

Pacific Yearly Meeting
Unity with Nature (UwN) Committee
Report to Annual Session (AS) 2023

Over the last year, the *Unity with Nature Committee of Pacific Yearly Meeting* has met regularly (usually monthly) and has been hard at work with a focus on the following:

1. Hosting ecological grief workshops with Quaker Earthcare Witness. These workshops explore climate crisis inner work and our fragmented relationship with the natural world – and empower Friends to take action born of love for all their biological kin and the planet we all call home. *Note: At the 2023 Annual Session, the Unity with Nature interest group will be a form of this eco-grief workshop.*
2. Reaching out to Quakers throughout our PacYM via monthly meeting visitations and events. Visitations seek to help the committee discern how best to serve the Yearly Meeting, tailor and expand its website and resources, build connections and collaborations among monthly meetings, and start to gain perspective on seeds of corporate witness within the Yearly Meeting that may eventually inform a PacYM Climate Strategy.
3. Joining voices with Quakers, indigenous activists, and others expressing deep concern about a proposed gravel mining project on Juristac land.
4. Building a website, which UwN encourages all to visit at <https://www.unitywithnature.org/>. This is a tool for Quakers in our region – helping us individually and collectively respond to the climate crisis with courage and compassion and in the fullness of faith. *Everyone is invited to visit and interact with this new website – and feel free to give the UwN Committee input.*

Together we can discern ways to move forward, in fairness and justice, toward lifestyle and infrastructure changes that heal our relationship with the living world.

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