Pacific Yearly Meeting of Friends and Pacific Coast Association of Friends
August 12 to 15, 1954

Epistle

Dear Friends,

Pacific Yearly Meeting in session near Tacoma, Washington, sends greetings to Friends everywhere. We have heard with loving appreciation epistles from Meetings 'round the world and find that many concerns expressed by them are amongst those uppermost in our minds. We were especially happy to share the enthusiasm expressed by the Young Friends of New England Yearly Meeting. We have felt a loving concern for Friends in areas of great conflict such as East Africa and the Near East.

Reports from our Meetings have indicated a physical growth, a greater maturity and sense of unity. One new Monthly Meeting and a number of new worship groups were recorded. An enthusiastic Education Committee has made a compilation of valuable resource material for the educational needs of children and adults in our Meetings. Several of our members have been privileged to receive Quaker Leadership Grants for terms of study at Pendle Hill and visits to Quaker centers in Indiana and Eastern United States.

We have had a moving exercise over the meaning of worship, during which we passed from intellectual concepts to a living experience. This renewed our understanding that all right action is a phase of worship, even as action must depend upon inner direction. We humbly realize that we have often failed to find and reflect the true light which is unified, kindly, understanding and courageous.

We have been concerned about the meaning of membership in the Religious Society of Friends: by what methods we accept others into membership, and how we help them to become well integrated and effective members of our religious family. Our sense of being a family gathering and a part of the larger Friends' community has been very real.

While we encourage the growth of vigorous young branches pointing the way to newer fields of Quaker positive expression, may it never be forgotten that the true source of any present vigor is in the roots, and we must as Meetings and individuals constantly and positively nourish these roots, our Christian spirit. For in these roots is the source of every branch, of every leaf, and of all the fruit the tree has born during three hundred years.

For Pacific Yearly Meeting,
Phillip H. Wells, clerk

Minutes

The eighth annual session of Pacific Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends, and the 24th annual session of the Pacific Coast Association of Friends convened at Camp Glen Dawn near Tacoma, Washington, on August 12, 1954, at 8 p.m., with a period of worship.

The Clerk presented the tentative agenda.

The reports of Monthly Meetings and Friends' worship groups were presented as follows:

1) Victoria Monthly Meeting, B. C. — Patience MacLean.
2) Vancouver Monthly Meeting, B. C. — Monica Brown. (Including Kootenay Preparative, Calgary Preparative and Edmonton Allowed Meetings.)
3) University Monthly Meeting, Seattle — Ruth Schmoe. (Including Tacoma Preparative and Missoula Preparative Meetings.) Archer Taylor from Missoula spoke of his appreciation of the warm concern of people all over the country following his very severe accident.
5) Argenta Monthly Meeting, B. C. — Helen Stevenson.
6) Berkeley Society of Friends — Clarence Cunningham.
7) San Francisco Monthly Meeting — Fred Allan.
8) Palo Alto Monthly Meeting — Vern James. (Including Monterey Peninsula Meeting.)
9) Santa Fe Monthly Meeting — Marie Ar mangaud.
11) Stockton Monthly Meeting — Catherine Bruner. (Including Delta Friends Meeting.)
13) Claremont Monthly Meeting — Dorothy Saunders.
14) Orange Grove Meeting — John Dorland.

After a period of worship the meeting adjourned to meet the following morning at 9 a.m.

Friday morning session was opened by a period of silent worship which was shared by a number of children of the Meeting.

Epistles were read from the Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends of Philadelphia and Vicinity (Arch St.); Three Yearly Meetings of Canada; Illinois Yearly Meeting of Friends (General Conference); Baltimore Yearly Meeting (Stony Run); Philadelphia General Meeting. Illinois Yearly Meeting, perhaps, summarized for us all our condition when they warned of “the dangers of spiritual and psychological poverty of our overplenty.”

Reports of the Monthly Meetings were continued from the preceding evening:
15) La Jolla Monthly Meeting — John Ullman.
18) Tucson Monthly Meeting — Juan Pascoe.

Reports were heard from the following Friends groups:
1) San Fernando Friends Group — Ernest Von Seggern.
2) Whittier Unprogrammed Meeting — E. Roberts Richie.
3) Santa Barbara Friends Group — Virginia Leinau.
4) Hoopa Friends Group (including a report of the Hoopa work camp) — Robert Barns.

5) Flagstaff Friends Group — Frances McAllister.
6) Salt Lake City Friends Meeting — Freida Valentine of Westbury Monthly Meeting, N. Y.
7) Chico Friends Group — Tom Moore.

All of these reports continue the story of growth, both in established Meetings which find their physical facilities, even though new, too small, and in the appearance of new worship groups across Canada and up and down the western United States. Our children, the most important part of our growth, present us with the responsibility of religious education so that they may grow in participation in the Society. College Park finds itself in a “time of dryness” due to problems accompanying the impending passage of the new highway over Meeting property. Two new notes are heard more strongly this year than in the past: first, we feel the lack in our spiritual life and seek ways in discussion, study, and prayer groups to nourish our roots. To borrow Santa Fe’s expression — it is the “living tree” that we must nourish and not first even the vigorous branches of service and legislative concern. Secondly, membership — what is its significance and how do we live and work in unity, with the organization needed but without formalism?

The pressures toward conformity in our environment, both from government and from public fear, have been much with us. The reports showed a humble and objective sense of our shortcomings and of the business that we should be about.

A visitor, Yasuko Maikawa of Tokyo and Guilford College, was introduced by Floyd Schmoe.

The Clerk reported the Minutes of the Interim Committee meetings, held in March, 1954, at Berkeley, and just prior to the opening of the Yearly Meeting, August 12. The report follows:


1) West Branch Conference: The appointment of Francis Dart, Josephine Duveneck and Edwin Sanders to represent the Yearly Meeting at the West Branch, Iowa, conference on Civil Liberties was approved.

2) Assistant Treasurer: Fannie C. Timberlake was appointed to serve as assistant treasurer because of the expected absence of Robert Sinkin this summer and probably during Yearly Meeting.

3) Bluffton Conference: Margaret Sinkin was appointed as a delegate from Pacific Yearly Meeting to the Study Conference on Christian Love, to be held at Bluffton, Ohio, July 15 to 18, Robert Sinkin to act as alternate.

4) Membership Record Forms: The secretary presented membership record forms to be used in the Monthly Meetings. The Interim Committee felt that all Meetings should be encouraged to use these so that our records would be uniform and complete. Enough forms were distributed to last each Monthly Meeting for many years. The cost of these forms, printed on good, durable paper, is approximately 2c apiece. Monthly Meetings
are encouraged to reimburse the secretary for the forms they have.

August 12, 1954, Glen Dawn Camp, Washington

1) The committee approved $14.91 for expenses of the Education Committee in excess of the budgeted amount.

2) The Nominating Committee, appointed by the Clerk during the interim, was approved as follows:
   - Lyra Dann, chairman
   - Margaret Lorenz
   - Ann Salyer
   - Russell Jorgensen
   - Asenath Young

   Since three of these Friends are not at Yearly Meeting, these alternates were appointed:
   - Neal Lamb for Ann Salyer
   - Anna James for Russell Jorgensen
   - Frances McAllister for Asenath Young

3) It was recommended that the Nominating Committee be appointed for two-year terms, half the committee to be appointed each year.

4) The committee recommended the acceptance of San Fernando Friends Meeting as a Monthly Meeting of Pacific Yearly Meeting and continuance of the Yearly Meeting committee consisting of Edith Sperry, John Way, Ian Thiermann, and Lois Bailey for care and oversight of this Meeting for the coming year, and asked them to convey the Interim Committee's feeling that the Meeting Overseers should be members of the Society of Friends.

5) We have been made aware of the project called "a Pacific Friends Center" being developed in the Santa Barbara area for which funds are being solicited without the approval of any Friends group. Since this involves members of Orange Grove Meeting, we asked Orange Grove Meeting to appoint a committee to confer with Friends in Santa Barbara and Friends of California Yearly Meeting and to take whatever action is necessary to insure that whatever is done in the name of Friends is consistent with Friends' principles and is done with the consent of Friends.

6) Eubanks Carsner, Clarence Cunningham, Dorothy Lash and Ruth Schmoe were appointed to prepare an Epistle expressing the sense and spirit of this Yearly Meeting to send to Friends everywhere.

7) A meeting of the American Section of the Friends World Committee is planned for 1957. Tom Moore was appointed as representative of Pacific Yearly Meeting to the planning committee which will meet this fall for the first time. Phillip Wells and Edwin Sanders were suggested alternates.

8) The Interim Committee, after polling the Monthly Meeting, suggests that Yearly Meeting be held in Prescott, Arizona, from August 18 to 21, 1955, and that John and Ann Salyer, together with James and Edith Dewees, be appointed as a committee on arrangements.

9) Fred Allan, Elizabeth Cunningham, Dorothy Murray were appointed by the Clerk, in consultation with the clerk of College Park Quarterly Meeting, as a committee on arrangements for Yearly Meeting in 1956.

10) Tom Moore and Helen Stevenson were appointed to make arrangements for the control of doors at the beginning of meeting sessions.

The Yearly Meeting approved the decisions of the Interim Committee, adding a warm welcome to San Fernando Monthly Meeting.

The Treasurer's and Finance Committee's report was read by Vern James in the absence of Robert Simkin. We note the fact that Meetings now contribute more than individuals, reversing earlier experience.

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Report of Treasurer of Yearly Meeting
(detailed report attached to these Minutes)

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Financial Report of Editor of Bulletin

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The Yearly Meeting approved the reports, with the exception that it does not feel easy about accepting $25 interest from Robert Simkin and wishes to return it to him. We express also our appreciation for the services of Robert Simkin and Fannie Timberlake.

The report of the Education Committee was presented by Lois Bailey covering three areas: First-day Schools, adult study groups, and religious education in the home. Most Meetings have First-day Schools, where always the wide age range of children means special problems. Many adult groups are studying Quakerism. The committee has prepared a book of study plans, "Resources for Growth in Religious Education," for both children and adult groups, for the use of all Meetings.

In connection with this report, these various educational projects within the Yearly Meeting were presented:

1) Pacific Oaks Friends School, by Frances McAllister: This school has non-Friends as well as Friends on its board, committees and staff.
It has a program of community education to help parents and other people in the community to look at the world and its problems from the point of view of Friends, a nursery school with children from over 100 families, and a teacher education program in which an attempt is made to give good technical training in nursery school methods and also spread the spirit and philosophy of Friends education. The increase of participation in the school by parents and people in the community has been notable.

2) Pacific Ackworth School, by Marguerite Wells: Pacific Ackworth has 94 families, of which about one third are Friends. After long struggle with the question of whether to have all decisions made by the parents group or to have a director of the school, a choice was made for the director. John and Alice Way were made co-directors.

3) Friends Center in Seattle, by Hertha Atkinson: This is a home for girl students at the University of Washington which is strikingly international in character.

4) Camp Uanayee, at Ben Lomond, by Patricia Stewart: The Indian name, “Un-a-layee,” meaning “Place of Friends” was adopted in place of the former more cumbersome, colorless name. Two very successful inter-racial boys’ camps were held. The sponsoring committee hopes for continued and increasing support from Friends since, though success has come, the financial strain is considerable. The Yearly Meeting approved making an opportunity to contribute toward the expenses of the camp.

5) The Sequoia Seminar, by Lois Bailey: A letter was read from Louise Manley, who gave the Ben Lomond property to Friends. Mrs. Manley feels that the quality of the Seminar has more than justified her gift.

6) Second Annual Junior High Camp, sponsored by College Park Quarterly Meeting, by Fred Allan: This was a very lively and successful week at Lassen National Park and Clear Lake State Park.

7) Quaker Leadership Grants, by Tom Moore: Carmelita MacNichols, Ferner Nuhn, Albert Baez, and Tom Moore were four of the nine Friends who received summer Study Tour Grants. There are also year-long grants for study intended to contribute to the religious life of the Society of Friends. The summer study tour began at Richmond, Indiana, and the surrounding Five Years Meeting area, went on to the large Friends General Conference at Cape May, to Pendle Hill for intensive study and to become acquainted with Philadelphia Friends, to Washington to visit the Friends Committee on National Legislation and A.F.S.C. de-segregation work, and to New York to visit the United Nations and Friends working there. “This is the way to get over misconceptions about other kinds of Friends than ourselves.”

The meeting adjourned to meet at 8 p.m.

The Friday evening session began with a period of worship, followed by the reading of passages from Epistles having to do with the care and education of children. Epistles were read from Oregon Yearly Meeting of Friends Church; California Yearly Meeting; Australia Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends; New Zealand General Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends; Young Friends of New England Yearly Meeting. These last were concerned for a deepening practice of the presence of God and listed very practical ways in which this is to be carried out.

An additional Saturday afternoon session was agreed to by the Yearly Meeting.

The following visiting Friends were introduced:

Helen Scheiber, with a Minute from Salt Lake Friends Meeting;
Joseph Karsner, with a Minute from Philadelphia Monthly Meeting, Race Street;
Ward and Alice Miles were welcomed back into the Yearly Meeting and to Seattle after having had a sojourning membership in Philadelphia Monthly Meeting, Race Street.
Winifred Rawlins, now of the staff of Pendle Hill, gave a brief account of its character and purposes, hoping that Friends of Pacific Yearly Meeting would come to know it better and make more use of Pendle Hill.

A letter just received from Margaret Gibbins, whose visit with us last year was so memorable, was read. A returning signature greeting to Margaret Gibbins was proposed by Robert Dann. This was approved.

The chairman of the Discipline Committee, Eubanks Carsner, led off on the main subject of the evening: “Worship and Preparation for Worship,” recalling the story in which a visitor to a meeting inquired, “When does the service begin?” and was given the answer, “After worship.” We were reminded of the Query: “Do your meetings give evidence that Friends come to them with hearts and minds prepared for worship?” The discussion was begun by a question as to the meaning of worship and the warning that to worship is to be controlled; we must beware lest we worship and submit to false gods. There is only one teacher—the indwelling spirit of Christ in each one of us, through which we are to know each other. But worship is only reached when we transcend the intellect. We get beyond a critical, evaluating attitude so that we meet others in that which eternal, even when the ministry is faltering.

Yet, though the tide is in, often we miss it. Often our religious expression deals with the
trivial because we have not explored our inner lives and equipped ourselves with what we ought to express. Lack of preparation and the confusion of lateness to meeting are two obstacles to worship. Means toward preparation suggested were: cell groups within a Meeting, study hours before meeting dealing with such material as the Oxford pamphlets, and coming with the intention not simply to have God mediated to us by another but to commune directly.

The Clerk gave this summary: There is a need in us to be controlled, to receive, to worship and adore. If our service is to be real it is that we have received something in worship and pass it on; we do not imitate, we express the Spirit in us. To live by the rule is one of the most disastrous things we can do. If you try deliberately to be loving and kind because you think you should imitate, you put on something from the outside, you waste your life, and worse—you do great damage. If you live by the Spirit, you live from the Center within you. In worship we search for the center in ourselves and in one another, "from whence cometh our help."

After a period of quiet the meeting adjourned to meet Saturday morning at 9 a.m.

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The Saturday morning session opened with a period in which the spirit of the evening before continued in worship, in which we acknowledged a need for a haven of refuge.

Epistles were read from these Yearly Meetings beyond our shores: Jamaica Yearly Meeting of Friends; France Yearly Meeting; Sweden Yearly Meeting; Yearly Meeting of Friends in East Africa (Kenya); Near East Yearly Meeting, Denmark Yearly Meeting of Friends; Pemba Yearly Meeting of Friends. These brought us the living sense of oneness with Friends everywhere of which they spoke.

Visiting Friends were introduced:

Lewis and Lois Hoskins of the A.F.-S.C. and Oregon Yearly Meeting;
Lois ONeal of Providence Meeting, Media, Pa.

The report of the Yearly Meeting secretary was given by Frances Woodson in the absence, because of illness, of Isabel Fothergill Smith.

Total membership, June 1, 1953 1,015
Losses by death or removal 39
Gains by conviction or transfer 132

Total gains 93

1,108

It was proposed and approved that we write a letter to Isabel Smith. Lois Bailey was named by the Clerk to see that this letter is written.

The report of the Bulletin Committee was read by Grace Lawrence. The committee suggests that each Monthly Meeting see that every member and regular attender receives the Bulletin, and take responsibility for collections. The committee also suggests a central office for the Yearly Meeting. The Bulletin editor's office has become the Yearly Meeting office, where lists of Friends are kept, and literature and information, such as addresses, given out. The committee also feels that Friends should be aware of the trend toward amalgamation of Friends' magazines. The report closes with a reminder that though readers would like to see more articles of an inspirational or religious character, these articles do not float down from the sky. Appreciation of the Bulletin and of the fine work of the editor was expressed. Hope was also expressed that we may soon enlarge the Bulletin. On the matter of amalgamation, it was pointed out that our direction of expansion is south and west, where people feel more isolated—rather than east. We are Friends on the Pacific Rim. Another suggestion is that an article be written for the American Friend to describe Pacific Yearly Meeting for Five Years Meeting Friends and others.

The topic of membership, "Who are members and how do they become members?" was introduced by Eubanks Carsner, who said in part, "The principles of order and discipline by which a Religious Society of Friends is organized and is guided or controlled, are arrived at by consent. This discipline is altered and grows by persuasion." This persuasion is of one Friend by another and of the individual or the group by God.

At the outset, specific questions were asked: What do you do? How do you guide? New members were asked how it seemed to them—what had been their experience. Out of the answers and discussions came these points: Worship is the purpose of meeting and this determines the method we use to draw in members. Our purpose is to be a meeting for worship; we do not gather singly and individually in the same room. A Meeting is intended to be an instrument for helping us grow unto God, and it may be that a Meeting does not have what some seeker needs to grow in this way. To this, the answer was made that the Meeting may not know what it has to give. One gets a fellowship in seeking which can not be explained—a discipline we come willingly to accept. We were reminded that until the Meeting for Sufferings was formed, the Society of Friends in its early years had no membership—it was a fellowship of seekers, "a movement, not a sect," in the words of Rufus Jones. Now, however, as we try to clarify what we are doing, we find ourselves rediscovering that the old, careful procedures are not empty forms, but good. Yet we are
warned that we can make no absolute statement about a human institution called the Society of Friends. The decision that we make is of obedience to the Inward Light; the discovery is of the divine life. We run into danger if we identify this with the Society of Friends. Nor should we judge and exalt membership beyond our own ability to pass the test.

The Clerk quoted Robert Frost’s “Something there is that does not love a wall, that wants it down . . . Good fences make good neighbors.” We would have a free fellowship in which we are all Friends to one another and in which there are no worries—but just as a family has limits and can not stand invasion and encroachment from outside without doing violence to the children, so a Meeting must be a religious fellowship with limits and shared responsibilities. In this way its members can be free to be good neighbors to all those outside the Meeting. To exclude others from our immediate fellowship does not exclude them from the “beloved community.” To feel that some one is not a member of Meeting is not to say that he is inferior or of less value, and more than it is to say of the people who live next door that they are not part of our family. They are a different family—not better or worse. We have not faced this question in its specifics, not yet come to grips with the question of who are members and how they become members.

The meeting adjourned after a period of silent worship to meet at 1:30 p.m.

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The Saturday afternoon session began at 1:30 p.m. with a period of worship. For University Meeting, Ethel Miller read a report of their concern for the legal control of alcoholic beverage advertising on television. University Meeting has been one of the agencies in getting an initiative measure to control this placed on the ballot in Washington. We approve and endorse this effort, urge them to continue, and recommend it to other Monthly Meetings.

The report of the Visitation Committee was given by Robert Dann. (It is attached to these Minutes.)

The Yearly Meeting concurred in the recommendation: Friends who have a concern to travel in the ministry should present it first to their Monthly Meeting and be liberate for such service by the Meeting; and that the application for funds should come from the Meeting, rather than from individuals.

The Clerk introduced Joseph Karsner, who talked on the Friends World Committee. This spring the committee appointed a new full-time secretary of all the sections, Ranjit Chetsingh. Pacific Yearly Meeting has been entitled to four representatives on the World Committee; now, because of increase in membership, five. An office of the American Section is to be set up in the “West”—Wilmington, Ohio, with Ralph Rose as associate secretary. Ralph Rose’s job will include visitation with 90 small independent Meetings in the United States and Canada, and with Friends’ associations. Friends World Committee, in cooperation with the A.F.S.C., has established Quaker House in New York near the United Nations. Through the World Committee, the Quaker Team there is recognized as from one of the non-governmental organizations accredited to the U.N., where it has worked on intergovernmental understanding, technical assistance, human rights, and has come to be trusted by U.N. delegates. The Wider Quaker Fellowship, presided over by Emma Cadbury, now has 4,000 members. The Yearly Meeting listened with interest and delight to this report.

A letter was read from Ellis and Margaret Jump, attending German Yearly Meeting at Bad Pyrmont, where they find the questions facing the Meeting much the same as those that trouble us, and find themselves asked particularly to interpret American fears, which puzzle and trouble Europeans. It was proposed and approved that we send a letter of greeting to the Jumps.

Winifred Rawlins suggested a letter of thanks to the proprietor of the Green Parrot Inn for his hospitality to waiting Friends. Winifred Rawlins was asked to write it.

The Clerk read a letter from Errol Elliott, warmly inviting Friends of Pacific Yearly Meeting to attend Five Years Meeting in 1955.

The meeting closed with moving pictures, with commentaries by Floyd Schmoe and Joseph Alter, on the work of Houses for Korea.

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The Saturday evening session began with a time of silent worship. Epistles were read from Indiana Yearly Meeting, and Baltimore Yearly Meeting of Friends (Homewood). Other Epistles have been received from Baltimore Junior Yearly Meeting; Yearly Meeting of Friends in Ireland (Dublin); Jamaica Junior Yearly Meeting of Friends. Netherlands Yearly Meeting; New England Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends; New York Yearly Meetings Young Friends; North Carolina Yearly Meeting; Norway Yearly Meeting of the Society of Friends; Western Yearly Meeting of Friends Church; Wilmington Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends; Wilmington Junior Yearly Meeting.

In the absence of John and Ann Salyer, co-chairmen of the Committee on Indian Affairs, Juan Pascoe was asked to report, and also describe his work with the Papago Indians which is carried on out of the Southern California
A.F.S.C. office. Indian work actually began with the Indian Center in Los Angeles established by California Yearly Meeting, and soon to be taken over by an all-Indian board. Juan Pascoe is one of three field workers, of whom one is in Flagstaff, one in Central Arizona at Phoenix. In southern Arizona Juan and Dorothy Pascoe work on the invitation of the Tribal Council. A Papago Self-Help Program Committee on the reservation, facing the urgent need to develop their natural and human resources, is beginning to take leadership. In Tucson, Friends are helping encourage Indian students to attend the university, and study the peculiar problems of their people so that they may go back to the reservation as leaders.

Vern James presented the proposed budget for consideration and later decision.

The Clerk introduced the subject of the balance between worship and service. There is a tension between our worship and service which sometimes creates imbalance.

John Ullman presented a Minute from members of Meetings in the Southwest, as follows:

The Interim Committee of March, 1954, considered the suggestion of several Friends from Southern California for the establishment of one or more Quarterly Meetings in that area. Continuing this interest, members of nine Monthly Meetings of the southwest now ask the Yearly Meeting to unite with us in this concern for Quarterly Meetings, emphasizing spiritual growth and fellowship.

John Ullman
Eubanks Caibrner

Recognizing the problem of geographical distances, but feeling that Quarterly Meetings will be a help to the life of the Yearly Meeting, the Yearly Meeting approved the idea of Quarterly Meetings, regional or otherwise, and encouraged these Friends to go ahead with their concern.

Fred Allan presented a Minute from San Francisco Monthly Meeting, forwarded by College Park Quarterly Meeting, expressing concern that Friends groups other than Monthly, Quarterly or Yearly Meetings, make pronouncements on political or controversial matters which might be interpreted as the policy or belief of the Society of Friends. In the discussion that followed, it was brought out that each individual Friend or group of Friends, whether a regularly constituted Meeting or a committee, can speak only for themselves and for the Light as they see it. All of us need to be aware of this limitation on our authority and to make it clear. Some Friends felt that the A.F.S.C. had not always been clear about this; and although, as Lewis Hoskins pointed out, the A.F.S.C. board speaks only for itself with its views rising from the meeting for worship and fidelity to the peace testimony, it remains true that releases identified "The American Friends Service Committee (Quakers)" naturally lead newspapers and public to take it as representing the Religious Society of Friends. Most of us have had the experience of having some one say something as a Friend with which we were in sharp disagreement but which was interpreted as being for all Friends. This is a penalty we should not fear but which we pay for belonging to a Society which encourages each person to speak the truth as he sees it. Such occasions as this give opportunity for growth in love among ourselves and others. The Truth we seek is beyond any one of us and often search creates diversity on the way to unity. Rather than the voices of Friends, or the voice of the Society, the authority which should be voiced is that which begins, "Thus saith the Lord..."

The meeting closed with a period of silence.

The final session opened on Sunday afternoon, with a period of worship, following which the Clerk read this selection from Ecclesiastes 3:1-10:

"For everything there is a season and a time for every matter under heaven: a time to be born, and a time to die... a time to break down, and a time to build up; a time to weep and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance; a time to seek, and a time to lose; a time to keep silence, and a time to speak; a time to love, and a time to hate... He has made everything beautiful in its time; also he has put eternity into man's mind, yet so that he cannot find out what God has done from the beginning to the end."

The Clerk introduced Lewis Hoskins and invited him to speak of what seemed to him significant. He began with issues in the field of civil liberties, of which the West Coast so far seems more aware, although there is a growing concern in Philadelphia and among all Friends. There is some reason to hope that we may have turned the corner, and Friends are concerned to find the proper channel through which to add our weight. Commenting on the work of the A.F.S.C., Lewis Hoskins spoke of: 1) Foreign service — for which contributions have somewhat dropped off. The emotional appeal of the war is over and the long-term building of the conditions of peace is slower and less dramatic. 2) The concern for C.O.'s to whom the A.F.S.C. is offering a counselling service. 3) Concern felt at the revival of the drive for UMT following the Hannah Commission Report. Legislation is scheduled for January and Friends and others need to be alert. 4) De-segregation — A real revolution in race relations has taken place in our nation's capitol. The A.F.S.C. is at work in Washington, and in the South. North Carolina Yearly Meeting particularly has an active concern. 5) International affairs — In their Washington seminar, international centers abroad, and the seminars in France and Switzerland, the A.F.S.C. is trying to convey the faith that peace can be found. In the Washington
The seminar, one hears restated by non-Friends in modern scientific language the religious insights of Friends three hundred years ago. The seminars abroad have created some lasting friendships and better understanding among young diplomats which could affect the relations of nations. In all that they do the A.F.S.C. tries to keep as close to the religious life of the Society as it is possible to be. The new plans for the use of corporation members and the Representative Council look toward a closer relation between the A.F.S.C. and Yearly Meetings.

Margaret Lorenz presented the report of the Nominating Committee. These changes and appointments were made: Henrietta Darling, whose resignation was accepted, was replaced by Benjamin Darling on the Finance Committee. Josephine Duveneck, Frederick Post, and William Laughlin were added to the Committee on Indian Affairs. The final report was approved as follows:

**Presiding Clerk:** Ruth Schmoe  
**Alternate Clerk:** Lyra Dann  
**Recording Clerk:** Catherine Bruner  
**Reading Clerk:** Clarence Cunningham  
**Secretary:** Frances Woodson  
**Treasurer:** Robert Simkin  

**Bulletin Committee:** Grace Lawrence, chairman, Esther Richards, Ferner Nuhn, Robert Dann, Eleanor Brownell, Gretchen Tuthill, Martha Vallance.

**Finance Committee:** LaVerne Taylor (3 years), Neal Lamb (3 years), Charles Kelly (2 years), James Riddles (2 years), Vern James (1 year), Benjamin Darling (1 year).

**Visitation Committee:** Josiah and Ruth Russell, chairman, E. Roberts and Dorothy Richie, Mary Campbell, Heberto and Suzanne Sein, Russell and Mary Jorgensen, Olivia Davis, William and Anna James, Alfred and Dorothy Lash.

**Education Committee:** Lois Bailey, chairman, Pauline Hare, Jennivieve Westwick, Jeanette Griggs, Frances McAllister, Dorothy Lash, Lois Scholl, Beth Prideaux, Dorothy Pinney, Philip Wells, Fred Allan.

**Committee on Indian Affairs:** John and Ann Salyer, Robert Barns, Josephine Duveneck, Frederick Post, William Laughlin.

**Discipline Committee:** Eubanks Carner, Anna Hamilton, Asenath Young, Robert Dann, Francis Dart, Margaret Lorenz.

**Representatives to Friends Organization:** to Pacific Rim Committee, Friends World Committee: Edwin Sanders; to American Section, Friends World Committee: Floyd Schmoe, (2 years), Benjamin Darling (2 years), Ferner Nuhn (2 years), William James (1 year), Leslie Spelman (1 year); to American Friends Service Committee: Robert Young (1 year), Catherine Bruner (2 years); to Friends Committee on National Legislation, Georges Weber, Elinor Ashkenazy, Lois Barton, Stanley Shaw.

**Committee on Permanent Records:** John Dorland, chairman, Elizabeth Lantz, Ward Miles.

The Meeting approved an expression of deep gratitude to Phillip Wells for his clerkship of the past three years.

A returning Minute for Joseph Karsner was approved; and appreciation and satisfaction in the visit of Lewis Hoskins was expressed.

Vern James presented again the report of the Budget Committee, which recommended the budget allowance for officers as well as delegates be allotted on the basis of 2c per mile. The total allowance of $1000 remains unchanged. The report was approved.

**BUDGET FOR 1954-55**

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The Yearly Meeting was appreciative of the many efforts made by Friends of University Monthly Meeting, particularly those responsible for child care, in providing for our care and comfort during our stay in Washington.

Letters of thanks to the proprietor of the Green Parrot Inn and to the Reverend Malcolm Lange, director of Glen Dawn Camp, were read and approved. The letter to Isabel Fothergill Smith was read and approved.

The Epistle from the Yearly Meeting was read and approved, and the Clerk directed to send it to Friends everywhere.

The Meeting approved sending letters to three Friends who have not been able to be present this year: Effie McAfee, and Andrew and Hannah Erskine.

The Clerks presented the closing Minute: Friends of Pacific Yearly Meeting and of Pacific Coast Association of Friends have met in a forest camp on the shore of a small lake in Washington. We have been aware of a growing unity as we ask for guidance and as we follow that guidance under the many diverse circum-
stances in which we find ourselves in our daily lives.

After a period of worship we adjourned to meet again in Prescott, Arizona, August 18 to 21, 1955.

Phillip H. Wells, Clerk
Catherine Bruner, Recording Clerk

**FINANCIAL STATEMENT, AUGUST, 1953 TO AUGUST, 1954**

**Receipts**
Balance in hands of Y. M. Treasurer $ 527.86
Individuals Contributed 20.00
Monthly Meetings and Groups Contributed:  
Orange Grove $ 522.00  
Seattle 250.00  
Willamette Valley  
For last year ... $ 82.50  
For this year ... 165.00  
  247.50  
Berkeley  
Albuquerque 116.00  
Los Angeles 110.00  
Palo Alto 100.00  
Claremont 96.00  
Tucson 93.00  
San Francisco 80.00  
La Jolla 70.00  
San Fernando 65.00  
Riverside-Redlands 60.00  
Phoenix 51.00  
Mexico City 50.00  
Santa Monica 42.00  
Vancouver (Canadian, $20) 20.40  
Monterey Peninsula 13.00  
  2137.90  
Beulah Park Profit 806.52  
Education Committee 20.00  
Sale of literature and membership forms 19.65  
Peggy Church, refund of Visitation Grant 100.00  
Interest paid by Robert Simkin 25.00
  $3656.93  

**Payments**
Friends Bulletin $1400.00  
Membership record forms and Expenses of Clerks and Secretary 151.99  
Visitation 905.00  
Education Committee 75.00  
Friends World Committee 150.00  
Balance in hands of Treasurer 974.94
  $3656.93  

**TRAVEL POOL, 1954**

**Receipts**
Balance from last year $ 286.64  
Willamette (arrived late) 10.00  
Albuquerque (refund) 14.60  
Argenta 18.80 18.80  
Vancouver 30.00 7.00  
Victoria 30.00 7.00  
Willamette 78.50 10.40  
Berkeley 50.00 34.40  
San Francisco 34.40 34.40  
Palo Alto 30.00 35.60  
San Jose (College Park) 30.00 36.40  
San Fernando 30.00 44.60  
Orange Grove 75.00 45.00  
Santa Monica 30.00 45.40  
Los Angeles 30.00 46.00  
La Jolla 30.00 50.60  
Claremont 46.60 46.60  
Riverside-Redlands 30.00 47.40  
Phoenix 30.00 62.00  
Tucson 30.00 67.60  
Albuquerque 30.00 63.00  
Santa Fe 40.00 60.40  
Mexico City 30.00

**Visitation Committee Report**

During the past year the Visitation Committee has aided financially in the visits of Freda Way, who traveled in Northern California and visited isolated Friends in Arizona and New Mexico on her return journey to Antioch College in March; and of Ruth Wendt who visited in the Bay Area in May, met with Arizona and New Mexico Friends at Greer in June, and visited extensively in the west and northwest in July.

Funds were advanced to Margaret Simkin for travel to the Detroit Conference on The Church and Peace, and to Francis Dart to attend the Conference on Civil Liberties at West Branch, Iowa. At the Interim Committee meeting in April, it was decided that a separate fund should be set up for sending delegates to conferences, and the money that had been advanced to Francis Dart was returned to the Visitation Committee budget.

At the Interim Committee meeting, a suggestion was made by the Quaker Seminar Committee that a "visitor" should undertake an extensive program of travel with the aim of publicising the seminar and also the Boys' Camp at Ben Lomond. This suggestion was carefully considered by the Visitation Committee and approved; but not until after considerable searching into the purpose in general of visitation. The sense of this exercise was that visitation resources would best not be used to promote the concerns of special groups, and that an intention to visit should arise from a deep spiritual concern on the part of the individual. In short, visitation is "traveling in the ministry" and the religious motive must be primary. Visitations on behalf of the Quaker Seminar was not carried out.

After working on various problems in connection with visitation this year, the chairman of the committee would like to suggest that visiting should not be undertaken hastily: that an individual's concern in all cases be presented to his Monthly Meeting and if approved, he should be liberated formally as a visitor and given a travel Minute. As one who has travelled
widely in the Meeting herself, the chairman is well aware of the cost in time and energy to those who provide hospitality to the visitors. When we think of spending Pacific Yearly Meeting funds we must also think of the expense to those visited and try our best to make sure that Meetings and individuals are not overburdened with messengers carrying out concerns of local groups.

Several announcements appeared in the Bulletin regarding available visitors; Meetings and individuals were requested to let us know if they wished to be visited. There were only two Meetings and two individuals who asked to be visited.

Some members of the committee have visited rather widely in their own local areas. Of special interest is the report from Suzanne Sein who wrote in April that she had visited the Meeting in Paris, France, as well as individual members; she had a chance to speak to the Meeting there as well as to the Meeting in Geneva. Euberto Sein attended an international conference in San Jose de Costa Rica in January; while there he visited the Monteverde Community and attended the meeting for worship organized by a few Friends in Costa Rica. He also visited the Friends Service Unit in San Salvador.

Eubanks Carner and Ferner Nuhn visited meetings in the Southwest; Ferner Nuhn undertook some extensive travel, under the auspices of the Fellowship Council, to unaffiliated Meetings in the south on his way to Pendle Hill this summer. Robert and Margaret Sinkin will have been among the most widely traveled members of our Meeting this year, when they return from a journey to Maine and attendance at a number of Yearly Meetings east of the Rockies.

Such visitation is, I am sure, rewarding to the visitor and to the Meetings and individuals visited. In closing, it might be well to repeat two recommendations. Meetings or groups of Friends who wish to be visited should make contact with the Visitation Committee or with the Bulletin. Friends who have a concern to visit should be endorsed by a Minute from their Meeting and should notify the Visitation Committee. The Committee will probably ask the individual to assume responsibility for arrangements, but can be helpful with recommendations, names and places, and possibly finances.

-Peggy Church, chairman

TO THE YEARLY MEETING, FROM SCOTLAND

28 House o’Hill Ave.
Edinburgh 4
9-8-54

Dear Friends

As you meet once again in Yearly Meeting, my thoughts and love are with you all. I shall never forget the great privilege I enjoyed last year, visiting in your homes, taking part in the seminar at Ben Lomond and attending Pacific Yearly Meeting itself. I don’t think I have ever before been so conscious of such great fellowship, and I was so indeed bless with you all.

This past year has flown, and I have been kept very busy, visiting meetings here, telling Friends about Friends in America, and trying to spread the friendship and love I found among you. I’ll never forget meeting for worship on Sunday morning with you, when dear Andrew Erskine recited “Dear Lord and Father of Man-kind” and then stuck at “Drop thy still dews of quietness.” Do you remember how the whole Yearly Meeting joined in, and we said it together?—A moment or two later Robert Sinkin rose and said, “That’s it—not one of us has the whole answer, each one of us has a little bit, and if we are willing to give what we have, we’ll go forward together.” These two dear Friends will probably have forgotten, but I haven’t—it is so very true.

We’ve just finished a very wonderful Yearly Meeting at Birmingham; you will have our Epistle, plus covering letter. There has been a great realization of the need for a return to study of the Bible—not merely to acquire knowledge, but so that we may learn more of God. I know that during this winter some of us have studied intensively the Records of the Life of Jesus, and we have truly reached greater depths.

As you meet, I pray the sessions are searching and real. I had hoped to write many individual letters but this will have to suffice just now. My dear love to all of you. May God be with each of you.

-Margaret Gibbins

TO THE YEARLY MEETING, FROM GERMANY

Bad Pyrmont, Germany
31 July, 1954

Dear Friends,

We send our warmest personal greetings to our friends in Pacific Yearly Meeting from Bad Pyrmont, where we are joining in the fellowship of German Yearly Meeting. We once again are discovering how similar Friends everywhere are. The concerns before German Yearly Meeting are very much the same as our concerns in Pacific Yearly Meeting: What can we do, individually and collectively, as Christians and as Friends, to relieve the fears and pressures between nations; how can we cleanse the wells of our spiritual lives; how can Meetings bridge the differences between older and younger Friends and speak to the condition of young people who are seeking?

As Americans, “foreigners,” working in Europe, we feel humble and inadequate before the repeated inquiry, “What is happening to the United States?” and particularly when the Yearly Meeting here approved a strong Minute protesting the senseless development of the hydrogen bomb. Friends here, however, realize that many of us in the United States are likewise disturbed over the seeming reliance on military force in American foreign policy.

The preoccupation in the United States with Communism is difficult for Europeans to understand. Many people here have experienced the worst aspects of this form of government, yet they do not have the fear which has developed in America. Perhaps the reason is that here one deals with Communists, men and women, while in the United States many people are fearful of an idea, and insidious force which is thought to poison even the unwary bystander with its contagion. We don’t fear men; we fear only our own phantasies. We pray that all Americans may soon recover confidence and self-reliance in our rich heritage of individual freedom and faith.

With best wishes to all,

Margaret and Ellis Jump
APO 175, c/o P.M., New York
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