

Pacific Yearly Meeting
Representative Committee
Santa Cruz Meeting House
Santa Cruz, California

Third Month 5, 2005

This gathering of the Representative Committee of the Pacific Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends opened with worship on Third Month 5, 2005 at 9:05 a.m. at the Meeting House of the Santa Cruz Monthly Meeting in Santa Cruz, California.

Clerk Jim Anderson welcomed Friends, noting that there is a strong presence among us to carry us into our work.

Friends introduced themselves. Representatives from the following Friends Meetings and Worship Groups were present:

Apple Seed Monthly Meeting	Orange County Monthly Meeting
Berkeley Monthly Meeting	Orange Grove Monthly Meeting
Chico Monthly Meeting	Palo Alto Monthly Meeting
Claremont Monthly Meeting	Redwood Forest Monthly Meeting
Davis Monthly Meeting	Sacramento Monthly Meeting
Delta Monthly Meeting	San Diego Monthly Meeting
Grass Valley Monthly Meeting	San Francisco Monthly Meeting
Honolulu Monthly Meeting	San José Monthly Meeting
Humboldt Monthly Meeting	Santa Cruz Monthly Meeting
La Jolla Monthly Meeting	Strawberry Creek Monthly Meeting
Marloma/Long Beach Monthly Meeting	Visalia Monthly Meeting
Monterey Peninsula Monthly Meeting	

Reports from Quarterly and Monthly Meetings

Kristina Perry reported for Humboldt Meeting. The Meeting recommends that the Yearly Meeting "...consider ways to facilitate easy communication among Meetings and Quakers throughout the year, including a website or something similar that allows interaction and discussions among Friends." The Meeting is beginning a process of discernment regarding a leading to witness at Guantánamo Bay Prison. Concern was expressed about the fact that there has not been a Yearly Meeting decision regarding what material, if any, should be available electronically. We accepted the report, referring it to the Ministry and Oversight Committee. (See Attachment 1.)

John Whalen of Honolulu Monthly reported that the Meeting requests that the Yearly Meeting session include an interest group on experiential Quakerism. Honolulu Meeting is working closely with the American Friends Service Committee in three areas: a registry for those who would like to declare as conscientious objectors, an attempt to address the economic draft in

terms of alternatives to the military for education, and the provision of counseling to people in the military who are seeking to leave.

Laura Magnani reported for College Park Quarterly Meeting. Themes that the Quarter has been struggling with include covenant and what it means to be a community, including intimacy, relationship and boundaries; what it means to live in the spirit in times such as these including learning to express how we are being called; and what it means to have a corporation under the care of the Quarter and what the obligations of the Quarterly Meeting are.

Sherry Sisson provided an informal report on Southern California Quarterly Meeting. At the Fall Quarter, held the week after the November election, and with the help of a speaker from the Friends Committee on National Legislation, the Quarter considered, “Where is God in all of this?”

Committee to Name the Nominating Committee

Jim Anderson asked that we settle into worship and, from this worship, consider which Friends might serve on the Committee to Name the Nominating Committee. The names of several Friends were suggested.

Nominating Committee

Elaine Emily (Orange Grove) reported for the Committee. The Committee is considering changes in the ways that the Presiding Clerk is named, the length of the term and changes in the roles of the Clerk and Assistant Clerk. The Committee wonders whether the difficulty in filling positions on the Children’s Program Committee comes from a lack of unity regarding what we want for our children. What are we asking of people? (See Attachment 2.) The Committee brings the following names for first reading:

- Children’s Program Committee:
 - 2005 Heather Levien (Berkeley)
 - 2007 Elizabeth Bills (La Jolla)
- Religious Education for Children Committee
 - 2007 Joe Morris (Santa Monica)
 - 2007 Joe Wilcox (Napa Sonoma)

These names were held over for decision later in the session, as is our custom. We need to find a setting in which we can explore our expectations regarding a program for our children.

Children’s Program Committee

Chris Mohr (San Francisco) reported for the Committee, reminding Friends of that the role of the Committee as defined in *Faith and Practice* is to oversee the Program Coordinator. Perhaps the six days of Yearly Meeting could be used for the *Spices* framework of Quaker values: simplicity, peace, integrity, community, equality, sustainability. How do we take seriously the spiritual education of our children during the time at Yearly Meeting? How can Yearly Meeting be a time

for making those connections among the children and between children and adults? How do we take the energy renewed at Yearly Meeting back to our monthly meetings and first day schools?

JYM Committee

Co-clerk Paul Harris (Redwood Forest) reported for the Committee. The Committee has met and has planned the August Junior Yearly Meeting agenda. (See Attachment 3.)

Minutes

The Minutes to the session to this point were read, corrected and approved.

RepCom 2005-01 Friends approved the minutes for the first portion of the session.

Religious Education for Children Committee

Clerk Gail Eastwood (Humboldt) reported. It takes a Meeting to raise a Quaker. She noted that our *Faith and Practice*, other than saying that “all adults in the Meeting should find ways to be involved in the children’s lives,” says little about what we should be doing with our children. The Committee has been visiting Meetings, on invitation. A question that they ask during these visits is, “What are your childhood spiritual memories?” This year the Committee would like to bring the question, “How are Meetings building spiritual community with children and teens?” The Committee has recommended that the Yearly Meeting affiliate with Friends General Conference and encourages Monthly Meetings to discuss the issue of affiliation with Friends General Conference during the coming year. (See Attachment 4.) It was noted that Sacramento and Davis Monthly Meetings are affiliated with Friends General Conference.

Unity with Nature Committee

Clerk Kristina Perry (Humboldt) reported for the Committee. The Committee would like to bring a plenary speaker to this year’s Yearly Meeting session; to be able to raise money to augment the Committee’s allocation from the Yearly Meeting; and to work with other committees to bring interactive and educational programs on Earthcare for Friends. The Committee hopes to work with the Peace and Social Order Committee, Junior Yearly Meeting and Young Friends to plan a vigil commemorating the sixtieth anniversary of the bombing of Hiroshima. The Committee continues to work on accounting for the ecological and social costs of our work together. Rachel Findley presented a preliminary report on the true cost of travel. We cannot calculate the full cost of travel, of resource wars for oil. How do we accomplish our worthy purposes without causing harm? We need to take what we know about both the quantitative and qualitative cost to the divine center. The take home? We should take the bus. We should use virtual travel. (See attachments 5 and 6.)

Minutes

The Minutes to the session since the last consideration of minutes were read, corrected and approved.

RepCom 2005-02 Friends approved the minutes for the second portion of the session.

We closed with a time for quiet worship, and broke at 12:05 for a lunch generously provided by members of Santa Cruz Meeting.

We reconvened at 1:20, beginning with a period of worship.

Ministry and Oversight Committee

Clerk Joe Franko (Orange Grove) reported for the Committee, The written report is attached. (See Attachment 7.) He reflected upon the depth of their meetings this year. They have been looking to balance the work of their committee and the spiritual care of the YM. They are considering resurrecting the Right Holding of Yearly Meeting committee. He solicited input on what the YM should be giving attention to.

Joe Franko reminded us that State of the Meeting reports are due on May 1, 2005.

They have had one meeting on the issue of a permanent site for the Yearly Meeting and expect to hold more. Jim Anderson reflected that this is a matter needing further serious consideration. The first meeting represented an opening to listening across the differences in our community. The issues are fundamental.

Joe Franko told us of matters which have given rise to our questioning our support of Friends United Meeting. It began for Joe with the Presbyterian General Assembly. He witnessed there in support of gay pastors, but was asked: what are we doing as Friends? Joe reported that Baltimore Yearly Meeting, which is jointly a member of FUM and FGC, has withdrawn support because of their experience of FUM discrimination against sexual minorities. Ministry and Oversight brought us a letter and a minute to consider over our scheduled contribution of \$500 to Friends United Meeting. Joe proposed that it is not about the money, but about whether we participate in discrimination. The concern is over Friends United Meeting's discriminating against sexual minorities in employment and participation in Friends United Meeting events.

Ministry and Oversight proposed a minute.

A draft letter to Friends United Meeting to accompany the minute was also offered.

Discussion considered the extent to which we are a part of a community of Friends. We need to continue to work together in areas where we do unite. We note that Friends United Meeting is more racially diverse than we are, with a strong dedication to world peace issues. In Christ there is no male or female, no East or West, no Jew nor gentile, no gay nor straight. Can we go in person to Friends United Meeting? Yes, our liaison is Bruce Folsom. We want most of all to create more dialogue with Friends United Meeting Friends and redirect the \$500 to that end. We might be surprised by what spirit-led personal diplomacy and interaction may accomplish.

Clerk Jim Anderson proposed a substitute minute. With that as a model, a small group retired to draft a minute to Friends United Meeting.

Finance Committee

Clerk Stratton Jaquette reported. As set out in the August 2004 report, the Finance Committee proposes that we revise our funding allocation system to provide a more equitable and consistent pattern of support for our delegates and representatives to other organizations. The proposal is to fully reimburse costs so that our liaisons might be selected without regard to their personal financial resources. This could create a significant increase in the budget and thus a seven to twelve dollar per member dues increase. However, if we reduce the quantity of representation we might not have to raise dues [plan C in the August 2004 report]. We could appoint a task force to consider the ramifications of this issue and report to us in August.

It is useful to evaluate the work of our liaisons and to consider how their work serves the Yearly Meeting as a whole. Those who travel for us do derive some benefits; the fruits to the YM are often delayed. We might consider reimbursing less than 100% of the costs of representing us. Some situations absolutely require travel. East West Relations has done fund-raising to supplement the YM funding so its board members can go to Moscow. This, of course, entails a separate bank account. If our membership grows, the income to the YM increases. Let's grow our meetings. If we don't fund fully, we discriminate against younger Friends. Let the task force start with the concept of equity and near full funding. Individual enrichment that comes from such work eventually enriches the life of the Yearly Meeting as a whole. Setting up a travel fund that carries over needs only to be fully budgeted the first year, because unspent funds go forward.

RepCom 2005-03 We approved asking our Finance Committee to adopt a policy of providing full and equitable funding, in accordance with our spiritual practice, for liaisons and delegates. We ask our clerk to appoint an *ad hoc* committee to develop guidelines for the implementation of this policy, in light of financial, social, and ecological considerations.

Ideas to be considered: pooling all travel funds, limiting delegations, using percentage funding at first, using sliding scales, keeping under 110% of last year's funding, doing fund-raising to build up the travel pool, allowing the pool to roll over, being transparent about our intent for reimbursement up to 100% of reasonable costs. The committee may also consider some of the environmental travel costs, and encourage, wherever possible, less polluting forms of travel.

Ministry and Oversight Committee

Rachel Findley brought a revised minute to Friends United Meeting for our consideration.

RepCom 2005-04 We approved the following minute:

The Pacific Yearly Meeting Representative Committee has a deep concern over the effect of Friends United Meeting Minute 8-8GB-52. We believe it is not in keeping with Friends' testimonies to deny marriage to same gender couples and at the same time refuse them full participation because they are unmarried.

We unite with Friends General Conference that "our experience has been that spiritual gifts are not distributed with respect to sexual orientation or gender identity."

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Desiring to labor with Friends United Meeting Friends over this concern, we feel the funds set aside as a contribution for Friends United Meeting this year may best serve our mutual relationship by supporting travel of PYM Friends to Friends United Meeting's triennial gathering to listen and to seek dialogue on this concern.

We ask the clerk in counsel with the Ministry and Oversight Committee, to select two additional Friends to join our FUM liaison for this service, and to compose letters of introduction to accompany them.

We also extend an invitation to Retha McCutchen, General Secretary of Friends United Meeting, to attend Pacific Yearly Meeting to speak with us regarding these and other concerns we share, so we can work on them together as Friends.

Treasurer

Sherri Sisson, Treasurer presented a near final financial report for the Yearly Meeting last year. (See Attachment 8.)

RepCom 2005-05 We accepted the sessions finance report.

We were not asked to accept the general finance report because it still requires some technical corrections.

Sites Committee

John DeValcourt (Santa Cruz) reported for the Committee. The Committee proposes that we meet in 2006 and 2007 at the University of Redlands. The cost to the Yearly Meeting for room and board would be about \$50 per day per person, double occupancy. There is no tent camping, but recreational vehicle hook-ups are available. Our program costs will be in addition to the room and board costs. It will be less expensive than San Diego was.

RepCom 2005-06 We accepted the recommendation of Site Committee that we hold the 2006 and 2007 sessions of Pacific Yearly Meeting at the University of Redlands.

Finance Committee

Clerk Stratton Jaquette presented the requests for budget augmentations to the Fiscal Year 2005 Budget. The first recommendation is to increase the Committee Expense item for the Religious Education for Children Committee (Item 5231) from \$600 to \$1,000 and to balance this increase by increasing Transfer from Reserves (Item 4105) from \$6,857 to \$7,257. This change is necessary because the Committee has been more active than expected.

RepCom 2005-07 We approved increasing Item 5231 to \$1,000 and Item 4105 to \$7,257.

A second request for a budget augmentation has come from the Latin American Concerns Committee. The Finance Committee did not recommend that we take any action on this request

as there are sufficient funds in the Latin American Concerns Committee reserves to meet the Committee's request. Thus, no augmentation is needed.

The Committee is considering proposing changes that would simplify the way we support the travel of representatives to the Representative Committee meeting and to Yearly Meeting.

There was a question raised about where the budget provides for travel for the two Young Friends who are attending the World Gathering of Young Friends this summer. The Finance Committee will clarify this.

The Finance Committee will meet during the last weekend in May.

Stratton Jaquette proposed the budget for the 2005 Yearly Meeting session this year.

RepCom 2005-08 We approved the budget for the 2005 Yearly Meeting session.

Registrars

Susie Stanley and Kate Newlin, our Registrars, reported that 2004 Yearly Meeting session revenues exceeded expenses by \$10,014. There will be this year an early registration discount and a late fee as there have been in past years. Registration packets will be sent to Meeting Clerks and Representatives. If Friends wish to include materials in these packets, that material must be sent to the Registrars at pymregistrar@yahoo.com by the end of March. Registration forms will be available to download on line. We can't register on line because we have no way of processing money electronically.

Arrangements Clerk

Co-clerk Dottie Vura-Weis reported. The Arrangements Clerks find space, deal with needs, interface with Mt. Madonna, and so forth. Let them know of your needs.

Pacific Yearly Meeting 2005 Annual Gathering

Jim Anderson, clerk, presented a proposed schedule for the annual session. The changes proposed: the morning plenary would be for dealing with matters calling for extended discernment, matters which might be followed up in worship sharing. Business sessions would be in the afternoon. There would be a late evening gathering, from 9:00-9:30 for closure.

Friends shared many comments:

Children might be included in the morning worship.

Worship Fellowship convenors are needed.

We need to come prepared for "crucifixion of the will," so the spirit can lead our meetings for business.

We desire intergenerational participation in many activities.

The hour and a half after lunch is not the best time, or enough time, for business.

There is a trend to lessen the time we spend on business, but we may have gone too far in this direction

We need to allow walking time between activities.

We need to coordinate times for sessions with young people. The separate meetings for them is a matter of their learning how to lead and carry on business after the good order of Friends.

Mornings are the most productive time.

The clerk will further develop the schedule in light of these responses.

Latin American Concerns Committee

Clerk Rolene Walker, San Francisco, reported for the Committee on their work in support of the Casa de Los Amigos in Mexico. She reported that Ignacio “Nacho” Gonzales died last week. He was the husband of Ellen Gonzales. We are looking at the future of the Casa de Los Amigos as being a resource for the transformation of lives. A new board of directors of the Casa de Los Amigos is being constituted, perhaps to include a representative from PYM. They are in the process of becoming legally constituted again. “The Casa feels pregnant to me, and we are all the parents.”

Peace and Social Order Committee

Clerk Micki Graham reported for the Committee. The committee is teleconferencing to reduce true travel cost. They are continuing visitations to monthly meetings. This round of visitations will take several years. There is an Alternatives to Violence Program sub-committee and they’ll be looking at that committee-subcommittee relationship. A lot has changed since the election, so the committee is prioritizing concerns.

Minutes

The Minutes to the afternoon portion of the session were read, corrected and approved.

RepCom 2005-09 Friends approved the minutes for the third portion of the session.

After a time of quiet worship we adjourned for dinner shortly after 6:00 p.m.

We resumed our work at 7:35 p.m. with a period of worship

Committee to Name the Nominating Committee

We considered the names brought forward at our morning session.

RepCom 2005-10 Friends approved the naming of the following Friends to the Committee to Name the Nominating Committee. These Friends will serve until Representative Committee 2006:

- Linda Dunn (Inland Valley) (Convenor)
- Sarah Orr (La Jolla)
- Jay Owen-Smith (Davis)
- Margaret Willits (Delta) (Alternate)

Nominating Committee

RepCom 2005-11 Friends approved the following appointments to committees:

Children's Program Committee:

2005 Heather Levien (Berkeley)

2007 Elizabeth Bills (La Jolla)

Religious Education for Children Committee

2007 Joe Morris (Santa Monica)

2007 Joe Wilcox (Napa Sonoma)

Friends also approved the naming of Chris Mohr (San Francisco) as interim convenor of the Children's Program Committee.

Sierra Friends Center

Carl Magruder gave an unofficial report for the Sierra Friends Center. Eleven students are expected in the Woolman Semester program this next Fall, including four students from our Yearly Meeting. A close working relationship with the Quarter is developing. The Center's finances are still difficult with a heavy debt load and a limit on the conference activities possible at the Center because of the provisions of its conditional use permit.

East-West Relations Committee

Clerk Carl Anderson reported for the Committee. Galina Orlova, a Russian Friend who has been the director of Friends House, Moscow, since its inception has retired because of ill health. Meanwhile, Julie Harlow has been traveling extensively in the ministry in the United States on behalf of Friends House Moscow and the work of the Committee. (See attachment 9.)

Pacific Friends Outreach Society

Bill Lovett provided a brief update on where the Pacific Friends Outreach Society is on the issue of a permanent site for the Yearly Meeting. The Board has been listening to concerns of Friends and is in the process of simplifying plans for the proposed conference center. A conditional use permit application is being developed and should be submitted by the end of April with County action expected in the Fall. It is important to remember that such a request attempts to anticipate all possibilities to avoid the need for future requests to modify the conditional use permit.

Wider Fellowship Among Friends Committee

Tom Davis informally reported for the Committee. He asks Friends to meet with the Committee during the Yearly Meeting session in August to help the Committee discern what its mission should be.

Minutes

The minutes of the final portion of this Representative Committee session were read and approved.

Minutes

RepCom 2005-12 Friends approved the minutes for the fourth portion of the session.

Our business having been completed, we adjourned after a time of quiet worship at 8:15 p.m.

Faithfully submitted,

Jim Anderson, Presiding Clerk

Sandra Farley

Joseph Magruder, Recording Clerks

*Humboldt Monthly Meeting Report to PYM
Representative Committee Meeting
March 5, 2005*

From its February 6th business meeting Humboldt Meeting sends to Rep Com "a recommendation that PYM consider ways to facilitate easy communication among Meetings and Quakers throughout the year, including a website or something similar that allows interaction and discussions among Friends."

For example, we have notes from two threshing sessions held at Humboldt Meeting about a PYM permanent site and PFOS. We think that inter-meeting discussion would be a good thing, and wonder if there is a website that allows us to post these notes so other Meetings can see them.

Another example is when we passed the minute last year about the PATRIOT Act, it would have been nice to have a website on which to post it. Meetings could also share great ideas from First Day or teen activities, Etc..

In that spirit of sharing we bring an item of news: Beginning in January , a group of Friends from Humboldt Meeting met in worship to begin a process of discernment regarding a leading to witness at Guantanamo Bay Prison. After several sessions of worship sharing and meeting for worship we decided a few things:

We have issued an invitation to Representative Mike Thompson to accompany us to the prison. In addition we have requested a meeting to issue invitation in person. We are collecting and preparing written material about our concerns that we can give to his aide Liz Murguia and to Mike Thompson as a packet before that meeting so that they can come to the meeting with the background we have. Friends who are interested will want to read the information from Amnesty International at these two web sites, <<http://web.amnesty.org/library/Index/ENGAMR510302005>> and <<http://www.amnestyusa.org/waronterror/guantanamo/>>

Individual Friends have taken it upon themselves to follow up on specific questions such as: "Who has actually been allowed into the prison--the Red Cross, Amnesty International, etc?" "What other work are Friends doing on this problem?" "Are there other Quakers to whom we should speak because of their past experience or current interest?", etc. We plan to meet again to review the information we have gathered.

Friends also plan to examine their particular witness. We understand that there are many ways to bring to the Light the conditions which so trouble us about Guantánamo Bay Prison. Some Friends may not feel called to go to the prison to provide relief and witness but will find different approaches. Everyone agreed that we wish to continue this work in

a Friendly manner of transparency, good faith, and plain speaking.

We offer, for your consideration, the following quotations:

“...as the sanctuary church faces the security state... sanctuary refers to protective community with people whose basic human rights are being violated by government officials. As a declared practice, it incorporates prophetic witness into protective community; that is, in addition to protecting the violated from the state, the public practice of sanctuary holds the state accountable for its violations of human rights.

“...the Quaker meeting usually aspires to be fully engaged while remaining radically unassimilated (unlike peace churches that withdraw from war-making society). This results in intense temptations to adjust by introverting and isolating our faith practice. We are often extraordinarily persistent in asking ourselves about the state of our consciences rather than our personal and communal relations to others. ... Sanctuary cannot be reduced to or dismissed as a matter of individual conscience. ...only a congregation can gather as a church and enter into the communion that is sanctuary. ...[By] asking not "what can I do?" but "what can we do?", we open the way for each individual offering to be incorporated into a cathedral of love and service that our life as a people builds for the Kingdom in human history .Individuals can resist injustice, but only in community can we do justice. ...it can make the difference between socially sterile gestures of individual protest and socially creative community breakthroughs toward a peacemaking way of life.”

From “The Sanctuary Church” Pendle Hill Pamphlet #270 published in 1986 and just as relevant today.

Respectfully submitted,
Kristina Perry, Humboldt Meeting Representative

Report from Nominating Committee to Representative Committee, 5 March 2005

Nominating Committee has met twice since last Yearly Meeting: Dec. 11 and February 12.

Presiding Clerk: The Committee is examining possible changes in the way our Presiding Clerk is named. Various suggestions have been brought to the Committee, including a year of overlap between out-going and in-coming Clerks, shorter terms, novel ways to use the Assistant to the Clerk job, and ways to consider the situation and needs of the current Clerk. If we listen well, something radically different may come to us. What is the faithful thing to do? At this point, the Committee simply wants to let Representative Committee know that this is something we are considering.

Treasurer: The Committee intends to nominate Karen Lawrance (La Jolla) to be Treasurer at this summer's annual gathering. Until that time, Karen will be working closely with Sheri Sisson, the current Treasurer. Karen is currently on Finance Committee.

Children's Program Committee: Nominating Committee wonders if the difficulty in filling slots is related to a lack of unity in how to deal with our children. There appears to be great variance in the practices of Friends in parenting and teaching children.

Nominating Committee feels a sense of responsibility to report both a seeming hardening of hearts toward Friends who we ask to serve us on Children's Program Committee and an apparent lack of unity about what we want for our children.

Throughout our deliberations, we have been noticing how hard we, as a community, have been on those Friends we ask to serve us. We feel the need to bring this to the attention of the larger community. What are we asking of people?

Nominations to be considered by Representative Committee: attached.

Faithfully submitted,
Sharon Gates, Clerk

JYM Planning Meeting
2/26/05

Coordination with Jim Anderson

1. We would like the plenary topics JYM participates in to be located after worship but before PYM business in agenda. This allows adequate time for topic, and teens don't have to wait for business to be completed. (Paul H will speak to Jim A. at RepCom)
2. We think one master calendar for the week with adult, YF, JYM, Middle school & children's program on it together so volunteers can more easily coordinate their schedules would be helpful. (Rebecca S will talk to Jim A)
3. We wonder if PYM is going to commemorate Hiroshima Day? JYM may want to participate or create something. Maybe make 1000 paper cranes. (Paul H)
4. The Parent orientation has been troublesome in the past. Parents don't know where it is, and/or there is a conflict with another orientation they want to go to. How about JYM parent/guardian orientation after Roll Call when the parent/guardians can walk out with teens to Orchard Lounge for first 10-15 minutes of JYM plenary. (Paul H)
5. We may want JYM W/S to be at same time as PYM W/S so teens have option of signing up for PYM W/S or adults have option of signing up for JYM W/S.

A. Coordination with Arrangements Clerks

1. JYM wants to use Orchard Lounge a.k.a. Monkey House again for JYM day room. (Paul H)
2. JYM wants to use Field below Dining Room again for outdoor sleeping. (Paul H) .
We need extra 4 extra tents (Paul-Arrangements to ask MM for tents)
Rebecca S. will ask BLQC to bring shade tarp .j
Teen sleeping options:
 1. JYM camping area
 2. stay with parent/guardian
 3. rent a room/space away from JYM? Is this acceptable? (Paul H)
3. We would like backup Indoor sleeping area for 40+ in case of rain: (Paul H)
4. Snacks in the Orchard Lounge, OK if out all the time. Clerks will remind JYMers its snack food and meals are in the dining room with PYM community. Items wanted:
Peanut butter, humus, tehenni, jelly, honey, wheat bread, cinnamon bread, rice cakes, corn chips, popcorn, apples, oranges, bananas, nectarines, coffee, herb teas, milk, & hot chocolate. (Paul H)

5. Adult committee members will occupy the JYM table during registration in the registration area for people to sign up to volunteer as FAPs. (Paul H-Arrangements to get table) (Peter A-paper, pens, poster board sign)
6. Bus for Boardwalk on Tuesday afternoon/night. Dinner money? (Paul H)
7. Are lifeguards needed at pond when JYMers swims? (Paul H),
8. We would like a JYM & FAP review meetings each morning after breakfast in the M&O room below the Dining Room. (Paul H).

C. Coordinating with Registrars:

1. A JYM adult committee member wants to sit at the Registration Table during Registration to receive permission slips, medical release forms, history from the Parent/guardian before their registration is finished. (Paul H)
2. We would like a blank line in upper right hand corner of each form to be added to each form for parent to write in child's last name, first name. This will allow JYM to go through a stack of forms quickly when looking for information.
(Peter A will send to Paul H copy of CPQM form to compare.)
2. What information do we want in the Registration packets that go out sometime in early summer. What date does the info have to be to the Registrar?
3. The medical release forms to include physical and mental health histories, medications the teen is taking, etc. Does Registrar have these forms?

Coordination with Finance Committee:

1. Budget: 4 night FAPs @ \$400 each = \$1,600
 4 day FAPs @ \$200 each = 800
 FAP coordinator = 400
 1 bus to Board Wall< = 300 ?
 Snacks = 400
Misc supplies. etc = 300
 total \$3,800 (Paul H to finance)
2. there was some confusion last year about verifying who were FAPs and their reimbursement to the satisfaction of the treasurer. This needs to be clarified. (Paul H)

Coordination within JYM:

1. Rebecca will verify we can use her laptop computer for minute taking and epistle writing.
2. Paul will ask Linnea to be contact person to interview potential FAPs.

3. Kathryn will ask Sabra Richey to be FAP Volunteer Coordinator to sign up, organize and support FAP volunteers.
4. Need 4 FAPs for the day to help with the business meetings and the activities.
So far: Paul H, Kathryn N,
5. Need 4 FAPs for the nighttime
6. Peter A and Seve will talk to Owen Strain about music for Thursday night dance.
7. Rebecca S will send out a letter to the JYM'ers telling them about JYM after they have registered.
8. Peter A will bring supplies-markers, poster paper, flip charts, etc.
9. Rebecca S will put a request for FAPs on the PYM web site.
10. At May CPQM we will consider if we want to sponsor a PYM Interest Group.
11. JYM will send out a letter to all teens and their parents/guardian in PYM inviting them to JYM. (Elana-teen letter, Paul H-adult letter). (Peter A will get CPQM list to Elana, Paul will ask Winnie S. if SCQM has similar list.) this should be mailed out by early May.
12. We will create the schedule at May CPQM after having received PYM schedule.
13. M&O may want to create questions for the registration packet asking teens what kind of W/S group they want to be in: Just JYMers, some adults, some YFs, go with YF to adult W/S, etc.
14. Clerks will read "agreement" at 1st plenary.
15. M&O may want to get started emailing each other about W/S queries soon.
16. We may want to start a Mentor program, where an older teen "adopt" an incoming teen to help them adjust to JYM. We will discuss the need for this on an individual basis in our "Morning Review Meetings" during the week.

Elana, recording clerk
Paul, adult member

**It Takes a Village to Raise a Child;
It Takes a Meeting to Raise a Quaker**

**Report of the PYM Children's Religious Education Committee
March, 2005**

The PYM Children's Religious Education Committee wishes to call the attention of meetings to this charge in our *Faith and Practice*: **"All adults in the Meeting should find ways to be involved in the children's lives."** (pg. 35) The committee sees its central role as helping meetings to explore and manifest this charge, helping meetings to build spiritual community with our young people.

We feel that we have been most successful in this effort when we visit meetings. We hope that meetings will recall our offer to visit, at the invitation of the meeting. (See our 2004 committee report at the PYM website, www.quaker.org/pacificym.) We are still exploring different formats of visitation. Worship sharing has been a useful tool to help bring the awareness of childhood spirituality into the light. We often use in our visits variants of the question, "What are your childhood spiritual memories?" as an opener to thinking about the spiritual needs of the children of the meeting.

We would like to bring to the floor of PYM this year the question, "how are meetings building spiritual community with children and teens?" We are also planning a religious educator's workshop to nurture and support teachers and parents, as well as interest groups at larger gatherings.

We are available to consult about curriculum and resources.

We recommended in our report last year that PYM affiliate with FGC, with an eye to strengthening religious education. FGC develops and publishes curricula which many of our meetings use, and offers an invaluable mail order book catalog which reviews a wide variety of resources for adults, children, and youth. It maintains religious education support staff. It publishes a regular religious education newsletter, which is sent to the constituent meetings of all member organizations. Besides the annual conference, FGC sponsors religious educator conferences and youth conferences. Affiliating with FGC would acknowledge the benefits we already receive from them, increase our participation in the broader Quaker community, and strengthen both FGC and PYM.

This year we request that meetings discuss the issue of FGC affiliation. We hope that information about FGC will be widely available at PYM this year. Perhaps after such discussion and after the FGC meeting on the West Coast next year, PYM could be ready for a discussion of this issue on the floor.

We also hope that PYM will continue to set an example to the monthly meetings in including children in community.

The ideas expressed in this report came out of a fruitful weekend retreat in Grass Valley. At this meeting we also discussed experiences of Friends Western School and some monthly meetings in holding Children's Meeting for Business; and we elaborated the strengths of small meetings in the religious education of children.

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***Pacific Yearly Meeting Unity with Nature Committee
Report to Representative Committee March 5, 2005***

Dear Friends:

After a quiet fall and early winter – Unity with Nature Committee is inspired about upcoming events – both at Yearly Meeting and at large. Our work is focused on outreach and visitation, planning for annual sessions work, collaboration with other committees, grantwriting for a sustainability library, and continued application of the ecological footprint process. To that end we wanted to bring the following items to the attention of Representative Committee:

* PYM UNC would like PYM to bring a Plenary Speaker at this year's annual sessions. We are most interested in collaborating with other committees on this. Not knowing the Clerks' plans for our summer sessions - we are merely putting the idea forward at this time for consideration. If it does not seem an appropriate use of Plenary time - we are happy to undertake it as an interest group. You might consider this a request for advice on Right Order in how to proceed.

*Unity with Nature passed the following minute of record in its February Meeting (informational/clarification item):

PYM UNC remembers that it has traditionally held its own conferences and supported its own endeavors – including publications. To do this, UNC raised its own money and had its own treasurer with oversight of a committee bank account that has now been folded in as a line item in the PYM budget. UNC wants to reaffirm that it wishes to be able raise money for addition to this fund, and to use this fund at its discretion for speakers, publications, conferences, or other endeavors it sees fit. Expense of this money shall be authorized by the UNC Clerk. We would like clarification if this information is incorrect in any way, or if there has been any PYM policy on UNC Funds.

* PYM UNC would like to work with the clerks of Children's Committee, JYM, and Young Friends to bring interactive and educational program on Earthcare for Friends to these important members of our Yearly Meeting at our annual sessions. We are especially hoping to collaborate with JYM and YF on a Hiroshima Day witness (see below). In addition, we would like to find out from Arrangements Clerks if it might be possible to talk to Mount Madonna about coordinating a work-event in their garden that would connect to this educational program. We are seeking process guidance on the best approach for working with these committees and with the site.

* Most Friends know that this year marks the 60th anniversary of the devastation of Hiroshima and Nagasaki by American nuclear weapons. In years past, the Yearly Meeting has held public vigils to commemorate Hiroshima Day, August 6th. The Unity with Nature Committee hopes that we can work with the Peace and Social Order Committee and with Junior Yearly Meeting to plan a vigil this summer. To that end the clerk has met with two citizen's groups in the Santa Cruz County: Community Concerned about Lockheed Martin (CCALM) and the Santa Cruz

Weapons Inspection Team. These groups, and others, organize an annual vigil at the gate of the 4500 acre Lockheed Martin Weapons Facility in the hills above Santa Cruz. They are excited about the possibility of collaboration with Pacific Yearly Meeting, and especially with JYM and Young Friends. UNC hopes we can help to facilitate this work.

* Finally, to the continued work of accounting for the ecological and social costs of our work together. One of the outgrowths of the footprint work that we did last summer is a greater awareness of the impact that our gathering has – especially in regards to the externalized social and ecological costs of our transportation and travel for the work we do.

This afternoon we are being asked to consider the proposal from Finance Committee on how we fund our representatives to do the work of the Yearly Meeting in the world. Some implications of examining this policy will be brought to us by the Clerk this afternoon. In preparation for this meeting the Clerk asked Unity with Nature, as a committee, to, “...*take into consideration the environmental effect of the distances we must travel to participate in various organizations, the number of representatives needed to satisfactorily serve our connection, and the mode of travel we support and encourage by our funding policy. What approach to this matter is faithful to our relationship to the earth?*”

In considering this question we turned to the collective work and witness of Strawberry Creek meeting who have been using the “Dime a Gallon” project since 2003 as a strategy for making visible the invisible costs of fossil fuel use. In this project, Friends are encouraged to contribute a dime for (the equivalent of) every gallon of gasoline used to a Meeting fund. The money accumulated is used to finance projects that promote sustainability and peace. We asked the Ecoberries of Strawberry Creek to share, with us, their experience with this project, that we might bring it to the yearly meeting. What we found was that there is no easy answer or way to resolve the contradictions between behaviors that grow out of our society's dependence on fossil fuels, our care for Earth and our values as contained in our traditional testimonies.

We offer, to this representative body, the following preliminary report on the true cost of travel, along with some carbon emissions comparisons to begin the discernment of how we might move forward in this matter. The report will be given by Rachel Findley, from Strawberry Creek meeting – who has (and continues) to collect this data. We are greatly indebted to and appreciative of her gifts. It is attached to this UNC report to RepCom and is available in printed form (in limited quantities) for your in-depth perusal.

With overflowing wheelbarrows of gratitude to the Divine for the mystery of this world and for the gift of our community together, I will turn the floor over to Rachel Findley. And unless there are any questions that the body has of me, please consider this report humbly submitted by...

--Kristina Perry, Clerk of Unity with Nature Committee

Interim report on the true cost of travel. March 4, 2005.

We Quakers are going to have to make our travel choices based on very incomplete data. There is fairly good information about how much CO₂ and petroleum are used in various modes of transportation (see reverse), but little consistent quantitative on how much damage is caused by each gallon of gasoline or each pound of CO₂.

We will not be able to simply "pay the full, true cost" for our oil use, because the dollar cost is not calculable. We will have to use a deeper discernment as we seek to balance the cost of travel against the benefits to global well-being, to the Quaker community, and to the individuals who travel. Always we must seek ways of accomplishing our worthy purposes without causing harm.

We can be sure that there are many costs, associated with the use of petroleum, that are not paid by directly by the users. These costs, instead of being charged directly to travelers, are "externalized" – they are borne by the general US American public, through taxation for wars and the preparation for wars; by the global human population and all beings, through environmental damage; by the populations in the countries where the oil wars are taking place; and by the future people and ecosystems who will suffer the consequences of the oil we pump and burn today.

To the extent that they can be calculated at all, the externalized costs seem likely to be at least equal to the pump price – more for air travel, as aviation fuel is not taxed at all, so the cost paid by the traveler is lower than for other modes of transportation.

I found a wide range of answers to the question of the full cost of oil. I have not had time to look up the original studies and assess who's making what assumptions, nor do I think that would necessarily be a fruitful use of my time. As far as I could discover, nobody has even attempted to measure the big stuff, like the deaths caused by oil wars in the producing countries or potential global ecosystem collapse due to climate weirdness.

My major source for data comes from a book by Amory Lovins et al, "Winning the Oil Endgame," 2004, pp. 15-25. It's available online at <http://www.oilendgame.org/>. Lovins cites many studies that have given various estimates of the full cost of oil extraction and use. Different authors measured different kinds of costs, and made different assumptions, which resulted in wildly differing estimates. Lovins estimates that externalized costs are "clearly upwards of \$10 per barrel, plausibly several tens of dollars per barrel, and perhaps even higher."

What I found (all translated into cost per gallon equivalent of gasoline):

Subsidies to oil-producing and oil-consuming industries: \$.40-\$14.00 per gallon.

US expenditures for "Control and protection" (military hegemony) of oil-producing areas: \$.04-\$5.00 per gallon.

Incremental global warming and other environmental damage from burning the stuff, releasing CO₂, nitrogen oxides, sulfur, etc.: \$.08-\$.40 per gallon.

Global catastrophic ecosystem collapse due to global warming: not calculable.

Oil war damage to people, ecosystems, and economies in the oil-producing countries: nobody's tried to calculate.

Loss of human life from oil wars, societal destruction, creation of generations of hostility and conflict: incalculable.

The high variability of those costs that have been estimated, and the absence of accounting for other costs that are clearly quite large, indicate that numerical cost estimation will not provide a simple accounting solution to the question of how much we ought to support or curtail Friends travel.

We need to take all of the quantitative and qualitative information we've gathered to the light of the Divine Center. We need to take our desires to change the world, to help others, to be active, to make a difference, to that same inward Guide. Releasing our own desires and ideas, we need to wait for deep guidance, speaking from that center and listening deeply to one another's voices as we speak our deepest wisdom.

-----Rachel Findley, Strawberry Creek Meeting

Estimated CO2 use in various modes of transport, per passenger mile and per roundtrip, across North America.

Transport mode	Gallons of gasoline equivalent per 100 miles	Passenger miles per gallon (pmpg)	Gallons for California-New York City (roundtrip)	Pounds of CO2 per person, round trip.
Intercity bus	.6 gal per 100 mi	166 pmpg	31 gal per person	750 pounds CO2
Carpool (4 people)	1.1 gal per 100 mi	91 pmpg	56 gal per person	1350 pounds CO2
AMTRAK	1.5 gal per 100 mi	67 pmpg	76 gal per person	1800 pounds CO2
Carpool (3 people)	1.5 gal per 100 mi	67 pmpg	76 gal per person	1800 pounds CO2
Carpool (2 people)	2.2 gal per 100 mi	45 pmpg	112 gal per person	2700 pounds CO2
Airplane	2.5 gal per 100 mi	40 pmpg	127 gal per person	3050 pounds CO2
Car (1 person)	4.4 gal per 100 mi	22.5 pmpg	224 gal per person	5400 pounds CO2

Comments and cautions:

1. **Take the bus.** Intercity bus is by far the least fuelish way to travel, unless walking, wagon train, horseback or sailing are possible.
2. Your mileage may vary. **These are all averages; more efficient cars, more filled seats, or better track and train design would improve mileage. Current average load factors are 70% for air, 66% for inter-city bus, 36% for Amtrak. See <http://dimeagallon.org/> for data sources.**
3. **Beyond carbon.** These estimates include only carbon emissions. Other pollution (nitrogen oxides, volatile organic compounds, sulfur, etc.) not included.
4. **The true cost of CO2.** What is the true environmental, social, and human cost of a pound of CO2 added to the atmosphere, or a gallon of gasoline burned? Some estimates of the monetary cost of global warming have been made, but much depends on assumptions—about the extent of warming and the damage it will cause, and about the money worth of human life, community well-being, and the natural environment.
Resource wars. The costs (financial expenses, environmental destruction, and human death and injury) of the resource wars being waged to get control of petroleum, such as the war in Iraq, are generally not included in "carbon cost" estimates.
5. **Seek creative alternatives**—how to connect globally without destroying the world:
 - a. Less frequent meetings, allowing each meeting to take longer.

- b. One physical representative, who physically attends a distant meeting, and one or more "virtual" representatives who meet with the physical representative for worship before and after the trip, and stay in close contact via conference calls, email and prayer during the trip, offering input, questions, prayer support, and attentive listening.
- c. Send a single representative on a year-long trip to all the east coast organizations.**
- d. Provide family assistance when representatives take longer to travel.
- d. What else can creative minds imagine?

**Report to Representative Committee
Ministry and Oversight
March 5, 2005**

The role of the Ministry and Oversight Committee of Yearly Meeting is to help foster the spiritual life and good order of the Yearly Meeting, by providing assistance and counsel to the Clerk of Yearly Meeting and endeavoring to help make the annual session a spirit-filled experience for all at tenders. We are responsible for Meetings for Worship and Memorial Meeting at the annual session, and we oversee worship-sharing, affinity, and interest groups at Yearly Meeting. We take responsibility for one plenary session at Yearly Meeting. We select three persons to serve on the Epistle Committee, bringing these names to the first plenary session of Yearly Meeting. During the rest of the year Ministry and Oversight has responsibility for those Monthly and Preparative Meetings and Worship groups not affiliated with a Quarterly Meeting. We are also here to help other Monthly Meetings and both Quarterly Meetings when they request our help. We administer the Fund for Concerns and advise the Treasurer regarding special funds.

In our work to aid the spiritual life of Yearly Meeting, we have established subcommittees and liaisons to our own and to Pacific Yearly Meeting standing committees. In addition we set up ad hoc committees to do specific pieces of work, and those ad hoc committees are laid down when that work is done.

We began this year by recommitting ourselves not to put too much work onto our table, and to take seriously our responsibility for the spiritual life of Pacific Yearly Meeting. We are also committed to another of our primary jobs, helping the Clerk of Yearly Meeting in any area in which he requests our help.

One of the big concerns for both the Clerk and for Ministry and Oversight is how to move along the discussion regarding a permanent site from the discernment plenary at last Yearly session. We wondered if it would make sense to gather small groups of people from various perspectives, to dialogue about the issues? Laura Magnani was asked to clerk and others agreed to specific roles to support her and help keep us all on track. Traci Sullivan was chosen as Observer; Joe Franko Recorder, Elaine Emily as elder to Laura, and Jim Anderson was one of the participants. We gathered on February 4th and 5th to see if there might be a way to move work forward. As the day went on it became clear that there were many issues to this Gordian Knot. We explored the understanding each of us had regarding what a "permanent site" meant, whether or not splitting the north and the south into two yearly meetings was impeding our discussion, what the work of Yearly Meeting was and should be, what Yearly Meeting has meant to each of us, whether or not there are really three or four Yearly Meetings, whether holding a permanent site was the right use of our resources, what does radical Christianity demand of us, and a host of other deep and abiding questions that are raised as soon as we talk about a permanent site! I can't possibly convey how deep and important the

discussion was, but Friends left feeling like we had inched our way just a little bit more forward on this issue.

We decided we were ready to move toward re-creating some form of a right-holding committee. Historically the Right Holding Committee was made up of prior presiding Clerks, the Current Clerk, and others whom had YM Committee roles. A piece that was forgotten was to include those who did the work of running the Annual Gathering, such as arrangements, Registrar or the Secretariat. We are seasoning whether it should be a sub-committee of M&O or a freestanding committee? Should it also be responsible for working with the clerk on format, agenda etc.? We have been thinking and talking about the different forms it could take. There is a possibility that we could move toward a standing committee, but use a sub-committee structure as an interim measure. Any advice representative Committee has would gladly be accepted by M&O! Today we will be discussing the fiscal implications of our representatives. Ministry and Oversight feels a Right Holding Committee should address these questions and others. It could also address whether there is a way to structure the YM so that it deepens the Yearly Meeting? Right Holding could be formed to find that structure, with special attention to the spiritual issues that are wider than Ministry and Oversight.

We discussed a proposal for a joint retreat between M&O and Discipline Committees, which was to be scheduled for a weekend at Ben Lomond in April. We felt it was a good idea for us to meet jointly with Discipline, but didn't feel we could accomplish that this year. The clerk of M&O met with the Discipline Committee to begin the discussion of what work we might take on together, and supported the Discipline Committee moving forward with a conference at Ben Lomond in April around issues not resolve in our current Faith and Practice. A joint meeting between the two committees could take place in the fall.

Ministry and Oversight is concerned that Young Friends and JYM become more fully integrated in Yearly Meeting. How do we learn to live together as one intergenerational community? How do we shift our patterns and our Plenaries so we are engaging with one another more naturally? Instead of dwelling on our separations, can we use our commonalties to seek work and worship time together? Mostly we need to experiment. It seemed like youth caught fire at PYM this year. How do we help that to spread?

We've spent time this year discussing the concern raised at Yearly meeting regarding the \$500 allocation to Friends United Meeting in light of their clearly discriminatory practices in hiring and volunteer work. We gathered all the information we could and are presenting you with a letter and minute regarding these issues, which we hope you will season and act on today.

So it's been a full year for M&O so far! I'd like to leave you with a reminder: **State of the Meeting reports are due to the Quarter on May 1, 2005. The clerk's of each**

Quarter will submit those reports to the Clerk of M & O by May 16th, at which time he will send them electronically to members of M & O. Please remind your meetings of this obligation! Ministry and Oversight reads through all these reports in developing its Plenaries, the queries for worship sharing, and helping the Clerk set atone and a direction at Yearly Meeting.