

Pacific Yearly Meeting
Faith and Practice Revision Committee
Report to Representative Committee (RepCom) 2023

We are making good progress in our work. We have two teams working on different parts of PYM's *Faith and Practice*. One team is focused on rewriting the Introductory Chapter. Their focus is defining what is important to cover in an introduction to Quakerism and articulating what is essential to our Quaker faith. They will also provide a brief explanation of how PYM fits into the history of Quakerism which is the focus of the Introductory Chapter in our current Faith and Practice. The other team first focused on determining which parts of the current Faith and Practice need no change, minor changes, or major rewrite. They are now working on sections of the Faith and Practice where we have received feedback from Monthly Meetings over the last few years.

The Faith and Practice Revision Committee has met three times since PYM's Annual Session meeting. One of the times was an extended group of meetings over a Friday evening and all day Saturday. In addition, we have two teams working on different parts of our Faith and Practice. The two teams have met almost monthly over the last 5 months.

We learned from our last summer's PYM Annual Session interest groups that the revision needs to be accessible to both newcomers and seasoned Friends. We are proposing two interest groups for this summer's Annual Session. One interest group will be on exploring what is essential to our Quaker faith. The other interest group will delve into how the new revision can represent Quaker history with integrity, addressing how aspects of our history sometimes are not reflected in the popular historical account of Quakerism.

We propose to bring to the annual session a draft plan for the continuation of our work setting out what parts of the revised Faith and Practice will be available for comment over the next five years.

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