

Pacific Yearly Meeting  
**Unity with Nature Committee**  
Report to Representative Committee (RepCom) 2024

In 2024, the *Unity with Nature Committee of Pacific Yearly Meeting* (UwN) is continuing its work to celebrate and promote earthcare within PacYM. To achieve this, UwN's current and anticipated efforts include visitations with monthly Meetings, creation of an extensive website, varied online events such as book discussions and eco-grief workshops, and in-person presentations at PacYM Annual Session. Enhancing communication among monthly Meetings also is a major UwN focus: Helping Meetings and individuals share about their earthcare work so we can grow such work together.

In addition, UwN recognizes 2024 as a pivotal year for selection of leaders who have major potential to impact the earth and all its varied forms of life. As part of this recognition, UwN is exploring nonpartisan ways to encourage engagement with this process.

An exciting committee accomplishment is formulation of the PacYM UwN website. We encourage everyone to explore its many offerings, at <https://www.unitywithnature.org/>. There you can find sections about inner activism, climate justice, sharing among Meetings, solutions and strategies to address climate change and other environmental challenges, and resources (such as curated book recommendations). While much has been done, the website will continue to be a work in progress. UwN hopes to add a section more explicitly focused on the Spirit and connections with nature. And UwN very much welcomes input from you about the website!

Our work for the environment must be grounded in Spirit and connection. Moreover, it must focus on care for all species and eco-justice, ecological justice for the most vulnerable. We remind ourselves of this in our monthly UwN meetings (that usually occur on second or third Tuesdays).

Pacific Yearly Meeting can support the work of Unity with Nature in a number of ways. UwN offers assistance to the many PacYM Quakers who fervently care about the environment and its most vulnerable members. UwN welcomes help from PacYM in getting out word about the website, events, visitations, etc. This includes access to appropriate lists. Annual Session is another opportunity for UwN to bolster all of our work for the environment. We hope Annual Session planners will be open to UwN's requests for participation.

Thank you.

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