

Pacific Yearly Meeting

Eldering Subcommittee of Ministry

Report to Representative Committee 2022

The Eldering Subcommittee has continued to support the spiritual deepening of PYM by offering and arranging spiritual accompaniment for people in clerking and other demanding roles, and by holding the plenaries in prayer. For the past two years most of this support has been conducted on zoom. This spring we are looking forward to the likelihood of serving in person. In addition we are delighted to be able to hold our committee's retreat in person for the first time since 2019.

One of our committee's goals is to grow eldership capacity in our monthly meetings. We have continued to offer Eldering workshops to monthly meetings when requested and hope to do more in the coming year. Thus far, four meetings, Grass Valley, San Francisco, Santa Cruz and Davis have welcomed us to their post-meeting time for a 90 minute workshop on the basics of eldering.

Despite Chamba moving to France mid-year with a 9 hour time difference, our membership has remained stable this year and we have been enriched with the addition of Paul Harris, Redwood Forest Meeting, to our midst. Mica has stepped down as co-clerk and remains a valued member, helping us to transition our committee work to google docs and the web page she has designed. We look forward to having a more robust and accessible repository for our work.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dorothy Henderson, Clerk

The Eldering Subcommittee members are:

Gordon Bishop, Grass Valley; Elaine Emily, Strawberry Creek; Valerie Nuttman, Santa Cruz; Nancy Wilkerson, Strawberry Creek; Chamba Cooke, Grass Valley; Paul Harris and Dinah Bachrach, Redwood Forest; Dorothy Henderson, Grass Valley Co-clerk; Mica Estrada, Strawberry Creek Co-clerk.