

Pacific Yearly Meeting
Eldering Subcommittee
Report to Representative Committee (RepCom) 2023

The Eldering Subcommittee has met monthly over the past year to support the spiritual deepening of our Yearly Meeting. While coordinating and supporting eldering during Annual Session is the core of what we do, we find our work expanding organically in several ways. Two members have developed a basic Eldering workshop. This 90 minute workshop has been presented via Zoom to six meetings; we hope to be invited to present to other meetings in the coming year.

In addition to the 90 minute introductory workshops, we are now preparing an extended workshop, “An Invitation to 21st Century Quaker Eldering,” which will be presented at the 2023 Friends General Conference Gathering. We expect the workshop will draw extensively from the new book by Elaine Emily and Mary Kay Glazer, *An Invitation to Quaker Eldering*. We are also experiencing an increase in conversations and questions coming our way as the book is gaining notice.

Our annual retreat, held in the Arbor House at Sierra Friends Center, provided us with a serene space for worship, support, and discernment in the work we are led to do. We benefitted from the in-person presence of committee member Chamba Cooke, who is currently sojourning at Maison de Quaker, in Congenies, France. Along with Chamba, the committee includes Elaine Emily, Gordon Bishop, Mica Estrada, Valerie Nuttman, Dinah Bachrach (continuing with us from her new home in Washington State), Paul Harris, Sandy Kewman, Robin Durant (liaison from Ministry Committee), and co-clerks Dorothy Henderson and Nancy Wilkinson.

We are grateful for the opportunity to serve the spiritual needs of Pacific Yearly Meeting and the Religious Society of Friends.

Respectfully Submitted,

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