Pacific Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends

2004 Annual Session Minutes and Reports

Held at
Mt. Madonna Center
Watsonville, California
August 2 - 7, 2004

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8th Month 2, 2004

PLENARY I

The 58th gathering of Pacific Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends (Quakers) opened with worship on 8th Month 2, 2004, at 7:35 pm at Mt. Madonna Center, Watsonville, California.

Clerk Jim Anderson welcomed Friends to the annual session, noting that many Friends have worked to make this a rich meeting for all of us.

Brajesh, on the conference staff at Mt. Madonna, welcomed us back. PYM stretches and nourishes their community as no other group does. He described the Mt. Madonna residential community, conference center, and children’s school and specific logistics of our stay here.

Reading Clerk Joan Rawles-Davis read from the epistle of the 2003 New York Yearly Meeting.

Clerk Jim described the organization of our week. We were advised to be welcoming of one another, especially of newcomers, to be attentive to our own experience so that it may guide us through the week, to avoid the “overflowing of our plates,” and to remember the place of empty spaces in our lives. Two questions that we will consider during the week are: “Who are we called to be as Friends in this time and place? What are the structures and patterns of life that we need to serve this calling?” He reviewed the specific topics of the subsequent sessions, which focus on these questions.

Assistant Clerk Krista Barnard read the list of Monthly Meetings, Preparative Meetings and Worship Groups. Friends from these Meetings and Worship Groups were present. [See also Attenders List, ATTACHMENT A]:

Apple Seed Meeting Berkeley Meeting Central Coast Preparative Meeting Chico Meeting Claremont Meeting Davis Meeting Delta Meeting Fresno Meeting Friends House Worship Group Grass Valley Meeting Honolulu Meeting Humboldt Meeting Inland Valley Meeting La Jolla Meeting Lake County Worship Group Live Oak Preparative Meeting Marin Meeting Marloma/Long Beach Meeting Monterey Peninsula Meeting Napa-Sonoma Meeting Orange County Meeting Orange Grove Meeting Palo Alto Meeting Redwood Forest Meeting Sacramento Meeting San Diego Meeting San Francisco Meeting San Jose Meeting Santa Barbara Meeting Santa Monica Meeting Santa Cruz Meeting Sierra Foothills Worship Group Southern Humboldt Worship Group Strawberry Creek Meeting Ukiah Worship Group Visalia Meeting

Visitors from other Meetings included Dorene Mercer (Multnomah Monthly Meeting), Giri Sequoyah from Australia Yearly Meeting, and Andrew Secrest (Berkeley Friends Church). We particularly welcomed the Friends attending Pacific Yearly Meeting for their first time. Friends representing many Friends organizations were introduced.

The Children’s Program, the Junior Yearly Meeting program, and Young Friends’ activities were described, as were Arrangements, Registration, Secretariat services (including our daily newsletter, the Miracle), and worship sharing. Assistant Clerk Krista Barnard read announcements. We closed at 9:20 pm, after a time of quiet worship.

Faithfully submitted,

Joseph Magruder, Recording Clerk
James Anderson, Presiding Clerk
8th Month 3, 2004

PLENARY II

Our session opened in worship at 10:20 am. Reading Clerk Joan Rawles-Davis read from epistles of the 2003 Lake Erie Yearly Meeting and the 2004 Australia Yearly Meeting.

Clerk Jim Anderson welcomed Friends from other Yearly Meetings and Friends organizations: Lonnie Valentine, Ohio Valley YM, representing Earlham School of Religion; Stephen McNeil (Strawberry Creek Meeting), serving as Clerk of Friends Committee on National Legislation, and Kathy Guthrie and Tim Barner (Pittsburgh Monthly Meeting), staff to FCNL; and Shan Cretin (Santa Monica Meeting), regional director of the Pacific Southwest Region of American Friends Service Committee.

Jane Peers (La Jolla Meeting) announced that Jorge Martinez (Mexico City Meeting) is regrettably unable to join us this year. Jorge has translated *Faith and Practice* into Spanish, and Jane presented a copy of this new book to Jim as our clerk.

**PYM 2004-01** Pacific Yearly Meeting expresses deep appreciation for Jorge Martinez’ faithful work in translating our *Faith and Practice* into Spanish.

**PYM 2004-02** We approved these Friends for our Epistle Committee. Linda Dunn (Inland Valley Meeting), Sue Torrey (Central Coast Preparative Meeting), and John Helding (San Francisco Meeting).

**Nominating Committee**

Clerk Marilee Eusebio introduced Committee members, distributed copies of their report [final, approved version ATTACHMENT N], and noted several corrections to it. Friends are asked to direct further suggestions and corrections to members of the Committee. Friends interested in serving Yearly Meeting are asked to complete a form (pink this year) indicating their interest in specific jobs.

**PYM 2004-03:** We approved Jan Tappan and Sandy Farley as recording clerks for this PYM week.

**Ministry and Oversight Committee**

Committee Clerk Tom Farley, Sandy Farley and Eric Sabelman introduced the presentation with a story, “Voices,” by Eric Sabelman. Diego James Navarro read selected parts of State of the Meeting reports from several Meetings. Common threads in the reports this year centered on these questions:

How do I find a deeper, more spirit-filled foundation for my life?

In what ways does the Meeting community provide a trusting environment for my growth in the Spirit?

Facing unprecedented challenges in the world, how do I balance the call to meet the needs of the wider community with my hunger to know God? How do we support each other as Friends in our efforts to discern the balance?

Eric Moon responded to these queries, drawing on conversations he heard as Brinton Visitor to Friends in North Pacific Yearly Meeting. Listening to Friends, he noticed that we frequently describe our Meetings with words like: small, few, overcommitted, stressed, and tired.

“Small” seems to be a universal image among Friends. Through most of our history, we have been few in numbers, relative to other religious groups; we have attracted non-Quakers to our good works, but not to our membership rolls. Might “small” be a good thing? Is our perceived small size part of our ministry? Does it keep us from growing? Do we perpetuate “smallness” because many of us have come to Friends from larger denominations?
Is it possible to be a “nominal” Quaker? The Religious Society of Friends arose at a time when many people were nominally religious; are we now becoming as complacent as society was then? Instead of “We do utterly deny all outward wars…” do we now think “We do utterly resent all wars because they are so inconvenient…”?

When we feel overstressed, we begin talk about balancing demands, as in our third query. What we call “spiritual renewal” and what we call “Quaker social concern” are not two different things, but two parts of the same thing. As you open yourself to the one, inevitably you will sooner or later encounter the other. As this “one big thing” grows in your life, its balance, its center of gravity, repeatedly shifts. With God’s work in us growing, we need to determine its current centerpoint, grasp and lift there. Re-finding that center, we can discern what we are truly called to do, and we become more faithful and effective.

Jim’s query last night asked us about structures; as we consider the need for Quaker structures, we are reminded that each of us is also a “Quaker structure;” our challenge may be in the practice of our individual lives as well as in the work of our Meetings and committees. While we rightfully care about the quality of our Quaker process, the world may be in need of more Quaker product.

From the worship, a Friend cautioned us to be gentle with those who would rather seek depth gradually instead of plunging in; gratitude is a way to greater depth. Another Friend spoke of her Meeting’s work to increase their sense of community, using queries to help define their community and support each other in the Spirit. We were reminded that we may be more effective through our listening than through our actions.

Several Friends spoke to the image of smallness. When George Fox climbed Pendle Hill, he didn’t see a small people to be gathered. Yet, while some churches are small because they are exclusive, we are open. Our influence ripples out into the whole world. Jamaicans say, “Can you small yourselves down?” when asking others to make room on a bench. We need to “small ourselves down” to make room for the Spirit in our lives.

Stephen Myers, a Young Friend, and Mallory Marshall, from Junior Yearly Meeting, also responded to the queries. Stephen spoke of seeking to find a balance in his life. He has seen the effectiveness of organizing large groups to address specific issues, but as a Quaker, he realizes that small, intentional communities can be effective as well. Mallory spoke of her concerns for community among Friends and heard that others felt as she did; their support affirmed that the spirit of community is with us here.

From the worship, Friends spoke of the power that the words of Ministry and Oversight Committee have given us. We must listen and respond. Friends have had an influence in world events greater than our relative size. We have been effective when we have had integrity, when our actions have mirrored our words.

Friends also reminded us of the power of community. Our tradition of corporate witness has great power, yet we should not use our testimony on corporate witness as an excuse to avoid individual action. Our work is most powerful when the activists among us work together with those who tend to our spiritual foundations to discern the way forward.

Meeting closed with worshipful silence.

Faithfully submitted,

Jan Tappan, Recording Clerk
James Anderson, Presiding Clerk
Our session opened in worship at 10:25 am. Joan Rawles-Davis read from the epistle of the 2003 Junior Yearly Meeting of Wilmington Yearly Meeting (Ohio) and an epistle from Philadelphia and Baltimore Yearly Meetings’ Friends attending YouthQuake 2003.

Clerk Jim Anderson reviewed the agenda for this plenary. Jim welcomed Friends, arrived since our sessions began, from other Yearly Meetings and Friends organizations: Cassilde Ntamamiro from Burundi Yearly Meeting, Bruce Birchard (Central Philadelphia Monthly Meeting), and two Friends from Sierra Friends Center’s Woolman Semester: student Mandy Janoo and teacher Sierra Curtis McClane.

Our worship tomorrow morning (preceding Plenary IV) will lead into our discernment on the relationship between PYM and Pacific Friends Outreach Society (PFOS). Jim asked that we continue in silence from worship and prepare ourselves for the session by reading materials he and PFOS have provided.

Site Committee
Clerk Pat Smith (Claremont Meeting) reported that the Committee has been considering locations for PYM in 2006, but has not come to unity on a specific site. An open Committee meeting on Friday will allow Friends to participate in the discussion that will inform our choice of site.

Friends General Conference
Eric Moon introduced our guest, Bruce Birchard, General Secretary of FGC, reading from his travel letter. Bruce Birchard spoke of the history of Friends General Conference and its mission to serve Friends and Friends Meetings, primarily from the unprogrammed tradition. Member Yearly Meetings appoint members to the governing body, a structure that does not have governing authority over the constituent Yearly Meetings. The two largest programs are the annual gatherings and the bookstore. Other programs include

- the Traveling Ministries Program, identifying and connecting seasoned Friends for visits with Meetings,
- Quaker Press of FGC, publishing books and other resources for nurture of Friends Meetings,
- the Religious Education Committee, supplying curricula and materials for First-Day Schools,
- support for Quaker efforts at outreach, including www.Quakerfinder.org, a web site with basic information about Quakers and a nationwide Meeting locator service based on zipcodes, and
- the Friends Meetinghouse Fund, providing advice and financial loans to groups seeking to build, renovate, or purchase Meetinghouses.

Bruce spoke of the influence FGC Gatherings have had on individual Friends, and of Friends’ impact on FGC. He told us of plans for the 2006 Gathering, the first week in July at Pacific Lutheran University near Tacoma, Washington. This Gathering will provide a rich opportunity to share deeply with other Friends of all ages through a wide variety of activities and workshops.

Friends World Committee / World Gathering of Young Friends
Sandy Farley presented a request from FWCC that PYM appoint two Young Friends (ages 18 - 35) to be our representatives to the World Gathering of Young Friends, August 16 – 24, 2005, at Lancaster University, U.K.

PYM 2004-04: We ask PYM Nominating Committee to name two young Friends to represent PYM at the World Gathering of Young Friends, to be held in August 2005. We ask PYM Finance Committee to allocate $4,000 to support the attendance of these representatives.

Discernment: Youth, Young Friends, and Pacific Yearly Meeting
Zachary Moon (Strawberry Creek Meeting) spoke of his experiences growing up in Pacific Yearly Meeting, of the support he has felt among Friends here, and of his concern that we increase support of our younger Friends as they grow in the Quaker tradition. The transition into the adult world is often rocky; aspects of our spiritual foundations
are shaken profoundly. Zac was led to bring young people together with each other and with adults in their Meetings to share experiences of growing in Quakerism, to explore their desire for community, acceptance, and a voice in the larger Quaker world. As part of this concern, a group of Friends – Janine Carmona, Faith Eastwood, and Forrest Parker (all from Humboldt Meeting), Cris Haggins (La Jolla Meeting), Mallory Marshall (Visalia Meeting), and Eleni Richey (Santa Cruz Meeting), with mentors Carl Magruder and Kristina Perry (Humboldt), Carin Anderson and Chris Moore-Backman (San Francisco), and Gordon Bishop and Zachary Moon (Strawberry Creek) -- gathered at San Francisco Meetinghouse the week prior to PYM for “The Shalom Project,” an intergenerational experience to explore deeply what it means to be a Quaker in our times. Participants in the Shalom Project shared their experiences with us, and we responded from the silence.

Kristina Perry (Humboldt) spoke of the community of love and support that she found in the project and introduced the query that provided the focus for our responses:

**What do I yearn for from my spiritual community?**

Participants spoke powerfully of the personal changes experienced during the week’s activities, of the need for a supportive spiritual community that values all members, and of the transforming power of a community where we love each other and where we search lovingly for each other.

From the worship, Friends acknowledged that dialogue is needed. We ache at the disappearance of our young people, and we also long for deeper connections, for vulnerability and trust within our community. Younger Friends long for the stability and support of their connection to their Meeting community as they move into the responsibilities of adulthood. We spoke of the need to expand the role of our youth in our Meetings, and the need to value the contributions and talents of all our members. We need to break our passivity of spirit. Dialogue is a start, but complete change is needed; surface change will not be enough.

Friends rejoiced to see in these young Friends the faces of our future. Together we can fire the spirit in our souls. Growing up in Yearly Meeting can be a profoundly wonderful and joyous, wild ride. We strive to become as instruments in an orchestra, contributing equally to the joyously harmonious sound. Listen, listen, listen, to our hearts sing!

Faithfully submitted,

Jan Tappan, Recording Clerk
James Anderson, Presiding Clerk

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**PACIFIC YEARLY MEETING**

**Mt. Madonna Center, Watsonville, California**

**8th Month 5, 2004**

**PLENARY IV**

**Discernment: Pacific Yearly Meeting and Pacific Friends Outreach Society**

At about 10:30 am, following our morning worship, we entered into a discernment on the relationship between PYM and the Pacific Friends Outreach Society. Clerk Jim Anderson began our session by reminding Friends that we have a great challenge and opportunity: to speak truth with love. We heard from those who yearn for home – a home for our memories, our youth and a place of witness. We heard from others who have concerns about right use of our resources, about whether such expenditures for site or even gatherings are in line with Jesus’ call for radical witness in the world. We heard a common desire to continue our pursuit of greater clarity on this issue. [Friends’ ministries summarized in ATTACHMENT C]

While we do not have unity on these issues, we have a common commitment to search for greater clarity. We closed our session, knowing that there is much more that needs to be shared. We hope that we have listened to each other, listened beyond the words.
Announcements and Closing Worship
Assistant Clerk Krista Barnard read announcements. We closed at 12:40 pm, after a time of quiet worship.

Faithfully submitted,

Joseph Magruder, Recording Clerk
James Anderson, Presiding Clerk

Pacific Yearly Meeting
Mt. Madonna Center, Watsonville, California

8th Month 5, 2004
PLENARY V MEMORIALS

Members of our Ministry and Oversight Committee led us in our memorials session. Committee members – assisted by two young Friends, Forrest Parker and Raul Kohl -- read the names of 42 deceased Friends, interspersed with poems.

Leonard Dart (Claremont)
Mary Roth (Apple Seed)
Diana Araujo (Visalia)
Elaine Schooley (Berkeley)
Sheila Hill-Fajors (Berkeley)

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

Each person speaking
Out of the loss
Adds a color, an edge
A piece to be found

Those who stay silent
Bring a shimmer
A shining wholeness
To the completed time.

This was a life I saw,
A life lived here,
A life lived no more
I know why I came.

-- John Pixley (1994)

Betsy Eberhardt (Redwood Forest)
Ingrid Irvin (Redwood Forest)
Stephen Jones (Redwood Forest)
W. Norman Cooper (Santa Barbara)
Genevieve Nowlin (Santa Barbara)

Roland Schinzinger (Orange County)
Elsa Clay (Orange County)
Marjorie Goddard (Orange County)
Edith Robinson (Orange County)
Nicki Garman (Fresno)

I often feel that death is not the enemy of life, but its friend, for it is the knowledge that our years are limited which makes them so precious. It is the truth that time is but lent to us which makes us, at our best, look upon our years as a trust handed into our temporary keeping. – Joshua Liebman

Timothy Saunders (Strawberry Creek)
Jean Flores (Strawberry Creek)
Leona Harvey (Palo Alto)

Clerk Jim Anderson thanked Friends for the support we are providing him as our new clerk. He reminded us of the queries for the week that consider who we are as a community and how our actions, our commitments, our giving of ourselves express that community.

Jim summarized his reading of past PYM minutes: PYM has not minuted a decision on a permanent site. During the next year, he will work with Ministry and Oversight Committee regarding how we are to work with the issue of a permanent site.
During the next year, the Discipline Committee will work on how we should move forward with using and sharing *Fe y Practica*, the Spanish translation of our Discipline, including the possibility of making it an official document of the Yearly Meeting.

**Minutes**

We considered, modified, and approved minutes of the second part of Session III. Friends offered a number of suggestions regarding the minutes of Session IV, as well as the question whether we should record minutes of discernment sessions.

**Epistle Committee**

Sue Torrey (Central Coast) gave the first reading of their draft epistle. Other committee members are Linda Dunn (Inland Valley) and John Helding (San Francisco), and Friends are encouraged to bring comments and suggestions to any of them.

**Nominating Committee**

Clerk Marilee Eusebio (Davis Meeting) brought additions and corrections to their earlier report.

**Holding Corporation**

Lanny Jay (Redwood Forest Meeting) reported for the PYM Holding Corporation. In 2003, Finance Committee recommended that the Yearly Meeting incorporate. During this past year, this proposal has been further considered by Ministry and Oversight Committee, Finance Committee, and the Holding Corporation; all support this action. The reasons for incorporation (primarily legal liability) were discussed in some detail. This would not change how we conduct our business. Some reservations and questions were raised, to which Lanny responded.

**PYM 2004-05** Friends approved incorporating the Pacific Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends under the laws of the State of California. One Friend stood aside from this decision.

**Treasurer’s Report**

Sherri Sisson, Treasurer, gave the Treasurer’s report for our fiscal year ending September 30, 2003 (and a year-to-date account of the fiscal year that will end this September), including session expenses and a balance sheet showing funds and reserves. [ATTACHMENT B]

**PYM 2004-06** Friends gratefully accepted the Treasurer’s report of the fiscal year ending September 30, 2003, including income and expenses for the 2003 PYM session.

**Finance Committee**

Committee Clerk Stratton Jaquette presented highlights from their revised report [ATTACHMENT F]. He noted that the most substantive change they recommend is to increase – to full costs -- our reimbursement for travel by PYM representatives to Friends organizations.

They also recommend that the Finance Committee’s budget for fiscal year 2004 be augmented by $400 to $1300, this amount to be balanced by increasing the transfer from reserves by $400. This increase is because interim appointments to the Committee resulted in higher than expected travel expenses.

**PYM 2004-07** We approved augmentation of the fiscal year 2004 budget for the Finance Committee by $400, to $1300, this amount be balanced by an increase in the transfer from reserves.

In their report, Finance Committee also recommends a number of policy changes regarding the keeping of PYM financial records.

**PYM 2004-08** Friends approved that the Yearly Meeting discontinue moving unused funds from line item 5206 (Young Friends PYM Scholarship) into reserve fund 2742 (Young Friends Travel Reserve).

**PYM 2004-09** Friends approved renaming line item 2721 as Pre-Publishing Reserves, *Faith and Practice*, and using this reserve for that purpose.
We discussed the Committee recommendation that travel expenses to Representative Committee be covered for all previous Presiding Clerks. There was concern that this might seem to be making the appointment of a Presiding Clerk an appointment in perpetuity. We took no action on this recommendation.

PYM 2004-10 Friends approved the establishment of limits on the following Reserve funds:

- 2713 Clerk’s Travel and Discretion (5202) Reserve $2,000
- 2714 Committee Supplemental (5237) Reserve $2,000
- 2722 Equipment Purchase (5207) Reserve $1,500
- 2723 Account Audit (5210) Reserve $4,000
- 2749 Latin American Concerns (5212) Reserve $1,500

At present, PYM reimburses travel by PYM representatives to several Friends organizations at differing rates. Finance Committee recommends that PYM provide full travel reimbursement to all nominated PYM representatives to Friends organizations. Given the complexity of this proposal, we agreed to consider it at Representative Committee and then at next year’s August session.

Stratton reviewed the proposed budget for our fiscal year 2004-05 [ATTACHMENT B, p. 1-2, right-hand column], to be considered for possible approval at tomorrow’s session.

Committee to Name the Nominating Committee
Zachary Moon (Strawberry Creek) reported for the Committee – other members are Ann Bleile-Kratzer (Fresno) and Sue Scott (Inland Valley). They propose the following Friends as new members:

- 2005 Marilee Euseubio (Davis)
- 2006 Darcy Stanley (Berkeley)
- 2007 Elaine Emily (Orange Grove)
- 2007 Forrest Parker (Humboldt)
- 2007 Ann Harwood (Orange Grove)

The Committee suggested that Sharon Gates (Orange Grove), already a member, serve as Clerk for 2004-2005.

Announcements and Closing Worship
Assistant Clerk Krista Barnard read announcements. We closed at 12:55 pm, after a time of quiet worship.

Faithfully submitted,

Joseph Magruder, Recording Clerk
James Anderson, Presiding Clerk
Statistical Clerk
Gary Wolff, Statistical Clerk, reported that the Yearly Meeting experienced a net increase of thirteen members this year [ATTACHMENT H]. Our annual growth rate over the past several years averages out to about three-quarters of a percent per year.

Registrars
Registrars Kim Lacey and Susie Stanley reported that about 457 Friends attended PYM this year, approximately the same as last year’s 454. There are fewer teens this year than last, because they grew up and are now adults. Friends accepted their report. [ATTACHMENT J]

Committee to Name the Nominating Committee
PYM 2004-11 We approved the following additions to our Nominating Committee: to serve through PYM 2005, Marilee Eusebio (Davis); to serve through PYM 2006, Darcy Stanley (Berkeley); to serve through PYM 2007, Elaine Emily (Orange Grove), Ann Harwood (Orange Grove), and Forrest Parker (Humboldt); Sharon Gates (Orange Grove) to serve as Committee clerk through PYM 2005.

Nominating Committee
Clerk Marilee Eusebio reported for the Committee, encouraging Friends interested in serving on Committees (except Ministry and Oversight and Nominating) to visit the meetings of those Committees.

PYM 2004-12 We approved the report of Nominating Committee – names of PYM officers, Committee members, and representatives to Friends’ organizations -- as presented during this week. [ATTACHMENT N]

Peace and Social Order Committee
Arden Pierce (Palo Alto Meeting) referred Friends to the written report of the Committee. [ATTACHMENT P]

Finance Committee (Budget)
Clerk Stratton Jaquette reported for the Committee. Friends presented specific concerns about the allocation of contributions to the Pacific Friends Outreach Society (PFOS) and Friends United Meeting (FUM). There is great division in our community regarding the PFOS work; division that requires divine assistance to resolve. We are more deeply aware of the pain on all sides of this question. We must have a new readiness not to leave this question behind, but to work on it both in personal conversations and in our committee work.

PYM 2004-13 Friends approved the contribution (line 5265) to Friends United Meeting in our fiscal year 2005 budget, but asked that our Treasurer not disburse it before Representative Committee next March, when FUM policy regarding sexual minorities can be further considered. (This decision does not affect the contribution to FUM from our 2004 budget.)

PYM 2004-14 Friends approved the fiscal year 2005 budget [ATTACHMENT B], at the “Plan A level” (see Finance Committee revised report, p. 8) that reflects an as yet unchanged policy on delegates’ travel reimbursement. We minute our acknowledgement of the deep concern and pain in our hearts regarding division over a permanent site and our commitment to work with each other in coming months to seek a way forward. (The donation to FUM is conditioned by minute PYM 2004-13.) Carin Anderson, Bob Barns, Tom Farley, John Helding and John Pixley stood aside from approval of the budget by this minute.

PYM 2004-15 Friends approved an assessment level for member Meetings of $36 per member, except for Mexico City Meeting (for which it remains $10 per member).

Announcements and Closing Worship
The meeting closed at 10:55 am, after a time of quiet worship.

Faithfully submitted,

Joseph Magruder, Recording Clerk
James Anderson, Presiding Clerk
PLENARY VIII

Our session opened in worship at 11:45 am. Reading Clerk Joan Rawles-Davis read excerpts from the epistle of the 2003 Britain Yearly Meeting.

Mt. Madonna Center director Dayanand Diffenbaugh expressed their community’s appreciation for our presence at Mt. Madonna Center and the example of our process. Brajesh, their program director, asked for and received feedback regarding our experience here this week.

Epistles and Reports of Children, Junior Friends and Young Friends
The preschool group shared their epistle. (All epistles combined, as ATTACHMENT L)
The lower elementary group shared their epistle, including a poem. The upper elementary group shared their epistle. The middle school group shared their epistle and a cheer. Members of the Junior Yearly Meeting presented the names of their officers and committee members for the coming year and then shared their epistle.

Young Friends, after presenting the slate of their officers and the names of Young Friends to attend the August 2005 World Gathering of Young Friends, read their epistle. Arising from a meeting in deep worship, they propose Darcy Stanley and Kate Newlin as PYM delegates to the World Gathering. Four other Young Friends (Melina Larkin, John Loch, Eleni Richey, Sara Wolcott) also hope to attend the Gathering, and we are asked to support their Meetings in sponsoring them.

Epistle
On behalf of Epistle Committee, Sue Torrey (Central Coast) read our 2004 Epistle.

PYM 2004-16 We gratefully accepted all these epistles. [ATTACHMENT L]

Unity with Nature Committee
Clerk Kristina Perry (Humboldt) reported that the Committee had hoped to open a period of discernment, as the Committee’s function shifts to supporting ministry and witness. Our traditional testimonies are inextricably linked to our care for the environment. We return to two queries Jim posed on Monday evening: Who are we called to be as Friends in this time and place? What then are the structures and patterns of life we need to serve this calling?
Rachel Findley (Strawberry Creek) quoted Friend Mildred Binns Young: “…Why with all our labor-saving devices and fast transport, are we so short of time? Is it because we are greedy of experience for its own sake? -- to see more, go farther, earn more, learn more, than is feasible in one short lifetime? The human soul needs time, needs to take time, unless experience is to become mere accumulation, bearing bad fruit, like any other kind of ambition.”

Minutes
We considered and approved the minutes of Session VIII.

Announcements and Closing Worship
Assistant Clerk Krista Barnard read announcements. Jim Anderson thanked all of us for our help this week. This final plenary closed in worship at 1:00 pm, followed by a closing meeting for worship. We will meet next year -- August 1 to 6, 2005 -- at Mt. Madonna Center.

Faithfully submitted,

Joseph Magruder, Recording Clerk
James Anderson, Presiding Clerk

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**Assessment for members: 2004 2005 $36, except Mexico City $10.**

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**SUBTOTAL SUPPORT OF FRIENDS ORGS.** $17,600 $17,600.00

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

Expense accounts with a bold face R27XX following the account name have that associated reserve fund on page 4. Transfers from these special reserves are negative (-) 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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**TOTAL ASSETS**

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**TOTAL LIABILITIES AND RESERVES**

$145,954.97 $106,440.35 $103,304.22 $149,091.10 $57,191.29 $12,316.71 $193,965.60
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.

1. As of 9/30/03: Peace Tax Fund is closed; Student Conscience Fund of $9,735.24 is in World Savings; $46,000 was in the Working Assets Money Market Fund; $13,3964.93 was in Wells Fargo CD; $10,000 was in the FGC Friends Meeting House Fund.

2. Accounts receivable includes money owed by PYM Session Budget or others and outstanding assessments. As of 8/1/04, the outstanding Student Conscience loan is $8,000; the outstanding assessments are $684; and the loan from the Session is $10,718.50 (from former Wells Fargo CD2).

3. Faith and Practice Inventory: The inventory remaining of the draft edition ($2,959.20) was written off in prior year. We received payment on 11/14/02 from the AFSC bookstore of $11,640, making the current balance of Faith and Practice Inventory (recoverable cost basis) $23,101.

4. Student Conscience Fund balance on 7/20/04 of $17,707.59 reflects an outstanding loan of $8,000. Peace Tax Fund was laid down (RepCom 02-06).

5. Reserve for pre-publication expenses of next PYM Faith and Practice, per PYM 04-09.

6. This scholarship is for young people to participate in FGC; it began in 2000 with $20,460.00. FGC decides how the funds are given out. We have the criteria on hand. In 2003 $450 was awarded; the current balance is $18,270.

7a.) These Reserve Funds are tied to expense line items as noted: 2713 Clerks Travel & Discretionary cap is $2000; 2714 Committee Supplemental Expense cap is $2000; 2722 Equipment Purchase cap is $1500; and 2723 Audit Account cap is $4000 (PYM 04-10). 2741 Wider Fellowship Travel Reserve cap is $500 except for (PYM 99-2). 2742 Young Friends Travel Reserve cap is $2,500 (PYM 92-4). 2748 Friends Bulletin Travel has a cap of $1000. 2749 Latin American Concerns cap is $1500 (PYM 04-10). 2744 FGC Travel and 2743 FWCC Section of the Americas do not have a cap.

7b.) Travel reserves: PYM has agreed to put aside a portion of the costs for delegate travel each year when event occurs other than every year - 5218 meets every 18 months while 5280 and 5287 meet every 3 years.

8. These are the only funds available for general PYM use. Use of 2751 was discontinued 2004. Since 10/1/94 the Registrar's Checking account, including expenses and income connected with the annual sessions, is reported separately (see page 5).

9. Terminated per RepCom 97-3.

Status of Other Funds

1. East-West Relations Committee reported a balance as of 9/30/02 $6,873.31, and as of 8/01/03 $11,177.31, and as of 9/30/03 $4,455.94. The balance as of 6/1/04 is $3,554.29.

2. Earthlight fund was closed when Earthlight became a separate corporation.
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Ministries in discernment session 8-5-2004 on relationship between PYM and the Pacific Friends Outreach Society (PFOS)

Summarized by Joseph Magruder, Recording Clerk

Micki Graham: There is no more beautiful heaven, no more beautiful place to dwell, than earth. But, that earth, including its beings of creation, is disappearing. At the same time, God has given her Quakers as family, as guide, to reveal what love is. I fear that we will not find a way to teach our people what we know. If we don’t find a place to call home, we cannot maintain the Yearly Meeting as we know it. We will be forced to splinter. These two truths have brought me to Visalia. I do not want to live without us.

Chris Moore-Backman: To talk of the relationship between our Yearly Meeting and PFOS, I need to talk of how the example and teaching of Jesus sustains us. I yearn to be part of a faith community that takes advantage of the wisdom of Jesus and is willing to suffer the consequences of doing that. I am dazzled by the story of the rich young man, where Jesus reminds us that a camel has a better chance at getting through the eye of the needle than a rich man has of getting to the kingdom. As a faith community, we are as a camel trying to fit through the eye of a needle. Jesus offers clear instruction, modeling it in his own life, by telling the rich young man to make himself poor. Such simple wisdom. Does that mean we don’t gather at all? My concern about our relationship with PFOS is one of direction. I understand the logic of a home, but am not clear that what we are invited to do by PFOS is the right step for our community. God is inviting us to a direct relationship with the poor. The end product of Jesus’ life is a deep and abiding joy. We need head toward the flame of that joy.

Shan Cretin: I am grateful that we have a testimony of integrity (a process) and not a testimony of truth (a destination she never expects to attain). In a favorite story we discover that “yes” and “no” are chasing each other around a circle. The questions regarding a permanent site are very complex, and each of us comes with just a little slice of the circle. Somehow, we must put all of these slices together to move toward the truth. There are questions of both where we gather and how we gather. What is it that we want to have PYM to be? What do we expect? Thinking from Viktor Frankl, I conclude that we need to give meaning to Yearly Meeting ourselves. There is no one meaning. But if we want to have a meaning, we need to be faithful to that meaning, not to wander between meanings forever. My personal connection to PFOS is that we need to have a place, a sense of place. I have found Friends’ vision of finding a place where we could apply the principles we seek to live by and open opportunities for others to experience what we have. There has been a great sense that the Visalia property will let our actions speak about the sustainable agriculture and community that is possible in a valley that has been scarred by human activity. This won’t be perfect -- but there is a prophetic vision of what might be: a place where our youth, our elders, all of us might feel a kind of connection. A place that is not Brigadoon, not just one week a year, but is a connection to the land, to a place.

Messages from other Friends, speaking from the silence:

People build homes. People in India, the poorest of the poor, build homes. There is not a conflict between providing a home and a prophetic ministry to the poor. We have such wealth that we can do what we need to do without compromising our vision for the world.

We can give our seeds and the birds can eat them once, or we can plant them and the birds can eat from them again and again.

Where is the center of our spiritual home? If it is this Yearly Meeting rather than our Monthly Meetings, that is a sign that we need to do more to develop a community of daily faithfulness in our Monthly Meetings.

Over the past half century the issue of a permanent site has come and gone, to return this time with more staying power than usual. What specific spiritual benefits can we enhance by having a permanent site, whatever, however it may be? To what extent would having our own site be working clearly toward the best use of the world’s resources? We have always had all we need at our PYM sessions. Do we need to be any more comfortable than that?
We don't have a sacred mountain, nor do we need that. We have the Spirit of Christ, the God spirit in all people. But, one needs a place, a home to live in. The spot in Visalia challenges us to address how we deal with a polluted, scarred earth. We are not like those who have alms buckets collecting alms from the rich so that we can do our own thing.

We had this same conversation in our Monthly Meeting for forty years. We didn’t need a Meetinghouse. But, after years, we moved into a new Meetinghouse. The Meeting has grown since, and others have been able to use our space. We have a presence.

We need to know where we stand on this issue so that we can define our relationship with PFOS in a clean and healthy way. This means that we must make time in our business meeting.

Home is where the heart is, not the other way around.

We mush several ideas together as we talk about this. Do we need a permanent address, a place to store our archives, our equipment? Do we need a permanent site where we always gather? Do we want to agree to go to Quaker Oaks if PFOS builds? Our decision is only whether we should rent for that time, whether regularly or from time to time.

Gathering the rocks to construct the chimney of my Meetinghouse, it has for me become a home that supports renewal and safety and provided a good memory.

There is a sadness of having learned so much of one’s community in the Meeting for Memorials, learned so much after people are gone. Memories linger, of talk under the trees in Chico. Although there is no reason to return to any place, the memories are there, and it would be good to have a safe place for memories that one could return to.

Having a place that we can go to gives one confidence to go out into the world, to better the world.

We are cautioned not to hide out light under a bushel. Many years ago, the physical presence of a Meeting House helped me come to Friends. In addition the Meeting Houses were places that could house Friend’s activities, including space used to provide me with needed draft counseling. A home is not just a place for ourselves, but is a place for others to find us, to help give life to our testimonies. Our financial support of Mt. Madonna is helping the people of this community not hide their light under a bushel. A home does not guarantee that we will flourish, but it does tip the odds in our favor.

I grieve for the blindness of our community to the differences between things that we want and things that would allow us to be faithful to our tradition. We can’t see what a permanent site looks like to the eyes of [the poor of] the world. I grieve that we can’t see the radical witness that we have been given as Quakers.

Does it matter whether we are here, or in San Diego or in Visalia? One comes for the relationship with each other, not the place. What place allows us to put the most money toward other work, even if it means sacrificing some comfort?

We pay for whatever space we use, both in money and time. Every dollar we spend is a social and a political act. What witness will we carry in the world as a Yearly Meeting? Does Visalia as a site further this witness?

Do we not have Yearly Meeting because of its cost? PYM is the way that we recharge ourselves; it regenerates resources. The intent of PFOS is to develop a conference facility that is self sustainable, that is fully accessible, that is available to the community, that will allow people to go out into the world caring for the world, and will provide a sense of place. Many Friends and others have contributed substantially to PFOS with the expectation that a permanent site will be developed by them.
It is with much excitement that your Unity with Nature Committee (UNC) submits our report for the year 2003-2004. This has been a year of change and redirection for UNC. As we transition away from many years of clerkship under the care of Eric Sabelman, we also find ourselves with many members who are new to UNC. This has provided us with a chance to pause and to assess who God might be calling us to be - and how we might best answer that call and serve PYM.

UNC had a residential retreat at Sierra Friends Center in October of last year. It was a productive meeting with an evening session on the history of UNC, a period of asset mapping, and visioning. We noted that having laid down our official relationship with Earthlight magazine, much energy and potential new direction are available for us. The following areas emerged at this meeting:

**Traveling Ministers / Visiting Meetings:**
Our Committee feels that one of our most important jobs should be to reach out to Quakers on our call to creation-care. We also need to communicate our faith-filled message of political ecology: the union of social and earth justice work. To do this, we need face-to-face outreach and dialogue. We would like to undertake Monthly Meeting visits to both amplify and complement similar efforts underway by Quaker Earthcare Witness (QEW). We also feel it is important to give nurturance and oversight to the prophetic voices in our midst, and we are examining our role in the development of Earth Ministers in PYM. Suellen Lowry and Carl Magruder, our representatives to QEW, are serving as leads on this project.

**Mysticism and Activism:**
Related to the issue of supporting ministry in our midst is the question of how we can talk about our experiences with nature or mysticism in general. The mystical, and its connection to creation, are central to our work, as to the work of Friends. Eric Sabelman offered to work with Rolene Walker to take the issue of mysticism and our spiritual experience up with M&O, and to convene an affinity group at PYM.

**Footprint / Sustainability Assessment of PYM:**
UNC began work on this major endeavor - approaching it from an “Ecological Footprint” perspective. A committee of Carl Magruder and Kristina Perry, with the able assistance of Joe Magruder, are hoping to work with Finance Committee, the Registrars, Site Committee, Arrangements, and Secretariat. They will conduct a basic Footprint survey of PYM attenders, examining the basic issues of transportation, energy and food. Hand in hand with that, an educational campaign that will inform Friends how simple changes in personal and collective consumption can have sometimes dramatic effects. To that end, our Committee at Representative Committee in March made the following recommendations for PYM Committees:

- Recommend that all PYM Committees use paper with a minimum of 30% Post Consumer Waste content.
- Recommend that the Secretariat buy paper with 100% PCW content, or that is tree-free.
- Suggest that Secretariat cut publication of the Daily Miracle in by a third to a half. UNC will help the Secretariat devise and implement alternate methods of posting the Daily Miracle so that Friends will not have a qualitative loss in important communications.

**Publications:**
We continue to discuss our relationship to publications. No longer official members of Earthlight's Editorial Board - we are open to discovering new venues for getting out the word on our relationship.
Creation. Eric Sabelman is undertaking the project of revising and update of Taking Charge, originally published by the AFSC Simple Living Collective.

Internships
Do we continue the practice of sponsoring interns in the field? There is much sentiment that while Jennifer Caron’s experience was transformative, the issue of internships is on hold - until we can finish closure on the Tar Creek issue.

For the first part of the nominating year the committee continued in communication but without a clerk. At Representative Committee in March, Kristina Perry accepted the nomination and was approved as clerk; knowing that it would be June (after finishing her term as clerk of Humboldt Monthly Meeting) before she could take up the task in earnest.

The committee next met at Ben Lomond Quaker Center in May, and subsequently via conference calls. We spent much time in work on a plenary for YM Sessions. We considered the difference between a minister and a Friend laboring under a concern; the latter doesn’t have implications for the religious life of our (Religious) Society (of Friends) in the same way.

We sense a need to explore our historical process of conviction and conversion of manners in the context of the blessed community. When confronted with the terrible threats to the sacred Earth, and our complicity in that destruction, we are susceptible to paralyzing guilt. We seek distraction from our fear and despair, further reducing our capacity to be “patterns and examples.” One UNC member suggested that the effort of believing the lie that it is acceptable not to question that our resource-intensive lifestyles is damaging to our capacity for hope and spiritual health. (Much the same position as slave-holders were in.) Much of the guilt arises from trying to live this lie and from trying to justify it.

We find that the efforts of the UNC and the Peace and Social Order Committees are so intertwined with one another that working jointly -- and perhaps even merging the Committees at some future time -- may be appropriate. UNC members have felt, for some time, the futility of working for social justice without working for an earth restored. Such compartmentalization is as prevalent in our thinking as anthropocentrism. Ethnic issues, class issues, globalization issues, environmental issues can exacerbate one another. On the other hand, working towards right order in one of these leads us closer to Gospel Order in all regards, unleashing hidden creativity, and allying our efforts with the efforts of all Creation. By working with P&SO in preparing for the PYM plenary session, we discovered that footprint and right sharing are the same thing. We are very excited about further collaboration.

We are also remarkably united, as a Committee, that the time will come soon when we will see our reliance upon and continued use of oil as wrongly ordered and tragic; a concern akin to John Woolman’s against slavery. Several of us are on our own journey away from fossil fuel – making our own “biofuel” of recycled vegetable oil at our homes, riding bicycles, carpooling, not flying, using public transport, and even good old walking! We need to look more deeply at the place of the car in our lives – at the perceived need for individual mobility, pace of life, social stratification and environmental disaster that it creates – regardless of fuel use. We find ourselves turning again to our testimony on simplicity and to the quote from John Woolman:

Oh that we who declare against wars, and acknowledge our trust to be in God only, may walk in the light, and therein examine our foundation and motives in holding great estates! May we look upon our treasures, the furniture of our houses, and our garments, and try whether the seeds of war have nourishment in these our possessions. Holding treasures in the self-
Post PYM: After much work, both before YM sessions and at Mt. Madonna itself, there was no time for our plenary session. Our message to Friends is simply this: We are a committee that wants to serve ministry, mysticism, witness and the Meeting(s). We have truth and experience to share. We long to listen; to labor together in consideration of the questions: Who are we called to be as Friends in this time and place? What are the structures and patterns of life that we need to serve this calling? Please invite us to visit your Monthly Meetings. Contact information is at the bottom of this report.

From the Footprint Committee – Summary of Survey Responses

We received 157 surveys representing 260 attenders, 58% of approximately 448 people who registered. For these 260 people, their primary mode of travel to PYM was:

- Bicycle - 11
- Motor vehicle - 242
- Public transport - 7

Regarding motor vehicles:

- 16 of 141 vehicles were hybrids (Prius)
- average of 1.7 passengers per vehicle
- median mileage - 30 mpg
- total miles driven - 41,667 (expanded - 71,795)
- net miles driven - 31,050 (expanded - 53,503)
- Extra gasoline used - 1,015 (expanded 1,749)

Paper usage

- Brought 7,846 pages of paper to share (expanded 13,519)
  Note: Secretariat and on-site copies must be added to this

Meat eating

- 102 (39%) report they rarely eat meat

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Friends House Moscow

FHM continues its work in Russia: trauma healing, training in conflict resolution, and humanitarian work. Regarding the catastrophe in Chechnya, it isn’t currently possible to work in Chechnya itself, but there is an attempt to meet needs of those who have fled into other parts of Russia.

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. You can also obtain newsletters from Julie; the latest issue is #16; and websites are maintained in English and Russian.

Applications for staff and intern positions will be considered. Russian language is required. Contact Carl or Julie for more information.

A Tour in 2005

Many of you remember the wonderful tours of 1987-1991. Julie Harlow is planning to lead a tour in June 2005, “Friends Meeting Friends,” to visit Quakers in Russia, Ukraine, and Latvia. If interested, let us know now.

Committee Activity

Since PYM 2003, EWRC has transmitted $8,600 from our bank account to Friends House Moscow Support Association, for support of Friends House Moscow. A further transmittal may be feasible before 9-30-2004, the end of PYM’s current fiscal year. These funds were raised mostly from the crafts that Julie brings home from Russia.

Julie makes fine presentations. If you would like her to visit your Monthly Meeting, please let us know.

The Committee on East-West Relations met on 8-6-2003, on 2-29-2004, and on 8-3-2004 at 9 pm (following Claire Gorfinkel’s interest group on Friends in revolutionary Russia).

Julie Rearranges Her Life to Promote This Work

For over twenty years, Julie Harlow has been leading tours, supporting Friends House Moscow, and otherwise working on peace in and with Russia. Over the decades, she has been teaching school, part-time when possible.

Last fall, she decided to retire, so that she could devote even more time and energy to this ministry. We are used to seeing her at PYM, but this year, she is instead on a three-month trip across the United States, to broaden support for Friends House Moscow. She plans to go to Russia in the fall.

PYM’s Support Greatly Appreciated

PYM has regularly supported Friends House Moscow. This is deeply appreciated. The travel minute for Julie Harlow, approved by the 2003 PYM session, is helping with her current visits to Friends in other parts of the US. Funds continue to be needed; FHM staff is on six-month contracts, contingent on successful fundraising.
Finance Committee Report to PYM, August 2004 (Revised)

Finance Committee brings this report to Pacific Yearly Meeting (PYM) for sessions in August 2004. We believe that PYM would be well served if each Friend attending PYM were to read and understand this report before the proposals are brought to plenary session for consideration and possible approval\(^1\). We commend it to your reading.

The Finance Committee meets just before Representative Committee in March\(^2\) to consider interim financial requests, often budget augmentations, and to prepare the PYM Sessions budget and fees for the coming summer session\(^3\). The Session Budget cannot be dealt with earlier, as the contract is seldom defined and negotiated until about March or April. We also meet at PYM for urgent items and to receive requests and concerns from Friends in person when those were not given to us before PYM.

For the past two years, the committee has met for an extended weekend to be able to consider in depth financial and financial policy issues and to prepare the budget for the following PYM fiscal year. The prior norm – to meet as a committee once or twice a day for an hour or so during PYM sessions – nearly always led to interruptions, lack of continuity in considerations, postponement of significant issues, unfinished business, and frustration of committee members, many of whom wished to participate in the life of the Yearly Meeting. We prefer our recent experiment, despite the increase in cost to the Yearly Meeting for travel.

Despite the committee’s attempts to be prepared for the Yearly Meeting’s consideration of the budget in August, we seldom manage to avoid the annual budget crisis on the floor of plenary. The annual crisis has roots in our history and often in attempts to ignore divisions in the Yearly Meeting. We notice that, when the Yearly Meeting fails to deal with issues of structure, policy, and good order, festering sores appear on the floor of plenary at the time we consider the budget; when Friends find no other avenue for plenary consideration of long-standing issues, they bring them to plenary where those issues touch the budget. Earnestly requesting that a few Friends stand aside on the same issue year after year seldom brings new light nor resolves the underlying issue.

In prior generations, PYM handled budget considerations is other ways. It may be instructive to reflect on the merits and demerits of these historical practices. The more recent significant change was the laying down of Representative Committee at PYM sessions in August. When Representative Committee met at PYM sessions, one of the meetings turned to consideration of the draft budget proposal. The experience and wisdom of representatives, officers, and clerks of PYM committees would often suggest

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\(^1\) Sometimes we despair that too few Friends pay attention to financial reports and issues until, or unless, they appear on the plenary floor.

\(^2\) RepCom meets the Saturday before the first Sunday in March and is thus sometimes the last day of February.

\(^3\) Finance Committee and the Registrars bring the Session budget for consideration and approval at RepCom in March. At the same time, the Registrars bring the proposed attendance fee schedule for approval.
improvements in the budget itself or its presentation, enabling the plenary session to proceed more expeditiously, yet without loss of open examination of the budget. This practice served the Yearly Meeting well. In ancient day, as it were, when PYM had a dozen or more plenary sessions during its four-day sessions, Thursday evening plenary was devoted entirely to consideration of the budget. This had the advantage that financial issues could be examined in depth and resolved at a pace now deemed too slow by many Friends. It had the disadvantage that this session of PYM was very poorly attended.

Regardless of how PYM has functioned in the past, we must do the best we can to give corporate consideration of financial policies and budget amounts within any given session’s organization of plenary sessions; we must trust that Friends will allow the Light of the Living Christ to lead us on a path to wisdom.

Fiscal Year 2004 Budget Augmentations

We received only one augmentation request for FY04. Finance Committee recommends for PYM approval that Finance Committee’s budget for fiscal year 2004 be augmented by $400 to $1300, this amount to be balanced by increasing the transfer from reserves by $400. Interim Finance Committee appointees increased committee membership from SCQM, and the scheduled meeting was in Sonoma County; hence, travel expenses were higher than originally budgeted.

PYM Financial Policy Considerations

The advantage of an extended committee meeting is that it allows us to consider the implications of our current practices and policies, which in turn, leads us to rectify some of those every year to serve PYM’s needs and purposes. We particularly want to have policies and practices which will allow Nominating Committee to find one or more persons to act as PYM Treasurer and to make it possible for PYM to find someone to audit (or review) the PYM books at the change of Treasurers, as our minutes require. Finance Committee therefore brings several policy changes to PYM, some for approval by PYM and some by way of administrative notice. Even though Finance Committee keeps a nearly 30-year record of finance-related minutes of PYM and Representative Committee (RepCom) handy at all meetings, we do find that some of our policies and practices are unrecorded (when they should be) or that some conflict with other policies.

Accounts #5213, #6452 and #2750 (PYM Attendance Assistance Fund): [no formal PYM action required]
1. Finance Committee will follow through with RepCom 97-3 and disestablish Treasurer’s Account 2750.
2. PYM Attendance Assistance funds will be disbursed first from #5213 (PYM

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4 When in good humor, we sometimes call this “worship through numbers” or “worship by the number.”

5 When she was PYM Treasurer, Phyllis Jones prepared this record from as far back as she could find records (1976); FinCom has access to all minutes since 1981 and tries to keep it up to date.

6 PYM RepCom 97-3 We approved eliminating line item 2732, “PYM Attendance Assistance Fund (M&O)” and moving those funds to (and in the future disbursing for that purpose from) a new line item 6452, “PYM Sessions Reserve”. (This fund is 6452 now and the session reserves are 6455.)
Attendance Assistance Fund), and once exhausted, then from #6452 (PYM Attendance Assistance Reserve).

3. No other funds but these are available for PYM Attendance Assistance Funds.

4. The Clerk of Finance Committee will notify the clerk of M&O by February 1 each year with the amount (funds) it has to disperse and which funds may or may not re-accumulate (reserve funds: #6452) and which are budgeted annually (#5213).

Accounts #5206, #5288, and #2742: [no formal PYM action required]
Young Friends scholarship funds (line items 5206, 5288, and 2742) will continue to carry the same names as currently listed and will be handled in a similar manner as the adult funds. The Clerk of Finance Committee will notify the Clerk of Young Friends of the dollar amount that they have to disperse by February 1.

Accounts #5206 and #2742 (Young Friends PYM Scholarship / Young Friends Travel Reserve):
In order to make our use of Young Friends scholarship funds (#5206) from PYM's General Expenses budget consistent with those scholarship funds used for all of PYM attenders (PYM Attendance Assistance Fund #5213), Finance Committee recommends for PYM approval that PYM discontinue moving unused funds from line item 5206 (Young Friends PYM Scholarship) into reserve fund 2742 (Young Friends Travel Reserve). This will make treatment of the Young Friends PYM Scholarship #5206 and regular PYM #5213 PYM Attendance Assistance Fund moneys the same and will then fix the problem that the Young Friends reserves (#2742) are a mixture of funds with different restrictions/purposes.

Accounts #2721 and 2721.1: Publishing Reserves, Faith and Practice: [PYM action required to revise PYM 89-47]
Finance Committee has eliminated line item 2721.1 since it has proved to be unworkable. Its balance was moved into line item 2721 (now to be called Pre-Publishing Reserves, Faith and Practice) leaving it with a balance of $16,562.56. Finance Committee hopes that this will reduce confusion by those who read and use the PYM Balance Sheet, including the PYM Treasurer.

Finance Committee recommends for PYM approval that line item 2721 be used as and called Pre-Publishing Reserves, (Faith and Practice). This should handle reasonable pre-publishing expenses for the next revision of Faith and Practice.

Account #1725 and #5205: [no PYM action required]
The ‘value’ (actually recoverable cost basis8) of our inventory of books is reflected in line

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7 PYM MIN 89-4 - "Friends approved the Social Order Committee’s minute on publications which recommends that: (1) the Publications Pool be laid down; (2) the Social Order Series be discontinued; (3) $450 be returned to Palo Alto Meeting (if they wish), $250 be left with Bob Schutz, and the balance of $1902 be returned to PYM funds; (4) Bob Schutz’s offer to maintain the inventories of unsold stock and service the sales for five years be accepted; (5) Bob Schutz be thanked for his energy, skill, and work; (6) future publishing ventures come through the appropriate committee, on an ad hoc basis, to Representative Committee for approval; and (7) in considering such funding, the $1903 surplus from the present series be borne in mind as available."

8 Agreement between PYM and AFSC Bookstore sets the selling price for the 2001 Faith and Practice at $10, with $8 per copy to be remitted to PYM. This arrangement does not seem to appear anywhere in PYM minutes
item 1725 (Inventory of Faith & Practice). We are removing line item 5205 (Faith & Practice Publishing) now and from future budgets. As Faith and Practice books are sold, their proceeds will continue to be deducted from line item 1725 and the proceeds will be put into line item 1701 (Treasurer's Checking Account). Note that printing copies of the book is not an Expense but a conversion of one asset into another (cash into books); thus selling the books for cash is not Income but a reconversion of books back into cash.

Quadruple entry bookkeeping: [no formal PYM action required]
Account #2751 (Budget Expense Commitments) has been written down to zero balance by moving the balance to line item 2752 (Uncommitted Reserves). This increased Uncommitted Reserves by $10,233.21. We have terminated quadruple entry bookkeeping and have returned to a standard double entry system. Further, we will be converting all our entries for this year in bulk to conform to a standard double entry system. Experience tells us that no accountants, financial consultants, or auditors are willing to deal with PYM's books so long as we continue quadruple entry bookkeeping.

RepCom:
Finance Committee recommends that PYM approve that travel expenses to RepCom (March and August) be covered for all previous presiding clerks. This will increase Travel to RepCom (5208) expenses only minimally, and Finance Committee feels it would be beneficial to have all previous presiding clerks of PYM at RepCom so that RepCom may benefit from their experience and wisdom.

RepCom:
Noting that there are a large number of smaller Monthly Meetings, Preparative Meetings and Worship Groups which do not send representatives to RepCom, Finance Committee urges the PYM Clerk to encourage better representative attendance at RepCom and PYM by reminding meetings and worship groups that PYM needs them to attend and that travel funds are available for their representative. Finance Committee hopes the Clerk will remember to do this every year.

Friends Peace Team: [no formal PYM action required]
Finance Committee requests confirmation from PYM that the Friends Peace Team funding and representative(s) is to their Board of Directors and not for the Project itself. Minutes give guidance, but practice conflicts with minutes: we created a single

or reports. The $8/copy proceeds was designed to recover all the publishing costs of the book. Line item 1725 holds these recoverable costs as an asset.

9 Quadruple entry accounting provides twice the opportunities for mistakes as does double entry accounting. The significant misrepresentation we are eliminating by returning to double entry accounting lies in the Budget Expense Commitments Reserve (#2751), viz., if this account is not closed out at each year's end into Uncommitted Reserves, it grows without bound by the amounts of budget underspending each year; we have seen this happening. Although such Reserve Funds have a place in non-profit organizations in which income is entirely voluntary but expenses are not, PYM gets most of its income by agreement from constituent Meetings and generally gets it early in the fiscal year. Hence PYM does not have need of this conservative accounting artifact.

10 A dozen years ago, we budgeted $9 - 10K for Representative Committee Travel and spent sometimes up to $9,000. As fewer Representative come, our expenses have dropped to $3 - 4K, and we have lowered the budget to about $6,000. Since past clerks tend to remain active in PYM, few of them are not already eligible for reimbursement; thus this change will probably increase costs only a few hundred dollars.
representative to the Project Board\textsuperscript{11} and then increased the number we send to the Board\textsuperscript{12} from 1 to 2.

\textbf{Reserve Fund Limits:}

Some reserve funds have caps so that they will not increase without bound; others have no limit\textsuperscript{13}. These caps are listed on the Notes page of the PYM financial reports. Finance Committee feels that most reserve funds should be limited to reasonable levels. Note that this recommendation does not cover the rest of the Reserve funds which perhaps should have caps. Finance Committee recommends that PYM establish limits on the following Reserve funds:

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\textbf{Contingencies: [PYM action possible]}

Finance Committee is prepared to address the financial implications of other matters of business which may be brought to plenary for consideration. Finance Committee knows of two potential requests, but good order calls for those items to be brought to PYM through other avenues; Finance Committee would then address their financial impact and suggest budget and funding solutions.

\textbf{PYM Reimbursement Policy for 'Conference Travel/PYM Delegates': PYM Delegates & Representatives}

PYM policies on reimbursement of travel and related costs of our representatives and delegates to other Friends' organizations have developed over the years with good intentions; however, we know where the path of good intentions leads, and we have arrived in that spot. If our corporate memory of why and how we did what we did to ourselves were better, we might not be in this predicament. The result has been a steady stream of complaints to Finance Committee, the Treasurer, and to PYM that we are being unfair and capricious in cost reimbursement to our delegates. Our policies and practices may be unfair, but neither the Treasurer nor Finance Committee acts capriciously – we follow policy established in PYM minutes\textsuperscript{14}.

The perceived inequity in reimbursement of costs of travel, housing, and meals incurred by our representatives and delegates was, in nearly all cases, established by PYM with eyes open and well intended myopia. The typical story goes about like so: PYM

\textsuperscript{11} PYM 98-8 We approved the Peace Committee recommendation that we appoint an official representative to the Friends Peace Teams Project and allocate the funds for travel to their board meetings.

\textsuperscript{12} RepCom 2004-6 Friends approved adding a second representative to the Friends Peace Team Board of directors. We commend this activity to the care of the Peace Committee.

\textsuperscript{13} Wider Fellowship travel Reserve (#2741) has a $500 cap (temporarily relieved PYM 99-2). Young Friends Travel Reserve (#2742) has a $2,500 cap (PYM 92-4). Friends Bulletin Travel (#2748 established by PYM 96-4) has a cap of $1,000.

\textsuperscript{14} It is true that, in some cases, we cannot find minutes and have to rely on long-standing practice.
sends one representative (delegate or board member) to represent PYM at some Friends Organization and budgets to pay the full cost of that single representative\(^{15}\). Then comes a eloquent request and report that this Friends Organization allocates 5 slots for a Yearly Meeting of our size, that this Friends Organization would benefit from additional PYM representatives, and that PYM would benefit from having more of its members familiar with the Friends Organization and its work. PYM is urged to appoint 5 rather than 1 representative. We also get the report that there are many Friends who would be willing to pay their own way for the benefit of PYM, this Friends Organization, and themselves, so PYM is convinced to merely increase (by half or double), rather than quintuple, the budget, to appoint 5 representatives to this Friends Organization, and to appoint a convener to the Friends Organization representatives to allocate the limited funds to those among the 5 who need it – the others willingly paying their own way. PYM minutes are approved. Within a few years, usually one or two, Nominating Committee forgets to explain this arrangement to those nominated, the representatives forget the arrangement, and the Treasurer and Finance Committee are accused of being unfair and capricious, only allowing reimbursement of 30%, more or less, of costs.

Finance Committee chose to examine our situation (practice) for Representative Travel at some depth at this year’s committee retreat, and we reminded ourselves how schizophrenia has grown in our reimbursement over the decades. This topic has a long history with many attempts to rectify how we reimburse our delegates.\(^{16}\) After examining the issues and inequities of reimbursement and the history of how we got here, we decided that our practice and policy, although long held, was not defensible. Finance Committee therefore proposes that we change our policy on cost reimbursement for Conference Travel, realizing that this change will necessitate a significant increase in our annual assessment to member Meetings. (We also propose below alternative policies and budgets, which some may see as still draconian, just in different ways.)

**Finance Committee recommends that PYM consider changing our policy to provide full reimbursement of costs for our representatives and delegates to other Quaker organizations**\(^{17}\). Our budget recommendation is in budget Plan B and to do this in fiscal

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\(^{15}\) Full cost has usually been limited to economy (plan-ahead) airfare plus a range of other expenses from (1) registration, room, and board fees for conferences where such are required or (2) nothing more that travel where other Friends are expected to provide hospitality (housing and food).

\(^{16}\) ... from August 1991 RepCom there is the report in the minutes “Stratton also reported for the ad hoc committee answering RepCom 90-25 on delegates to other Friends bodies. This ad hoc committee has not concluded its work.” The referenced minute, in abstract, says “(after report from Nominating Committee and discussion - "our present policy is ambiguous" ..."the Yearly Meeting has established procedures for reimbursement, but ...this policy is complex and is not well understood by many Friends.")” “The Representative Committee approved the Nominating Committee’s recommendation that we appoint an ad hoc committee to study the issue of expense reimbursements to Friends appointed to represent Pacific Yearly Meeting to Friends' organizations, and to propose a written policy on the matter. The ad hoc committee will be appointed by the Clerk. It will include the clerks of the Finance and Nominating Committees, with some recent representatives to Friends' organizations. It will also review our policies on representation. The policy ultimately approved will be conveyed to the Discipline Committee.” (Members appointed were Asenath Young, Stephen Birdlebough, Paul Niebanck, Stratton Jaquette, Robert Young and Lowell Tozer.)”

\(^{17}\) Some will wonder why we are not also suggesting that we reimburse local travel at a much higher rate as well. Doing this would increase costs and assessments as well. Finance Committee has chosen not to suggest a change in our mileage rate for several reasons, two being (1) the marginal cost of operating a Quaker-friendly
year 2005. Finance Committee was hampered in developing the full cost estimates to recommend because these representatives do not tell the Treasurer or Finance Committee what the full costs are, nor do they tell us or the Yearly Meeting exactly what their responsibilities or opportunities are as PYM representatives, e.g., how many meetings and travel to where. In addition, some organizations change the relationship between PYM and our representatives without this being reflected in the minutes to PYM. We have therefore used our best guess based on possibly obsolete understanding of the relationship and expectations.

Some may find it a surprise that money does not grow on trees and that lunch is not always free. The implications of accepting Plan B, to pay the guesstimated full cost, is to increase the quota assessment of our meetings by 20%. Historically PYM has been loathe to increase assessments so significantly, so Finance Committee brings this recommendation with some trepidation. (The assessments are approved each year as part of the budget or as a separate minute.)

Our quota assessments to Meetings once changed slowly and smoothly, but in recent years, changes have been more pronounced. Here is a picture, based on reconstructed data, of the assessment trend. This shows the candidate $43 per member for FY05; the FY04 assessment was $36 per member.

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18 Our Yearly Meeting is perhaps unique in that the budget and Meeting assessments are not approved by a representative body of monthly meetings, as done nearly uniformly among Friends. Whoever shows up at the PYM plenary in which the budget is considered sets (approves) the budget and assessment for all our monthly meetings.
Understanding that insufficient time may be available to consider this radical change to Plan B in these yearly meeting sessions, Finance Committee has two other plans we could support and to which we could speak. Plan A is the “business as usual” approach, continuing our policy and practice of past years. For Plan A, we would budget the same level as last year, with no increase in quota assessments. If Plan A is approved, Finance Committee would request that significant time be set aside to review and consider the Finance Committee proposal (Plan B) at both Representative Committee next March and at Yearly Meeting sessions in 2005. Finance Committee is also prepared to address a Plan C, in which PYM retains the usual budgeted amount but reduces the number of representatives and delegates to each of the Friends Organizations to enable PYM to pay all, or nearly all, of the expenses those representatives will incur on behalf of PYM this next fiscal year. If we take Plan C seriously, we can either scale each line item’s representatives separately (the easy approach), or we can reallocate the total funds so that one or more outspoken constituency’s ox is not gored so badly. We would need to reflect on a Plan C from a centered meeting for business so that no one would think or speak in terms of constituencies or oxen – rather we should consider PYM and the Religious Society of Friends as a whole. Likewise, if Plan C is approved for FY05, Finance Committee would request that significant time be set aside to review and consider the Finance Committee proposal (Plan B) at both Representative Committee next March and at Yearly Meeting sessions in 2005.

Finance Committee brings the following alternate budget proposals to PYM for consideration, action, and approval in plenary session August 2004:\textsuperscript{19}

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Finance Committee recommends that PYM approve the assessment level for member meetings at $36, $43, or some other level, keeping that for Mexico City at $10.

Current PYM financial policy statements and reimbursement forms are available from Finance Committee clerk or Treasurer in paper form or electronically by e-mail.

Stratton C. Jaquette, Clerk
PYM Finance Committee\textsuperscript{21}

\textsuperscript{19} Detailed budget proposal(s) will be supplied separately.

\textsuperscript{20} Does not include $5,000 requested annually for Faith & Practice Pre-publication Reserve; does not account for possible augmentations of budgets or special requests PYM might approve in session in August 2004.

\textsuperscript{21} DJ Bloom, Nancy Curdts, Kitty Bergel, Karen Lawrance, Cliff Lester, Sherri Sisson, David Barrows, and Stratton Jaquette (\& Registrars and Statistical Clerk, \textit{ex officio} for some topics)
Our Concerns

"You never shared your faith with us!" This impassioned ministry to PYM propelled the Religious Education Committee forward to explore the state of religious education in our Meetings. We found that many, if not most, young people drop out of attending their Monthly Meetings around ages 11-13. Our young people leave us at about the age that many other cultures recognize as a spiritual as well as physical coming-of-age, the age when many Western mystics had their first transcendental experiences. They don’t leave because they have no spiritual awareness or hungers. Why do they leave?

Most of the work with teenagers does not happen in our Monthly Meetings, but at Quarterly and Yearly Meetings, and at Quaker Camp and AFSC Service Camp, where larger numbers of young people can gather. PYM today is blessed with a vital Young Friends group, testament to the remarkable successes of these programs in recent years. Yearly and Quarterly Meetings need to recognize their key roles in transmitting our Quaker faith to our teens. How can we do this work well?

Many people in Monthly Meetings labor in isolation at the important work of religious education with children and teens. Yearly and Quarterly Meetings need to discern ways to support this work. One volunteer committee, spread out over the state, is not equal to the work that needs to be done.

Youth and Quaker Community

Young people who grew up in PYM Meetings rarely speak about their lessons or curriculum, and only a small minority report connecting with meeting for worship at a young age. The most common reason given for staying connected to Quakerism is community, the connection with JYM and Quarterly Meeting friends, and with people in their Monthly Meeting community.

Our Faith and Practice is clear about the importance of including young people in the embrace of our Meetings, and instructs, "All adults in the Meeting should find ways to be involved in the children's lives." Faith and Practice gives our Oversight Committees the job of being "concerned for the nurture of the religious life of children and young people, for their participation in the Meeting, and their preparation for membership." Can we live up to these charges?

Our Activities This Year: A Meeting Visitation Process

Over the past five or six years our Committee has tried various means of supporting Monthly Meetings in their work with children and youth. We concluded that our most useful efforts were visits to Monthly Meetings. This year we worked on developing a formal visitation process modeled loosely on College Park Quarterly Meeting's State of the Meeting Clinic. We made our initial all-day visit to Central Coast Meeting. We look forward to future visits to other Meetings, at their invitation.

Recommendation: Join FGC

Our Committee recommends that PYM join FGC (Friends General Conference), with an eye to increasing religious education resources for the Monthly Meetings, and in other ways meeting our needs as religious educators. FGC develops and publishes curricula which many of our Meetings use, and offers an invaluable mail order book catalog which reviews a wide variety of resources for adults, children, and youth. It maintains religious education support staff. It publishes a regular religious education newsletter, which is sent to the constituent meetings of all member organizations. Besides its annual Gatherings, FGC sponsors religious educator conferences and Youthquake. Joining FGC would acknowledge the benefits we already receive from FGC, increase our participation in the broader Quaker community, and strengthen both FGC and PYM.

We're Available

Looking for resources? Want to know what other Meetings are doing? Want to invite us for a visit? Call us, or send email to quaker-re@yahoogroups.com.

Gail Eastwood, clerk (Humboldt), Robin Durant (Orange Grove), Susan Hopkins (Grass Valley), Marilyn Mohr (Santa Cruz), Peggy Ramsey (Orange Grove), Robyn Robbins (La Jolla/Redwood Forest), Sue Torrey (Central Coast)
Pacific Yearly Meeting
Statistical Clerk

Statistical Report on Membership – As of May 31, 2004
Presented to Plenary VII – August 7, 2004

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, 2004.

We continue with 37 constituent meetings. We have two (2) preparative meetings: Central Coast Preparative Meeting and Live Oak Preparative Meeting (formerly South County Preparative Meeting) both under the care of Santa Cruz Meeting.

Whitleaf Meeting was laid down during the statistical year that ended May 31, 2002. The disposition of the membership of Whitleaf Meeting is now complete. Whitleaf continues as a worship group under the care of Orange Grove Monthly Meeting.

Overall, we increased our membership by 13 members (bringing our total to 1,534 members (from 1,521 members). (See the attached Summary of Meeting Responses.) The three meetings with the largest membership are Berkeley, Santa Cruz, and Palo Alto (115, 105, and 97 members, respectively). The three meetings with the smallest membership are Guatemala, Pacific Ackworth, and Napa-Sonoma (5, 5, and 6 members, respectively). The three meetings with the greatest percentage increase in membership are Marin (33%), Los Angeles (11%), and Santa Cruz (7%).

The following table summarizes the change in the membership over the past five years.

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Gary Wolff, PYM Statistical Clerk
garywolff@earthlink.net
### Statistical Report - Summary of Meeting Responses - Statistical Year: June 1, 2003 through May 31, 2004

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* No report received.
PYM Registrars' Report
8-7-2004

Pacific Yearly Meeting 2004 -- Attendance Numbers

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In 2003, for comparison, at the University of San Diego, average daily attendance was 349 (high 360, on both Thursday and Friday), 66 commuters (high 69, on Friday) for a total average 416 (with a high of 429, on Wednesday).

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There are no “by region” statistics for attendance in 2003.

The oldest attender this year was aged 94, and the youngest was 10 weeks.

All numbers / quantities in this report are the best the registrars can offer; there are some inconsistencies, which have to do with the fact that we did different searches in the database to come up with the figures. We are continuing to seek perfection.

Yours in the Light,

Kim Lacey and Susie Stanley
PYM Registrars
Although members of the Latin American Concerns Committee have continued this year in active involvement in Quaker projects and issues in Latin America, there has been little activity in the committee as a whole. We will gather this August at the PYM annual session to worshipfully consider the work we are being called to do on behalf of the yearly meeting, and with God’s guidance, we will move forward.

Serving as a clearinghouse for information regarding Quaker meetings and projects in Latin America was the initial charge of this committee, and our work last year to create the LACC website (http://pymlacc.quaker.org) and to develop a network of meeting contacts has provided a good foundation from which to build. We hope to continue in this work to provide the PYM community with more complete and accessible information regarding Quaker opportunities for worship and service in Latin America.

The challenges facing the Casa de los Amigos in Mexico City have continued to concern many of us, yet so far we have not found a way to collectively put that concern into action. We will consider forming a subcommittee to address these concerns and to seek the ways this committee might appropriately serve the work of the Casa.

This past year our hearts and minds have been touched by Friends/friends across Latin America, and we continue to feel the importance of our connectedness. In our work together this annual session, we will seek to discern the shape this connectedness might take, and how we might be faithful to it.

Carin Anderson, clerk
for the PYM Latin American Concerns Committee
To Friends Everywhere,

The fifty-eighth session of Pacific Yearly Meeting met August 2\textsuperscript{nd} through 7\textsuperscript{th}, 2004, at Mount Madonna Center in California, a mountaintop island of redwoods and oaks surrounded by a sea of coastal fog.

Our week together began with welcomings: to Friends from many parts of the world -- Australia, Burundi, England -- and to Bruce Birchard of Friends General Conference. We welcomed a group of young Friends coming from the Shalom Project, a weeklong sojourn at an inner-city meetinghouse, called to explore more deeply their faith and the realities of inner city streets. We welcomed numerous bicyclists to our mountaintop, including an intergenerational group on a 2-day ride from San Francisco Meetinghouse, as we began to look more deeply at our ecological footprint. We also celebrated the recent legal affirmation of the marriages of our members who have been in long-term same-sex relationships. And we minuted our welcome of Fe y Practica, a Spanish-language edition of our Faith and Practice, brought to us by Friends in our Mexico City Monthly Meeting.

This year, more plenary time was intentionally devoted to greater discernment, to a searching for God’s guidance and wisdom.

We used that time to challenge ourselves to go deeper on fundamental issues: the health of our intergenerational connections, the challenges of living our seventeenth-century Peace Testimony in a twenty-first-century world, and the effort to address more directly the long-standing question of creating a Yearly Meeting permanent site. And we were challenged at our meeting for memorials by the loss this year of forty-two of our members, those “living testimonies” who have touched our lives in so many ways.

We undertook our work together from a place of deep spiritual listening, remembering always that the heart of our community is the meeting for worship. A Friend asked that we listen with our hearts and risk being transformed.

And from this place what did we hear?

We heard questions which were held up to the Light. Is our small size a blessing or a challenge? Have we lost the process of corporate discernment? Is it possible to be a “nominal Quaker”? Must we all dive deeply, or can we value small, steady steps into spiritual waters?

At this Yearly Meeting, our ears are opened to the cries of the Earth. In one Friend’s words, God gave us heaven, and this heaven is called earth. For the first time in the history of our Yearly Meeting, we began to get a more concrete sense of how heavily we tread upon this heaven. Through an ecological footprint questionnaire, we discovered that bringing more than 400 of us together required an extra 42,000 miles of driving, 2500 gallons of gasoline, and 40,000 sheets of paper. However, we shrank our food footprint, as the 60% of us who are meat eaters ate locally produced vegetarian meals.

We labored together on questions raised regarding a permanent site for Yearly Meeting. A group of Friends have been developing a site in the Central Valley of California and have offered it for use by the Yearly Meeting. We heard from those who yearn for home -- a home for our memories, our youth, and a place of witness. We heard from others who have concerns about right use of our resources, or whether such expenditures for site or even gatherings are in line with Jesus’ call for radical witness in the world. And we heard a common desire to continue our pursuit of greater clarity on this issue.

We listened to our yearnings for this beloved community. A Friend shared a desire for the radical faithfulness and fire of early Friends. A parent yearned for support from other adults in the community to raise our children. Another Friend asked for more joy in our Quaker life, in the sense of “making a joyful noise unto the Lord.”
several voices asked that we find ways to know each other more deeply and that we lovingly hold each other to accountability.

We were particularly opened to hear better the voices of the young among us. A young Friend, sharing his experience of a week in the inner city, asked us, “Have you actually been there, just to be there?” Another expressed a yearning for dialogue with elders and a desire to hear their stories. We heard that they yearn to feel trusted, to be taken seriously. They eldered us to give them equal recognition when they stand in plenary to speak, and they expressed appreciation for our willingness to be in greater connection with them.

Friends, we have begun a journey of taking a deeper look at who we are called to be as Quakers in this time. We look forward to sharing our progress on this journey. In this work, we recognize that it is the yearnings of the young which will guide our future. We leave you with ministry from one of these young Friends:

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\text{I see us all as an orchestra. Some instruments are playing loudly, some not at all, and some have forgotten how to play. We have no conductor; we must conduct ourselves.}
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\[
\text{But we must not be afraid of the music we'll play, who will hear it, or how it will sound to others, because I'm sure if we all play together, it will sound very beautiful.}
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For PYM Friends,
James Anderson, Clerk

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**Epistle from Young Friends, PYM 2004**

Much like the greater body of Pacific Yearly Meeting, the Young Friends group spent the week searching about what it means to be spiritual, in this community and in the world at large. From day one, when several Young Friends (along with others) biked about ten hours to reach Mt. Madonna without using fossil fuels, to our careful and deeply spiritual process for selecting representatives to the 2005 World Gathering of Young Friends, we showed our concern for expressing Quaker values in our lives.

At a discernment session about PYM and youth, the query was posed, “What do you yearn for, from your spiritual community?” That question remained in our collective consciousness throughout the gathering. As we questioned our faith, what membership in a Monthly Meeting provides, and acknowledged mistakes made towards and by us in efforts to foster community, many of us began to verbalize how our spirituality moves us and calls us to be bigger than we have seen ourselves to be.

For some Friends, moving up from Junior Yearly Meeting (JYM), the week was a time to get our feet wet. For some, the week was a chance to spend more time connecting with the greater PYM, in discernment, worship sharing, and interest groups. Nor did we forget our younger Friends: some of us braved the weed-infested pond to horse around with the elementary school group. We also “got personal” with JYM, during the “Respectful Relationships” talk, sharing both positives and negatives from our experiences in relationships.

Coming to clearness on who would be named as YF representatives to the 2005 World Gathering of Young Friends (the first in twenty years), turned out to be a deeply spiritual and therapeutic experience. The truth that came out of the worship was Spirit-led and full of both pain and joy for the Friends involved. Many of us also participated in a discussion about the idea of a permanent site. Views ranged from excited to apathetic, from passionately in favor to holding deep reservations. Though we could not reach unity, most agreed that the discussion was important and should continue.

The question of community also fueled our desire to “cross-pollinate” with young and not so young members of PYM. Young Friends started the week off with nearly twenty new faces in our ranks, compelling us to delve deeper into the sometimes difficult practice of building community. In playing volleyball, in swimming, in two off-site trips – one to the Santa Cruz boardwalk, and the other our annual “non-vegetarian” campout – we continued to build friendships. Creating the community we envision will be a long process, and we may never reach our ideal – we clearly don’t have unity about what that ideal is – but we enjoy being together.

In the Light,
PYM Young Friends
Epistle from Junior Yearly Meeting, PYM 2004

Dear Friends,

Speaking in silence,  
Ecstatic joy, grins and laughs,  
Friendships made evermore.

Junior Yearly Meeting grew tremendously in our understanding of the unfortunate barriers between generations apparent throughout PYM. Doors were opened to discussion early in the week. This was apparent in various programs, such as our discussion with Young Friends on “Respectful Relationships,” which created a deeper bond between our two groups as it had last year.

Our theme was also reflected in interest groups we attended, on subjects such as the draft, the Woolman Semester, and Pacific Friends Outreach Society, which addresses needs for a permanent PYM site. This was a topic of great controversy. Our active participation in the plenaries we attended demonstrated the passion we felt about the worship query “What do I yearn for, in my spiritual community?” and our need for a deeper connection between the youth and the greater PYM.

With love,  
PYM Junior Yearly Meeting

Epistle from Middle School Group, PYM 2004

To Friends Everywhere,

This year at Mt. Madonna, our mornings and afternoons were a combination of programmed learning and a sort of free time, with fun and games.

Mornings were filled with educational topics. We were privileged to have two Friends from Friends Committee on Legislation come talk to us about the death penalty. They knew a lot and had so many fascinating stories to tell us. We all benefited a lot from listening to them speak.

We also talked about sweatshops. We looked at all the clothes we were wearing to see where they were made. After each of us had made a list of the countries our clothes were made in, we looked at a world map and circled those countries. Some of them we had never hard of, like Myanmar.

We all looked forward to our afternoons. We played games like elbow tag, freeze tag, and big booty. We also swam in the lake, went to the Boardwalk, and attended a plenary with JYM, which we enjoyed a lot!

Overall, the week was a success. We loved becoming a community and had a great time, thanks to our new friends and teachers! Go-o-o Quakers!

Epistle from Upper Elementary Group, PYM 2004

Greetings to Friends of All Ages,

This year at PYM, we, the children of Upper Elementary, had lots of fun. Our biggest project was to make and fly kites. We got to swing on a rope swing, climb up a climbing rope, and go swimming in the pond. We learned songs, read stories, ate snacks, and (some of us) got scrapes and bee stings. We sang the “George Fox Song” every day.

We also got to see some very brave deer, who let us get very close if we stayed quiet. We saw at least one buck, several does, and two fawns. All in all, we had a really great time.
With love, from
Laura Adair, Robert Allen, Eli Fowler, Grady Fowler, Anthony Gillespie, Ty Graham, Mika Ingerman, Maya
Kratzer, Rose Mackenzie, Rose Mead, Rita Purcell, Eleanor Roberts-Caudle, Arielle Rubin, Lee Sisson

Epistle from Lower Elementary Group, PYM 2004

To Friends Everywhere,

How are you doing? Our friends here at PYM are really nice. Some of us didn’t like the vegetarian food at Mt.
Madonna this year, but some of us wanted to tell you we really liked the lunch, especially the chips and salsa, and
the Tofutti Cuties. (Max even liked the tofu!)

We loved the lake here and wished there had been more lifeguards and more volunteers in the afternoons, so we
could have swum more. We also loved playing with Legos and beads every day.

Some of us were here at PYM for the first time and were working on making new friends in our group of 15.
Some of us have been here lots of times: a couple of us eight times, one of us seven times, one six, and at least
one five times. A bunch of us also came to PYM before we were even born!

We love to see each other every year and do the things we love to do together. We wrote a poem about what our
spirit looks like:

What is Nature saying to my spirit?

    Listen
    Do not be afraid, because God is with you.
    Breathe.
    Be at peace.
    Relax.
    You are safe with God.
    Things will turn out okay.
    Be aware and look all around.
    Be aware of poison oak.
    Here is good, fresh air; you can always feel and hear things.
    You are being protected.
    You are important, but not more important than the trees and the animals.
    When you are quiet and listen, sometimes you will hear, and sometimes you won’t.
    You can be happy. Don’t worry what will happen.
    Peace.

Epistle from Preschoolers, PYM 2004

We played. We had some fights. We made up. We made very good friends. We like to explore a lot. We went
to a secret temple. It was dark. We had worship.

With love,
PYM Preschoolers
Ministry and Oversight Committee
Report to PYM, 8-7-2004

Since the last YM, M&O has met on three weekends and daily during this YM.

M&O works with the clerks and Committees who plan and arrange components of YM sessions with the hope of making this a successful experience. We pay particular attention to health and safety by knowing what resources are available among us regarding counseling, health, accessibility, and other special needs. For the past three years we have given particular attention to issues arising in and among the children's, teen, and young adult programs. We have worked with their clerks and committees to resolve problems and to bring their concerns to the attention of the YM. We look forward to joining with the Discipline Committee in offering a workshop at Ben Lomond Quaker Center on how Friends can use our Faith and Practice.

PYM M&O serves as the regional M&O for monthly meetings and worship groups that are not part of quarterly meetings. M&O committee members visit and/or correspond with Mexico City Meeting, Guatemala Meeting, and meetings and worship groups in the Hawaiian Islands. Friends traveling to these areas are encouraged to make themselves known to Friends there and attend worship when possible. M&O hopes some Friends will consider spending periods of several months or longer in Mexico City so that they might participate in the life of that small Meeting and also in the work of Casa de los Amigos. Visits with Mexico City Meeting in recent years led to the translation by a Friend there of our Faith and Practice into Mexican Spanish.

M&O Subcommittees:
Brintou Visitor: Eric Moon has visited many meetings in Washington, Oregon, and Montana but has some visits remaining, after which he will make a formal report.

Electronic Communications: At the request of M&O and Discipline committees, the Electronic Communications subcommittee is making our Faith and Practice available on the Internet in a secure format. The subcommittee has completed a web-site policy, which M&O is reviewing.

Adult Education: We are reviewing how this subcommittee might serve Monthly Meetings as well as sponsoring interest groups at YM.

Tom Farley, Clerk
PYM Ministry and Oversight Committee
Nominating Committee Report
approved Eighth Month, 7th day, 2004

Names in bold type were proposed during 2004 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)
2005 Jim Anderson, Chico

Assistant to the Clerk (one-year term)
2005 Bob Runyan, Chico

Arrangements Clerks (two-year terms)
2005 Brian Vura-Weis, Inland Valley
2005 Dotti Vura-Weis, Inland Valley
2006 Jan Tappan, Orange Grove

Historian / Archivist
2006 Pat Daggerty, Orange Grove

Reading Clerk (one-year term)
2005 David Lederman, Orange County

Recording Clerks (two-year terms)
2005 Joe Magruder, Berkeley
2006 Sandy Farley, Palo Alto

Registrars (two-year terms)
2005 Susie Stanley, Berkeley
2006 Kate Newlin, Strawberry Creek

Statistical Clerk
2007 Gary Wolff, Orange Grove

Treasurer
2005 Sherri Sisson, Orange County

Assistant to Treasurer
2005 David Barrows, San Diego

PYM Committees

Ministry and Oversight Committee
2005 James Navarro, Santa Cruz
2005 Ellie Huffman, Monterey Peninsula
2005 Joe Franko, Orange Grove, Clerk, 2004-5

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

2007 Jean Lester, Orange Grove
2007 Amy Elsbree, Claremont
2007 Zachary Moon, Strawberry Creek

SubCommittees of Ministry and Oversight and appointed by that Committee

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

BRINTON VISITOR
Sally Davis, Sacramento, Clerk; Tom Davis, Santa Cruz; Joan Johnson, Conejo Valley; Marilee Eusebio, Davis: Nancy Yarnall, North Pacific YM

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

WORSHIP SHARING
Eric Amen, Berkeley; Tom Farley, Palo Alto

SPECIAL FUNDS
Joe Franko, Orange Grove; Tom Farley, Palo Alto

ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION and RECORDS
Don Bean, Conejo Valley, convenor; Michael Eastwood, So. Humboldt; Jan Tappan, Orange Grove; Gary Wolff, Orange Grove
Children's Program Committee

2005
2005

2006 Susan Nickerson, La Jolla
2006 Chris Mohr, San Francisco

2007 ....
2007 ....
Ex Officio: Present and immediate-past Children's Program coordinators

Discipline Committee

2005 Jane Mills, Redwood Forest
2005 Langdon Elsbree, Claremont

2006 Ellie Foster, Santa Cruz
2006 Elsa Glines, Strawberry Creek

2007 Steve Birdlebough, Redw Forst, clerk 04-05
2007 Rachel Fretz, Santa Monica
Ex Officio: Historian/Archivist and PYM Clerk

East-West Relations Committee

2005 ....
2005 Ernest Bicknell, Berkeley

2006 Bill Bauriedel, Palo Alto
2006 Hannah Parris, Berkeley

2007 Carl Anderson, Clerk 2004-5
2007 ....
Ex Officio: PYM representatives to Friends House Moscow Board.

Finance Committee

2005 David James Bloom, Apple Seed
2005 Cliff Lester, Orange Grove

2006 Nancy Curdts, Redwood Forest

2007 Kitty Bergel, Orange County
2007 Karen Lawrance, La Jolla
Ex Officio: Treasurer(s), Asst Treasurer, Statistical Clerk

Holding Corporation Committee

(president named by HC Committee)

2005 Vanita Blum, Berkeley
2005 Karen Lawrance, La Jolla
2005 Guy Littman, Redwood Forest

2006 Lanny Jay, Redwood Forest
2006 John DeValcourt, Santa Cruz

2007 Harry Bailey, Grass Valley
2007 David Barrows, San Diego
Ex Officio: PYM Presiding Clerk, and Treasurer(s)

Junior Yearly Meeting Committee

2005 Judy Malcolm, Central Coast
2005 Karen Thompson, La Jolla
2005 Paul Harris, Redwood Forest, co-clerk 04-05

2006 Peter Arnold, Palo Alto
2006 George Parker, Humboldt
2006 Kathryn Manalo, Berkeley, co-clerk 04-05

2007 Barbara Babin, Palo Alto
2007 Winnie Sunshine, La Jolla
2007 John Pixley, Claremont

Latin American Concerns Committee

2005 Rolene Walker, San Francisco, clerk 04-05
2005 Michael Eastwood, So. Humboldt

2006 Liz Baker, Berkeley
2006 Ruth Ross, Orange Grove
2006 Lauren Mari-Navarro, Santa Cruz

2007 Linda Rowell, Chico
2007 Barbara Flynn, Redwood Forest
(and three members appointed by: Guatemala MM, Mexico City MM, El Salvador Project)

Nominating Committee

(nominated by the Naming Committee)

2005 Sharon Gates, Orange Grove, clerk 2004-5
2005 Rick Troth, Apple Seed
2005 Marilee Eusebio, Davis, clerk

2006 Eric Moon, Berkeley
2006 Darcy Stanley, Berkeley
2006 Jim Summers, La Jolla

2007 Elaine Emily, Orange Grove
2007 Forrest Parker, Humboldt
2007 Ann Harwood, Orange Grove
Peace and Social Order Committee
2005 John Helding, San Francisco
2005 Katherine Youngmeister, Strawberry Creek
2006 Micki Graham, Strawberry Creek, clerk 04-05
2006 Carolyn Stephenson, Honolulu
2006 Stephen McNeil, Strawberry Creek
2007 Hubert Morel-Seytoux, Palo Alto
2007 Bill Hayner, Inland Valley
2007 Jane O’Sheilds, Inland Valley

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

Religious Education for Children Committee
2005 Sue Torrey, Central Coast
2005 Gail Eastwood, Humboldt, Clerk 2004-5
2005 Sherri Sisson, Orange County
2006 Peggy Ramsey, Orange Grove
2006 Susan Hopkins, Grass Valley
2006 Robin DuRant, Orange Grove
2007 Robyn Robbins, Redwood Forest
2007 Marilyn Mohr, Santa Cruz
2007

Secretariat Committee
2005 Larry Perry, Strawberry Creek
2006 Claire Gorfinkel, Orange Grove
2007 Jim Eusebio, Davis, clerk 04-05
Ex Officio: Asst. to Presiding Clerk, Bob Runyan

Site Committee
2005 Roena Oesting, La Jolla
2005 John Pixley, Claremont
2006 John DeValcourt, Santa Cruz
2006 Emily Leo, San Jose
2007 Carol Mosher, Berkeley
2007
Ex Officio: Current and immediate-past Arrangements Clerks (Jan Tappan, Vura-Weises)

Unity with Nature Committee
2005 Douglas Hamm, Grass Valley
2005 Stephen Myers, Santa Cruz
2005 Carl Magruder, Humboldt
2006 Mary Ann Percy, La Jolla
2006 Kristina Perry, Humboldt, Clerk, 2004-5
2006 Susanna Matthay, Redwood Forest
2007 Michael Dunn, Inland Valley
2007 Dee Rossman, Strawberry Creek

Wider Fellowship Among Friends Committee
2005 Jan Tappan, Orange Grove
2006 Tom Davis, Santa Cruz
2007 Anthony Manousos, Santa Monica
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 members)
2005 Carl Magruder, Humboldt
2005 Walter Sullivan, Santa Cruz
2006 Joe Franko, Orange Grove
2006 Lanny Jay, Redwood Forest
2007 Katherine Youngmeister, Strawberry Creek

*Evangelical Friends Church Southwest
2005 Tom Davis, Santa Cruz

FRIENDS BULLETIN
Board of Directors
2005 Lanny Jay, Redwood Forest, Convenor 2004-5
2006 Janet Leslie, Chico
2007 Jo Ann Taylor, Santa Monica

Friends House Moscow
Board of Directors
2005 Julie Harlow, Davis
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)
2005 Sandra Gey, Berkeley
2005 Stephen Myers, Santa Cruz
2006 Suellen Lowry, Humboldt
2006 Hubert Morel-Seytoux, P Alto, Conv 04-05
2007 Stephen McNeil, Strawberry Creek
2007 Sally Davis, Redwood Forest

Quaker Earthcare Witness (formerly FCUN) -- two reps, two-year terms, appointed by Unity with Nature Committee

*Friends General Conference (FGC) (two-year term)
2006 Shan Cretin, Santa Monica

Friends Peace Team Project Board of Directors
(two representatives, three-year terms overlap)
2005 Rachel Fretz, Santa Monica
2007

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

*Friends World Committee For Consultation (FWCC) -- Section of the Americas
2005 Gloria Kershner, Grass Valley
2005 Roena Oesting, La Jolla
2007 Donna Smith, Orange Grove
2007 Michael Eastwood, So. Humboldt
2007

Representatives select one of their number as ex officio member of Wider Fellowship Among Friends Committee

World Gathering of Young Friends
August 2005, Lancaster, England
2006 Kate Newlin, Strawberry Creek
2006 Darcy Stanley, Berkeley

Pacific Friends Outreach Society (PFOS) Board of Directors
(Corporation independent of PYM, appoints own board)
2005 Jim Updegraff, Sacramento
2005 Ellie Huffman, Monterey Peninsula
2005 Bob Baker, Berkeley
2005 Liz Baker, Berkeley
2006 Hannah Parris, Berkeley
2006 Gary Wolff, Orange Grove
2006 John Davis
2007 Micki Graham, Strawberry Creek
2207 Debrah Armitage, Strawberry Creek
Ex Officio: member appointed by Lovett family

*Reunion General de los Amigos en Mexico (two-year term)
2005 Janet Leslie, Chico

William Penn House (one-year term)
2005 Hubert Morel-Seytoux, Palo Alto

PYM Junior Yearly Meeting
Nominated and approved by JYM attenders
Co-Clerks: Erin Marshall, Rebecca Sullivan, Bonnie Webster
Recording Clerk: Elena Anderson-Williams
Ministry and Oversight Committee: Shawn Parker (clerk), Sophie Brinker, Chris Cameron, Addison Eaton, Kira Kratzer, Seve Manalo, Gabe Martinez

PYM Young Friends
Nominated and approved by Young Friends attending
Co-Clerks: Arthur Carpenter, Martin Otero
Recording Clerk: Caitlin Theders
Ministry and Oversight Committee: Anne Bleile-Kratzer (clerk), Anna-Lisa Chacon, Sarah Rose House, John Loch, Becky Parker, Ryan Wilcox
Spirit and Light Gatherings, Ad Hoc Committee: Janine Carmona, Xavier Manalo
Electronic Communications Clerk: Colin Anderson

Pacific Yearly Meeting
Annual Session 2004

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PYM Peace and Social Order Committee
Report to PYM 2004

The principal work of our Committee this past year has been visiting Monthly Meetings, with the following objectives:

- establishing personal connections between our Committee, Monthly Meetings, and their P&SO committees, and considering how these connections might be sustained
- discovering where there is awareness, sensitivity, and energy for witness on P&SO concerns by individuals and Meeting communities
- explaining what our Committee is currently involved with, and exploring how we might support Meetings' witness
- reminding Meetings of the PYM 2003 minutes on universal healthcare, and offering materials and information to support Meetings' responses
- exploring interest in doing Meeting inquiries on “who we are as Quakers,” such as the one currently underway in San Francisco Meeting

We attempted to visit all PYM Meetings, but succeeded in visiting only about a third of them. For some of those, we managed only a visit with one or two members of a Meeting’s P&SO committee. We learned that Meetings require considerable advance notice, to arrange for visits. We also learned that the objectives we had set for such visits required more time than usually practicable. In some visits, we covered only some of the topics above; in others, we covered all of them but rather lightly. While we have already learned a lot, we are clear we have not tapped into the full range and measure of PYM Friends’ witness.

What We Found
The level and scope of activism: What we learned does not allow firm conclusions, but tentatively it seems that

- a fairly high percentage of members and attenders are active in some form of witness
- overall, Friends exhibit a wide range of personal and Meeting witness, local to global
- collective action tends to relate to local concerns, with Meetings supporting groups of members in specific actions (e.g., homeless young people, death penalty)
- notable exceptions to this included letterwriting opportunities (although sometimes intermittent) and actions related to the peace testimony
- all Meetings had made some witness for peace
- while many Friends and attenders clearly witness through “right livelihood,” we are not yet able to assess the extent and pattern of such witness
- not all Meetings have an active P&SO committee

Where is the Energy?
Meetings did not necessarily give priority to the concerns promoted by our Committee. However, Afghanistan and Iraq attracted much energy for witness throughout the Meetings visited. Friends participated in interfaith demonstrations, marched with Quaker banners in public protests, held weekly anti-war vigils, displayed banners outside their Meetinghouses, witnessed for peace at BART stations.

In addition to public witness, Friends reached out to Middle Eastern communities in a variety of way, organized a peace fair, and supported AFSC shipments of clothing to Afghanistan. Members of one Meeting were moved to train as volunteers with the CCCO [Central Committee for Conscientious Obstructors] for Counter-Recruitment and Hotline work; they now volunteer regularly and find it “soul-satisfying work.”

Some Meetings held sessions to reflect on the peace testimony and its implications; several of these gathered Friends from different Meetings together for such consideration. Concerned that we offer constructive alternatives in addition to opposing war, one Meeting invested considerable thought and effort in designing a new banner slogan.
Other Peace Witness: A number of Friends witnessed on Good Friday outside Livermore Labs. Meetings support individual Friends in their concerns: for tiled peace walls, accompaniment work in Colombia, against violence-based toys at Christmas.

Environmental Witness: There is a growing, but not yet characteristic, environmental concern and activism. One Meeting urges its members to levy on themselves a dime-a-gallon tax on gasoline, contributed to support environmental education. They also strongly promote bicycle use and carpooling.

Another Meeting now has a standing Committee on the Environment, separate from P&SO. In another Meeting, where two interest groups meet regularly to promote environmental and related economic/social awareness, several members have contributed to Quaker Earthcare Witness and its QE 101 study guide.

Other International Witness: One Meeting’s First Day School is engaged in learning about and supporting the Heifer Project, distributing breeding livestock to poor families.

State and National Witness: Several Meetings have active representation in Friends Committee on National Legislation (FCNL) and Friends Committee on Legislation in California (FCL). Several participate in discussions of FCNL legislative priorities, in FCNL letter-writing campaigns, and in voter registration. Financial support for FCL includes annual garage/yard sales, one run by three cooperating Meetings and another by two. Another Meeting has now laid down their annual sale and a year-round shop that had supported AFSC among others.

Not all Meetings have been active in supporting universal health care initiatives advocated by FCL and by our PYM 2003 minutes. Several have included information sessions as part of their adult education programs. Several have approved minutes of support for SB 921, sent in letters of endorsement, and will promote it again when reintroduced in 2005.

USA-PATRIOT Act: Two Meetings have made presentations to city councils, urging resolutions against continuation of this “war on terrorism” legislation. Working with the Women’s International League for Peace and Freedom and the Resource Center for Nonviolence, one Meeting also solicited and sent letters to legislators in Washington, urging its repeal.

Criminal Justice: Several Meetings have supported prison visitors. Training is being arranged for Friends to visit women at the Federal prison in Dublin. One Meeting has for several years held a regular monthly informational vigil against the death penalty.

Other Local Witness: Friends volunteer with the East Bay Sanctuary Covenant, the Berkeley Food Pantry at Friends Church, and a daytime drop-in center for homeless women. Friends as individuals and Meetings have been very active in promoting the Alternatives to Violence Project (AVP); see Subcommittee report attached.

Mutual Care: Several Meetings celebrated marriages for same-sex couples. Peg Morton, a Friend jailed for demonstrating at the School of the Americas, enjoyed Friendly visitors and meeting for worship while imprisoned at Dublin.

Vocational Witness: Several Friends engage in witness, paid or voluntary, in the legal, medical, therapeutic, and social welfare professions, in Quaker organization and ministries, and in the UN. Three are engaged in creating a Quaker Institute for the Future. Others are active in interfaith endeavors. Sometimes, these personal witnesses are endorsed and supported by those Friends’ Meetings.

Reflecting on Activism: In threshing sessions and in Meeting retreats, Friends have reflected on the peace testimony and on social activism and its basis in mysticism and Quaker spiritual values.
Who We Are As Quakers

As individuals, many of us witness in our livelihoods, and all of us, perhaps, to some degree devote time to peace and social activism. Many, active with specific concerns to which they devote personal energy, also join with others when Meetings adopt concerns about topical core issues, such as war and healthcare.

Some Meetings have active P&SO concerns reflected in the themes of adult education and retreat programs. Some Meetings have strong connections with state and national Quaker activist organizations (AFSC, FCNL, FCL, QEW). Some Meetings own the concerns and witness of individual Friends and provide clearness and support for them. Interest groups on specific issues are sustained and encouraged in some larger Meetings. Some Meetings promote a ministry of letterwriting, and Friends have had letters and op-ed articles published in local and national press.

Some Meetings have expressed interest in participating in a “who we are as Quakers” inquiry, but want a more specific format before proceeding. San Francisco Meeting, learning as they go, may provide a “pilot” for us. If we were to attempt such an inquiry on a Yearly-Meeting-wide basis, some consistency of approach would be essential. Our Committee needs to take a lead here, based on the San Francisco experience. (One early learning seems to be the need for opportunities for Friends to discuss what they’re doing, their concerns about that work, and what support they feel they need from their Meeting community.)

The Role of Our Committee

We did not hear from any Meeting urging us to take a concern to PYM plenary, or asking our Committee to season some new concern. We did hear from Meetings who would like to know what other Meetings are doing, to learn from their ideas and experience. We sense an interest in Meetings discovering who they are for themselves -- and an openness to the challenges of accountability and faithfulness to the testimonies.

There is also a desire for a corporate Quaker voice, and some frustration at the difficulty of finding this through Monthly, Quarterly, or Yearly Meeting. Some concern is expressed at the lack of followup or impact of minutes; We are not clear how we might respond to this.

Meetings responded appreciatively to our visits, and we are clear that this practice should be continued. It seems desirable that Meetings should prepare their own reports prior to our visits, and that our Committee should take the lead in designing a more detailed inquiry into “who we are as Quakers.”

Encl: Report of Alternatives to Violence Subcommittee
Alternatives to Violence Program Subcommittee
Report to PYM 7-23-2004

Submitted by John Helding (San Francisco), clerk; other members: Barbara Babin (Palo Alto), Shan Cretin (Santa Monica), Pat Hardy (Santa Barbara), Janet Riley (Central Coast), Walter Sullivan (Santa Cruz)

Our Subcommittee has had an active year. Existing prison programs at Chino Youth Facility and California Men’s Colony continue in conjunction with Santa Monica and Central Coast Meetings. We continued our oversight of the Quaker Center AVP series, and two new programs, associated with Palo Alto and Santa Barbara Meetings, have gotten underway. Our Subcommittee supported Honolulu Friends Meeting in conducting a Basic workshop in May, with hopes of starting an AVP effort in the islands. In addition, PYM/AVP has been instrumental in helping network AVP councils around the state of California. Detailed updates on four of these programs:

Santa Monica / Chino Youth Facility / Los Angeles AVP
Programs continue at Chino Youth Facility, with a second Advanced Workshop conducted recently. Efforts continue to expand the program to include youth facilitators and a workshop series for staff. Support from prison administrators has been inconsistent, but the team remains confident that this program can expand.

Central Coast / California Men’s Colony
This very active program, under the care of Central Coast Meeting, has offered workshops every month this calendar year, and trained “helper” inmates now assist with those workshops. We (our Subcommittee, Central Coast Friends, and inmate representatives) are currently planning a meeting with the new CMC warden to explain AVP and urge program expansion.

Palo Alto / Federal Women’s Correctional Institution, Dublin
A new AVP program, under the care of Palo Alto Meeting and eldered by our Subcommittee, has gotten up and running this year. An initial community workshop was followed in June by a “trial” AVP basic workshop, well received by participants and the sponsoring chaplain staff. We have been invited back to conduct a second basic workshop in early autumn.

Quaker Center AVP Residential Program
This was our fourth year conducting weekend AVP workshops at Quaker Center, a milestone as those trained in the first Quaker Center AVP functioned this year as facilitators. Unfortunately, our advanced and “training for trainers” workshops did not attract sufficient signups this year, due in part to the scheduling on holiday weekends. We look forward to AVP in the renovated Redwood Lodge next year.

Plans for Upcoming Year
1. Continue to support and nurture existing Quaker-affiliated AVP efforts
2. Work to expand AVP through other Meetings (e.g., Honolulu Friends), either by (a) introductory, one-time Basic Workshops, or (b) helping Meetings to set up AVP councils and organize workshops for themselves and their communities
3. Continue to work with California Department of Corrections on statewide level to encourage openings for more AVP programs
4. Support development of AVP database and website, to help us utilize PYM-affiliated facilitators, advertise workshop schedules, and better match up interested participants with available workshops
5. Work with other AVP programs in California, to create more coordinated statewide AVP effort:
   - With help of Central Coast Meeting, our Subcommittee will co-host second statewide gathering of AVP facilitators, October 23, 8:30 am to 5 pm, contact Pat Hardy or Janet Riley for more information.
   - In conjunction with other California AVP programs, our Subcommittee will co-host a third gathering in May 2005, at Marin Headlands Institute, north of San Francisco.