adjourned.

Faithfully submitted,

Anne Friend, Recording Clerk
Shan Cretin, Presiding Clerk

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PLENARY IV

The session opened with silent worship. Minutes from Plenary Session III were approved.

Sierra Friends Center
Amy Cooke reported that after the closing of John Woolman School, Sierra Friends Center was envisioned as a center serving all ages. However, the need for serving high school students has not been forgotten. A program of a "Semester at John Woolman" for high school juniors and seniors will begin this year. Amy described the curriculum to be used this semester. They intend to keep the program grounded in the testimony of John Woolman, to be true to his vision of integrity. Responding to questions, she described some other programs offered. There will be ways adults can be involved in the John Woolman semester; Saturdays will include regular presentations by Friends of their experiences with activism.

Treasurer's Report
Sherri Sisson, Treasurer, gave the Treasurer's report for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2002. (ATTACHMENT F) She thanked the Finance committee for doing extra work to support her in the transition to new methods of record-keeping. Reminding us that we had planned on drawing $18,000 from reserves to balance the PYM budget, she noted that we had to transfer only $7000. Sherri answered a number of questions about details of the report.

PYM 2003-2  The final financial report for FY2002 (first column of ATTACHMENT F), including session expenses for PYM 2002, was accepted.

One Friend reminded us that the financial reports do not reflect the true cost of our Yearly Meeting sessions. We must also consider the environmental cost of PYM in such things as use of fossil fuels, waste of water, and use of products of factory farming.

Finance Committee Report
Steve Birdlebough, Clerk of Finance Committee, presented a first reading of the budget for FY 2004. (ATTACHMENT F) Final approval will be considered after we have heard the report of our Statistical Clerk.

Steve also gave a report of Finance Committee discussions (ATTACHMENT F) and asked that Friends bring questions and concerns directly to them.

PYM 2003-3  Amending PYM policy covering reimbursement of travel costs, Friends approved increasing allowable travel reimbursements for committees to include costs of travel to meetings of other Friends’ organizations.
Friends approved a one-time transfer of $1,000.00 from “Officer's Expenses” (line item 5203) to capitalize the Holding Corporation.

Finance Committee recommends that Yearly Meeting apply for status as a religious non-profit corporation. Following discussion, Friends concluded we need more information about this recommendation and asked the Committee to make a more detailed report -- to include information about the costs and consequences of this action -- and to submit it to Ministry and Oversight and other interested Friends for review.

Contributions to other Friends organizations: Steve reviewed the reasons for adding Friends General Conference, Friends United Meeting, and Friends Committee on Unity with Nature, noting the benefits that PYM receives from association with these national groups.

A Friend concerned about the needs of families and the benefits to our children of attending PYM suggested we consider eliminating fees for children up to a specified age. (Currently, children five years old and younger attend without charge.)

Regarding financial reports, Friends expressed concerns about being asked to accept a complex report with a very short time to consider it. Some wanted reports to be easier to read, while others requested that we find away to retain the details in any revised format.

Epistle Committee
Jim Summers introduced the committee (himself, Marilee Eusebio, and Carl Magruder) and read a first draft of our Epistle. Friends are encouraged to bring comments to the members of the committee.

Friends World Committee for Consultation
Sandy Farley introduced PYM delegates to the FWCC conference in Auckland, New Zealand next January: herself, Donna Smith of Redwood Forest Meeting, and Gloria Kershner of Grass Valley Meeting. She reminded us that we can forward through them our Minutes or other concerns to FWCC.

Friends suggested we forward PYM Minute 2002-4, relating to support of the peace communities of Colombia. Friends were concerned that the Minute as written would needed editing for use at FWCC; that we should mention similar accompaniment work going on in other places; that an accurate compilation of action minutes be prepared for our representatives to carry. We could ask our FWCC representatives to review all minutes of action by PYM and carry those concerns that seem more appropriate to FWCC. Friends observed that giving our delegates a mandate just to listen would be appropriate, given that our nation is most feared by other people of the world. While there was not unity in recommending specific Minutes to be carried forward, Friends expressed trust that our FWCC delegates will serve us best by letting the Spirit guide their participation. Friends were encouraged to offer their prayers for our delegates and for FWCC.

Minutes of this plenary were read, corrected, and approved. The session adjourned after a period of silence.

Faithfully submitted,

Anne Friend, Recording Clerk
Shan Cretin, Presiding Clerk
Members of our Ministry and Oversight Committee led us in our memorials session. M&O Committee members Jim Anderson, Jeannie Graves, Ellie Huffman, and Sally Davis – and two Young Friends, Eleni Richey and Michael Pratts – read the names of 35 deceased Friends, interspersed with poems.

Anna Alexander, Redwood Forest
Lawrence Aller, Santa Monica
Alice Bender, Honolulu
Lee Bowman, Sacramento
Dorothy Bruff, Redwood Forest
Doak Cox, Honolulu

Nan Degelman, Davis
Richard Ernst, Redwood Forest
Meta Ruth Ferguson, San Diego
Jean Flores, Strawberry Creek
Ida Fugoli, Palo Alto
Margaret Gray, Honolulu

Jack Haller, Mendocino
Kate Hearst, Berkeley
Leonore Hollander, Redwood Forest
Robert James, Grass Valley
Catherine Langston, Orange Grove
Barbara Laslett, Berkeley

Walt Lindauer, Redwood Forest
Margaret Mints, Orange County
Bill Moyer, San Francisco
David Neptune, San Diego
Arlene O’Bryan, San Jose
John Peckham, Marin

“To live in this world
you must be able
to do three things:
To love what is mortal;
To hold it against your bones knowing
Your own life depends on it;
And, when the time comes to let it go,
To let it go.” -- Mary Oliver

“Unencumbered with
The mortal aspect of herself
She will rise
To join those
Blessed with an awareness
Of God’s love.
La Dona”

“These words spoken
In an hour of silence
Make up a life
I didn’t know.

“Each person speaking
out of the loss
adds a color, an edge,
a piece to be found…

“This was a life I saw,
a life lived here,
a life lived no more.
I know why I came.” -- John Pixley

“I share with you the agony of your grief,
The anguish of your heart finds echo in my own.
I know I cannot enter all you feel
Nor bear with you the burden of your pain;
I can but offer what my love does give:
The strength of caring,
The warmth of one who seeks to understand
The silent storm-swept barrenness of so great a loss.
This I do in quiet ways,
That on your lonely path
You may not walk alone.” -- Howard Thurman
Kelly Peckham, Redwood Forest
Rudolph Potochnik, Delta
Aibi Reed, La Jolla
George Rudenko, San Fernando Valley
Paul Ruhlen, Palo Alto

Jim Standish, Palo Alto
Lee Storey, Santa Monica
Judith Stronach, Berkeley
Ben White, Davis
Katharine Whittaker, Berkeley
Bill Williams, Davis

“If you would indeed behold the spirit of death, open your heart wide unto the body of life. For life and death are one, even as the river and sea are one.” — Kahlil Gibran, *The Prophet*

“Death is the end of a stage, not the end of the journey. The road stretches beyond our comprehension.”

— Oliver Lodge, *Life and Death*

“I find my words turning into a prayer. Dear God of all time and all creatures, help me to live fully within this cycle of infinity that is your gift to me. Make me less fearful of the measure of time and more fully alive in the time that simply is. Help me to live time, not just to use it; to breathe it in and return it in acts of love and presence.”

— Avis Crowe, *Reflections on Time*

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**PLENARY VI**

Our session opened with worship. Reading Clerk Lois Bailey read from the epistle of the 2002 Community of Friends Evangelical Churches of the Democratic Republic of Congo (Congo Friends Yearly Meeting).

We heard and approved revised minutes for Plenary III (regarding responses to the report from AFSC) and Plenary IV (regarding FWCC and environmental costs of PYM sessions).

**Naming Committee**

Steve Smith of Claremont Meeting reported for the Naming Committee their nomination of Marilee Eusebio to serve as Nominating Committee clerk starting in January 2004. (The committee will function without a clerk until then.)

**Nominating Committee**

Keith Wedmore reported for the Committee. No changes have been made to nominations proposed on Tuesday at the initial Nominating Committee report. Two clarifications were made: Margaret Mossman is no longer on the Discipline Committee, and Sandy Farley is no longer on the Peace and Social Order Committee.

**PYM 2003-05** Friends approved the nominations presented Tuesday, as corrected. (ATTACHMENT N)

Keith Wedmore proposed a few additional nominations, to be considered for approval at tomorrow’s plenary. Friends encouraged us to order our activities so that there is room in our lives to reflect our concerns.

**Statistical Clerk**

Gary Wolff, Statistical Clerk, reported that Yearly Meeting experienced a net increase of five members this year (ATTACHMENT J). The Statistical Clerk maintains a mailing list of Pacific Yearly Meeting clerks and contacts, and can provide mailing labels for PYM mailings to our officers, Committees, and constituent Monthly Meetings and worship groups. Gary’s statistical reports will be posted outside the plenary room.
East West Relations Committee
Carl Anderson, clerk of the East West Relations Committee, presented a travel minute for Julie Harlow, who will be traveling with a concern for the contribution Friends are making in the areas of the former Soviet Union.

PYM 2003-6  Friends approved the travel minute for Julie Harlow.

Peace and Social Order Committee
Leonard Joy, clerk of the Peace and Social Order Committee, reported that they, joining Unity with Nature Committee in supporting Jennifer Caron’s concern for Tar Creek, had approved a minute to support Jennifer in approaching legislators and advocating for Tar Creek toxic site cleanup.

Steve Birdlebough read a proposed minute supporting a single payer healthcare system, which emerged from an interest group on the topic.  Friends expressed concerns about the minute as drafted.

After discussion, Friends approved these minutes:

PYM 2003-7: Pacific Yearly Meeting endorses the concept of universal access to health care.  We do this in the spirit of our Testimonies of Community and Equality.  We believe that financial considerations should not be the mechanism by which the level of quality of the service, and its availability, are determined.

PYM 2003-8: Pacific Yearly Meeting recommends that Monthly and Quarterly Meetings take time to study the issue of a universal single payer healthcare system.  We particularly recommend that Meetings in California consider supporting California SB 921 (Kuehl), participating in the debate and proceeding with thoughtful seasoned actions.

Leonard Joy reported on Britain Yearly Meeting’s process for renewing interest in Quaker social testimony there.  Peace and Social Order Committee is exploring a possible process similar to that adopted by Britain Yearly Meeting.  (last paragraphs of ATTACHMENT C)

Latin America Concerns: Colombia.
Chris Moore-Backman and Carin Anderson reported on their work in Colombia.  In February, Chris returned to Colombia to explore ways PYM Friends could continue to assist the people there.  After a period of discernment, Chris and Carin bring to us three ways that we can continue to nurture our relationship to the peace communities of Colombia: a health promotion project, a trauma healing project, and in face-to-face relationships.  Individuals from Pacific Yearly Meeting have funded the training of a nun in the trauma healing project, but both the trauma healing training and the health promotion project need further funding.  Chris and Carin will continue to visit Colombia and encourage others to visit as well, through delegations that will be visiting this fall.

Assistant to the Clerk Janet Leslie read announcements.  The meeting adjourned after a period of silence.

Minutes of this plenary were read, corrected, and approved.

Faithfully submitted,

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

Reading Clerk Lois Bailey read to us from the 2002 Joint Nordic Yearly Meeting Epistle.

Ministry and Oversight Committee
Jim Anderson, Committee Clerk, gave the attached report (ATTACHMENT M) The Yearly Meeting has a website – www.quaker.org/pacific-ym -- thanks to the Subcommittee on Electronic Communication and Records. The work of the Quaker chaplains interest group will continue through the year.

A question was raised about whether we have ever formally approved having a website. We have not. However, we will continue operating the website informally, evaluate the results, and expect a recommendation in a coming year from our M&O Subcommittee on Electronic Communications. Suggested guidelines will be distributed.

A questionnaire regarding possible changes in the administration and structure of PYM was circulated before the Yearly Meeting session. Responses, discussed in an interest group, were thoughtful and valuable and will be further considered in the coming year.

Naming Committee
As previously announced, Marilee Eusebio has agreed to serve as Nominating Committee Clerk for the coming year. The other Friends asked to serve on Nominating Committee, and their terms, are: Sharon Gates, term to end 2005; Rick Troth, 2005; Eric Moon, 2006; and Jim Summers of La Jolla Meeting, 2006 (Jim to be approved at Representative Committee in March, 2004)

PYM 2003-9 We approved these new members (and clerk) for our Nominating Committee.

Nominating Committee
Clerk Keith Wedmore read again the names of Friends announced yesterday as additions to the first report.

PYM 2003-10 We approved the nominations of these Friends. (ATTACHMENT N)

One Friend questioned the inclusion of Pacific Friends Outreach Society (PFOS) members in the Nominating Committee report. PFOS, an independent corporation, appoints its own officers and board members, and their names are listed with PYM nominations -- along with the Naming Committee Report, JYM and Young Friends officers -- to provide PYM Friends with convenient access to this information

One Friend felt the nominee for clerk to Ministry and Oversight Committee inappropriate. The Nominating Committee has heard the concerns and still brings the name forward. There was an opportunity for discussion, but there were no further comments. The Friend who spoke his reservations stood aside, and the nomination stands as approved.

Registrar
Stephen Matchett introduced Co-registrar Kim Lacey and gave the Registrars’ report (ATTACHMENT K).

Other Reports
At our presiding clerk’s suggestion, Friends agreed to include committee reports not heard in plenary, and other reports of interest to Friends, in the packets of PYM Minutes. (ATTACHMENT P, Friends Bulletin Annual Report to Yearly Meetings)

Finance Committee
Steve Birdlebough discussed changes to the FY2004 budget as originally presented. Junior and Young Friends have asked to have a retreat immediately before PYM in 2004. Steve specified the changes in the budget that this will require. Young Friends have asked for support for some Young Friends to attend the gathering of Young Friends in Britain in 2005. Changes to the budget will be required and have been suggested.
Steve gave further financial details, including the need to set this year’s per-member assessment at $36, except for maintaining the assessment at $10 per member for Mexico City Monthly Meeting.

Yearly Meeting financial support for Pacific Friends Outreach Society (PFOS) was discussed. Finance Committee feels that further discussion by Yearly Meeting is needed and is not recommending any change at this time.

One Friend spoke with a concern that the contribution to Pacific Friends Outreach Society should be withheld until the relationship with PFOS has been discussed at a PYM session. Other Friends united with the Friend who spoke. Presiding Clerk Shan Cretin asked former PYM Clerk Margaret Mossman to clerk the meeting so Shan could participate in the discussion.

Friends spoke of the history of PFOS as a nonprofit corporation whose formation was directed in a formal minute by PYM. Friends noted that support for PFOS is independent of a decision of whether PYM should be held there. Other Friends spoke of their belief that PFOS is of value to PYM; that it is possible for individual Friends to accept the budget without feeling real clarity about PFOS, given the decision at our 2001 session to contribute $500 a year to PFOS.

Acting Clerk Margaret Mossman spoke to the lack of unity about PFOS within the Yearly Meeting and the need for larger discussion. She also noted that it is the custom of Friends to require unity before changing a previous decision.

Additional comments supported the need for further examination of this issue, recommended that we continue to support PFOS at the level previously set, and asked the board of PFOS prayerfully to consider the issues raised in this discussion.

**PYM 2003-11**  Friends approved the following minute:
We regret that time did not allow us to examine the question of PFOS’s value to PYM further at this Yearly Meeting session, recognizing that practice of Friends is to change previously-approved decisions only when in unity. Therefore, we accept budget line item 5259, and we ask our clerks to focus on the question of PYM relationship to PFOS and its financial and other support at Representative Committee next March and at our 2004 summer sessions.

Chris Moore-Backman, Stratton Jaquette, Gloria Kershner, Anne Friend, and Marie Fredell, at their requests, are recorded as standing aside from approval of this minute.

**PYM 2003-12**  Friends approved the FY2004 budget as presented to this plenary. (ATTACHMENT F)

The extended discussion sparked by the PFOS line item in the budget used the time allotted for hearing epistles and for closing worship. Therefore, Friends agreed to hear our Epistles in an informal session during the lunch hour and to have a brief time of worship together before we depart.

Commencing that extended session the Presiding Clerk, wearing a balloon hat presented to her by Young Friends, called us to re-gather. Epistles from Pre-school, Lower Elementary, Upper Elementary, and Middle School Friends, from, Junior Yearly Meeting, and from Young Friends were read and accepted.

Our Pacific Yearly Meeting epistle was read. Friends felt that mention should be made of the blessings arising from our efforts to deal with difficult issues.

**PYM 2003-13**  Our Epistle was accepted, with this suggested addition to be made by the Epistle Committee.
Margaret Fruth asked to be recorded as standing aside from our acceptances because the locale is "exclusive and not accessible".

Friends thanked the Presiding Clerk and all who have worked for PYM during this session. The meeting closed with silent worship to meet next at Mount Madonna Conference Center, Watsonville, California, August 2-7, 2004.

Faithfully submitted,

Anne Friend, Recording Clerk

Shan Cretin, Presiding Clerk
"THE WITNESS OF CARETAKING"
REMARKS BY PAUL A. LACEY, CLERK, AFSC BOARD OF DIRECTORS

After September 11, 2001, three lines appeared on a sign in a small town I drive through on my way to and from the airport:

**GOD BLESS AMERICA**
**UNITED WE STAND**
**ALL YOU CAN EAT**

I do not quote the sign to laugh at it, but to observe how much insight that combination of prayer, patriotic utterance, and commercial offering reveals. The sign is unsophisticated and its emotions are heartfelt, and in its simplicity it tells us important things about our condition in the United States. We ask that God bless us, but what do we expect that to mean? That we continue to keep the vast and terrible power we possess. That we remain the sole superpower in the world. The link between “God Bless America” and “All You Can Eat” is a direct one. What is the evidence that we are blessed? “All You Can Eat.” Not what you need but what you want. Not just enough, but consumption to the point of discomfort. Take what you want, and all you want; consume all the goods of the earth, plunder the natural world for all you can consume; plunder your enemies of all you want. That is what it means to be blessed by God.

This sign, prayer, patriotic utterance, and commercial offering, unconsciously sums up a vision of ownership, of dominion, of entitlement and of exploitation. It is an imperial vision, a vision of the American Empire to come.

The Quaker witness stands opposed to this imperial vision. Ours is a witness of stewardship, not ownership; of nurture, not exploitation of people or the created world; of responsibility, not entitlement; of sharing the gifts of life, not “all you can eat” consumption.

Ours is the witness of the Caretaker. It is a profoundly spiritual and religious witness. Erik Erikson says “Trust born of care is... the touchstone of the actuality of a given religion” (*Childhood and Society,* “Eight Stages of Man,” p. 250). The capacity for care-taking, the loving nurture of others, helps create basic trust, which in turn makes possible the basic hope in human possibility and Divine Love. And trust and hope create a deeper capacity for caring, which Erikson defines as “widening concern” for other people and for the world.

The Quaker witness requires that we trust, that we be trustworthy, and that we do our work as a means of holding in trust the values, testimonies and institutions which embody them, for future generations. We know that we can do very little by ourselves and that there are many people and groups around the world with whom we can enter into trustful, trust-building partnerships to make a stronger witness. We need to reach beyond the circle of Quakers without losing touch with Quakerism as our center. We need to proceed by trial and error, being vulnerable to our “widening concern,” trusting as far as experience leads us.

We need to be trustworthy, to keep our promises to those we serve, to our companions in the work, even to our adversaries (as Gandhi always did by informing his adversaries exactly when, where and how he would act). Our witness must be open and forthright.

Are we (both the American Friends Service Committee and the larger Religious Society of Friends) called to bold actions, or to small, incremental change over time? We are called to both, though we have to discern and test when we are called to either, when we are called to the work of humanitarian aid, the work of reconciliation or the work of prophetic confrontation. Are collecting and distributing blankets in Afghanistan and health kits in Iraq bold action? Is sending water purifiers to Iraq, as AFSC did in 2000, though US law forbade that action, bold or small? Is coalition-building small or bold?

Any of these acts can be very small yet lead on to amazing consequences, ripples multiplying from one centered action.

Care-taking is painstaking, everyday work, small acts of service inspired by larger goals, small acts accumulating into “widened concern.” AFSC tries to be faithful to its calling to be caretakers, advocates for those who have no power, reconcilers, good stewards of the testimonies of Friends.
REPORT BY MARY ELLEN MCNISH, GENERAL SECRETARY, AMERICAN FRIENDS SERVICE COMMITTEE

It's good to be here at Pacific Yearly Meeting to reconnect with so many folks...and to make new connections. When Shan Cretin read my letter of introduction from Byberry Monthly Meeting, founded in 1683, what she didn't know was that Byberry was founded by the four Walton Brothers, who came to the new world with William Penn. As he sailed up the Delaware River they split up and founded Byberry Meeting named after their hometown of Biburry, England. Your own Jean Walton of Claremont Meeting is a descendent of those brothers, and so I get to worship every Sunday with Jean's first cousins, sixteen times removed.

It's also good to reconnect with Jean Lester, who was the Clerk of the search committee who brought me to AFSC just three short years ago. A special thank you goes to Paul Lacey. I am blessed to serve with a Clerk with such insight and integrity—not to mention sense of humor.

First I'll give you a snapshot of AFSC. We have forty-six offices in the US and twenty-five overseas. We have about 450 staff and about sixty (15%) are Quaker. My position of General Secretary is the only one required to be Quaker. We have an annual operating budget of $38 million with virtually no endowment. AFSC is governed by a Board of 49, of whom 45 are Quaker. The Board is selected from a corporation of 160. Thank you for the wonderful Friends you appoint to serve AFSC.

I would now like to tell you a little about me. I became a Quaker 25 years ago when I was seeking a spiritual home. I had fallen away from the Catholic Church when I realized the only way a woman could get on the alter was to clean it.

My service to Friends was at my Monthly and Yearly Meetings and Friends General Conference. I served on almost every committee they had. My activist work was in feminist issues with the National Organization for Women and Planned Parenthood. My academic background included a BS in Education and an MS in Business.

My only association with AFSC was as a contributor. And so, when the position of General Secretary came open, I started a discernment process that led me to speak with people who knew the organization better than I. I wanted to get a fix on what the issues were—and what skills I might bring to the table.

What I found was challenging. There was enormous conflict everywhere! Regional vs. National, Board vs. staff, management vs. labor, Quaker vs. non-Quaker were a few of the conflicts I found. There was misunderstanding on top of misunderstanding.

Staff was stretched very thin and while there were some exciting local programs, there wasn’t a lot going on that had any national impact. Once thing was clear when I traveled around to talk with staff—they all wanted more money.

I thought if we could just get everyone working toward the same ends, rowing their boats in the same direction, the conflicts would eventually fall away. This was my leading and I talked about it with the search committee.

The Board agreed to a visioning process that brought hundreds of people together in eleven retreats across the country. They met in worship to answer the question "What is God calling us to do in the next five years?" This visioning process led to the Board’s approval of the first ever Strategic Plan just nine months ago. There are six goals in the Strategic Plan, and we will talk about them this afternoon in the workshop.

And just to test our flexibility and faithfulness, right in the middle of the visioning process the attacks of September 11th happened. Our immediate early response was the "No More Victims Campaign". This campaign funded peace workers in every US Region. On the very day that the US bombed Afghanistan in retaliation, AFSC placed a full page ad in the New York Times and other newspapers across the country calling for "no more victims...anywhere".

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We then shifted gears to address the unending War on Terror by framing our work as “Peacemaking in a Time of War.” We have been running pretty much flat out and almost around the clock ever since.

AFSC has played an integral role in the formation of the new peace and justice movement. We are on the steering committee of United For Peace and Justice, a grassroots organization of hundreds of peace and justice groups. We are also on the steering committee of Win Without War, a new coalition of more mainstream organizations new to the peace movement.

We have joined with NAACP, AFL/CIO, NOW, National Council of Churches, Peace Action and Move On.ORG and we are beginning to change the national debate. It was with these groups that we worked together to gather one million signatures to bring to the UN Security Council in one week, bring hundreds of thousands of people to the streets in demonstrations in February 2003 and organized thousands of candlelight vigils across the country to prevent the war in Iraq.

I know that as Laura Magmani spoke of despair, we felt bereft when that war started. But I want to tell you about a story told by Bob Edgar, General Secretary of the National Council of Churches. He went to Iraq about six weeks ago. While there, in a meeting with moderate mullahs of the Islamic faith, he was told that if the peace movement in the US had not happened, the moderates in Iraq would not have been able to prevent the radical mullahs from declaring a jihad on the US.

It proved to me that when you are faithful and doing what God is calling you to do, there is no telling what the outcome will be or how important that work is.

Our current work is called the “MisLeader” campaign and calls for an independent inquiry into the lies the US Administration used to convince Congress and the American people to go to war in Iraq. We are working over the summer to have fourteen press conferences in critical cities across the US. This campaign builds on the polling data that shows that even though the people in the US agree with the war because of the atrocities uncovered—they are really angry they were lied to.

And finally, because of our central role in these important coalitions, the Ford Foundation approached us to say they wanted to help our work to mobilize constituents on issues of peace in four of our Regions.

AFSC would never get involved in any election or on behalf of any candidate. But all Quakers and lovers of peace truly understand the concept of “if not now, when? ... if not us ... who?” We have an unprecedented opportunity before us.

The one thing we do know is true is that the mighty cloud of witness who came before us took years, decades and even generations. We know that Love is with us on the path and Love will be with us at journey’s end.
Peace and Social Order Committee
REPORT TO PYM 2003

These are indeed challenging times for Quakers concerned to be faithful to our testimonies. As one Friend said, “big things are being asked of us.” It is clear that the Peace and Social Order Committee has not yet measured up to this challenge. Reviewing the activities of this Committee, you may reasonably comment that it is more notable for the issues it does not address than for those it does. However, your Committee has pursued several concerns and has proposals to play a more significant role in the life of meetings at all levels.

Meetings collectively and members individually have clearly been very active and reflective in response to the war in Iraq. State of Society reports indicate this but give scant detail of the experience. The Committee requested reports from Meetings on their reflections on the Peace Testimony and actions that were taken to respond to the threat and act of war. We had hoped to provide an exchange of information and learning and to provide a more detailed overview of how we have responded. However, only two Monthly Meetings responded to the request, and this Committee has so far failed to flesh out the picture of the larger effort or of how the Peace Testimony is held by Pacific YM Friends.

The lack of Meetings’ responsiveness draws attention to the need to strengthen our connection to Monthly and, especially, to Quarterly Meetings and to the functioning generally of P&SO.

In March, PYM Representatives Committee approved our proposed creation of a sub-committee on the AVP program. John Helding is Clerk of this subcommittee. His report is attached.

We responded to concerns expressed by individuals and by Meetings:

- Hubert Morel-Seytoux brought two concerns from Palo Alto MM:
  - on health care. An interest group is arranged.
  - on the “Patriot-USA Act.” There will also be an interest group, supported by AFSC, on this.
- re the Tar Creek Toxic site—preparing a letter of support for Jennifer Caron to provide her credibility in approaching legislators to plea for action on Tar Creek; co-sponsoring an interest group with Unity with Nature Committee
- also with that Committee, co-sponsoring an interest group on energy policy. convened by Karen Street

Your Committee noted the ROST process engaged in by Britain Yearly Meeting—ROST is “Recovering Our Social Testimonies.”

Quakers in Britain were invited to offer personal testimonies that were collected and edited to produce a single draft synthesis statement. This statement was sent to the Monthly Meetings in Britain. It evoked hundreds of responses and a desire to publish a corporate social testimony as previously in 1918 and 1982. Following a process lasting three years, such a document was published and also a book in which many of the separate personal and Monthly Meeting testimonies were recorded. (Faith in Action, ed. Jonathan Dale, 2002).

We are exploring the desirability of PYM engaging in such a process. Not only do we need to know who we are as Quakers at this time, we need to discover whether there is a corporate witness that distinguishes us as Quakers. An interest group is planned for Wednesday 4.15 that will consider this question and review P&SO role and functioning. Meeting clerks and P&SO clerks are especially urged to attend this meeting.
To: Pacific Yearly Meeting Peace and Social Order Committee

From: PYM/Alternatives to Violence Subcommittee

Subject: Status Report for 2003 Yearly Meeting

July 25, 2003

Background

At the 2002 Yearly Meeting, two minutes were passed regarding Pacific Yearly Meeting’s (PYM) involvement with the Alternatives to Violence Project (AVP). The minutes endorsed the efforts by monthly meetings and individual Friends to establish AVP programs in prisons, schools and communities. They also directed the PYM Peace and Social Order Committee to offer assistance to these programs as the committee and these programs saw fit.

With this direction, PYM/P&SO in February of 2003 formally established an AVP subcommittee tasked with providing such support and with more fully defining its ongoing role and structure.

PYM/AVP Subcommittee Objectives and Progress to Date

The subcommittee is up and running and has developed an initial set of objectives and started working in each:

1. Provide support to existing Quaker led/sponsored AVP programs in the terms of mentoring, facilitator support, best practices, schedule coordination

   Progress to date: the committee has brought the organizers of the different programs together and begun work on how we can jointly support one another and coordinate activities. Some sharing of experienced facilitators across the programs has begun.

2. Promote/publicize AVP programs in monthly meetings and provide support to Monthly Meetings wanting to launch their own programs

   Progress to date: a new AVP program has been started by Palo Alto Monthly Meeting and mentoring and facilitation support is being provided by PYM/AVP. In addition, Claremont Monthly Meeting is exploring setting up its own program through the initiative of a Quaker Center trained facilitator and the support of the Santa Monica MM LA AVP program. The committee will be holding an interest group at this yearly meeting and AVP “leg stretcher” support to the Clerk during plenary sessions.

3. Help create a state-wide presence and credibility in California for AVP, especially focusing on the California Department of Corrections (CDC) or the organization that runs the 30-plus state prisons

   Progress to Date: In June a conference call meeting was held between committee members and CDC Community Resources senior staff. The call was a follow-on to a demonstration AVP program held for CDC staffing September with the help of Friends Committee on Legislation (FCL). During the call issues discussed included: issues with multi-prison access for AVP volunteers, ideas on how and where to expand the AVP toehold in the CDC system, limitations and uncertainty about expanding AVP-type programs because of the current state budget crisis, and encouragement from CDC for AVP to connect with “Friends Outside” – another
non-volunteer organization doing somewhat similar work in the system. Both parties committed to work on these issues and to reconnect in the fall and hopefully after all budget issues have been settled.

4. Partner with other AVP programs in and out of state

Progress to Date: We are discussing the possibility of hosting the Nation AVP Summer Gathering in 2005. We are also sharing schedules and information on our CDC conversations with other AVP programs in California.

5. Create and maintain a stronger administrative systems in support of AVP efforts

Progress to Date: Committee Member Pat Hardy, Santa Monica Monthly Meeting, has begun the task of creating an information and administrative system for the sub-committee.

PYM/AVP Next Steps and Contact Information

The committee will continue to work against all five of its key objectives of support existing and emerging programs, coordinating with other AVP programs, and in building relationships and programs at the state-level with CDC.

We are excited and happy to provide monthly meetings with a range of support around AVP activities including: videos and brochures, conducting introductory sessions and video presentations, mentoring and support to meetings interested in holding an AVP Basic Workshop and/or establishing an ongoing AVP program.

For more information or discussion, contact the clerk or any of the PYM/AVP Subcommittee Members

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Progress to Date

Support for existing programs: Established Quaker led/supported programs are:

1. California Men's Colony: Prison and Community program supported by Central Coast Preparatory Meeting in San Luis Opisbo

2. LA Area AVP: Prison (Chino Youth Authority) and community workshops initiated and supported ongoing by Santa Monica Monthly Meeting

3. Ben Lomond Quaker Center Community Workshops: going into a fourth year of residential workshops at this Quaker retreat center near Santa Cruz
East - West Relations Committee

Report by Carl Anderson, Clerk, EWRC, Report to Pacific Yearly Meeting, August, 2003

Friends House Moscow

The principal work of the East-West Relations Committee continues to be support of Friends House Moscow.

FHM continues its work on many issues: Alternatives to Violence Program, the establishment of the concept of volunteering (which was damaged by abuse during Soviet times), support for specific projects at orphanages, etc. See newsletter for examples. There are new opportunities related to conscientious objection in Russia.

The situation in Chechnya (900 miles from Moscow) continues heart-rending. The hostage crisis at the Moscow theater, in which over 100 people died, was related to the absence of peace in Chechnya; this hostage crisis happened while Friends were gathered in Moscow for the annual meeting of FHM’s governing board in October 2002.

Sergei Nikitin did fine work on staff for four years. He was hired away by another organization. FHM has found a replacement, who is Sergei Grushko. Galina Orlova continues; she has been with FHM since it opened in 1996; and there are two interns.

Committee Activity and Membership

EWRC’s outstanding achievement since PYM 2002 was transmission of $14,000 from our bank account to Friends House Moscow Support Association. These funds were raised mostly from crafts; Julie Harlow continues active in this area.

Julie produces a newsletter twice a year.

The Committee on East - West Relations met 7/25/2002 and 1/20/2003. We plan to meet again on Wednesday, August 6, at 1:15 pm, during PYM; for location, watch for announcement.

Kay Anderson has spent 15 years working on peace and Quakerism in Russia. For several years recently, she has been one of PYM’s representatives to Friends House Moscow’s Governing Board. Her trip to Moscow in October 2002 was her last such trip; she has moved to Maryland. We thank her for her efforts.

Tatiana Pavlova

Some Friends will recall meeting the historian Tatiana Pavlova, who was the first Russian Quaker, at least in modern times. She visited California about 10 years ago. In December 2002, she succumbed to cancer. An appreciation for her life is in issue #14 of the FHM newsletter.

Two New Websites; Literature

A fine new website on FHM is at www.quaker.org/fhm; it’s mostly in English. A separate site quakers.inrussia.org/index.htm is mostly in Russian, and includes translations into Russian of several descriptive articles. Most Russians don’t yet have web access, but one of FHM’s activities is answering questions and sending literature to distant parts of Russia. A separate committee works on translation of literature; Friends interested should contact Janet Riley of Central Coast Preparative Meeting.

How You Can Help

There are opportunities large and small.

A. Julie Harlow makes fine presentations. An example will be during interest group time, Tuesday 8/5 at 4:15 pm. If you can arrange for Julie to be heard at your monthly meeting, she’d like to visit.

B. Our committee has a vacancy. Last we heard, Nominating Committee hasn’t found a suitable candidate. If you might be interested, talk to us and/or to Kate Carpenter on Nominating Committee. We meet once or twice during the year, besides the PYM meeting noted above. All of our active participants are in northern California; we would especially appreciate a southern Californian; some travel funds are available.

C. A really big project would be to join Julie on FHM’s international board, carrying on Kay Anderson’s work. This involves major travel. Speak with Julie or me if you have any ideas along this line. Another really big project, which might be considered, is to be a Friend in Residence in Moscow.

D. A small project: Help distribute FHM newsletters, twice a year.

E. 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.")
PYM FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT
AUGUST, 2003

1. Chart of Accounts. The PYM accounting structure is being simplified and updated in consultation with an individual who is experienced in non-profit and automated book keeping. The Committee proposes to consolidate the publishing reserves in an account to accumulate funds at the rate of $5,000 per year toward the next publication of *Faith and Practice*. We expect the chart of accounts to be more understandable and instructive for PYM clerks and conveners. The books should also be easier to maintain.

2. Committee Outreach Activity. In response to the experience of at least one committee, and the expectations of another, it is recommended that the PYM policy governing reimbursement for travel costs be clarified to cover the costs of attending Quaker events such as Quarterly or Monthly Meetings, worship groups, and Preparative Meetings within PYM to further the work of the committee. This will enable committee members to be reimbursed for travel among PYM Friends to make presentations, participate on panels, and do other similar work on behalf of their committee.

3. Holding Corporation. In recognition that the Holding Corporation performs services on behalf of PYM and its constituent meetings, it is recommended that a line item be established to pay for these services, and that one thousand dollars be transferred from “Officers’ Expenses” to capitalize the Holding Corporation. The Holding Corporation acts primarily as a trustee, and incurs minimal expenses in most years. However it must be in a position to reasonably carry out any duties required of it, without compromising the properties entrusted to it.

4. Incorporation of PYM. In order to provide secular recognition of Pacific Yearly Meeting as a body of Friends, and to achieve a measure of protection for individual members and officers in a litigious society, it is proposed that PYM take steps to become a religious non-profit corporation under California law. A revision of California's Corporations Code now expressly permits religious corporations to conduct business in accordance with the rules that govern a particular faith community. In PYM's case, corporate decisions made in accordance with *Faith and Practice* would be fully effective. Several Monthly Meetings have used the religious corporation statute, or are now in the process of incorporating under that law. Incorporation will prepare the PYM to conduct its secular business in a manner that will be better-understood by the banks, business entities, and government agencies with which it must interact from time to time.

5. Contributions to Friends' Organizations. After a review of the criteria for support of Friends' organizations to which PYM sends representatives or delegations, the Committee recommends that contributions be added for Friends General Conference, Friends United Meeting, and Friends Committee on Unity with Nature, in the amounts of $500 each. PYM has benefited from its consistent association with each of these national organizations, and they are reliant on both the moral and financial support of local Friends.

6. Delegate Expense Form. A new form has been developed to assist conveners of PYM delegates to Friends' organizations in submitting claims for reimbursement.
### Pacific Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends

**Fiscal Year 2002 Final Budget Report as of 8/9/03**

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- **FY04 Budget 10/1/03-9/30/04**
- **Final August 2003**
- **FY2002 10/1/2001 to 9/30/2002**
- **FY2003 10/1/2002 to 8/1/2003**

2004 Assessment for members $36, except Mexico City $10.
### Pacific Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends

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**TOTAL EXPENSES** $61,675 $51,015.35 $3,356.22 $65,000 $32,143.42 $2,370.00 #REF!

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

Expense accounts with a bold face **R** following the account name have an associated reserve fund on page 4. Transfers from these special reserves are noted in parentheses in the Transfers column. A positive transfer means that funds remaining in the expense account at the end of the year were transferred to the associated reserve. A negative transfer indicates transfers from the reserve.

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**Pacific Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends**

**Fiscal Year 2002 Final Balance Sheet as of 8/9/03**

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| **LIABILITIES AND RESERVES**    |                        |                                |                        |                                |                      |
| 2701 — Accounts Payable        | 3,346.19               | 0.00                            | 3,346.19               | 0.00                            | 0.00                 | 0.00       | 0.00       |
| 2711 — Peace Tax Fund          | 2,408.66               | 0.00                            | 2,289.78               | 118.88                          | 0.00                 | 118.88     | 0.00       |
| 2712 — Student Conscience Fund | 17,598.93              | 83.66                           | 0.00                   | 17,582.61                       | 52.63                | 0.00       | 17,735.24 |
| 2713 — Clerk's Travel & Discreetion (5202) Reserve | 108.91               | 250.00                          | 0.00                   | 358.91                          | 0.00                 | 0.00       | 358.91     |
| 2714 — Committee Suppl. (5237) Reserve | 1,117.38              | 74.01                           | 0.00                   | 1,043.37                        | 0.00                 | 0.00       | 1,043.37  |
| 2721 — Publishing (5205) Reserve | -12,490.37             | 16,570.20                       | 25,217.47              | -21,137.64                      | 0.00                 | 0.00       | -21,137.64 |
| 2722 — Equipment Purch. (5207) Reserve | 37,959.20             | 35,539.00                       | 35,786.00              | 37,000.20                       | 0.00                 | 0.00       | 37,000.20 |
| 2723 — Account Audit (5210) Reserve | 1,117.38              | 74.01                           | 0.00                   | 1,043.37                        | 0.00                 | 0.00       | 1,043.37  |
| 2731 — Brinton Visitor Reserve (M&O) | 2,584.64              | 732.00                          | 176.50                 | 3,140.14                        | 650.00               | 0.00       | 4,040.14  |
| 2733 — Fund for Concerns (M&O)  | 3,324.86               | 557.00                          | 0.00                   | 3,881.86                        | 475.00               | 0.00       | 4,456.86  |
| 2734 — Sharing Fund (M&O)      | 1,954.01               | 0.00                            | 0.00                   | 1,954.01                        | 100.00               | 0.00       | 2,054.01  |
| 2735 — FGC Scholarship         | 16,870.00              | 25.00                           | 0.00                   | 18,595.00                       | 0.00                 | 425.00     | 18,270.00 |
| 7a 2736 — Unity with Nature Project Reserve | 1,820.08             | 1,836.36                        | 3,031.59               | 624.85                          | 0.00                 | 0.00       | 624.85     |
| 7 2741 — Wider Fellowship Travel (5236) Reserve | 704.00               | 0.00                            | 0.00                   | 704.00                          | 0.00                 | 0.00       | 704.00     |
| 7 2742 — Young Friends Travel (5288) Reserve | 510.17               | 0.00                            | 510.17                 | 0.00                            | 0.00                 | 0.00       | 0.00       |
| 7 2743 — FWCC, Sec. of Amer. Travel (5279) Reserve | 0.00               | 200.00                          | 0.00                   | 200.00                          | 0.00                 | 0.00       | 200.00     |
| 7 2744 — FGC Travel (5278) Reserve | 725.65               | 0.00                            | 0.00                   | 725.65                          | 0.00                 | 0.00       | 725.65     |
| 7a 2745 — FUM Travel (5280) Reserve | 934.68               | 350.00                          | 0.00                   | 1,284.68                        | 0.00                 | 0.00       | 1,284.68  |
| 7 2746 — Gen. Reunion Fr. Mex. Travel (5281) Reserve | 961.88              | 0.00                            | 819.08                 | 142.80                          | 0.00                 | 0.00       | 142.80     |
| 7 2747 — FWCC Triennial Travel (5287) Reserve | 5,100.00             | 1,500.00                        | 0.00                   | 6,600.00                        | 0.00                 | 2,370.00   | 4,230.00   |
| 7 2748 — Friends Bulletin Travel (5271) Reserve | 1,119.84             | 0.00                            | 379.94                 | 739.90                          | 0.00                 | 0.00       | 739.90     |
| 7 2749 — Latin American Concerns Reserve (5212) | 400.00               | 0.00                            | 0.00                   | 800.00                          | 0.00                 | 0.00       | 800.00     |
| 7 2750 — PYM Assistance Fund    | 213.24                | 150.00                          | 0.00                   | 363.24                          | 0.00                 | 250.00     | 613.24     |
| 8 2751 — Budget Expense Commitments | 9,754.30             | 51,920.70                       | 51,091.79              | 10,233.21                       | 56,095.59            | 33,656.22  | 32,672.58  |
| 8 2752 — Uncommitted Reserves   | 66,419.46             | 44,072.63                       | 51,920.70              | 58,667.67                       | 62,065.00            | 51,916.79  | 68,851.88  |
| **TOTAL LIABILITIES AND RESERVES** | $166,835.71           | $154,986.57                     | $174,655.22             | $145,554.97                     | $119,888.22          | $88,629.69 | $166,591.32 |

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**Explanatory Notes for Items on Page 3**

* When expenses are submitted and paid after the close of the fiscal year, they are reported as Accounts Payable.
Pacific Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends
Fiscal Year 2002 Final Balance Sheet as of 8/9/03

1. As of 3/1/03: Peace Tax Fund closed; Student Conscience Fund of $9,735.24 in World Savings; $46,000 was in the Working Assets Money Market Fund; $13,396.93 in Wells Fargo CD; $10,000 was in the Friends Meeting House Fund.

2. Accounts receivable includes money owed by PYM Session Budget or others & outstanding assessments. As of 8/1/03, the outstanding Student Conscience loan is $8,000 and the outstanding assessments total $867 and the loan to the session of $10,718.50 from the Wells Fargo CD2.

3. Faith and Practice Inventory transactions for 2002. the inventory remaining of the draft edition ($2,959.20) was written off at year end. We also received payment on 11/14/02 from the AFSC bookstore of $11,640.

4. Student Conscience Fund balance on 3/1/02 of $17,707.59 reflects an outstanding loan of $8,000. A disbursement of $198.94 was made by Peace and Social Order from the Peace Tax Fund from completed donations. The $218.88 held in trust including reimbursed $100 in bank fees. the money was transferred to Southern California War Tax Alternative Fund.

5. Reserve for future publications, per PYM minute 89-4. Finance Com proposes restructuring these accounts.

6. On 5/15/00 Orange County Friends Meeting asked PYM to handle $20,460.00 to provide scholarships for young people to participate in FGC activities. FGC decides how the funds are given out. We have the criteria on hand. In 2003 $450 was used.

7. 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 FY2000 was allowed funds to sponsor international Friends' travel to PYM after the Triennial (PYM minute 99-2). Some funds do not have a cap like 5278, 5280, 5281.

8. 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).

Status of Other Funds

1. East-West Relations Committee reported a balance as of 8/01/03 is $11,177.31

2. Earthlight fund is a separate corporation.
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Unity with Nature Committee - Report to PYM session August, 2003

1. The UwN Committee was not able to hold a full meeting during the past year. There was one resignation from the Committee. Early this year, each UwN Committee member was mailed a packet containing the Committee agenda for the year and possible future activities, with a cover letter asking for comments. There were no comments.

2. Our summer 2000 intern, Jennifer Caron, has been following up on the work she did then, including helping edit a second anthology of first-person accounts of living with mining waste. She attended the annual Tar Creek conference in Oklahoma in May, and will make a report to plenary at Yearly. PYM Finance and M&O Committees have been considering ramifications of internships under care of PYM, with the advice that interns should receive adequate support and mentoring, as well as clear employer-employee relationships through affiliation with long-standing Quaker organizations that have similar experience.

3. We have added subscribers to the "quakernature@lists.stanford.edu" email list (99 vs. 60+ last year). Anyone who is a subscriber can send mail to this list. Some who may have wanted to stay on the list had to be removed when their email addresses changed (let me know of changes). Most postings to the list come from a very few people; the intention was to have much more of an open conversation, not necessarily provide a forum for a few to publish their views which everyone else only reads without comment. The web site (http://members.aol.com/quakemature) has about the same readership (10-15 per week); not surprising since it is overdue for updating.

4. *EarthLight Magazine* is solvent for the rest of this year, thanks to some grant income. One of the grants is paying for a very enthusiastic development person, who will be seeking sustaining donors (know of any?). Of the four board members, only one is Quaker; the bylaws allow five to 15 members, one third Quaker, so there are openings for volunteers.

5. PYM has two representatives to Friends Committee on Unity with Nature (FCUN, which our Committee is still mistaken for): Tom Farley and Suellen Lowry. It is important that we receive reports from our representatives when they return from the semiannual FCUN meetings -- personal impressions as well as FCUN business. The October FCUN meeting will be at Sierra Friends Center (Grass Valley), so we have been invited to help with the program.

6. This is the seventh and last year that I will be a member of PYM-UwN Committee (having been granted an extra year past the usual six). I plan to stay involved with UwN affairs, like continuing the email list and web site, plus starting new projects.

7. The most difficult task in the UwN Committee's charge remains the seeking of understanding of how God leads us simultaneously to a sense of kinship with Creation, demanding nothing more than that we be part of all that is -- while deepening our sense of responsibility for our role in bringing harm to Creation, demanding that we take action to mitigate the harm by changing our lives and our society. It is always easier to focus on one or the other, and forget that we are inherently paradoxical beings.

-Eric Sabelman, clerk, PYM-Unity with Nature Committee
Jennifer Caron, PYM Plenary Presentation 2003

Dear Friends, my name is Jennifer Caron, and I am a member of Orange Grove Meeting.

I am here today to share with you the challenge of the Tar Creek Superfund Site. Two summers ago I went to the northeastern corner of Oklahoma and its abandoned lead and zinc mines as a Quaker Witness and an intern of the Unity with Nature Committee. I spoke to you at this gathering that summer, the summer of 2001, last summer I shared a brief report in the Daily Miracle, and those of you who tried to speak to me then learned that I could say no more. When I have tried to think about Tar Creek or to work for it, I have found myself paralyzed by my anger and my fear or in tears. I am speaking today because I returned to Tar Creek this spring and felt compelled to report more fully.

Two hundred years ago what is now the northeastern corner of Oklahoma was a tall grass prairie. As it does today, it had extreme weather and troublesome insects; I am told that the Osage used it as a place to pass through, but no one choose to make a home there. The Quapaw tribe came to this corner of the Indian Territory in the late 1830s. They had suffered multiple relocations and a long period of devastating homelessness. The move to Indian Territory represented the Quapaw’s third treaty with the United States. I am told that the tribe had twenty or thirty thousand members when they lived along the Arkansas River, only around 150 came to the reservation when it was created. It is important to the Quapaw of today that they have been dancing on this land for more than 150 years, longer than any other tribe in the area.

At the turn of the century lead and zinc were discovered on the Quapaw reservation and mining commenced. Mining boomtowns grew with the mines. Prospectors drilled boreholes all over the land in search of ore. Miners put down shafts and hauled up the rock, which was crushed so that the metals could be extracted. Hard rock mining was dangerous and difficult work. It was further complicated because the ore was located within the Boone aquifer and the mines quickly flooded. In order to access the ore mining companies had to pump out and divert the water. Water that was made acidic by the metal sulfides, so acidic that the engineers at the Ballard mine in Kansas were forced to build a wooden pump because the water corroded porcelain coated steel in less than two months time.

Some Quapaw became rich from the mining royalties, building schools and participating in the high life of the 1920s. The metals were crucial for the creation of this nation’s infrastructure. They were essential for supplies used in both world wars, including bullets and batteries. Almost half of all the lead used in WWI came from the mines of this area.

The mining created well over 100,000 tons of mine tailings or “chat”, extensive underground caverns, some with heights of more than 200 feet and earthen ceilings less than 50 feet thick. Most of the chat was sold and put to use. Locally, it became gravel on roads, the foundation material under buildings, even impact absorbing material on playgrounds. Nationally, it was used for ballast under railroads and on WWII submarines. Thousands of tons of it remain on the site today, making up “Oklahoma’s Mountains.” This material is not harmless, the metals within its dust are toxic.

The mines were closed and the pumps shut down by 1970. Over the next decade the mines filled with water. During heavy winter rains in 1978, they began discharging highly acidic, metal-loaded water, this is acid mine drainage. The iron in the water makes it, and the stream beds, rust-red. The land is bleeding. When the acidic water meets more basic water, the metals precipitate out into the sediment where they collect and slowly move down the watershed.

The recognized major environmental problems of the Tar Creek Superfund Site are acid mine drainage polluting both the ground and surface water, the mountains of chat, and unstable ground resulting in subsidence and sink holes.
In 1980 this place and several hundred like it were put under the care of the newly created federal program to clean-up toxic sites, called Superfund. The Tar Creek Superfund Site was ranked first (or most dangerous) on the national priority list (NPL). In the 1980s the main concern was the acid mine drainage and the transportation of the heavy metals downstream into the Neosho and Spring Rivers and then the Grand Lake of the Cherokee. Many options were considered to prevent the spread of the metals; in the end the least expensive plan of action was adopted. Wells were plugged to prevent seepage of the acid mine water from the Boone aquifer into the lower Roubidoux aquifer, the region's drinking water supply. And a dike was built in Kansas to prevent water from entering the mines. The dike failed. Today the EPA has abandoned the twenty-five year old acid mine drainage problem.

Poisoned land and water means poisoned people. A 1994 study by the local Indian Health Service showed that 34% of the children they tested had elevated blood lead levels, opening the concern about heavy metal poisoning on and near the site. There are three former mining towns with predominantly white populations on the site: Picher, Cardin, and Commerce. These people are hit the hardest by the heavy metal poisoning. Learning disabilities can be one consequence of lead and more than half of the students in Picher are classified as special ed. Elevated blood lead levels are also common in the communities surrounding the site, including the cities of Miami and Quapaw. The number of children with elevated blood leads has been significantly reduced through education, extensive testing, and a yard remediation program, but the incidence is still multiple times the national average. And the yard remediation has been plagued with problems including poor workmanship and corruption.

Lead is the most well known metal of concern, but it is not alone. Cadmium has been shown to cause kidney disease and cancer, acute manganese poisoning causes resting tremors and chronic low-level exposure is under investigation, as is chronic exposure to high levels of iron, which is also common at Tar Creek. The first person I meet at Tar Creek was the night hotel clerk, she had been hospitalized for iron poisoning after taking the standard dose of iron supplements during her pregnancy. Later in that first trip, I danced with a young man who had tremors. Now I understand that what we do to the land, we do to ourselves.

Tar Creek is unquestionably overwhelming, and everyone involved struggles to deal with this. Attempts to create a comprehensive plan for the site are only a few years old and struggling. Over $100 million dollars has been spent at Tar Creek so far, and no one claims that this money was spent effectively. Thankfully the problem now seems to have the attention of the governor, the local Congressional representative, and one of Oklahoma's Senators. The EPA and the Army Corps have signed a memorandum of understanding stating that they will work together on this site. There is an expectation that real progress will begin soon, but that any plan for moving residents out of harm's way and restoring the land will take a great deal of time, effort, and money. Relocation is desired by the residents of the site who do not have the economic means to move without government assistance. But, for the Quapaw, this is their land and they wish to see it restored. One Quapaw woman explained to me, in tears, that her only wish is that restoration begin before her eighty year old mother dies; she does not believe this will happen. Speaking to the conference she told us that many of us would not understand, but the land is spiritually vital.

I want to pause for a moment here. I have told you the story of Tar Creek. Now I need to share with you what I have learned on this journey and what has made me paralyzed with anger and fear.

When I tried to center down near the Tar Creek site I could find no energy and no peace. What I felt was the pain and wounds of the land. I learned that the land is a spiritual necessity.

I became afraid that as our society's ways of living damage the land, that we destroy the spiritual world. Going to Tar Creek is more of a journey into the future than into the past as more and more land is wounded. I could not cope with this sense of doom, nor could I share it with you.

When it all became too much and I was alone and in pain, I returned to a well-cared for place that had cared for me before. Five hundred years ago the Canyon de Frijoles and surrounding area were home to the ancestors of the Cochiti Pueblo people, today it is Bandelier National Monument, near Los Alamos in New Mexico. I realized that those ancestors left their home for some reason. Sitting with this I realized that after several hundred years of
living and farming the canyon the Pueblo population had likely grown and the land been exhausted and deforested. Drought may have also helped push the people to relocate closer to the Rio Grande River. 500 years later this place that people had once completely exhausted is the same place I turn to for peace, spiritual connection, and healing. I went into the backcountry alone, to sit, hoping for answers. I learned that the land, nature, is our connection to the spiritual world, as it is our physical nourishment. It is our connection, not the spiritual world itself. This softens my sense of doom, but is does not take away my fear and anger. Nature is necessary not only for living, but for living well.

I know this to be unquestionably true of my experience. Please, take a moment. Where have you felt most spiritually connected? Is your spiritual life dependent on nature, on living things including people? What differences can you feel in your experience at this gathering that is in the city this year and was on Mt. Madonna two years ago?

A friend challenged me: Can you see that today we, corporately, have taken on many of the powers once attributed to the gods? The power to affect the weather and the climate, to keep people alive or kill them, to fly, to make the mountains of Oklahoma? I can see this and it weighs heavily on my heart, for my greatest refuge is to put my life in the hands of nature.

Little more than a week ago I walked at dusk into Frijoles Canyon. I found my arms a little outstretched and said, out loud, “Ok, God, Spirits, talk to me. I am here.” I began to accept some of the ideas I had been struggling against. Yes, my people have subdued nature to an extent undreamed of by earlier generations who took nature’s vastness and power for granted. Friends, we are like fish who have built a boat and are learning that we need the water to breathe; water that we previously had little reason to recognize as valuable. Now that we have this power of over nature, stewardship takes on new meaning. We have become the gardeners of this planet. The choice that confronts us is to accept this role or to attempt to live out a dangerous denial.

This presentation came through me as I walked down into the canyon. As I started uphill, returning to my camp, I asked: “Why me, why give this burden to Quakers?” The answer came clearly and quickly: The Quakers are once again in a special position, we are well-educated, privileged, and influential, but not so vested in the things that damage life as to be made blind by our own interests.
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, 2003.

This report does not include responses from following meetings: Big Island, Grass Valley, Humboldt, Los Angeles, and Marloma Long Beach. Once this information is obtained, an amended report may be necessary.

We continue with 37 constituent meetings. We have two (2) preparative meetings: Central Coast Preparative Meeting and South County Preparative Meeting (approved on May 11, 2003), both under the care of Santa Cruz Meeting.

Whitleaf Meeting was laid down during the statistical year that ended May 31, 2002. During statistical year that ended May 31, 2003, the disposition of the membership of Whitleaf Meeting was resolved (with one exception) through member transfer to other Meetings and member release. Whitleaf continued as a worship group under the care of Orange Grove Monthly Meeting.

Bishop Worship Group was laid down.

Overall, we increased our membership by five (5) members bringing our total to 1,521 members. (See the attached Summary of Meeting Responses.)

This increase of five (5) members compares to a significantly larger increase of 36 members (about seven times larger) in statistical year ending May 31, 2002 and a similar increase of seven (7) members in the statistical year ending May 31, 2001.

In addition to compiling statistics on membership, the PYM Statistical Clerk is responsible for maintaining a database of names and addresses for meeting representatives to PYM, meeting clerks, worship group correspondents, PYM officers, PYM committee clerks, and PYM representatives to other organizations. Mailing labels are available from the Statistical Clerk.

Gary Wolff, PYM Statistical Clerk
garywolff@earthlink.net
### Statistics Table PYM- May 31, 2003 - (rev 01).xls:Sheet1

#### Pacific Yearly Meeting

**Statistical Report - Summary of Meeting Responses - Statistical Year: June 1, 2002 through May 31, 2003**

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#### Totals

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* Meeting has not reported as of the date of this report.*

Updated: August 8, 2003
Registrars' Report
8-8-2003

Pacific Yearly Meeting 2003 attendance numbers

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* doesn't add due to rounding

In 2002, for comparison, average daily attendance was 375 resident (high 390 on Wed), 44 commuter (high 49 on Thu), for a total average daily 420 (high 436 on Wed).

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Previous years for comparison:

2002 63 52 365 480

2001 68 40 390 501

Geographic breakdown not prepared, sorry.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephen Matchett & Kim Lacey
PYM Registrars
Dear Friends Everywhere,

It feel great when we see each other, even once a year. We play Legos. Sometimes we eat together. We play Pokemon and Infinity Warriors of the High Mist, after breakfast.

We like to read your epistles, especially from preschool kids like us. It is great to know each other. We like you a lot. Thank you, India, for saving the tigers. Save the rainforests, please with peanut butter and jelly on top. And a cherry.

The Epistle Committee of PYM Preschool

Epistle from the Lower Elementary Group, PYM 2003

Greetings!

During this week, we created our community in many ways. From the book, Benjamin the Meetinghouse Mouse, we learned about queries. Queries are big questions that we think about. There are many answers, but there is not a single answer that is the only right answer. Every day we considered a question or two about community, from the children’s queries. For example: Do I forgive people? Do I apologize? Do I know the difference between tattling and telling to get help?

We also learned new skills with clay. We used three or four different kinds of clay. It was fun to squish it through our fingers. We used eraser clay to make erasers. Jayden, Shea, and Anthony made castle gates and a dragon’s cave, plus towers for the castle.

The community dance was lots of fun. Some of us played tag, and there was lots of dressing up. There was a guy in a bathrobe, someone in a tiger suit, and lots of JYM girls in togas made from sheets.

The last thing we want to mention is the book, The King’s Equal, by Katherine Paterson. We Love this book. It’s about a greedy prince, a kindhearted girl, and a magical wolf. We hope that you will read this book, and that you will love it, too.

Respectfully submitted,
Sydney, Hannah, Robert, Jayden, Sammie, Clare, Grady, Anthony, Shea, and Sam

Upper Elementary

We each made a collage about ourselves. It was easy and hard. The magazine were full of war pictures. Some of us thought the weapons were really cool. But they really aren’t, because they’re made to kill.

There’s war on TV, too. There’s also violence in lots of video games. Becca came to tell us about studies about TV and violence.
Chris came to talk about the civil war in Colombia. It’s scary, because they’ve been fighting for over forty years.

Barbara told us about poverty in Mexico and doing community service work there, so we built a playhouse for the pre-schoolers.

Ellie showed us polymer clay, and it was great fun. We played “blind leading the blind.” One partner led the other. One partner touched stuff to guess what it was.

Elbow tag is fun, because you’re running around chasing and getting chased. We learned about each other, about cooperation, trust, and how bad war can be. We had a pretty good week.

The Upper Elementary of PYM 2003
Eli, Tommy, Rose, Richard, Simeon, Lee, Maya, Ian, Lena, Rosie, Lyman
Teachers: Maya and Terry Jo

Epistle from the Middle School Program of Pacific Yearly Meeting 2003

To Friends Everywhere;

The new middle school program at Pacific Yearly Meeting this year was exciting in many ways. We always began our morning program with a Seneca Spirit Circle, physical warm-up, and a temperature reading where we took turns asking for appreciations, concerns, and excitements. After other activities we closed with silence.

This year some of our main morning activities were crocheting granny squares to make vests for young children in Afghanistan. We made collages after interviewing Ernest Bicknell and Joan Rawles-Davis about their life stories. Jennifer Caron came and showed us pictures and told about her work at a toxic waste site near Tar Creek, Oklahoma.

We taught each other games. We learned the Biblical story of the tower of Babel and turned it into a skit for Family night. We held business meetings to plan how to use our time.

In the afternoons we went to the pool, made beads with Ellie Hitchcock, and assembled friendship kits for expectant mothers in Iraq. These kits contain baby blankets, soap, washcloths, a baby hair brush and comb all in a zip lock bag.

We would like to give a big THANKS to our morning teachers, Sandy Farley and Jane Blount, as well as our afternoon leaders, Zac Moon and Michael Eastwood. We would also like to give thanks to Ernest Bicknell and Joan Rawls-Davis who let us interview them, also to Jennifer Caron who shared with us about Tar Creek. Thanks also to the Children Program committee who provided snacks and substitutes (Karen Morgan and Anne Bleile-Kratzer) when a teacher had to be out.

Thanks to the Yearly Meeting for creating a program for us.

From the middle school group, written by epistle committee,
Gracie Sullivan and Kylin Navarro

The middle school group: Lena Bichell, Rosie Bichell, Kat Gore, Kylin Navarro, Bekah Percy, Gracie Sullivan, Rowan "Bob" Torrey-Love
From Junior Yearly Meeting of Pacific Yearly Meeting

To Friends --

Jumbled together, from all parts of the west coast (plus Ohio and France), a community of the young gathered. This would be a group that would trudge through worship, silence, heat, smell, sweat, and grim together for a week that would serve as a “coming-of-age”. Some came with guardians, others with sponsors, and some on their own accord. Regardless of these different backgrounds, each member of the future Quaker society was valued as an equal member of the community.

What exactly was it that we learn during this week of bonding with our closest comrades? We learn the process and spirit of Quaker life and its meaning to our generation. Through plenaries and worship, we found within ourselves the Light that can carry us through the rest of our lives, if we so choose. Maybe it wasn’t something that was simply interjected into one our hectic yet effective business meetings; maybe it was something that could only be understood in the enlightening and precious silence. Still, climbing through rough edges with your peers satisfies a spiritual hunger deep within yourself.

The growing process can be symbolized as a multi-story edifice. Each floor has it own focus, but is connected to the store (or household) goal as a whole; the building is ever protruding upward. We came together in our informative interest groups, on the sandy beaches, inside the comfort of our dorms, on the dance floor, and during the cacophony that was running/sweating/screaming capture-the-flag epidemic. Your journey with your companions and your goals, during the week, are a mere pit stop in the quest of your life, treat every experience as such.

In all the week was a success. The new were readily embraced by the surviving, who were eager to share what experience they had gathered in past years. Even through set-backs, such as the closing of the Palomar Lounge, the glue held us all together and carried us through. It was this very matter that was the focus and energy of the group. In addition to paving the way for the future of the meeting, we also took some time to patch some holes we’d made. We are, all in all, human. As some of the elders of JYM left for Young Friend and beyond, they leave an essence that will never be forgotten and cannot be replaced.

To Friends Everywhere,

The Young Friends of Pacific Yearly Meeting came together in August, 2003 for the annual PYM gathering. New Friends and old ones participated jointly in many of the traditional Young Friends activities, which brought us together as one.

After brief introductions and a few fun games, we experienced our first of many sleep-deprived nights. The days that followed brought exciting activities such as an evening trip to the beach, a capture the flag game with the Junior Yearly Meeting, a dance DJed by some of our Young Friends, late night card games, swimming in the pool, and a talent night.

Never before has there been a PYM without some challenges; we faced our share this year. Early in the week we discovered that a member of our community, Paul Ruhlen, had passed away in the last year. We worshipped together in honor of his life and the joy he brought to ours.

As in many years past, the Young Friends felt a degree of distance from the greater PYM community. We continued an ongoing discussion about the importance of maintaining and strengthening our community of Young Friends while also participating in the life of the greater Yearly Meeting. We found difficulty in balancing our involvement with the Young Friends community and the Yearly Meeting as a whole. This was a challenge that we faced both as a community and as individuals.

Spurred by the request of JYM, the Young Friends decided to bring back the Respectful Relationships discussion after an eight-year hiatus. This discussion provides a safe space for open and honest dialog on the difficult topics
of sex, drugs, alcohol, and most importantly respect for self and others. The JYM committee’s decision to bring
the program back was based upon the emphatic testimonies of Young Friends who had experienced the program
years before.

Our week ended on a positive note. The last evening included a celebration welcoming those JYMers who will be
joining us as Young Friends next year. This was followed by "spontaneous" worship by the fountain. We are
looking forward to reconvening soon at Sprit and Light gatherings throughout the year and again at PYM 2004.

In the Light,
Young Friends, Pacific Yearly Meeting, 2003

Kate Newlin, YF Clerk

To Friends Everywhere,

Pacific Yearly Meeting met at the University of San Diego, August 4-9, 2003, in an urban setting,
overlooking Mission Bay, on the north bank of the San Diego River.

During one plenary session, Laura Magnani spoke to the query “Given the despair many have felt in
world affairs this last year, how has the spirit worked within you to nurture your spiritual needs and to
nurture the spiritual needs of others in your meeting community?” At another plenary Jennifer Caron
spoke movingly of her experiences working at the Tar Creek Superfund Site in Oklahoma. These
ministers called us to be present with our despair at a nation and a world that seem to have lost sight of
the common good and are in immanent danger of destruction. We were invited to fully experience our
despair, pain and grief. Through these we are connected to God, creation and one another. This
connection can bring us deep joy and the impulse to move in accordance with Divine will for the
redemption of the planet. The unity of our various work for peace, justice, and the restoration of the
Earth is obvious, and we hope in this way to live our testimonies, not merely profess them. We pray for
courage to assess the costs of continuing to do business as usual.

As we shared our spiritual lives with each other, we realized that we long for the birth of Spirit into the
world as action. We found the courage and energy to labor deeply with each other. Many more Friends
than expected attended Bible study groups with the theme “Waging Peace: Biblical Perspectives on
War, Peace, and Justice.” Many interest groups wrestled with how to turn this session’s spiritual
insights into practical actions.

One important question was whether year-round staff for PYM would further our witness. Friends from
PYM, along with AFSC staff, General Secretary Mary Ellen McNish, and Paul Lacey, clerk of the
National Board of Directors, discussed the work of the AFSC and relationships between local and
national AFSC programs. Junior Yearly Meeting Friends and Young Friends touched many with
accounts of their spiritual journeys and their participation in interest groups and other activities of our
community. A peace vigil in Balboa Park with San Diego’s peace community provided an opportunity
for witness on Hiroshima Day.

As we leave this particular place to return home, we take with us a sense of unity of the earth and its
inhabitants and an urgent desire to bring our community back into the kind of union with God that was
the basis of the beginning of our religious society.

Shan Cretin,
Clerk, Pacific Yearly Meeting
Ministry and Oversight Committee Report
2003 Annual Session of Pacific Yearly Meeting
August 5, 2003

The Ministry and Oversight Committee meets for three full weekends each year and usually at least daily during the annual session. Through our liaisons we also maintain contact through the year with nine subcommittees we have created to work in specific areas. We also have established liaisons with five PYM standing committees and with a number of PYM officers. We seek to maintain supportive contact with distant meetings such as Mexico City, Honolulu, Big Island, and Guatemala.

Oversight of the annual session: In our fall meeting we devoted substantial time to a review of the 2002 annual session. We were led to focus attention on three areas for the 2003 annual session:

1- Support for the JYM program. We appointed a clearness committee on the request of JYM committee clerks, to help them review events of this past year. We see the need for additional support, financial and personal, of those working on this program;

2- Special needs—our committee has worked with Emily Leo, special needs coordinator, to develop a set of guidelines for this work;

3- Evening activities—we appointed a subcommittee from among our members to nurture and oversee evening community events such as our singing gatherings and community night.

Pacific Yearly Meeting throughout the year: We have been led to consider some questions about the purpose, structure, and function of our Yearly Meeting association. We distributed queries to Monthly Meetings, gathered the responses, and scheduled an interest group at this annual session to further discuss these. We anticipate continuing work on this issue in the coming year. We have worked this year to support the PYM archivist in developing a plan for the future location and care of our archives, at present stored temporarily at the AFSC office in southern California.

Work of our subcommittees: Our present nine subcommittees continue to pursue their normal level of activity. This past year we laid down the Mental Health and Mental Illness Subcommittee, remaining open to new ways this need in our community might receive response. Our Electronic Communications and Records Subcommittee has recently developed a thorough proposal of guidelines for the PYM website [www.quaker.org/pacific-ym/] and submitted them to our Committee for consideration. The Brinton Visitor Subcommittee is working with our Brinton Visitor Eric Moon to arrange his schedule of visitation. Eric suffered injury in a car accident in January and delayed his visiting until later this year. Our Mexico City Monthly Meeting subcommittee continues to explore ways to support this Meeting thorough correspondence and visitation. A detailed report of the subcommittee’s April visit has posed fundamental and challenging questions to us about what role we might play in light of the needs of the Casa and the Monthly Meeting there. Our Yearly Meeting as a whole might serve in important ways in channeling resources to support work in Mexico City, and our Committee and Mexico City Friends will consider together these possibilities in the coming year.

Participation in the larger community of Friends: A request for a subcommittee of Friends who might explore relations with FGC has come to us in the past year and has been passed on [after some consultation] to the Wider Fellowship Among Friends Committee, for their consideration. As requested by our annual gathering in 2002, we appointed four Friends to attend the January 2003 FWCC peace conference: Marilee Eusebio [Davis MM] Zachary Moon [Berkeley MM], Carl Magruder [Strawberry Creek MM], and Alice Talbott [Honolulu MM].

Other matters: a request has come to us from friends who are entering some form of chaplaincy, to consider whether our Yearly Meeting might minute support for their work. Some Monthly Meetings have developed such minutes. Many other religious denominations offer ordination as the requisite affirmation from a religious body that many chaplaincy positions require. Broader questions about the support our Monthly Meetings offer for developing the spiritual gifts of its members have also arisen. Our Committee has met and corresponded with a number of Friends about this matter and is offering an interest group at this annual session to explore the role of our Meetings in support of chaplains and spiritual care givers. Mindful of the distances that separate us from some of the Meetings in our Yearly Meeting, we have been working toward more regular and frequent contact with our Meetings in Hawaii. We have appointed a liaison to these Meetings and plan annual visitations; this year one of our members spent eight days with Hawaii friends in April. We hope to develop a pattern of visitation to Guatemala as well and will continue our visitations to Mexico City.

Jim Anderson, Clerk, for the Committee on Ministry and Oversight
Nominating Committee Report
approved Eighth Month, 8th and 9th, 2003

Names in bold type were proposed during 2003 sessions. Names not in bold are continuing previously-approved terms. Except where noted, terms last 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 Jim Anderson, Chico

Assistant to the Clerk (one-year term)
2003 Krista Barnard, San Francisco

Arrangements Clerks (two-year terms)
2004 Frances Forster, Redwood Forest
2005 Brian Vura-Weis, Inland Valley
2005 Dotti Vura-Weis, Inland Valley

Historian / Archivist
2004 Pat Daggerty, Orange Grove

Reading Clerk (one-year term)
2004 Joan Rawles-Davis, Santa Cruz

Recording Clerks (two-year terms)
2004 Anne Friend, Conejo Valley
2005 Joe Magruder, Berkeley

Registrars (two-year terms)
2004 Kim Lacey, San Francisco
2005 Susie Stanley, Berkeley

Statistical Clerk
2004 Gary Wolff, Orange Grove

Treasurer
2004 Sherri Sisson, Orange County

Assistant to Treasurer
2004 David Barrows, San Diego

Ministry and Oversight Committee

2004 Bobbi Kendig, Marloma-Long Beach
2004 Sally Davis, Sacramento
2004 Tom Farley, Palo Alto, Clerk 2003-04

2005 James Navarro, Santa Cruz
2005 Ellie Huffman, Monterey Peninsula
2005 Joe Franko, Orange Grove

2006 Jane Peers, La Jolla
2006 Laura Magnani, Berkeley
2006 Steven Smith, Claremont

SubCommittees of Ministry and Oversight and appointed by that Committee

ADULT RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
Jane Mills, Redwood Forest; Tanna Moontaro, Santa Monica; Jane Peers, La Jolla

BRINTON VISITOR
Sally Davis, Sacramento, Clerk; Tom Davis, Santa Cruz; Joan Johnson, Conejo Valley; Jean Roberts and Nancy Yarnall, North Pacific YM

RELEASED FRIENDS
Elaine Emily, Orange Grove, convenor; Laura Magnani, Berkeley; Kristina Perry, Humboldt; Elmyra Powell, Orange Grove; Joan Rawles-Davis, Santa Cruz; Traci Hjelt Sullivan, Santa Cruz

WORSHIP SHARING
Mark Farmer, Marloma Long Beach; Jo Tyler, Orange County

SPECIAL FUNDS
Joe Franko, Orange Grove; Bobbi Kendig, Marloma-Long Beach

ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION and RECORDS
Don Bean, Conejo Valley, convenor; Vashek Cervinka, Davis; Michael Eastwood, So. Humboldt; Jan Tappan, Orange Grove; Gary Wolff, Orange Grove
Children’s Program Committee
2004 Susan Gore, Redwood Forest
2004 David Lederman, Orange County, Clerk 03-04
2005 Karen Morgan, Redwood Forest
2005 Paul Robbins, Redwood Forest
2006 Susan Nickerson, La Jolla
2006 Tanya Heaston, Chico
Ex Officio: Present and immediate-past Children's Program coordinators

Discipline Committee
2004 Rachel Fretz, Santa Monica
2004 Steve Birdlebough, Sacramento, Clerk 03-04
2005 Jane Mills, Redwood Forest
2005 Langdon Elsbree, Claremont
2006 Ellie Foster, Santa Cruz
2006 Elsa Glines, Strawberry Creek
Ex Officio: Historian/Archivist and PYM Clerk

East-West Relations Committee
2004 Carl Anderson, Strawberry Creek, Clerk 2003-4
2004 Ishana Ingerman, Santa Cruz
2005 Dorothy Duncan, Central Coast
2005 Ernest Bicknell, Berkeley
2006 Bill Bauriedel, Palo Alto
2006 Hannah Parris, Berkeley
Ex Officio: PYM representatives to Friends House Moscow Board.

Finance Committee
2004 ....
2004 ....
2005 David James Bloom, Apple Seed
2005 Cliff Lester, Orange Grove
2006 Stratton Jaquette, Palo Alto, Clerk 03-04
2006 Nancy Curdts, Redwood Forest
Ex Officio: Treasurer(s), Asst Treasurer, Statistical Clerk

Holding Corporation Committee
(president named by HC Committee)
2004 Harry Bailey, Grass Valley
2005 Vanita Blum, Berkeley
2005 Karen Lawrance, La Jolla
2005 Guy Littman, Redwood Forest
2006 Lanny Jay, Redwood Forest
2006 John DeValcourt, Santa Cruz
Ex Officio: PYM Presiding Clerk, and Treasurer(s)

Junior Yearly Meeting Committee
2004 Linnea Hanson, Chico
2004 Jim Summers, La Jolla
2004 Susanne Ratcliffe-Wilson, RedwF, Clerk 03-04
2005 Judy Malcolm, Central Coast
2005 Karen Thompson, La Jolla
2005 Paul Harris, Redwood Forest
2006 Peter Arnold, Palo Alto
2006 George Parker, Humboldt
2006 Kathryn Manalo, Berkeley

Latin American Concerns Committee
2004 Carin Anderson, San Francisco, Clerk 2003-04
2004 Linda Rowell, Chico
2004 Barbara Flynn, Redwood Forest
2005 Rolene Walker, San Francisco
2005 Michael Eastwood, Humboldt
2006 Liz Baker, Berkeley
2006 Ruth Ross, Orange Grove
2006 Lauren Mari-Navarro, Santa Cruz
(& three members appointed by: Guatemala MM, Mexico City MM, El Salvador Project)

Nominating Committee
(nominated by the Naming Committee)
2004 Marilee Eusebio, Davis
2004 Sue Torrey, Central Coast
2004 Keith Wedmore, San Francisco
2005 Roy Allen, Berkeley
2005 Sharon Gates, Orange Grove
2005 Rick Troth, Apple Seed
2006 Eric Moon, Berkeley
2006 Jo Tyler, Orange County
2006 Jim Summers, La Jolla

Peace and Social Order Committee
2004 Sarah House, Orange Grove
2004 Arden Pierce, Palo Alto
2004 Hubert Morel-Seytoux, Palo Alto
2005 John Helding, San Francisco
2005 Rea Soares, Marloma-Long Beach
2005 Katherine Youngmeister, Strawberry Creek
2006 Leonard Joy, Straw Creek, Clerk 2003-04
2006 Carolyn Stephenson, Honolulu
2006 Stephen McNeil, Strawberry Creek

Ex officio: Clerks Peace and Social Order Committees of College Park Quarterly Meeting and Southern California Quarterly Meeting (Ken Barrett, La Jolla; Trudy Freidel, Inland Valley); correspondents of unaffiliated Meetings; FCL representative; one of FCNL representatives; representative from Junior Yearly Meeting; representative from Young Friends

Religious Education For Children Committee
2004 ....
2004 Marilyn Mohr, Santa Cruz
2004 Robyn Wooton, La Jolla
2005 Sue Torrey, Central Coast
2005 Gail Eastwood, Humboldt, Clerk 2003-04
2005 Kate Carpenteer, Orange Grove
2006 Peggy Ramsey, Orange Grove
2006 Susan Hopkins, Grass Valley
2006 Robin DuRant, Grass Valley

Secretariat Committee
2004 Raph Levien, Berkeley
2005 Larry Perry, Strawberry Creek, Clerk 2003-04
2006 Claire Gorfinkel, Orange Grove
Ex Officio: Asst. to Presiding Clerk, Krista Barnard

Site Committee
2004 Pat Smith, Claremont, Clerk 2003-04
2004 Darcy Stanley, Berkeley
2005 Roena Oesting, La Jolla
2005 John Pixley, Claremont
2006 John De Valcourt, Santa Cruz
2006 Emily Leo, San Jose
Ex Officio: Current and immediate-past Arrangements Clerks (Frances Forster, Gene Gilmore)

Unity with Nature Committee
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, Humboldt
2006 Mary Ann Percy, La Jolla
2006 Kristina Perry, Humboldt
2006 Susanna Matthay, Redwood Forest
Ex Officio: EarthLight editor and treasurer(s), FCUN Representatives

Wider Fellowship Among Friends Committee
2004 Anthony Manousos, Santa Monica
2005 Jan Tappan, Orange Grove
2006 Tom Davis, Santa Cruz, Clerk 2003-04
Ex Officio: Representatives to five Friends' organizations marked with asterisk * below.

PYM Representatives, Nominations, and Observers to Other Organizations

American Friends Service Committee
AFSC Corporation Members (five representatives)
2004 Jean Lester, Orange Grove, Convenor 2003-04
2005 Carl Magruder, Humboldt
2005 Walter Sullivan, Santa Cruz
2006 Margaret Mossman, Berkeley
2006 Lanny Jay, Redwood Forest

*Evangelical Friends Church Southwest
2004 Tom Davis, Santa Cruz

FRIENDS BULLETIN
Board of Directors
2004 Joann Taylor, Santa Monica
2005 Lanny Jay, Redwood Forest, Convenor 2003-04
2006 Pat Hardy, Santa Barbara

Friends House Moscow
Board of Directors
2004 Julie Harlow, Davis
2005 ....

FRIENDS COMMITTEE on
LEGISLATION of CALIFORNIA (FCL) – one representative, appointed by PYM Peace and Social Order Committee
Friends’ Committee On National Legislation (FCNL) (six representatives)
2004 Joe Franko, Orange Grove
2004 Stephen McNeil, Strawberry Creek
2005 Sandra Gey, Berkeley
2005 Stephen Myers, Santa Cruz
2006 Suellen Lowry, Humboldt
2006 Hubert Morel-Seytourx, P Alto, Conv 03-04

Friends Peace Team Project
Board of Directors
(one representative, three-year term)
2005 Rachel Fretz, Santa Monica

Friends Committee on Unity with Nature (FCUN) (two-year terms)
2004 Suellen Lowry, Humboldt
2005 Carl Magruder, Humboldt

*Friends General Conference (FGC)
(two-year term)
2004 Frances Forster, Redwood Forest

*Friends United Meeting (FUM)
2005 Bruce Folsom, San Francisco

*Friends World Committee For Consultation (FWCC) - Section of the Americas
2004 Sandy Farley, Palo Alto, Convenor 2003-04
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 of Directors
(Corporation independent of PYM, appoints own board)
2004 Ellie Huffman, Monterey Peninsula, clerk
2004 Hannah Parris, Berkeley
2004 Debrah Armitage, Strawberry Creek
2004 Micki Graham, Strawberry Creek
2004 Nancy Rowan, Santa Barbara

2005 Jim Updegraff, Sacramento
2005 Kate Newlin, Berkeley
2005 Bob Baker, Berkeley
2005 Liz Baker, Berkeley
2005 Barbara Birch, Fresno
2006 Gary Wolff, Orange Grove
Ex Officio: member appointed by Lovett family

*Reunion General de los Amigos en Mexico (one-year term)
2004 Janet Leslie, Chico, San Francisco

William Penn House (one-year term)
2004 Hubert Morel-Seytourx, Palo Alto

PYM Junior Yearly Meeting
Nominated and approved by JYM attenders
Co-Clerks: Mallory Marshall, Visalia; Evan Nelson, La Jolla; Rebecca Sullivan, Santa Cruz
Recording Clerk: Nick Barlow, Santa Monica

Ministry and Oversight Committee
Mark Kewman, Grass Valley; Bonnie Webster, San Jose; San Gerstin, Strawberry Creek; Robin Hellyer, San Jose; Raul Kohl, La Jolla; Erin Marshall, Visalia; Martin Silva, Monterey; Alison Mohr, Santa Cruz

PYM Young Friends
Nominated and approved by Young Friends attending
Co-Clerks: Kate Newlin, Berkeley; Martin Otero, San Francisco
Recording Clerk: Davis Carlson, Chico

Ministry and Oversight Committee
Lisa Vura-Weis, Inland Valley, clerk; Alexis Keeler; Arthur Carpenter, Orange Grove; Xavier Manalo, Fresno

Spirit and Light Gatherings, Ad Hoc Committee
Paul Boling, Palo Alto; Sam Ellis, Santa Cruz; Lee Kearny-Brown, Napa-Sonoma; Melina Larkin, Berkeley; Eric Amen, Sacramento
Dear Friends,

*Friends Bulletin* is your publication for keeping western Friends connected who are widely dispersed over a huge geographical area, making it difficult and expensive to get together. With the powers of violence and repression in cultural ascendance it is easy for us to feel demoralized and lonely. *Friends Bulletin* lets the voices and good work of Friends be known to help us through these dark times.

This has been a good year for the magazine. We have made improvements in the appearance and accessibility of the content. The photos are brighter, leaving behind our shadowy past. We have also improved the focus of issues. In addition to those focusing on the yearly meeting sessions, issues have been devoted to special and timely topics, such as peace activism, western Friends of African descent, membership and commitment, and the work with the children and families of Iraq. This is a magazine that Friends can show to their friends or to those interested in finding out what western Quakerism is all about.

This has also been a good year for broadening our connection with other Friends groups in ways that make it possible for to try new things without taking undue financial risks. A good example was the publication (jointly with Quaker Universalist Fellowship and Wider Quaker Fellowship) of the pamphlet "Islam from a Quaker Perspective" by our editor, Anthony Manousos. Around 4,000 copies of this pamphlet have so far been distributed; all of our costs have been covered, and revenues have been generated that will enable us to publish other works as well as help support the magazine. We are currently working on other joint projects that we hope will enable the voices of western Friends to be heard on topics that range beyond the brevity of a magazine article. The *Friends Bulletin* website westernquaker.net continues to be a resource for Friends who are contacting other Friends and for Internet users who are looking for Quaker guidance and inspiration in these hard days.

Financially, this has been a difficult year for the magazine. We had to use some of our reserves to cover a deficit caused by increased costs. We have had to make some changes in staff support that has taken time and effort as well as some money. Moreover, we have experienced a decline in general contributions.

The good news is that we have experienced an increase in revenue from subscriptions that has partially offset contribution losses and we are starting to see positive results from our cost-cutting measures. Revenues from advertising and special publication projects, such as our book and pamphlet have become significant and these now account for almost one quarter of our income. We are working on a long-range fundraising plan that we hope will help us to increase contributions and expand other revenue sources, such as special publications. New ways to market the magazine are being reviewed to encourage even more Friends to subscribe. We are grateful for the continued support of the yearly meetings without which we would not be able to manage our increasing expenses.

The activities and efforts of western Friends are important in the Quaker witness for peace. We will continue to make that witness known.

Robert Griswold, Clerk of the Board
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