

Pacific Yearly Meeting
Nominating Committee
Report to Representative Committee 2024

On the last part of the Service Survey is a section that we have been calling “Adjunct Assistance.” We are changing that to “the Ministry of Small Things.” It has been said, “Not all of us can do great things. But we can do small things with great love.”

As you become aware of what has to happen for us to gather, make decisions, carry out plans, and care for each other, see if there is a small thing that you can do to move us forward.

The “Ministry of Small Things” is not just a phrase that sounds better than “Adjunct Assistance”. It has significance for us as we look to the future of Pacific Yearly Meeting.

All service is ministry. According to Paul, the leadership is given gifts, not so they can do all the work, but so they can prepare others to participate in service. As the Nominating Committee continues to reach out and encourage participation and finds that many feel they cannot take on the work of officers or committees, we ask the committees and the officers to see what someone could do to help you toward your goals. Look at each task, not as a solid mass that must be moved in its entirety, but more like a loaf of bread that can be sliced into smaller pieces and the work divided among Friends, some of whom are not on the committee.

Our task is to find the right work for each of you, so everyone feels satisfaction from the contribution they are able to make, and no one feels burdened with too much work. For some, the “right work” is what they already did for the last 20, 30, or 40 years. For others, it is the work they look forward to doing when they finish their education, the job is secure, they have been attending Annual Session for a few more years, or the baby sleeps through the night, or leaves for college. We have asked or will ask some of you to keep doing what you do for a while longer. Others, we will ask to start a little sooner than you had planned.

Mostly, we ask you to consider some part of what must be done. We are a wonderful community of Friends. There are jobs that must be done to assure our continuing.

The following Friends have agreed to be nominated for somewhat or considerably larger tasks. The first reading of their names will be on 24 Feb and they will be brought back the next weekend for your action.

[the first number is when their term would end; the last number is when they were first appointed]

The following Friends serve now as interim appointments, and we ask that they be confirmed at this session.

Recording Clerk

2025 Allison Kirkegaard, Nashville (2023 int)

(Allison is transferring her membership)

Arrangements

2024 Wendy Lynn, Honolulu (2023int)

F&P revision

2027 Eleanor Barrett, Santa Monica (2023 int)

Ministry

2024 Kindred Gottlieb, Orange Grove (2023int)

The following changes are to make our records conform to changes within the committee. We ask for you approval of these changes:

Unity with Nature Committee

2024 Keith Runyan, Santa Cruz (2020)

Keith will complete his term but will not be co-clerking

2025 Suellen Lowry, Humbolt (2021) Clerk

Youth Programs Coordinating Committee

2024 Nancy Mellor, Sacramento (2021RC)

No longer Supervisor of the YPC

2024 David East, Sacramento (2022)

Is now the Supervisor of the YPC

Dan Strickland, David “DJ” Bloom, David Lederman, Elaine Emily, Gail Thomas, Margaret Mossman, Trudy Freidel and Julie Harlow (clerk), make up your Nominating Committee. Messages of appreciation, offers of service, questions about openings, or responses to the above nominations may be sent to nominatingclerk@pacificyearlymeeting.org