

Committees of the Yearly Meeting

DISCIPLINE COMMITTEE

The Discipline Committee concerns itself solely with the book of discipline of Pacific Yearly Meeting, operating between revisions of the book "Faith and Practice". (During a revision of the book of discipline, the committee is augmented by six members who are "permanent" for the duration of the revision, and the committee is then called Faith and Practice Revision Committee.)

Qualifications for membership on this committee should mirror the purpose of the book of discipline, which is to be an instrument for spiritual growth as well as a reflection of current feeling and thought as Friends seek to experience and follow the leadings of the Spirit. Service on this committee requires membership in the Society of Friends and should be representative of the thought and spirit of Pacific Yearly Meeting.

The committee has six members who serve three-year overlapping terms. Two members are appointed annually. The Presiding Clerk and the Historian-Archivist are ex officio members of Discipline Committee. The Committee meets at the annual session, and if needed one other time.

Tasks

- Assembles and organizes material that may go into a revision of the book of discipline. If a new edition of the book is in the offing and the Committee has become the Revision Committee, the material is submitted to the Yearly Meeting for study, discussion and acceptance.
- Receives concerns, suggestions and questions in written form from Monthly Meetings and Friends
- Interprets matters relating to Faith and Practice
- Encourages the study and use of Faith and Practice

Note: See the description of the Committee on page 181 of the 2001 Faith and Practice