# Attachments to the

Record of the Plenary Sessions and Meetings for Worship for Business

June 11-15, 2014

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List of Meetings and Worship Groups present, June 2014

Arizona Half Yearly Meeting
Flagstaff Monthly Meeting
Pima Monthly Meeting
   Cascabel Worship Group
   Cochise Worship Group
Tempe Monthly Meeting
   Verde Valley Worship Group
Phoenix Monthly Meeting

Arizona Half Yearly Meeting
   Durango (CO) Monthly Meeting
   El Paso Monthly Meeting
   Gila Monthly Meeting (Silver City)
   Las Cruces Monthly Meeting
   Santa Fe Monthly Meeting
   ClearLight Worship Group (Taos)
   Las Vegas Worship Group
   South Santa Fe Quaker Worship Group

Colorado Regional Meeting
Boulder Monthly Meeting
Colorado Springs Monthly Meeting
Fort Collins Monthly Meeting
   Three Valleys Worship Group
Mountain View Monthly Meeting
   Utah Friends Fellowship
   Logan Monthly Meeting
   Moab Monthly Meeting
   Salt Lake Monthly Meeting

New Mexico Regional Meeting
Albuquerque Monthly Meeting
   Socorro Worship Group
   Gallup Worship Group
Attachment #2

State of the Society Report for June, 2014

State of Meeting Reports from 14 Meetings within Intermountain Yearly Meeting hum and buzz with energy this year. Reports opened with statements of prospering in the search for Truth, feeling strong and healthy, and deepening their spiritual community.

Meetings report that they are re-aligning meeting work and increasing shared responsibility. Website development and technology challenges are themes for many meetings, as for the yearly. Seeking ways to respond to the Kabarak Call for Peace and Eco-Justice has challenged some meetings. All meetings express a joy and enrichment from a variety of work in our local areas on homelessness, violence, immigration, and local agriculture. Some meetings continue to support small community based international development work as well. About half of our meetings mentioned lively and growing youth programs.

A burst of Quaker vitality came to our region as we welcomed the first ever Friends General Conference Gathering in our area in July of 2013. Over 1100 Friends from around the country came to Greeley, Colorado for a week of Friendly learning and fellowship. IMYM provided clerks, Young Adult Friends Andrew Banks and Sarah Beutel, along with committees of support for local arrangements and outreach for the FGC gathering.

This year the presiding clerk and committee clerks of yearly communicated, studied, and asked questions among themselves, striving to implement a dramatically reorganized yearly meeting structure. The change involved more positions and Nominating Committee members worked tirelessly, as did many others. The implementation is still in transition, and Friends have been enriched as we worked together, learning new lines of responsibility, more clearly delegated and spread among more Friends. We look forward to increased communication among meetings among other benefits of the new structure.

Mountain Friends Camp continued lively sessions with two weeks of camp provided in 2013 and three weeks planned in a new location near Santa Fe for 2014. Our youth are attracted to this opportunity for fellowship, service and Quaker learning. Individual meetings and the Yearly support the camp and are grateful for the leadings and support within our community for our youth. An evaluation of the camp will take place this year.

Over the past two years meetings seasoned a minute brought by the Indigenous Peoples Concerns Committee of Boulder Meeting on repudiating the Doctrine of Discovery and affirming the UN Declaration on Rights of Indigenous People. Many meetings participated in a workshop provided by the committee that brought a visceral level of understanding of our history of Christianity’s support for colonization.

Intermountain Yearly Meeting lost two foundational members in the past year. Both served the Yearly in a variety of roles, including clerking. Carl Wallen of Tempe was a founding member of Intermountain Yearly Meeting. Rebecca Henderson of Santa Fe was instrumental in designing the new structure to make more time and space available for issues to flourish in our gatherings. Their over-flowing spirits remain in their many gifts to our community.
A search for the truth engages our meetings in seeking deeper worship, meaningful fellowship, community-building in our meetings, continued education, community service locally and in other countries, and work with Quaker organizations. Friends expressed gratitude for the gifts of each other, for fellowship, for the opportunity to work for change, and for our worship together during the past year.
Tempe Monthly Meeting notes with grief the sudden passing of our steadfast member, Carl Wallen, who died in his home at Friendship Village on Second Month, 26th, 2014. Although his health had been challenged over the past several years, his death came unexpectedly.

He was born in Glendale, California, in 1931. Soon afterward, his veterinarian father died. His mother, Winifred (Batten) Wallen, being unable to care for him, Carl spent most of his childhood at the Masonic Children’s Home in Covina. The US Army drafted him in 1952 and he served in the military police until 1954.

Carl came to the Society of Friends through his marriage in 1959 to LaDonna Leigh Stanley, becoming a member of Long Beach First Friends Church. Educated at UC Santa Barbara (B.A. 1956) and San Francisco State (M.A. 1960), he began his long educational career in 1956 as a public school teacher in Mt. Eden and Laguna Salada, California, leaving in 1960 to enter a doctoral program at Stanford University. While living there, Carl and LaDonna were blessed by the arrival of their first child, Erik, in 1962. That same year, Carl received his doctorate in education and joined the faculty at Oregon State University. When the couple moved, they transferred their memberships to Corvallis Meeting, where their sons Todd and Michael were born, and then transferred to Eugene Meeting in 1965 when Carl was hired by the Oregon State System of Higher Education and then the University of Oregon. In 1973 Carl accepted his final faculty position at Arizona State University in Tempe. While here he published several well-regarded books on reading and on classroom management (some with LaDonna as coauthor), and served for five years as Chairman of the Department of Elementary Education. In the winter of 1975, Carl and LaDonna wrote of their hope for “continued participation and spiritual growth in the family of Tempe Friends”, where their memberships have remained ever since.

Carl served Tempe Friends in many capacities, including the Building and Grounds Committee, the Nominating Committee, Worship & Ministry, Counsel & Oversight, and Peace & Social Concerns, a term as Presiding Clerk in 1985-86, and long service on the Adult Religious Education Committee. Many Tempe Friends became aware of the work of the Jesus Seminar and the writings of Marcus Borg and John Shelby Spong through Carl’s leadership in the adult First-day School. Carl and LaDonna were so active in Tempe Meeting, often spending several days each week at the meetinghouse to check on things, that at least one member referred to him as “Mr. Quaker”. In the years before Tempe Friends had built a meetinghouse, the Wallens’ home telephone was listed as the Meeting’s contact number. On more than one occasion, Carl answered a late-night call for help, and drove out to assist a stranger who needed rent, or groceries, or gas money. He refused to take his sons along on these potentially dangerous trips, but didn’t refuse to go himself.

During and after the Vietnam War, Carl made himself available as a draft counselor for young men facing conscientious choices about military service. He edited and produced the monthly Tempe Meeting Newsletter for many years, providing items of information or interest, and humorous anecdotes by or about Friends. He organized the registration process for Tempe Meeting’s annual retreats, and served Arizona Half-yearly Meeting on Nominating Committee, and as the AHYM Prison Project Liaison and Clemency Oversight Committee Convenor.
Carl worked to assist LaDonna during her time as Clerk of Intermountain Yearly Meeting, and they served as Registrars for one of the IMYM annual sessions at Fort Lewis College in Durango. In the early 1990s, he produced an influential report on the changing relationship between the American Friends Service Committee (AFSC) and the Religious Society of Friends, commenting particularly on what he viewed as a secularizing influence of the growing number of non-Quaker members of the AFSC professional staff.

Carl stepped in to serve on Juan Pascoe’s support committee when Pima Monthly Meeting in Tucson released Juan for his work encouraging the governments of Mexico and the United States to establish a guest worker program (instead of the present humiliating and illegal labor practices for undocumented immigrants). Carl was instrumental in developing sources of financial support for the work, which Juan pursued tirelessly, making official contacts and detailed proposals in both national capitals. Although no concrete action has resulted so far, Friends in Arizona Half-yearly Meeting have minuted gratitude for the long effort to imagine and implement a humane rational alternative to the haphazard and degrading current policy.

Carl represented the Society of Friends on the Arizona Ecumenical Council (AEC) for many years, explaining (with his characteristic wry humor) to each crop of new members of the Council that he was not, in fact, the Quaker bishop. As part of his AEC service he was a participating member of the bishops’ executive round table composed of juridical church leaders who lovingly endorsed his participation—even as they struggled to understand unprogrammed Quaker “hierarchy”. On an AEC-sponsored trip to the Holy Land and the Vatican, the Roman Catholic bishop of Phoenix invited Carl to lead the delegation in prayer. After a long silence, the bishop repeated his request that Carl lead the group in prayer, to which Carl answered that he had just done so. He worked to educate and sensitize these officially ordained and theologically trained AEC members on matters of concern to Friends, especially focusing on peace and social justice. Carl supported a sentiment to broaden the scope of the AEC, and helped launch the Arizona Interfaith Movement, a more inclusive body. One of his colleagues on the AEC attended a meeting for worship with Tempe Friends and remarked to Carl afterward, “We have the theater, but you Quakers have the substance.”

For 16 years, Carl stayed active in the Prisoner Visitation and Support organization, as he’d felt a calling to visit at Federal prisons and provide some friendship to inmates who had no contact with their own friends or family. Over the years, Carl heard the stories and developed friendships with these men, serving as a sympathetic and caring presence. He mentioned a particular man who’d been arrested in Florida not long after arriving as one of the boat people expelled from Cuba. Carl Wallen was his one and only connection to a reality outside the walls of the Federal Correctional Institution. It became very important to Carl not to disappoint this man by missing a monthly visit, and for years he made the long drive to Tucson and back on his own. It worried and frustrated him when the Cuban man was transferred to a new facility, as the rules prevented Carl from keeping in contact and learning the final outcome of the case. Those Tempe Friends who later took PVS training and became prison visitors were following a trail blazed by Carl.

Carl served faithfully on the Residents’ Council of Friendship Village retirement community, first for a year as Vice President, then for another year as President. Though his adherence to Quaker decision-making process confused some, the residents greatly appreciated his service, especially as he was often presiding while in great pain. He was also reliably available to cook the meat main dish when Tempe Friends served meals at the Interfaith Homeless Emergency Lodging Program (IHELP).
Carl was a Friend with firm opinions that he was willing to express strongly, though he always stayed open to new understanding and always stood grounded in love and fellowship. Carl had a strong belief that it was important to help each person he met – and each group he was a part of – in rising to their full potential. When he resigned his job as a teacher to enter the doctoral program at Stanford in 1960, he wrote: “It is my sincere hope that I have contributed in some measure to the betterment of this district.” These simple and sincere words capture Carl Wallen’s approach to life. He will be greatly missed by all who knew him.

Carl is survived by LaDonna Leigh (Stanley) Wallen, his wife of 53 years; his sons Erik, Todd, and Michael; his daughters-in-law Sarah and Beth; his grandchildren Caleb, Grace, Nathan, Katie, Matthew, and Emma; his sister JoAnn (Wallen) Nelson; and his nieces Kristy Leffors, Kathy Turner, and Karen Nelson. To them especially, we offer our heartfelt condolences.
Epistle of Iowa Yearly Meeting (Conservative) August, 2013.

To Friends Everywhere:

Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all ye lands,
Serve the Lord with gladness; come before his presence with singing.
-Psalm 100: 1-2, KJV

Friends from nearly a dozen states representing more than 20 monthly meetings in the US and Canada, gathered for a week in late July and early August to consider the theme “Make a Joyful Noise”. Amidst lush green cornfields surrounding the campus of Scattergood Friends School, we met to seek God’s will in attending to the business of the Yearly Meeting. We continued in this joyful practice, which we have observed previously for 135 years.

Our first evening gathering titled “Expressing our joy”, featured a panel of Friends who shared elements of their lives that bring them joy. These joy experiences included awareness of connection with nature, of the joy of parenting, of the satisfaction of doing work that enhances children's lives, and of the joy of a new found relationship with Jesus. One panel member noted that when she experiences authentic joy, she really needs to share it somehow. In the discussion that followed, and in many experiences of the week, we came to understand that that the seeds of joy are intertwined with gratitude, awe, beauty wonder and connection.

There were many opportunities for Friends to connect and share their joy throughout the week. Programs and interests ranged broadly from sessions that included how to build a library in Kenya, to how to remain faithful, to how to support and encourage vocal ministry, to how to do something about environmental justice concerns. A folk concert by a Young Friend gave a different voice to the issues of our various concerns. Most days began with quiet worship and bible study and concluded with group singing. Much of the joy of Iowa Yearly Meeting in session is in shared effort as we labor with each other, and as we are served and serve one another. Much joy is experienced in small circles and quiet conversations. One friend described the spiritual refreshment and change that she experiences as a weeklong embrace; another stated that our joy comes from the "Source". This was affirmed in the presentation by visiting Friend Deborah Shaw, who spoke to the passage from John 15:11, that our joy is complete in our reciprocal relationship with the Spirit.

As a Yearly Meeting, we are especially grateful for the presence, energy and vitality of a larger group of junior yearly meeting youth and young friends than have been able to participate in past years. Once again their management of and participation in the talent show closed our week with great joyfulness.

Through the week, we were graced with much joyful noise, much joyful quiet, and serving each other with gladness. And we go forth to do the same.

In God's love,

Deborah Dakin, clerk
Iowa Yearly Meeting (Conservative)
Report from FGC:

At the Growing Edges of my Faith:
Personal Reflections on the 2013 FGC Gathering in Greeley, CO, and my Work with Friends General Conference over the Past Year

Andrew Banks, IMYM representative to Friends General Conference

One year ago I was in the final stages of preparing for the FGC Gathering that I was incredibly clerking. Serving Friends in this role was an experience of living at the growing edges of my faith (the theme for the 2013 Gathering). When Sarah and I were asked whether we would consider being co-clerks for the 2013 Gathering, the words “no way!” urgently flashed through my mind. Discerning to take on this responsibility took a great deal of trust and faith. I did not feel that I was experienced enough, old enough, knowledgeable enough, or leaderly enough to do a good job as a Gathering clerk. But together, Sarah and I stepped across this growing edge into that unknown territory where the only thing to do is have faith that will figure it out with the support of Friends and Spirit.

Clerking the Gathering turned out to be a tremendously enriching experience for me. It brought Sarah and me closer together in our marriage as we navigated and negotiated this shared responsibility. It taught me how to more fully trust others as we delegated tasks and responsibilities among the enthusiastic members of our Gathering Committee. It grew my web of connections among IMYM Friends and Friends from all over the country. And it showed me that I don’t have to start out with all the skills and knowledge I’ll end up needing to be an effective leader; I can pick them up along the way.

It was a great joy and privilege to work intimately with the 44 Friends who comprised our Gathering Committee. Half of these Friends were from IMYM and most had never been to an FGC Gathering before, and they dove into the work with exceptional creativity, enthusiasm, and dedication. We boldly tried some things that had never been done at a Gathering before, such as offering Anchor Groups modeled on the worship sharing groups IMYM Friends love so well.

It was thrilling to host the Gathering in our own region and provide an opportunity for many IMYM Friends to experience the Gathering, as well as to invite Friends from other regions to experience our western expression of the Quaker Way. An unprecedented 27% of Gathering attenders were from IMYM, and many expressed personally to me that they had a great time! Friends from all over commented on how much they enjoyed the campus and the Colorado landscape – some said it was one of the best Gathering sites we’ve ever had.

As for my own experience at the Gathering, I enjoyed myself more than any other Gathering I’ve attended. This response flummoxed many people who asked me about it, because they imagined it must be extremely stressful and hectic for the clerks. What made it such an amazing experience for me was that the most helpful thing I could do as clerk during the week of Gathering was to simply be present – to be available for wherever I was needed at any given moment. One moment I would slide behind the wheel of a golf cart to help get Friends from place to place. Another moment I would join Friends in worship to remember a Friend who had died shortly before the Gathering. It was so freeing and fulfilling to have so little a set agenda and to simply be a servant to the Spirit and to our blessed community. I came away from this experience with feelings of immense gratitude, joy, love, connection, (and relief!).
Following the joy and success of the Gathering, I have been blessed with other opportunities to serve the FGC community. At the October meeting of FGC’s governing body, called the Central Committee, I said farewell to my friends on the Long Range Conference Planning committee, where I had served behind the scenes with the folks who do the organizing and visioning of the Gathering as an ongoing institution. And I stepped into a new role as a member of FGC’s Committee for Discernment, Planning & Priorities (CDPP). This committee’s work is to guide and hold the vision and priorities for FGC and the future of the organization. It is significant that of the 12 Friends serving on this committee, two of us (Martha Roberts and I) are from IMYM. This means that for the first time there is a significant western Quaker perspective being contributed to FGC’s organizational vision. Our participation brings much-needed geographic diversity to this heavily centralized body.

FGC is entering another phase in its transformation of the last several years. This cycle of change began with an organizational restructuring not unlike the one IMYM recently underwent. The next phase was the development and adoption of a new vision statement, Minute of Purpose, and major goals to guide FGC’s identity and work (see fgcquaker.org/about/vision-statement for more info). We are now beginning to define what that work will be, how we will carry it out, and how we will measure our effectiveness in these endeavors. We see the core of FGC’s work going forward as fostering Spiritual Deepening, which one member of our committee defined as “igniting and feeding that spiritual fire in Friends and Seekers.”

This vision of Spiritual Deepening feeds a great hunger inside me. I hunger to know the people in my Meeting more deeply, to tell our individual stories of Faith, to share in the continual creation of our collective Spiritual Journey, to actively face challenges and conflicts together, to explore what it means to be Quaker in the 21st Century, to expose our prejudices and hypocrisies, to experiment with how to live our testimonies more mindfully and authentically, to discover and learn how to more faithfully follow our leadings, to more confidently communicate about our Quaker Way with other people in our lives, to become more genuinely welcoming of newcomers, and to grow our individual and corporate relationship with God.

Barry Crosnow, FGC’s general secretary, gave ministry at last fall’s Central Committee about a vision he had of the future of the Religious Society of Friends. He envisioned a Religious Society ever growing in vitality and vivacity, and as Barry ministered, I felt my heart pound and a fire rage inside me because I saw a vision of a better future for our world: a future in which the Quaker Way is available to all and our spiritual capacity and energy to heed George Fox’s call to “walk cheerfully over the world answering that of God in everyone” grows ever greater.

Friends, I will unabashedly say that I believe we are on the verge of a renaissance. A new generation of Friends is rising and ushering in a new chapter in our path of Continuing Revelation. The Quaker Way is relevant and needed in our world. The Quaker Way offers a spiritual path and practice that is unique and radical – as radical as we make it through how we live our lives. FGC is working hard to realize this vision through its service to Friends, Meetings and Seekers.

Thank you, dear Friends of InterMountain Yearly Meeting, for putting your faith in me as one of your representatives to what I truly believe is a life-changing and world-changing organization. Thank you for supporting me and supporting FGC with your dollars and your Light. My wish would be for all of you to have an opportunity to serve with FGC in some capacity sometime in your life. Serving with FGC continues to be a source of growth and inspiration in my spiritual life, and I believe it would be for you too.
Report of Friends Peace Teams

Report to Intermountain Yearly Meeting 2014

This year Friends Peace Teams will celebrate its 20th Anniversary with the activity PeaceQuest 2014 in Baltimore at Stony Run Meeting and Friends School on June 20-22. We hope to have colleagues from Africa, Latin America, and Asia West Pacific join us as well as activities focused on personal, local and international Peacemaking. SCYMers are invited. See www.peacequest2014.org

Africa (AGLI)
During the past year, the African Great Lakes Initiative was heavily involved in violence prevention for the elections in Kenya, training 1200 citizen reporters and more than 500 election observers all connected to a Call-in Center. When the election was completed, the Kenyan program had successfully dealt with issues of community violence and lynching. In Rwanda the Healing and Rebuilding Our Community (HROC) program has purchased an HROC center. There are now five Children's Peace Libraries, work on nutrition and peacebuilding with women, and workshops for handicapped individuals and their families. The secondary school scholarship program was increased to 30 students. In Burundi, there was a workcamp to build a hostel for a women's group, continuation of a program to deal with trauma in schools with the teachers, their students, and the parents. HROC workshops were conducted for members of "Peace Villages" where ex-combatants, returning refugees, and displaced people are mixed together. HROC-Burundi also responded with a relief program for 70 families after the flooding in Bujumbura in February. The Kamenge Clinic in Burundi has received authority to start dispensing anti-retro-viral drugs and has started working on a program with women who have experience rape or gender violence. The HROC program was put in abeyance due to the rebel group M23 invading Goma and the surrounding area. AGLI has also extended the HROC program to northern Uganda, South Kivu in the Congo, and with immigrants communities in the United States and started Alternatives to Violence (AVP) in the Kakauma refugee camp in northeast Kenya.

Latin America (PLA)
Peacebuilding en las Américas (PLA) has continued to expand its work in Colombia, now having three active regions and strong outreach to two others. The major focus of both the Alternatives to Violence Project (AVP) and Community Based Trauma Healing work is with victims and some perpetrators of the ongoing civil war there, and also with internally displaced communities. The work in Honduras focuses on poor women and youth in the northern region of the country, with outreach also to indigenous groups struggling to protect their lands from mining companies. There are two centers of AVP work in Honduras now. In Guatemala, the absence of the international volunteer (due to medical concerns) who has coordinated work has been felt in a decrease of workshops, but new efforts to develop more independent, local leadership have been increased. A possible collaboration with the AFSC Latin America office, now in Guatemala is expected to widen the work. In El Salvador, a part-time Salvadoran Coordinator has been hired, and considerable outreach to Evangelical Friends Churches and Schools has been done in the last year. Work in the rural areas around Suchitoto and recently with campesinas (rural women) in cooperation with the Co-Madres (Families of the Disappeared) also has increased. Currently significant energy is being spent on bringing colleagues from each program to the US for PeaceQuest 2014 and speaking engagements and then taking them on to the AVP International Gathering in Dublin Ireland in July.

Asia West-Pacific (AWP)
This year we welcomed many more Friends from Australia and Aotearoa (NZ) yearly meetings. We have begun work with First Nations leaders in Australia to see if FPT visitations might be useful in their communities. We also welcomed a new group of teams working locally with Palestinians and Israelis offering AVP workshops who wished
to extend their community building work with long term relationships in the manner of FPT. Peacebuilding in **Indonesia** is thriving with regular visits including AVP workshops, ongoing preschools, and scholarships for their teachers learning developmental play and other skills at local universities. The new guest house at Peace Place Pati regularly welcomes Friends and other peace workers. Though an Islamic community their decisions are based on group discernment in the manner of Friends, a huge step. The innovative ceramic water filters using silver and local materials are now working better and better, and produced locally. The filters are on track to meet the established standards for drinking water of the World Health Organization. We are returning this Spring to **Nepal** with AVP workshops supporting an active community of facilitators. Embracing peace building in new ways gets stronger and stronger daily throughout Asia West Pacific thanks to hard-working FPTers.

Your representative, Vickie Aldrich  
May 20, 2014
Attachment #7

Report from Western Friend

Western Friend: Annual Report FY 2013

Through magazines, books, online communication, and face-to-face visitation, Western Friend builds practical and spiritual connections among Friends in the West. In 2013, this service was especially notable in the impacts that our two newest books had on Friends’ meetings in the West. Marge Abbott continues to travel among Friends with her book, To Be Broken and Tender, using it as a resource in her workshops on spiritual transformation. Our newest book, An Inner Strength, edited by Kathy Hyatt, has also become a valuable resource for study groups on Quaker leadership.

Western Friend’s financial situation is stable. We budgeted for an operating loss of $6,400 in FY 2013, anticipating disruptions from the transition to a new editor. In fact, we did better than budgeted, closing with a net loss of $5,635. In FY 2013, the board also accepted a financial review of our FY 2012 books, conducted by CPA Richard Winkle. He found no cause for concern.

With a new executive editor, Mary Klein, starting January 1st, Western Friend’s board began asking our readers through surveys and interest groups: What do Friends need and want from Western Friend? The messages we heard were clear: 1) continue the great work on the magazine, 2) expand Western Friend’s online presence, and 3) expand the resources that Western Friend provides to our three yearly meetings in the West.

Guided by these ideas, we have begun redesigning our website. We hired Friend Brylie Oseley of Grass Valley Monthly Meeting to do this work. The new website should be ready to launch in 2014 and will include several new features: subscriber login for online access to all “current” articles, free public access to all “archived” articles (eventually going back to 1928), community pages with virtual meeting rooms, community bulletin boards, and curated libraries of resources for First Day School, adult education, and other committees. We envision this new website as a sort of online co-housing community for Friends in the West. We invite Friends to move in with us and help fill the mansions these.

In 2014, Western Friend board members began actively reaching out to monthly meetings and worship groups to create a new network of Western Friend “Community Builders.” We envision these as Friends who will partner with us to strengthen the bonds of faith, practice, and fellowship within local meetings and among them. Our goal is find one or two individuals in virtually every monthly meeting and worship group who will help us to add new virality to our connections among Friends in the West. Working together, we can help each other find the information and the people we need to know. We can share our joys and concerns with each other, even if we live far apart. Our new online network and our new human network will work together to enrich and streamline communication among Friends throughout the West.

Western Friend: Budget vs Actuals, FY 2013

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Each year, Western Friend reaches thousands of Friends through our publications, and hundreds more through in-person conversations. We invite you to join us. Start a Western Friend reading group in your monthly meeting or worship group. Support your favorite Quaker business or nonprofit organization with an ad in the magazine. Submit your writings, photos, and artwork for publication. Help us strengthen the bonds of friendship among Quakers in the West.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Ann Percy, Clerk

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### Income - FY 2013
- Subscriptions: 35%
- Contributions: 28%
- Giving: 8%
- Special events: 11%
- Other income: 11%
- Book sales: 9%

### Expenses - FY 2013
- Salaries and benefits: 40%
- Contracted services: 11%
- Travel and registration: 8%
- Other operating expenses: 13%
- Publication expenses: 12%
- Board expenses: 1%

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**Become a Publisher of Truth: Contribute to Western Friend.**

Share your essays, poems, photographs, and drawings. Help with proof-reading. Upcoming magazine themes include:

- Nov / Dec 2014 – On Temptation
  (How to stay on the narrow path of integrity?)
- Jan / Feb 2015 – On Reconciliation
  (Are forgiveness and healing really possible?)
- Mar / Apr 2015 – On Knowing
  (What’s the map, and what’s the territory?)
- May / June 2015 – On Needs
  (What’s necessary? What’s enough?)
- July / Aug 2015 – On Difference
  (How can we welcome the stranger?)
- Sept / Oct 2015 – On Play
  (What really brings us together?)
- Nov / Dec 2015 – On Money
  (Where does our treasure lie?)

And beyond the magazine, help Western Friend to strengthen networks among Friends in the West – online and face-to-face. Join the Board or become a Community-Builder.

To learn more about ways that you can contribute to Western Friend, contact Mary Klein at editor@westernfriend.org

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**Do Quakers Mean Business?**

Join Rob Pierson (Albuquerque Monthly Meeting) in an online conversation about his article from the May/June 2014 issue of Western Friend. Consider what Friends might learn from our long history of successes in business, industry, and government.

**Conversation with Rob Pierson**
- **Thursday, July 10, 2014**
- 6:30 PM Pacific / 7:30 PM Mountain
- Online at [Western Friend Connect](http://westernfriend.org)
- To register, contact editor@westernfriend.org

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Report from Friends World Committee on Consultation

(Oral report)

Representatives to FWCC are: Laura Peterson, CRM, Rob Pierson, NMRM, Bonnie Fraser, AHYM

“Let the Living Water Flow!” was the theme for our 2014 series of regional conferences for representatives and other interested Friends. All four conferences offered workshops in skills needed for thriving Quaker meetings in the 21st century. Over 400 Friends from over 40 yearly meetings participated in the four conferences in El Salvador, California, Bolivia, and North Carolina. Some IMYM representatives were able to attend the regional conference in Sacramento, California. It was a good conference and allowed us to find unity with each other in many ways.

An important event this year has been the approval of the Strategic Plan for 2015 to 2020 It is called “Weaving the Tapestry.” This document addresses the questions: What are the needs that FWCC is called to address for the Religious Society of Friends of the future. Also, How can we have the most impact in advancing our mission of understanding and connection among Friends of diverse backgrounds in the Section of the Americas? The new programs that emerged from this study will connect with and serve all the geographic regions of the Section and will be evaluated from those various perspectives. The proposed programs are Visitation, Connections, and Funding Innovation.

Next year there will be a Section Meeting for the Section of the Americas. It will be March 12-15, 2015 near Mexico City, Mexico. Laura and Jerry Peterson will likely attend this meeting. In 2016 there will be an International Representatives Meeting. (This was formerly known as the FWCC Triennial.) It will be January 12-20, 2016 in Arequipa, Peru. FWCC representatives would really like to attend this meeting if funding can be worked out.

Respectfully submitted,

Laura Peterson
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Memorial Minute for Rebecca Jocelyn Henderson, Santa Fe Monthly Meeting

Rebecca Jocelyn Henderson passed away at age 70 on March 4, 2014 in Santa Fe NM, from complications of myelofibrosis, a rare blood cancer. She was born August 29, 1943 to Arthur James Henderson and Sada Thompson Henderson of Paullina, Iowa, and grew up in Paullina Monthly Meeting of Iowa Yearly Meeting, Conservative. Her sister Matilda was born fourteen years earlier. They had a grandparent in each of four major Paullina Meeting families, so were related to almost everyone in the Meeting.

As she was growing up, some still spoke the plain language and many wore the plain clothes or dressed plainly. Respect was shown to children, who sat through the entire hour of Meeting every First Day, went to Business Meeting after about age 10, and were included on committees after age 12 or so. Rebecca’s father rented farms for a diversified operation of crops and livestock. She thoroughly enjoyed the farm, helping raise the animals, doing field work, gardening, and participating in 4-H. Rebecca left home at age 14 to attend Scattergood Friends School, spending summers at home on the farm, and graduating in 1961.

Rebecca attended Earlham College for several years until 1964, when she decided to become a landscape architect and transferred to Iowa State University in Ames. There she was suddenly out of the Quaker cocoon, encountering blatant sexism in a department where she was the only woman. At the Quaker Meeting in Ames she found rest and friendliness. Finding connections to the growing student movement, she protested against racial discrimination and made trips to Washington to protest against poverty and the escalating war in Vietnam.

Rebecca found herself deeply in love with her roommate, who was not a lesbian. At a demonstration in Washington in 1965 she saw women together holding hands in broad daylight, her first glimpse of out-of-the-closet, political lesbians. She came to realize that she was a lesbian and that there were others like her. She discovered and found comfort in *Toward a Quaker View of Sex*.

In the summer of 1966 Rebecca was a camp counselor at YMCA Camp Widgiwagan near Ely, Minnesota, making several canoe trips with campers through the Boundary Waters Area, one of the peak experiences of her life. In 1968 she received a Bachelor of Science Degree in Landscape Architecture from Iowa State.

Rebecca worked eight years for Stanley Consultants, doing recreation planning for the State of Ohio and environmental impact analyses for transmission lines, coal-fired power plants, rural electrification, and waterway improvements. She was a closeted lesbian under pressure to assimilate into mainstream heterosexual culture, learning how to deal with a difficult homophobic boss. She also became aware of the looming environmental crisis that people around her had no knowledge of yet. Rebecca moved to Iowa City in 1970, becoming active in the Iowa City Friends Meeting, serving as Clerk and Recording Clerk, meetinghouse resident, and on the Scattergood School Committee. She was active with Friends World Committee for Consultation, representing Iowa Yearly Meeting, Conservative, at the FWCC Triennial in Sidney, Australia in 1973. On the way there she visited Japan for two weeks, visiting famous gardens in Kyoto and discovering how little she really knew about landscape design. She was deeply moved and humbled seeing the spiritual foundation in the natural world of Japanese
gardens. This was the beginning of tremendous respect for nonwhite cultures, and a lessening of her arrogance.

In 1975 when Stanley got a contract to work on the Trident nuclear submarine base, she recognized that she could not work with them and continue to be a pacifist, so she resigned. She came to realize that her work of reducing public opposition to public utility engineering projects and nuclear power plants did not serve the long-term survival of the environment.

Rebecca prepared to suffer for her principles, but instead began thriving because she could now live by those principles and let them shape her life. She developed ideas about simple living and an ethical low-income life-style, and when her car died she didn't replace it and managed quite well without one. A lower income made it possible to pay less tax to the military, a step toward more complete war tax resistance later.

She finally was able to come out of the closet and be open and honest about being a lesbian. She was delighted to find a lesbian community in Iowa City working on issues close to her heart: equality, justice, peace, and feminism.

She entered the field of bookbinding, creating Prairie Fox Publications in 1977. She hand bound editions of 500 to 1000 books for small presses, made journal books, and more than 600 cloth-covered boxes to protect rare books for the University of Iowa Special Collections, made to exactly fit each book. Because Iowa Quakers were not ready to be accepting of lesbians and gays, and because Rebecca was unwilling to continue to hide her true self, with sorrow and great disappointment she quietly withdrew from Quaker work and Meeting in 1975.

Rebecca's health crashed and she developed sensitivities to many chemicals and pollutants, eventually traced to the furnace at her bindery, which was leaking carbon monoxide. She became unable to work, and in 1985 sold her bindery. That same year, in her first openly lesbian relationship, Rebecca moved with Quinn Dilkes to Albuquerque, New Mexico, for better air and healing. There, she was employed at the University of New Mexico for five years in various departments.

Rebecca walked 1700 miles mostly in New Mexico and Colorado, in four summers. The vigorous movement of air through her lungs helped her regain her health enough so that she was able to work full time during the winters. After carrying her backpack on her back the first year, she invented a two-wheeled cart to carry it and extra water. Walking part of the year reduced her income so that she could earn less than the taxable income and thus not pay for war. Through encouragement from Al-Anon meetings and after being away for 10 years, Rebecca returned to attending Quaker meeting in Albuquerque, which was supportive of gays and lesbians. In the fall of 1987, Rebecca and Quinn went to the historic Gay March on Washington at which half a million marched, and two days later they were among the 600 arrested in mass non-violent civil disobedience at the Supreme Court. In 1988, they protested at the Nevada nuclear test site with more than 8,000 people. Quinn moved back to Iowa in 1988.

In 1989, Rebecca met Pelican Lee at the end of her summer walk, and in 1990 Rebecca moved to live with Pelican in Santa Fe. In May 1992, Rebecca and Pelican married under the care of Paullina Meeting, with the wedding conducted by Albuquerque Meeting. Rebecca joined Pelican at yearly women's Lakota Sundances, a safe place for lesbian Native Americans to participate in one of their most sacred ceremonies. This loving community became significant in their lives.
In Santa Fe, Rebecca worked at the Museum of New Mexico Foundation until 1997. She also tutored children who had trouble reading and did housecleaning and data entry.

Rebecca, Pelican, and others bought 100 acres of land that became West Wind, a lesbian intentional community near Ribera, NM. Rebecca built a straw bale house and oversaw the construction of Pelican’s straw bale house, teaching building skills to many women in the process. They used solar energy and rainwater collection. Rebecca focused on experimental gardening, finding ways to minimize water use and maintain organic soil fertility in the arid, windy climate, and enjoyed keeping chickens. Rebecca and Pelican (and their chickens) lived half the week in Santa Fe and half the week at West Wind.

In Santa Fe Monthly Meeting, Rebecca served as Clerk, Recording Clerk, on Ministry and Counsel, and many other committees. In 1994 Rebecca served on the local committee for the FWCC Triennial at Ghost Ranch in New Mexico. In 2003 she attended the FWCC Consultation in Greensboro. She served as Clerk, as representative to Friends Peace Teams, and on Nominating, Structure, and Procedures Committees of Intermountain Yearly Meeting.

In 2006, Rebecca was diagnosed with myelofibrosis, a rare blood cancer that she lived with for over seven years, longer than she expected. In those years she was a leader in the restructuring of Intermountain Yearly Meeting, conducted clerking workshops, and was speaker at several Quaker gatherings. She wrote and published Ingrid’s Tales: A Norwegian-American Quaker Farming Story, about her life growing up in the Paullina Quaker community, and a booklet, “Quaker Practice and Business Meetings.”

Rebecca will be greatly missed by the many Quakers whose lives she touched. She nurtured new Friends and became her monthly meeting’s informal consultant for just about every project, committee, and connection to other Quaker groups. She was truly an elder and exemplified how to live Friendly principles of simplicity, compassion, equality, and peace building – being guided by the Light in all. Unquestionably, Rebecca will be remembered for her wide smile and delighted chuckle, unwavering optimism, courage, and passion for right action.

Rebecca is survived by her beloved wife Pelican Lee Ellen Ackerman, her sister Matilda Hansen of Laramie, WY, nephews, Eric Michener (Kay) of Fairfield IA, and Douglas Michener (Jill) of Breckenridge CO, great-nephews Jamie Michener of Washington DC and Mark Michener of Denver, nieces Chelsea Ackerman of Seattle and Serendipiti Mariah Ackerman of Omaha, and a wide circle of friends.

Historical Footnote: Rebecca died March 4 2014 at Christus St. Vincent Hospital in Santa Fe, New Mexico. Her body was cremated. She is buried in the cemetery of the Meeting House in Paullina, Iowa where her parents and 9 of her 12 grandchildren and great grandparents are also buried.
Attachment #10

Memorial Minute for Eleanor Means Hull, Boulder Monthly Meeting

Eleanor Hull was born in Denver, Colorado, on August 19, 1913, the only child of noted writer Florence Crannell Means and lawyer Carlton Bell Means. She was brought up in a devout Baptist family and was much influenced by her grandfather, who after retiring from his post as president of the Kansas City Baptist Theological Seminary moved in with them and preached in nearby churches. No less was she inspired by her mother, who wrote young adult novels about girls of different ethnic backgrounds. She took young Eleanor with her on many of her trips to Native American reservations, migrant labor camps, Mexico, and African American colleges in the south.

Eleanor attended Colorado Women’s College and Redlands, a small Baptist college where she met and later married Angus Hull. Angus was a Baptist preacher, much taken by the social gospel that was emerging and Eleanor embraced the social gospel whole-heartedly and never in her 100 years did her interest and passion waver from it.

While raising five children, Eleanor, wrote six books and worked for social justice. She wrote twelve more books after all the children were grown. In New York she became a social investigator for Aid to Families with Dependent Children and was very distressed at what she saw as the inadequacy and coldness of the program. She also traveled with Angus to Africa and the Soviet Union. He worked body and soul for the Civil Rights movement and Eleanor was right behind him – body and soul. In 1974, just before retiring, Angus died of a heart attack while giving the invocation at the Martin Luther King Day celebration in New York.

Eleanor then returned to Colorado to the dream home that Angus and she had built in Gold Hill for their retirement years. During their work and travels they encountered and were drawn to Quakers, and Eleanor joined Boulder Meeting. She served as recording clerk, on several committees. At 82 she broke her femur, and although she was able to walk again, gave herself permission to be less active and more contemplative. But she never lost her love of words and her wry sense of humor. She continued to attend Meeting well into her nineties.

She is survived by four children, eight grandchildren, and 13 great grandchildren. Her beloved son, Stephen, preceded her in death.

A joyful memorial service celebrating her life was held on November 13.
Memorial Minute for Jack Kraushaar, Boulder Monthly Meeting

Jack was born in Maplewood, New Jersey, on September 6, 1923. At age 20 he lost both of his parents in a train wreck. With the support of his brother and family friends, he finished his undergraduate degree in Physics in 1944. After graduating, Jack began active duty in the Navy as a tactical radar officer on a supply ship in the Pacific Theater until 1946.

After the war he completed graduate studies at Syracuse University and his doctoral research in nuclear physics at Brookhaven National Laboratory. While there, he met Nancy Whiting Curtis, a fellow scientist at the laboratory. They married in 1951.

After three years as junior faculty in Physics, in 1956 he was appointed Assistant Professor of Physics at the University of Colorado. Besides his numerous papers on nuclear physics, Jack was very interested in the limitations of fossil fuels as a long-term energy source and their impacts on the environment. He was an early scholar in the need to develop alternative and clean energy sources.

Jack and Nancy participated in the formation of the Boulder Friends Meeting. In the 1980s Jack served on he Ministry & Counsel Committee, on the Finance Committee, and as Treasurer. Later he served 25 years on the Service Committee, tending to the transitional unit the Meeting sponsored, and raising money for it.

He loved backpacking with Nancy and their three boys, stamp collecting, gardening, and was a skilled craftsman. He loved their home that he helped to design and build. They lived 50 years in that home, where Jack and Nancy extended warm hospitality to family, friends, students, and faculty.

Jack died on July 24, 2013. He led his life with integrity, humility, commitment, simplicity, and kindness. His presence and kind smile will be missed.

He is survived by his wife, Nancy, their three sons, Jeffrey Curtis, Steven Lester, and Matthew Jourdan, and his four grandchildren, Andrew, Lisa, Sabina, and Ben Kraushaar.

A memorial Meeting for Worship to celebrate Jack’s life was held at the Boulder Meeting on August 17, 2013.
Attachment #12

Memorial Minute for Dorothy Eagan, Gila Monthly Meeting

Dorothy Eagan, formerly Poortinga, passed away February 23 in Bellingham, Washington, due to complications of ovarian cancer. She was 66.

Born Dorothy Jane Ginger in Chicago, Illinois, she lived in that area for over 20 years. She moved to Yellow Springs, Ohio, in the late 70’s. During her many years in Yellow Springs, she was an active part of the community. She received master’s degrees in reading specialization and library science and worked for many years as a first and second-grade teacher at Mills Lawn Elementary in Yellow Springs, Ohio. She was much loved by many of her students over the years and received numerous awards for teaching the early grades. Dorothy was a founding member of the Feminist Health Fund, a group that helps local women with health care needs. She married and had three children, Ann, Luke and John Poortinga. Having attended Quaker Meeting in Yellow Springs since 1979 she was very involved with Religious Education and as treasurer. Her three children also attended Yellow Springs Friends Meeting, where she met Jerry Eagan in 2001. Dorothy moved west to Silver City, New Mexico where she and Jerry were married under the care of Gila Friends Meeting in 2003. She enjoyed many hikes in the Gila Mountains, particularly in Apacheria, and joyfully performed with the Mogollon Mountain Dulcimer Group; worked as circulation supervisor of the public library until her retirement; taught classes at WNMU and loved working in her gardens. In August of 2005 Dorothy became a member of Gila Friends Monthly Meeting and began as our meeting’s newsletter editor and publisher until 2011. She and Jerry were involved with the Religious Education committee, antinuclear and peace activities. She served as convener of the Committee for the Discovery of Gifts and Leadings, the budget committee, and the spiritual formation group. As a master teacher, she modeled education by example and kindness and knew how to listen and inspire confidence. Dorothy was a beloved friend and help to all who knew her. She will be dearly missed.
Epistle from the Netherlands Yearly Meeting, 2013

May 2013

Greetings to Friends everywhere,

Netherlands Yearly Meeting was gathered this year in a ‘Friends of Nature-home’ located in the middle of the forest. Some 90 Friends including around 10 children and youngsters were present. There were representatives of Britain, German, Belgian and Denmark Yearly Meetings.

The theme of our annual gathering was “And then you will walk cheerfully over this world, answering that of God in everyone”. Marlies Tjallingii, our new Clerk, opened the sessions quoting from a poem by our Friend Kees Boeke. One of the verses says: “In the silence my thoughts merged with God’s Thought.” A beautiful start to our Annual Meeting. In a relaxed manner the representatives of other Yearly Meetings were warmly welcomed. New attenders were given the opportunity to introduce themselves. We got acquainted with the new representative of the Quaker Council for European Affairs, Alexandra Bosbeer.

Modestly, simply and from the heart, Willem Furnée introduced the theme of the meeting. Willem went over the different dimensions of the theme and pointed out how difficult it may be to find that of God in someone else. He illustrated this with a video of the South African Truth and Reconciliation Commission which showed how the parents of a murdered white activist were able to forgive the murderer. In doing so they continued the work of their daughter in her spirit of reconciliation. This made us dialogue extensively about guilt and forgiveness in our basegroups.

The representative of the ‘Congregations of the Base Movement’ in the Council of Churches in the Netherlands, José Höhne-Sparborth, presented us with the second theme, the history of slavery of the Netherlands. On the first of July of this year it will be 150 years ago the slavery in the overseas territories of the Netherlands was abolished. To properly commemorate this there should be adequate awareness and recognition of our role in slavery. The process of forgiveness also requires trauma healing of the families of those that were enslaved. Unfortunately there are still many forms of hidden slavery today. Some 100 million people are working in modern forms of slavery, partly to fulfil our need for luxury.

Listening to readings of some twenty Epistles, we felt connected with Friends worldwide. It is good to hear that the vision of the Kabarak Call for Peace and Eco Justice continues to be at work in many places.
The Children’s Committee expressed a concern. To organize a program for the small group with a range of different ages is experienced as rather difficult. This concern was heard and shared by everyone. The question is how we can integrate the children’s program better into the program of our Annual Meeting.

The children and youngsters explored the meeting’s theme through being clowns. Their presentation introduced a cheerful element indeed. They also collected money for a designated good cause, the Cliniclowns (an organization aimed at cheering up children who are hospitalized), by selling different types of juice in a fruit juice bar. We also collected money for the Trauma Healing and Reconciliation (THARS) project of our Friend David Niyonzima in Burundi and the course in Non-violent Communication Skills given by Marlies and Sytse Tjallingii at Ramallah.

A broad range of special interest groups gave us the opportunity to share what moves us personally. In this way we heard from Kees Nieuwerth about the intensive Just Peace-process of the World Council of Churches to have war made illegal. We share the hope of our Clerk that in the near future war will be declared illegal, just like slavery.

Next to the usual Silent Meeting for Worship there was also an opportunity to attend a Meeting for Worship with Music and Movement.

Through all we heard and experienced the meaning of the theme was deepened and became more of a challenge. We had to face up to painful questions but are leaving this gathering deeply convinced of the truth in the words of George Fox: “Be patterns, be examples in all countries, places, islands, nations, wherever you come, that your carriage and life may preach among all sorts of people, and to them; then you will come to walk cheerfully over the world, answering that of God in every one.” (1656).

Marlies Tjallingii, clerk
Attachment #14

Notes from the Listening Session of Junior and Senior Young Friends

Q. #1. How have any of the testimonies of simplicity, peace, integrity, compassion, equality (the “spices”) affected you?
I think I do this (be affected by the testimonies) unconsciously. It is powerful because if you are truly living in your community you can impact every person you meet. It is something we all need to do all the time. Having an impact on another person is incredible. If we are trying to be the best, it’s beautiful.

Q #2. What do I enjoy the most/least about being a Quaker?
What I enjoy the most is the community, how inclusive everyone is, and no matter where I am, with anyone here, I can have a logical and fun conversation at any time. It’s amazing. I love it so much.
What I enjoy the least is the lack of knowledge on the part of people who are not Quakers and who do not know how we do things. It can be amusing sometimes, but sometimes not.

Q #3. Do your friends know you were a Quaker, and if so, what is their reaction?
I’ve only told one friend I was a Quaker and it was annoying. He told me he was a Christian and I told him he was a Quaker. He said “Oh, Quaker Oats. I have Quaker Oats in my pantry.” He made fun of Quakers, so I don’t tell anyone else. The thing I like about Quakers is that we’re all open.

Q #4. A majority of the questions cover our testimonies. I understand that is the significance of this, but even so. The most vital principles we Friends have decided upon are important guidelines. Whether or not they are considered “testimonies,” they are important. The best way we could expand our message outward is by demonstration, to lead by example, to display these qualities we hold dearly, to hold them outward.
If there are any more testimonies that we think are important, they might be added, but not too many or it would violate the testimony of simplicity. I’m a big advocate of Love. If you add it to the acronym, it would fit: “spices.”

Q #5. How do your Quaker testimonies affect your daily life?
One that specifically comes up to me is community. Going through applying to colleges, and having rough times, I didn’t realize how important the community could be, how many people helped with letters of recommendation and deadlines. It is also your other communities: friends, school. Not just Quakers.

Q #6. Youth is way way too busy, not simple. How do you respond to that?
It’s not easy being simple. Parents push you into many things, but it’s ok for youth not to be as simplistic, because we’re still learning, and we’ll eventually find the thing we love. Once we find that track, our lives will be more simple.

Q #7. When I was in 3-4th grade, Quakers came up. I said, “I’m a Quaker!” But my teacher said, “No, Quakers don’t exist any more.”
It’s not that I don’t tell anyone I’m a Quaker, I just don’t bring it up. And if it does, I make it a quick discussion with a fake smile.
I was internally proud but afraid to show it. I had a “Faith” shirt from FGC, but someone asked what it meant, and I said, “I got it at Goodwill.”
One day my swimming buddies and I went to McDonald’s. They were mostly pretty strong Christians. I said I was Quaker. We wound up in a rather deep talk. It was one of the best things that has happened to me.

Q #8. One of the testimonies that has been speaking to me is stewardship. I was not fond of it as a kid. It meant picking weeds, taking out the trash, putting bottles in recycling. Lately I have come to see the meaning of taking care of our planet. I have come to see how much work there is to do to make the planet safe for my kids and grandkids ([to be]. It makes me feel better doing work in the garden and recycling, and it makes me feel more hopeful. It brings the testimony into a new light. If you are painting the community fence or working in the garden, think that you are doing something huge. We could all use a little more stewardship in our lives.

Q #9. One testimony I began to understand recently is simplicity. I began to realize there are a lot of things in my life I could be putting less time on. It means knowing what you don’t need and what you do need. You can get very busy in your life, and it can be overwhelming. Being able to find some simplicity brings the other testimonies along, like peace and integrity.

Q #10. One of the questions was “Is there a testimony you think doesn’t fit the modern age?” Probably one doesn’t fit is “Peace,” because of all the wars and pollution that are going on in this world. Peace isn’t fitting right now.

Q #11. Who is somebody, that you look up to? It would be one of my friends, because she can make friends with almost everybody, and she can keep the peace. I look up to her because that’s who I’d like to be like.

Young Adult Friends were invited to join the circle.

Q #12. A question I had to think about for a long time is: how hard is it for you to be peaceful? How hard is it for you to create peace? I feel so lucky. My school and everyone around me are peaceful. They are a good role model. Sometimes if you go to another school, where they may not have so many advantages, and you can give a gesture that will help someone.

Q #13: Who do you look up to? I look up to all the JYFs here. I don’t have so many friends at school, but I can talk to all the JYFs here.

Q #14. Do I believe in God? I don’t think it really matters if an individual Quaker believes in God or not. In my experience, Quakerism is more than a religion, it is a lifestyle. It has testimonies that we carry out in our lives. We’re not just worshipping God, we are worshipping each other. It’s more powerful than any one being. God is all of us together, and we can be one. When we come together in practicing the testimonies, we can be very powerful and create a kind of human God. That works better for me than a God in the sky.

Q #15. Should service be a Quaker testimony, or is it independent? To me, all the testimonies are independent. Service is not just just going to places. It is giving emotional support. People don’t always recognize when they are helping someone, being of service.
Q #16. What testimony would you get rid of? Simplicity. At school I just didn’t do anything. I just took core classes and started ignoring people. But I got annoyed with myself so I decided to do more things. It didn’t seem like simplicity. We should keep simplicity, but it’s less important than some of the other testimonies.

Q #17. If you could create a match-up of two or more of the Quaker testimonies, what would it be, and what would it look like? This past year I left the country with nothing but a backpack and with nobody. That experience was one of the most humbling things I have ever done. I truly learned what it is to be human: to live with the earth and to not have all the things society told me I should have; and to be vulnerable because you’re in a new place. It was beautiful. When I came home, I thought a lot about my life. I didn’t go to college. A lot of people criticized me. But it was not my calling. How I would live the testimonies of community, simplicity and stewardship? Living with people you share your same beliefs with. Being happy. I would love to live out in the mountains, out of the gridlock, in a community, away from society. It doesn’t take much. It just takes time to give back to the earth. I would be thankful for all God has provided for us. We are so blessed to be here now on this planet.

Q #18. How do you describe the Testimony of Equality as we IMYM show diversity? As a kid I thought the solution to racism was to not see race. I just don’t think that works. I’ve heard other ideas. Different is not bad; it is not the same as unequal. It’s difficult to know how to be inclusive. How can we hear from someone who has left because it didn’t work for them? It’s hard to put myself in the shoes of someone who did not feel as included as I have. Diversity comes in all forms, down to the different ways people make decisions.

Q #19. What is something you did that influenced someone else to live with greater “spice”? (simplicity, etc.). It’s not what I did; it’s what other folks did that influenced me. As some of you know Boulder had some terrible floods this past year. I was living in a basement, so I had to pack up what I considered my life. The Taoist symbol for crisis is also the symbol for opportunity. I thought I was broken. But I got a job outside Boulder that allowed me to live simply. All my needs were met. My home life is simple. At work I learned that simplicity is important, especially in my work station (as a cook). At first, I was messy, with knives here and there. A supervisor told me, “KISS: Keep it simple, stupid.” I began to learn that lesson, and things became much simpler. I went from prep cook to lead line cook. Practicing the “spices” made me a better cook.
Attachment #15

Memorial Minute for Dimitri Mihalas, Santa Fe Monthly Meeting

World-renowned astrophysicist Dr. Dimitri Mihalas, PhD passed away in his sleep at his home on November 21, 2013 in Santa Fe, New Mexico. He donated his body to the University of New Mexico Medical School and his library to New Mexico Tech.

His grandfather, fleeing Greece in the 1930’s, brought his family to the U.S. Dimitri was born on March 20, 1939 in Los Angeles, California where he grew up. He received his B.A., with Highest Honors, in three majors; Physics, Mathematics, and Astronomy, from the University of California at Los Angeles at age 20. He received his Ph.D. in Astronomy and Physics from the California Institute of Technology four years later.

In 1963, Dimitri joined the faculty of the Department of Astrophysical Sciences at Princeton University. In the following three decades, he was a professor in the Department of Astronomy at the University of Chicago, the University of Colorado at Boulder, and the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, where he was the George C. McVittie Professor of Astronomy for 13 years. He worked for many years as a Senior Scientist at the National Center for Atmospheric Research in Boulder, Colorado, and was an Astronomer at the National Solar Observatory at Sacramento Peak, New Mexico and a laboratory fellow at the Los Alamos National Laboratory until 2011.

Dimitri was a pioneer in astrophysics and computational physics and remained a world leader in the fields of radiation transport, radiation hydrodynamics and astrophysical quantitative spectroscopy for most of his career. His broad knowledge and immense contributions earned him election to the U.S. National Academy of Sciences in 1981 at age 42, fifteen years earlier than the usual age of entry. In addition, he earned many other distinguished awards. Dimitri had an exceptional record of both quantity and quality of work, and developed new and far-reaching methodologies yielding results of great importance. He made outstanding contributions to the field of Astronomy and Astrophysics.

Besides many high-quality papers, he authored or co-authored seven books and co-edited three others. Among them, three of his books have been used as textbooks for both undergraduate and graduate students worldwide and translated into other languages such as Russian and Chinese. His book, Foundations of Radiation Hydrodynamics, has become the “bible” of the radiation hydrodynamics community, especially at Los Alamos and Lawrence Livermore National Laboratories and the Naval Research Laboratory. Dimitri also published several other non-science poetry books including Coming Back From the Dead, Dream Shadows and A Distant Summons.

Dimitri’s colleagues and graduate students held him in high appreciation and expressed their admiration for him at the International Conference in Honor of Dimitri Mihalas for his Lifetime Scientific Contributions on the Occasion of his 70th Birthday held at Boulder in late March 2009. A symposium was published following the conference. In the December 2013 issue of The Huffington Post, Dimitri was #5 in the line-up of 39 Brilliant Scientific Minds we Lost in 2013 That Changed the World Forever.

Dimitri was diagnosed with depression and bipolar disorder when he was in his 40s, although he thought signs of the conditions dated to his childhood. He wrote about his experiences in essays
such as “Surviving Depression and Bipolar Disorder” and “A Primer on Depression and Bipolar Disorder” in 2002. He was determined to be open about his conditions in the hopes that it would lessen the stigma of mental illness. And, indeed, these books have had as profound an impact as his professional textbooks and articles. A former student, feeling that Dimitri played an extremely important part in his own wellbeing, especially at the time when he was a student, placed Dimitri's writings on bipolar disorder on an online blog, the HealthyPlace web site for the Bipolar Disorder Community, ensuring open access to all.

Dimitri was invited to attend Quaker Meeting by a friend when he was working at the University of Colorado and the National Center for Atmospheric Research. He became a member of Boulder Friends Meeting in 1977. In 1986, the depressive side of his bipolar condition began to get the better of him and he struggled with suicidal ideas. Medication, psychiatry and the outpouring of friendship and spiritual support from the Boulder Friends community carried him through and he discovered that, in his words, “It is in the deepest darkness that one can most easily see light, God's Light, your Inner Light. I was led to the amazing conclusion that the dark journey is not a test, a trial, or a punishment, it is a gift!”

In 1996, Dimitri wrote a pamphlet, published by Pendle Hill, titled, Depression and Spiritual Growth. Its purpose, in Dimitri’s words, “is to describe the transition a depression victim can take from despair to a grounded place for spiritual growth”. In it, Dimitri offered details of his own journey and asserted that the path to healing and wholeness is possible by embracing God’s gift of Grace. He also placed great importance on the role of Quaker Meeting as a source of spiritual and practical support.

Dimitri spent several years attending Urbana-Champaign Friends Meeting in the midnineties before returning to Boulder. He moved to Los Alamos in the late –nineties and began attending Santa Fe Friends Meeting, transferring his membership there in 2012. Although he attended Meeting irregularly, Dimitri is remembered by Friends with fondness and appreciation. Friends are grateful for his eloquent and profound messages about coping with mental illness, which were comforting to those who found themselves in situations with similar challenges.

Friends from Boulder and Urbana Friends Meetings were similarly moved, and deeply affected by his writings and honesty about mental illness. One Friend remembers that Dimitri always appreciated Quakers’ inclusivity and insistence on personal experience as testimony. For Friends who knew him as a member of their Meetings, Dimitri remains an inspiration; a brilliant scientist who shared, with joy and honesty, his own dark journey through depression, which led him to seek out a spiritual path. His life is an affirmation of our oneness in our search for wholeness. He reminds us that “we all have broken places; places through which Grace and Light and Life itself can penetrate our souls, places through which we can reach out from the prisons of our lives to touch one another and touch God.”

Dimitri began working at the Los Alamos National Laboratory in the late nineteen-nineties. In accordance with his Quaker beliefs, he refused any work related to nuclear weapons development. He retired from his position as Laboratory Fellow in the Applied Physics department in 2011.

Throughout his long career, he gave generously of himself to all with whom he interacted. As an advisor, role model, confidant, and friend, he saw each person as an individual, acknowledging strengths, helping overcome weaknesses, giving encouragement, and enthusiastically praising their success. He touched the lives and careers of many students, colleagues and friends and has left a
lastig legacy to be cherished by all who knew him. He is survived by his wife, Anke Mihalas, his daughter, Alexandra and his son, Michael.
Memorial Minute for David Livingstone, Pima Monthly Meeting

David Edward Livingston, the eldest child of Gertrude and Edward Livingston, was born in New York City on August 28, 1921. His three surviving sisters, Lois, Joan and Martha, remember him as a warm and loving brother who could always bring a smile to the face of anyone who knew him. His fourth sister, Barbara, passed away seven years ago.

David and his sisters grew up in an upstairs apartment above his father's medical office on New York's upper west side. David attended Hunter College, a college prep high school, and in his sophomore year was sent off to New York Military Academy on the Hudson River in Cornwall, NY, from which he graduated with honors in 1940.

During WWII, David served as a medic in the army in North Africa and Italy, and on his return after the war he attended New York University. While living at a Christian community called Calvary House, he met and fell in love with Dorothy Dotzauer, a young college-educated woman from Cincinnati, Ohio. Soon after their wedding in 1948, the couple moved to study at a Friends college in Oskaloosa, Iowa, and then to Dakota Wesleyan in Mitchell, South Dakota, where David received his B. A. in psychology and religious education. Dorothy worked hard to support the two of them during these years.

After graduation, David worked for the YMCA, directing youth programs first in Chicago and then in New Jersey. In 1951, still in Chicago, the Livingston couple welcomed twin daughters, Deborah and Marcia, who were surrounded by a loving, multiracial, multicultural community during their early years.

When Dorothy and David were seeking a spiritual home, they found themselves comfortable with the peace testimony and silent worship of Quaker meetings. The family joined the Ridgewood Monthly Meeting in New Jersey and in 1957 helped build a permanent meeting house there in a location intentionally selected between the black and the white areas of town. These were the years of struggle to make racial integration a positive and beneficial change to uplift all people. In the meeting house itself, the Livingstons were involved in starting an Early Education center, "Friends’ Neighborhood Nursery,” which welcomed families from diverse cultures and backgrounds. The meeting house also served as home to Youth Peace Fellowship meetings during the Vietnam War. David included his daughter Deborah in these activities, and she became increasingly involved in the peace movement from the age of 12 or 13. During a peace march in New Jersey they were arrested for civil disobedience, and were also among the thousands who gathered in NYC and Washington, DC to call on the United States government to end the war in Vietnam.

David changed careers during the 1960s and then worked for 30 years at the Hackensack Medical Center as a Respiratory Therapist, always on the night shift which suited his personality but was a struggle for his wife and children.

The couple moved to Tucson in 1989 to be closer to their daughter Deborah and her growing family. They bought the first home they had ever owned and became active members of Pima Friends Meeting, joining in the work done by the Peace and Social Concerns Committee.

David enjoyed family gatherings, was an avid reader, and also loved to cook. As Dorothy became weaker and in need of care in her later years, David took on the household chores and the preparing of meals. Dorothy died in 2006 after a long battle with heart disease. They had been married 58 years.

During the seven years since Dorothy's death, David lived just a few blocks from Deborah and her husband. Debi visited almost daily, and the family appreciates the loving care provided by
many during these last years.

David and Dorothy worked throughout their lives for causes of equality, peace, and justice. They inspired their family and others who knew them to continue the struggle to make this world a better place. They brought a special light to the hearts of all those who were around them during their lifetime.

David is survived by his daughters, Marcia Livingston and partner Jana Sanguinetti of Oakland CA, and Deborah Livingston and husband Dennis Keyes of Tucson, AZ.; his grandchildren, Wenonah Michallet-Ferrier (and husband Stephan) of Tucson; Omy Keyes (and partner Brady Jolly) of Tempe, AZ; Seamus Keyes, and Siobhan Keyes of Tucson; and his six great-grandchildren: Estevan, Kailen, Liam, Luca, Chloe, and Camden. Also surviving are three of David's sisters of New Jersey, and numerous nieces and nephews.
Memorial Minute for Patricia Kent Gilmore, Mountain View Monthly Meeting

Pat was born in Gridley, Illinois, the eldest of three sisters, to Everett Frank Kent and Nellie Neher Kent. Her secondary schooling was in Gridley, and undergraduate work at the University of Arizona. In 1950 she married John Storrier Gilmore III, and for a decade the couple owned, edited and published The Nucla Forum, a weekly newspaper serving the sparsely populated Four Corners Area. Returning to Denver after the paper’s survival was assured by a merger, Pat studied for a Master of Social Work degree at the University of Denver, and began work as a social worker and soon, as an investigative reporter. Keenly aware of the injustices in the world around her, Pat used her writing skills to draw attention to many issues, among them: violence portrayed on television, prison reform, Palestinian rights, Hopi-Navajo land disputes, and public schools integration. She helped found the successful and influential Alternatives to Violence Project.

Pat’s Op-Ed pieces and Letters to the Editor appeared frequently in both Denver newspapers. She served as a lobbyist for the League of Women Voters. She frequented the Denver Press Club. She persuaded candidates for public office, and wrote resolutions for party platforms. She was a consummate activist.

Meeting Kenneth Boulding led Pat to take many of his economics courses at the University of Colorado, and to start attending Quaker Meeting in Denver. She became a very active member of Mountain View Friends Meeting, and in 1980 two pages of the Denver Post were devoted to three articles she wrote profiling Friend Kenneth.

Pat and Jack made their home in a log cabin on South Jackson Street, a mile from the Meeting House. The street formed a uniquely tightly-knit community – a village, when it came to child-rearing. And the Gilmore house was a center, the scene of many neighborhood social gatherings, planning meetings, zoning appeals, and political campaigns. Pat loved the neighborhood, and felt very fortunate to have found such a benevolent community, especially when she and her neighbors were raising families, and when, in 1986, she became a widow.

In 2001 Pat published the story of her father: Out of the Heartland – the story of an American entrepreneur and his enterprise – Everett Kent and the Kent Lumber Business, its times and people 1860’s to 1960’s.

Pat was a passionate grandmother to Emily and Lucy, daughters of her daughter Mary and husband John William Slotta. She taught Emily and Lucy piano, values, and the art of questioning. She never missed one of their public or school performances, generally finding a seat in the front row.

Early in 2013 Pat entered hospice care in a retirement home. Though she was well cared for, frailty and failing eyesight prevented her from making new friends and her health declined rapidly. Her daughter Mary’s family brought her home to share with them the little time she had left. And under the care and attentions of the family, she revived ... and lived another full year! From her hospice bed, she welcomed many visitors, from the Meeting and elsewhere, who enjoyed many a good laugh and many a probing question. She died peacefully at home.
Patricia is survived by sisters Carolyn Kent Winterroth and Connie Kent Doud, both of Bloomington, Illinois; and by son Walter Scott Gilmore, and daughter Mary Kent Gilmore and family, of Denver. Mountain View Friends Meeting House overflowed for the lively celebration of her life on March 22nd.
Attachment #18
Mountain Friends Camp Report to Intermountain Yearly Meeting, June 14, 2014

Dear Friends,

It is with joy and gratitude that I look back on a busy year and forward to our largest camp yet, with special thanks to Intermountain Yearly Meeting for nurturing our little summer camp and to the hard-working board of directors and wider camp committee for navigating year of transition and change. We move forward into this summer with a great new location, a 50% longer season, and a determination to continue nurturing strong friendships, joy in simple outdoor living, and connections to Quaker faith and practice for new and returning campers.

2013 was a fun and successful season-I was particularly pleased with how our CITs and adult staff supported each camper and each other, and quickly brought our 19 new campers into the spirit of camp. Please view our annual report on MountainFriendsCamp.org (link) for pictures, numbers, quotes, and the camp epistle from last summer.

2014 Plans: Mountain Friends Camp 2014 will be July 5-27 at the Santa Fe Tree House Camp! We are growing to three full weeks of camp and have room for up to 26 campers ages 10-15 for each session. Staff orientation will begin July 1 for adult staff ages 18+ and counselors in training (ages 16-17). Our new location is only 12 miles from Santa Fe but is on a secluded 150 acres adjoining national forest. We’ll sleep in cozy stilt cabins, explore Apache Canyon and Shaggy Peak, build trust and confidence on the low ropes course, enjoy wonderful vistas and stargazing, and continue our camp traditions as we add new activities. Plork projects may include trail building, cooking, gardening, and sewing projects to give to a local hospital. Our host, Senta Hoge, has decades of camp experience and is looking forward to working with our Quaker camp. Camper fees are raised to $375 for the one-week and $700 for the two-week session, with a new voluntary “actual cost pricing” option of $546 per week for families who feel led to pay the unsubsidized cost. Registration is primarily online this year for both campers and staff applications, with paper forms available. As of June 5, we have 19 returning and 11 new campers and CITs, with 18-20 campers and 5 CITs enrolled each week. There’s still room, so please encourage young people and families to sign up and fill those spots!

Moving locations: Our camp committee is grateful for our two summers at Timberline Trails, in Tincup Colorado. There we grew from a one-week program with only 10 campers in 2011, to two-week camps with 40-50 camper weeks; during that time we benefited immeasurably from our hosts’ many years of summer camp experience. In 2013 our growing camp community was already stretching the capacity of Timberline Trails, and our hosts decided in January that they wouldn’t be able to host us again in 2014. Our wonderful kitchen manager of three years and board member Beverley has run summer camps at the Tree House Camp in the past, and suggested it as our new location. After searching and considering other camps and properties around the Four Corner states, we decided that the Tree House Camp was the top choice for this summer. Our board is united around the intention of securing a long term site for Mountain Friends Camp to put down roots and grow. During and after this season we’ll have a better idea about whether the Tree House Camp might have long-term potential, and we’re open to other rental properties-and considering our own leased or owned location. Any suggestions and assistance are welcome!

Structure: The Mountain Friends Camp committee has operated as committee of IMYM since 2009. Through experience developing our camping program, and in consultation and seasoning with Monthly Meetings and IMYM, we decided in 2011 to develop an independent organizational structure to manage our summer camp. This is being done carefully and as the committee discerned
way was opening. Early steps were opening our own bank account and handling our finances separately from those of the Yearly Meeting, applying for a federal Employee Identification Number and trade name, maintaining responsibility for screening and training staff, and hiring my own services as an independent contractor for year-round work on Mountain Friends Camp. This winter, after a year of seasoning, we felt led to incorporate as a nonprofit in Colorado with an initial board of directors (Eric Wright, Valerie Ireland, Claire Leonard, Eleanor Dart, Beverley Weiler, Marc Gacy, Deborah Comly, and myself as Executive Director of the organization), as a precursor to filing for federal nonprofit status. We’re currently working on our 501(c)(3) application, and plan to submit that ASAP, well within the 15-month window encouraged by the IRS. After the IRS makes a determination, if they agree that we are a tax exempt nonprofit all donations made to MFC will be considered tax deductible, dating from our beginning as an organization. We will continue to secure insurance for the camp, including new expenses this year in event liability (including non-owned automobile, and sexual misconduct coverage) and Directors & Officers policies. In the next year or two we look to transition from volunteer staff with stipends to seasonal employees, and to comply with all tax exempt requirements.

**Relationship with IMYM:** Our ongoing relationship with the Yearly Meeting will be similar in function and spirit to previous years. We plan to continue reporting three times yearly to the Yearly Meeting through Representatives Committee, and rely on the ongoing participation of IMYM Friends on our board of directors and at camp. Thus far, it seems that the Yearly Meeting prefers to have the MFC committee recruit our own committee/board members, but we remain open to a structure of accepting nominations from the yearly, regional or monthly meetings. The larger spiritual community of IMYM is a vital home for Mountain Friends Camp, from the support and discernment from our Monthly and Regional Meetings, to the generous donations, and knowledge we carry during camp that a far-flung yearly meeting is holding us all in the light. The board of directors has the final authority and responsibility for Mountain Friends Camp, including contracting with the executive director.

**Tri-Annual Evaluation:** IMYM approved a $10,000 yearly contribution for Mountain Friends Camp in 2013, 2014 and 2015, with the agreement that this level of contribution and the overall relationship between camp and the yearly meeting would be discerned and re-evaluated every 3 years. This means that IMYM should have a structure in place to gather information about our 2014 camp, and a process for the yearly meeting to evaluate their commitment in advance of our 2015 Representatives Committee, to make budget decisions for 2015-17. I hope that this tri-annual review is much more than a decision about funding-- it can be a chance to engage more IMYM Friends in our Quaker summer camp, and to give our camp staff and board valuable insights as we seek to improve our camping program and maintain a strong connection to our Quaker meetings. In February of this year, Representatives Committee decided to appoint Bob Gaines and Charlene Weir to guide IMYM through this process. They will work together, in consultation with both me and the board, to develop measures to assess IMYM and Mountain Friends Camp’s relationship, to gather input from the Monthly Meetings, and to help IMYM make funding decisions moving forward.

**Financially we continue to do well,** though we have yet to collect most of our camper fees (which should meet our target of $18,000) and hope to collect around $3000 in additional donations this summer. Monthly Meetings increased their support of individual campers in response to families’ requesting camperships and a provided few donations to our general campership pool; however, we’ve seen fewer donations to our general funds. Individual donations have increased, many thanks to all of our supporters! In April, Dave Wells of Tempe Meeting who has been a MFC parent since 2010, ran a marathon as a benefit for Mountain Friends Camp. Our “Marathon Matching Grant Challenge” exceeded our goals and brought in a total of $4,125. Most of our expenses have only
begun for this year, see attached budget report. We hope to build up a reserve, as so far we raise our entire budget yearly and have nothing to protect against unforeseen events, and to continue to keep camp affordable and provide camperships to allow lower income children to participate. Above all, we hope that our use and solicitation of funds embody our Quaker values, and that in all ways we seek to be guided by Spirit.

Respectfully submitted,

Anastacia Easterling, director@mountainfriendscamp.org / (435)554-1132
Attachment #19A

Finance Committee Report to the Annual Gathering, June, 2014

HOUSING RATES FOR 2015 IMYM GATHERING - As agreed in the 2013 – 2015 Memorandum of Understanding with Ghost Ranch, the rate IMYM pays Ghost Ranch for housing will increase by approximately 5% - 6% per year (3% + the annual increase in the Consumer Price Index) in 2013, 2014, and 2015 (the actual increase for 2014 is 4.6%). If the 2015 budget is approved as proposed, the 2015 rates for participants would remain the same as in 2013.

PROPOSED IMYM BUDGET FOR 2015 – The proposed 2015 budget includes $10,000 for Mountain Friends Camp, as agreed to for 2013 through 2015. As agreed at the 2012 business meeting, the Annual Gathering budget is now simply an activity within the overall budget. This means that the reserves, which are generated primarily from the annual assessments, will be used to keep the Gathering affordable, and will require a transfer from reserves of $7,210.

A brief version of the proposed budget is posted on the Yearly Meeting website along with the full version.

In addition to the proposed budget, we have posted a Cash and Funds Report current to June 6. The Treasurer has been asked to provide an Income and Expense Statement and Balance Sheet.

The Cash and Reserves Report shows the state of the Yearly Meeting's reserves and funds at the beginning of the fiscal year on October 1 and then on June 6, and the receipts and disbursements during that period.

The Treasurer manages the cash flow by waiting to send the $9,100 budgeted for contributions until after Gathering when we will have received most or all of the assessments and settled up with Ghost Ranch.

Bob Gaines
Clerk IMYM Finance Committee
Cash & Reserve Funds Report as of June 6, 2014

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| Annual Gathering | 64 | 87,789 | 61,411 | 26,442 |
| Sufferings | 1,345 | 0 | 0 | 1,345 |
| **Total Restricted Funds** | **1,409** | **87,789** | **61,411** | **27,787** |

| Unrestricted Funds | | | | |
| **26,482** | **41,449** | (h) |

| Contingency Reserve | 20,000 | 20,000 | (i) |
| **Total Cash** | **53,104** | **94,609** |
Attachment #19C

Approved 2015 Budget (p. 1 of 2)

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| Misc. (Copies, Stamps, etc)         | 100         |
| **Subtotal Administration**         | **950**     |

| Contributions                       |             |
| Mountain Friends Camp               | 10,000      |
| Western Friend                      | 6,000       |
| Friends Peace Teams                 | 500         |
| FCNL - Border Issues                | 1,000       |
| DouglaPrieta Trabajan               | 1,000       |
| Committee on Sufferings             | 10          |
| FGC Donation                        | 600         |
| **Subtotal Contributions**          | **19,110**  |

| Travel by IMYM Representatives      |             |
| AFSC Corp                           | 500         |
| FCNL                                | 2,000       |
| FWCC Section of the Americas        | 1,000       |
| FGC                                 | 3,000       |
| Board of Western Friends            | 1,000       |
| Friends Peace Teams                 | 500         |
| **Subtotal Representatives Travel** | **8,000**   |
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Memorial Minute for Jeanie Mayes, Santa Fe Monthly Meeting

Jeanie Mayes passed away on Memorial Day, May 27, 2013. She leaves behind her husband Richie DiCapua, her children Heather and Mickey Greenberg, her six grand-children, a great-grandson, and many dear friends and relatives. Jeanie Mayes was known in Santa Fe Monthly Meeting of Friends as Jean Mayes. In 2012, she decided to return to her childhood and family name because she found Jeanie more playful and affectionate. Jeanie is a fitting name since living life as an adventure and with loving exuberance only increased over her lifetime.

Born in Detroit, Michigan on April 11, 1941, Jeanie lived for many years in Urbana-Champaign, Illinois. In 1990, she came to Santa Fe as a sojourner from the Urbana-Champaign Meeting. Heather and Mickey grew up in this meeting, and she was a member there from 1966 until her death. Their Memorial Minute recalls her creativity. There were sewing parties where she often left in a brand new outfit, such as the dancing costume she made from a pink-and-red India print bedspread. Another memory was an apple crisp from a bumper crop of Golden Delicious apples from Jeanie’s backyard. A half-gallon of applesauce came unsealed and had begun to ferment, so she brought Hard Cider Apple Crisp to potluck.

Jeanie’s activism also was creative. Friends remember her setting up a sprout farm on the site of a nuclear reactor. She did guerrilla theatre with United Mine Workers in a McDonalds, where they mopped floors, sang protest lyrics, and disappeared. She once chained herself to a nuclear reactor and another time protested in Springfield by spilling pig’s blood on the front stairs of a government building.

Jeanie served as the Resident Friend of the meetinghouse on Canyon Road, and continued her active engagement in Santa Fe Monthly Meeting until 2003, when she and Richie bought some land, and began an organic farm. They bought a trailer, named it Moby Dick, and began traveling around the country to sell arts and crafts at fairs and festivals under the name of Celtic Dragon. She and Richie moved to Costa Rica in 2009, where their interest in organic farming and the healing arts continued. They returned every year to the States to visit family and to see friends in Santa Fe.

Jeanie was very accomplished. She earned a Masters in Psychology from Eastern Illinois University and set up a private practice in Seattle in the early eighties until the rainy climate drew her south to Santa Fe. She was a single mom. She was an artist, freely expressing herself in paintings and drawings. She made pottery and engaged in countless craft projects. She loved free-spirited dancing and singing. She was an avid contra dancer, traveling with a group to perform international folk dances in the United Kingdom. She loved country western, swing dancing, song circles and flute playing. Her activism continued in Santa Fe. She led non-violent training sessions and did draft counseling during the first Gulf War. She founded Nuclear Free Nation. Hundreds of petitions were strung on black string to become a long winding queue around and through the aisles of a room where a hearing was held on the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant that eventually opened near Carlsbad to bury the hazardous waste from Los Alamos.

She also began Friendly Connections during this time, which gave us, near and far, a wide connect before the Internet. Her son Mickey recalls that Jeanie’s activism was deeply rooted
in community and in her nature as a spiritual person.

She gave to the Quaker communities in the various places where she lived, and shared teachings from the Course in Miracles and the Essene Gospel of Peace. Friends also remember Jeannie’s love of nature. Her gardening skills were evident in the Olive Rush garden of the Canyon Road Meeting in Santa Fe. She connected with the spirits of the plant world, creating gardens, planting trees, collecting seeds, starting plants and giving them away. She loved wild places. Throughout the Americas she loved and communed with nature, whether hiking up mountains, or along rivers and seacoasts.

The Urbana-Champaign Minute recounts that Jeannie was first diagnosed with breast cancer in Seattle in 1987. Having tried the surgery and radiation methods available in the medical-industrial complex, she dealt successfully with several relapses using various alternative health methods, including all-raw foods, raising and juicing wheat grass, which became a business venture in Santa Fe.

Her friend Gar Hildenbrand, an epidemiologist, informed Friends and friends of Jeannie’s death by email from Tijuana, where she had gone for treatment in May of 2013. Her heart simply failed, and she died peacefully in her sleep late Memorial Day afternoon. Gar Hildenbrand included a single line Jeannie had managed to type shortly before she died. "I love and appreciate all that you are. When God joins with me I may lose you."

We will remember Jeannie for the love, joy, creativity, integrity and generosity she shared with everyone in her life. We will not forget her bright smile, contagious enthusiasm, playfulness and celebration of the gift of life. Jeannie was a “people person” and loved gatherings such as Quaker meetings, Course in Miracles, women’s circles, song circles, and dances.

With her natural free spirit full of joy Jeannie related to children at their level. Children were naturally drawn to her and considered her a friend and peer. She diligently stayed in touch with many of her friends and relatives, sending hand drawn cards, letters, phone calls and emails. Jeannie had a way of making people feel special and important, acknowledged and remembered. We remember her like that in turn!
Attachment #21

Memorial Minute for Curtis Sollohub, Las Vegas Worship Group under the care of Santa Fe Monthly Meeting

- Curtis Sollohub
- Retired Professor of Computer Science
  Presently doing what I can for peace and justice around the world

These words were appended to Curtis’ email messages from his retirement until the time of his death from cancer on Dec. 23, 2013, at his home near Las Vegas, New Mexico. These ambitions were realized through his continuing work in Palestine, Turkey, Washington, DC, and the Las Vegas community. The celebration of his life drew forth many testimonies to his dedication, intellectual rigor, commitment to social justice, and accomplishments.

Curtis John Sollohub was born in El Paso, Texas, on June 1, 1947, to Raymond John Sollohub and Josephine Forman Sollohub.

At age 18 Curtis entered a Catholic seminary, was told to leave after five years, and then gained re-admission, earning a Master's degree in counseling psychology at California State University, Hayward, and teaching high school in Oakland, Calif. Curtis asked to be released from his vows just months before his scheduled ordination as a priest.

He married Ishwari Immel in Oakland, California in 1981 and earned a Master’s degree in Computer Science at San Francisco State University.

Their first daughter, Tekla, was born in 1983, while he worked in the computer industry. In 1987 the family moved to Las Vegas, NM, where Curtis joined the Computer Science Department of New Mexico Highlands University, rising through the ranks to become a tenured professor. Curtis and Ishwari welcomed their second daughter, Sierra, during this period.

Soon after arriving in Las Vegas, Curtis became a member of the Religious Society of Friends, with membership in Santa Fe Monthly Meeting. For the rest of his life he functioned as the clerk of the Las Vegas Worship Group.

At New Mexico Highlands University, Curtis was devoted to his discipline while advocating for workplace fairness. He helped establish Highlands' Media Arts Program, was instrumental in forming a faculty union, and served as its president.

His strong sense of community and justice was manifested in many other ways in Las Vegas. He worked with the Las Vegas Committee for Peace and Justice, the Las Vegas Center for Peace and Justice, Community Peace Radio, and Amnesty International.

His greatest commitments, however, were to the local affiliate of Habitat for Humanity, of which he was president at the time of his death, and to the issue of preserving water rights, a longstanding concern in northern New Mexico as a necessity for small scale agriculture and the
vitality of local communities. He served as president of the Acequia Madre de Los Vigiles and as vice-president of the Rio de Las Gallinas Acequia Association. In that capacity he was engaged in protracted negotiations with the City of Las Vegas to find an equitable solution to competing claims for water.

Curtis’ international interests were focused on Turkey and Palestine. While he was in seminary, his family lived in Istanbul, and he visited them during his long vacations. He made several visits to Palestine, including a time teaching computer science to women. His trips to Turkey gave him a jumping-off point for his formative year-and-a-day hitchhiking journey of discovery and self-discovery from Turkey through Afghanistan, Pakistan and India, igniting his deep and lasting interests in the Islamic world. He later spent a sabbatical year teaching in the United Arab Emirates. In the years before his death, Curtis was working on a book based on conversations with people in the West Bank and Gaza about their lives under Israeli occupation.

On the national and regional scene, he served a term as New Mexico representative to the general committee of the Friends Committee on National Legislation. He had taken on responsibilities with Intermountain Yearly Meeting, including helping with Junior Yearly meeting’s campouts and organizing a session exploring different views on immigration. He was hoping to become ever more involved in the life of IMYM.

Among Curtis’ other interests were cycling, hiking, skiing, back-country camping, and taking long road trips to visit his two daughters.

In 2011, after having lived alone for a long time after his divorce, Curtis met Martha McCabe of San Antonio, Texas, a writer and retired lawyer. They shared many interests and spent much time together, especially after the diagnosis of his cancer in May, 2013. They were married at his home, after the manner of Friends, the day before his death. At the end, he passed away peacefully, surrounded by his family and friends.

Curtis is survived by his first wife, Ishwari Sollohub of Santa Fe, daughters, Tekla Currie of Rock Spring, GA and Sierra Sollohub of Chapel Hill, NC, his wife Martha McCabe of San Antonio, sisters Jody Wilbert, Deborah Sollohub and Cathy Sollohub, and three grandchildren.

The front-page article in the local paper announcing his death Headlined him as an “organizer”. That was perhaps his most public attribute, but he was also caring and thoughtful, insisting on careful analysis of actions, that they might achieve worthwhile goals. A deep and introspective thinker, he also loved to have fun, and often indulged in a slightly mischievous sense of humor. He was valued and loved by many, for a variety of reasons. He is greatly missed.
Attachment #22

Memorial Minute for Karin Salzmann, Santa Fe Monthly Meeting

Karin Johnson Salzmann was born in San Francisco on October 10, 1931, the only child in a matriarchy of strong women of Irish and Spanish descent. She moved to New York City when she won a Glamour magazine contest, “Ten Girls with Taste,” in 1952 and became the buyer(editor for their catalog.

She met her late husband, Richard Salzmann, in New York City, whose career was at the United Nations. Richard and Karin had two children. Katharine lives in Portland, Oregon. Katharine’s daughter Lake graduates from college this May. Michael lives in Alaska with his son, Avram.

Her lifelong passion for Montessori education was kindled at Goddard College, where she earned her degree. The Association of Montessori International (AMI/USA) was founded with her coaxing and Karin served as its first executive director for 12 years, as recounted by the current executive director of AMI/USA, Virginia Goodwin, in her tribute. She continues, “Karin built a sense of community and trust with an emphasis on the spiritual aspect of Montessori” in those early years. She, with husband, Richard, “… initiated a more open process setting the stage for the many activities that AMI/USA performs today.”

Karin went on to be Director of two Montessori schools in Connecticut. Later in life, she traveled the world as a Montessori examiner at teacher training institutes all over the US and abroad, to Thailand, Japan, and to China in 2012. She increasingly directed her deep understanding of Montessori pedagogy to the pre-and-post-natal environments, especially those children in the 0 to 3 age group. She studied video-photography and produced three documentaries on infant development. Here is a link to one of them that was filmed and narrated by her: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mSQIPW988I](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mSQIPW988I). In the years before her death last July, she was writing a book for new mothers about prenatal development.

Karin was active in Santa Fe Friends Meeting during the 1990’s. She served on Ministry and Counsel, and was engaged in many peace activities. The door to her home was always open for gatherings, formal and informal. People for Peace, newly formed to resist the first Gulf War, and Los Alamos Study Group meetings met there. Draft counseling sessions were held there. There were parties.

She designed her home, and its large living room had south-facing French doors that looked across a desert meadow. A mermaid swam across the length of a long kitchen cabinet facing the living room. On its top, a round electric skillet simmered with a dish for potluck. People for Peace made their banners and posters for the next demonstration on the living-room floor.

One night in 1994, Los Alamos Study Group hosted Frank von Hippel, foremost expert on nuclear arms control and non-proliferation. He said that he recently quit his post at the Clinton White House, as Assistant Director of National Security. Despite a flurry of phone calls back and forth within the White House, there was a profound absence of dialogue, and he could not continue working there.
She was an artist. Posters, banners, and flyers benefited from her skills as a graphic artist. She was a published poet and writer. Envelopes sent in February to friends were exquisite collages of poems and drawings by her and others. Thin sheets of colored paper were laced with tiny glitter that escaped containment, just like her, glitter that showed up years later in couch seams.

Karin’s daughter Katharine says that she was foremost a peace activist. Her commitments in life were in the service of peace. This included her faith that early childhood education could change the world, her Zen Buddhist practice, her Quaker faith and practice, her war resistance and anti-nuclear work with People for Peace, an action group following Quaker process. She attended the 1996 Hague Conference on the legality and use of nuclear weapons.

Karin moved to Trinidad, California in 1999, fulfilling her longing to live by the sea. She became part of the Humboldt County Friends Meeting. She continued her work on social justice issues. Two of them were a group that did outreach on torture, and more recently, she worked on an effort to pass Proposition 34 to end the Death Penalty in California.

The Humboldt County Friends Meeting Memorial begins with these words to describe her: “Laughter, poetry, wisdom, compassion, grace, wit, appreciation.” It adds that after her first round with cancer, “… her brand of healthy irreverence was undimmed,” and concludes, “… her indomitable positive attitude in the face of severe health issues made any other concerns seem trivial.” And at the end of life, “she faced death with joy and curiosity, … an embarkation, as she saw it, on the next journey.” She died in Portland, Oregon in her home on July 13, 2013, surrounded by her children and their cousins.

Karin’s gifts of generosity and her discernment were present in Santa Fe Friends Meeting for a decade of her life. Her conscience embodied this truth-- to regenerate a broken world, we never forget the beautiful.

May 18, 2014
Attachment #23

Report from the Registrars

The IMYM annual gathering at Ghost Ranch in June 2014 was as exciting, blessed, and full as always. The registrars had lots of work to do, new challenges, familiar business, and many gifts in their preparations before and handling of registration at Ghost Ranch.

Attendees are getting used to the on-line registration system, and the majority of people were able to use it to register and make changes to their registrations as needed. Last-minute changes (registrations, cancellations, and so forth) are always one of our challenges as we get close to the annual gathering. Trying to keep Ghost Ranch staff updated with all of those changes is very difficult, so flexibility is key.

We saved ourselves some work in the weeks leading up to the gathering this year by using the Smart Link feature in RegOnline to provide reports to the coordinators of youth, worship sharing, volunteer, and interest groups. The links allowed them to retrieve their own reports as often as they needed. We also used Smart Link reports to let people find other attenders from their area to coordinate rides.

Total attendance at Yearly Meeting this year was 292. Of these, 47 or 16% were first-timers. Almost 30% of us are campers, and 60% of us came for early days. Yearly meeting included:

- 21 CYM
- 18 JYF
- 35 SYF
- 13 YAF
- 205 Adults (not YAF)

At 292, our numbers were lower than a typical year and about equal to last year when FGC took place in our region. The ratios of ages and attendance by meetings were typical. In the years 2009 – 2012, attendance averaged 336, though the trend has been downward (356 in 2009, 338 in 2010, 332 in 2011, and 319 in 2012). We aren’t sure of the reason for the lower attendance. We hope it was an anomaly. It is possible that folks did not find the theme and speakers sufficiently exciting. We didn’t feel any difference in the quality of the yearly meeting, however; it was as rich as usual.

At previous yearly meetings, we have had enough spare beds on the lower level to move people around as physical needs arise. However, this year, despite our lower numbers, almost every lower level bed was full. Partly this was because the solar buildings behind Corral Block were not available to us this year. More people asked to stay in Corral Block than there were rooms available. Of the 60 who asked and paid for Corral Block, we were able to house only 49 of them there. Most of the others were housed in Lower Level Private rooms. Several additional people who had asked and paid for New Mesa or Old Mesa housing had to be moved to the lower level because of physical limitations. More detailed housing numbers are available from the registrars.

There was also some confusion that a private bathroom meant a private room, which mostly we were not able to provide. We experienced our first downright grumpy people this year, especially
given the problems with the sewer lines under construction at Ghost Ranch, but we hope their overall experience at yearly meeting was good.

There were quite a few changes in Ghost Ranch personnel this year, so the process of paying for our stay was different. In years past, it has been quite casual, and this year, they requested specific information from us. Fortunately, it is very easy to provide and very clear. This year, the new payment format exposed some gaps in our Memo of Understanding about some activity and other fees that must be clarified before June 2015. These items have been sent to the Finance Committee, Ghost Ranch liaison, and next year’s registrars.

Another huge benefit to the registrars this summer was Deb Comly jumping into the Volunteer Coordinator’s position. It relieved our workload to be able to refer questions about volunteer positions to her, and have her match up volunteers with their coordinators.

Monthly meetings provided almost $13,000 (12% of the total fees) in financial assistance. This is about 3% higher than last year, but comparable to some previous years. Yearly meeting provided $2,500 (2%) in financial assistance to 8 families, and $6,000 (6%) in assistance (formerly called waivers) to 11 people in positions that serve the yearly meeting. These figures are lower than prior years. Families and individuals paid $85,000 (80%).

Pelican and Carol have loved working together as registrars, and have felt the joy of being of service to the yearly meeting. Over and over, we have received expressions of gratitude, and our own gratitude is greater for that. We are excited to turn the job over to Lisa Toko-Ross and Sarah Feitler next year; the last test of our success is if we have created systems that others can use or make better in the years to come.

Pelican Lee and Carol Clinkenbeard, Registrars
July 2014
Attachment #24

Minute to Affirm the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples

The Intermountain Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends (Quaker) united on the following minute during our annual gathering in June of 2014. Study of the issue began with workshops provided in 2012 and has continued through out our four states for two years.

Minute to Affirm the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples

Friends who reside in the Inter-Mountain region of the United States are aware that we occupy lands that were recognized by treaties as the territories of many Indigenous Nations and then taken from them. Consciously or unconsciously, non-Indigenous people benefit from historical and ongoing injustices committed against the Native peoples of this land. This benefit comes at great human cost to all of us, indigenous and non-indigenous, in the loss of opportunities to grow in transformative understanding from other cultures. We commit ourselves to humble self-reflection, as individuals and as a community of faith, to align our actions with the practice of right relationship among all peoples.

In order to build relationships between Indigenous and non-Indigenous peoples founded in equity and justice, we affirm our support for implementing the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples. The Declaration was adopted by the U.N. General Assembly in 2007 and endorsed by President Obama in 2010. It affirms the right of Indigenous Peoples to exist as unique cultural groups and to exercise self-determination and self-government. It seeks to ensure that Indigenous Peoples collectively and individually enjoy all the human rights and fundamental freedoms recognized in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and international human rights law. It establishes standards for equitable political, legal and social policies that can assist Indigenous Peoples in combating discrimination, marginalization, and oppression.

Just as Quakers played a role in promoting passage of the U.N. Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, we acknowledge that we must labor to implement it. We call on our government to make necessary changes in U.S. laws and policies so that rights of Native Americans, Alaska Natives, and Native Hawaiians are fully supported, in conformity with the U.N. Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples. As Friends, we will endeavor to learn how we can support the rights of Indigenous Peoples and take conscious steps toward living in right relationship.

For centuries, European policies, principles and legal constructs, grounded in the ethic of conquest and colonization, have been used to justify oppression of Indigenous Peoples throughout the world and denial of inalienable rights, both individual and in national and community existence. These justifications for conquest, occupation and exploitation have the common feature that they violate principles of international law which European peoples and settler states have claimed for themselves, widely accepted Christian teaching and our Quaker testimonies of equality, peace, integrity, community and stewardship. Throughout the centuries and even today, Indigenous Peoples attribute many forms of discrimination to these racist doctrines and their expression in contemporary law and policy.

In solidarity with Indigenous Peoples and guided by the requests from representatives of leading Indigenous rights organizations, including, among others, the International Indian Treaty Council,
the North American Indigenous Caucus, and the American Indian Law Alliance, and in concert with a growing number of religious organizations, Intermountain Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends utterly rejects any legal doctrine which accords less than full human and communal rights to any of the world's peoples or their members. We urge our governments at every level of our federal system and all of the world's states to review their laws, regulations, and policies impacting Indigenous Peoples and to repeal laws, regulations, and policies that reflect ethnocentric, feudal, and religious prejudices. We accept our own responsibility to work to change the economic, social, cultural and educational structures of privilege and injustice rooted in the historical regimes of discovery, occupation and colonization. We welcome the opportunity, in appropriate settings and to the extent freely offered by people themselves, for learning from each other about world views and cultural perspectives of Indigenous communities and persons.

We ask our constituent monthly meetings and worship groups to each take at least one action during the next year to educate themselves about the history of colonization and its current effects in our country and area and/or to consult with Native Americans in their area to build relationships.
Attachment #25

**Epistle from Children’s Yearly Meeting**

For many of us this year it was our first time attending. We liked playing with the Ghost Ranch staff and making prayer flags. We played outside and enjoyed the beautiful mountain landscape. We went swimming except when there was thunder. We explored Ghost Ranch with the scavenger hunt and went to the Cantina. We made volcanoes and enjoyed playing groundies with friends. We made origami and built sand castles. We climbed the mountains. CYM represents friendship! CYM Rocks For Kids!

CYM visual epistle featuring the mesa and hills and drawings of CYM activities:
Attachment #26

Report from Nominating Committee

shaded: terms ended, need new appointments by others; shaded: NomCom responsibility to fill; bold-faced: Need IMYM approval in 2015

YEARTLY MEETING CLERKS AND OFFICERS
Recording Clerk of Yearly Meeting Nancy Marshall (Phoenix), 2013-2016
Treasurer Brian Martin (Salt Lake City), 1/2013-2016
Assistant Treasurer Bob Schroeder (Tempe), 2/2014-9/31/2014
Communications Assistant Jim Mills (2014-2015)
Historian/Archivist Bruce Thron-Weber (Mountain View), 2013-2016
Directory Assistant (FGC) Ed Kearns (Tempe), 2013-2016

MINISTRY AND COUNSEL COMMITTEE
SYF Rep. to Ministry and Counsel Annette Giardinelli (Salt Lake City), 6/2013-6/2014
VACANT (second representative)

REPRESENTATIVES COMMITTEE
Representatives Committee Clerk Bill Hobson (Tempe), 2013-2016
Regional Representatives to Representatives Committee
AHYM VACANT (2013-2016)
NMRM Pam Gilchrist (2014-2017)
UFF VACANT (2013-2016)
SYF Reps. to Representatives Committee Carlton Halaby (Boulder), 2013-2014
Elena Telep (Durango), 2013-2014 – alt.
Taylor Holdaway (Pima), 2013-2014-alt
Web Clerk(s) TO BE FILLED (2014-?) - Jim Mills to cont. until someone else is found
Ad-Hoc Advisory Group on IT Jamie Newton (Gila), 2014-?
Tim Telep (Durango), 2014-?
David Nachman (Tempe), 2014-?
Carol Clinkenbeard (Mountain View), 2014-?
Maya Wright (Mountain View), 2014-?

ARRANGEMENTS COMMITTEE
Arrangements Committee Clerk Vickey Finger (Flagstaff), 2013-2015
Arrangements Committee Rec. Clerk Maria Melendez Kelson (Colorado Springs), 1/2015-2017
Facilities Working Group
Facilities Working Group Clerk Becca Mekin (Flagstaff), 2013-2016
Registrar(s) Lisa Toko-Ross (Boulder), 2014-2017
Sarah Feitler (Boulder), 2014-2017
Coordinator(s) of Operations Kay Bordwell (Flagstaff), 2014-2015
Jane Kroesen (Pima), 2014-2017
Volunteer Coordinator Deb Comly (Flagstaff), 6/2013-2015
Youth Working Group
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To Friends Everywhere:
One hundred thirty seven Friends from fifteen yearly meetings gathered on a beautiful fall weekend at the Pearlstone Retreat Center near Reisterstown, Maryland for the 2013 annual meeting of the Friends General Conference Central Committee. Our worship and deliberations have been deeply blessed. We have been swept by an awareness of opportunity and new energy. As one Friend said: “There is a deep and powerful stream flowing here, and we are invited to plunge in.”

Two years ago, Friends General Conference defined three areas of focus to guide our work—Deep Worship, Loving Community, and Outreach. Focusing on these three priorities has already yielded good fruit and opened new doors as we consider how we are called to nurture Quaker faith and practice.

We heard from our General Secretary, Barry Crossno, a call for us to take up the challenge of reaching out to and accompanying the thousands of seekers who visit our meetings each year. We heard of new energy around our work in religious education, and how we are re-envisioning it as spiritual formation. We heard how eager Friends meetings are to take advantage of the online services offered by our new Quaker Cloud, which hosts monthly meeting websites and a meeting “minute manager,” and will soon be offering a meeting directory feature. We heard how the new approach to planned giving being pioneered by our Stewardship Services program liberates Friends to give more generously to all the charities they support. We heard of the new books coming out of our two publishing programs—FGC’s QuakerPress and QuakerBridge Media—and were encouraged to hear of renewed efforts to preserve and extend the ministry offered by our bookstore—QuakerBooks of FGC. We heard how our New Meetings project is reaching out to dozens of clusters of scattered Friends and seekers, and helping to establish new worship groups across the country. We heard of continued excitement about the outreach-inreach work of our Quaker Quest program.

This weekend, we dedicated a period of time each evening to diversity work, exploring together the challenge of how to be an ally to those experiencing discrimination and injustice. Dedicating this time has been very valuable. We encourage monthly and yearly meetings to consider engaging in this work. It has helped us to experience our own humanness, our weakness, and our common longing to do better. We still have much work to do, as individuals and in our Friends’ communities, to be truly welcoming and to live the Truth that we are all family. We are committed to carrying forward this work. We know that when we enter into the presence of the Divine together, experiencing and living out the love that binds us and opening our hearts to the world, way will open. We have experienced this weekend a taste of divine grace, and the way opening to new opportunities and new discoveries. We have been blessed.

In the Spirit,

Sue Regen
Presiding Clerk

Barry Crossno
General Secretary
Report of the Clerks of the 2013 Friends General Conference Annual Gathering

2013 Gathering Report
At the Growing Edges of our Faith

FGC’s first Gathering held in the Rocky Mountain west was a tremendous success! 1146 Friends traveled to the University of Northern Colorado campus in Greeley June 30-July 6 to participate in the sacred community. The campus and its staff were truly exceptional this year, which contributed to the joyful spirit that framed Friends’ interactions and activity.

**Intermountain Yearly Meeting** Friends were excited to host the Gathering in their region and contributed much to its planning and implementation, from serving on the Gathering Committee to raising awareness about the Gathering in their Meetings to establishing scholarship funds in their Meetings to support Friends in attending the Gathering. We were also very intentional about engaging younger Friends in the planning of the Gathering this year. AYF and High School Friends were well represented on the Gathering Committee, and several young adults served as subcommittee clerks.

**Attendance** was slightly less than expected, with 143 young adults, 811 older adults, 81 High Schoolers, 92 children, and 19 part-time attenders. This year’s Gathering saw an unprecedented number of first time attenders - 317 - a whopping 28% of all attenders!

The opening program began with a Meeting for Worship. We wanted the opening program to set a tone of exploration, dialogue, and community building, so following the roll call, we challenged Friends to respond to a series of theme-inspired queries with a neighbor whom they did not know well. Lively and thought provoking dialogue ensued, and Friends began their Gathering experience knowing one another more deeply.

The 2013 Gathering Committee, with the support of the Long Range Conference Planning Committee, implemented several new experiments this year.

- **An Outreach Subcommittee** of the Gathering Committee was formed to market the Gathering, especially among the three western yearly meetings. We believe this effort significantly increased awareness about the Gathering.
- Friends were invited to participate in **Anchor Groups**, small groups of up to 15 that met daily to engage in worship sharing and community building activities. While time consuming to organize, the Anchor Groups received positive feedback from both first time attenders and returning attenders.
- Campus facilities allowed us to try hosting all worship activities (including evening plenaries) in the same space throughout the week. We called this space the **Meetinghouse** and hoped that this concept would encourage more Friends to participate in worship activities. Success was mixed: some smaller groups, such as extended daily worship,
found the space too large to be an enjoyable and intimate worship space and chose a different room.

- A pre-Gathering **day trip to Rocky Mountain National Park** was offered to give Friends an opportunity to experience the mountains. We contracted with a local bus tour company, which made implementation relatively simple. The Saturday and Sunday tours both sold out, and participants had a great time.

- During the Wednesday afternoon of rest, a “contemplative” **field trip to a nearby mountain park** was offered. This field trip was wildly popular – so much so that a school bus was hired on short notice to meet the demand. We suspect that one reason this field trip may have been so popular was that there were no competing activities scheduled for the same time. While the question remains as to whether offering a field trip is in keeping with the spirit of the afternoon of rest, some Friends expressed that having an opportunity to leave the campus and spend a few hours in a beautiful natural area was very restful indeed. One consequence of providing this field trip was that the Local Arrangements committee was not able to take a much needed break typically afforded by the Wednesday afternoon of rest.

- Responding to feedback from previous Gatherings, major consideration was given to **improving the Gathering experience for first time attenders** this year. Pre-Gathering communications were tailored for newcomers and the newcomer orientation was revamped. We received many appreciative comments from first time attenders about how welcomed they felt.

52 workshops were held exploring a wide range of themes and activities. Of particular interest was an intergenerational experience that grew out of three action/advocacy workshops. An adult, a high school, and a middle school workshop all came together to spend a morning with Vincent Harding, a civil rights activist and professor at Iliff School of Theology, and Lucas Benitez of the Coalition of Immokalee Farm Workers, where they shared stories and discussed personal joys and challenges of activism work. These Friends then led a peaceful action at a local Wendy’s restaurant to raise awareness about conditions and compensation for tomato pickers. The action made front-page news on the Greeley Tribune (and it was a very favorable story)!

The evening programs each explored the theme of growing edges in different ways. On Monday, George Schaefer spoke about the challenges and growth that comes with trying to love and accept all members of our blessed community. Folksinger-songwriter David Wilcox gave an outdoor concert Wednesday evening, where families and Friends could listen or engage in quiet play, surrounded by David’s acoustic guitar accompanied melodies. Thursday, civil rights activist Vincent Harding co-hosted a dialogue with Native American professor Tink Tinker on the topic of reconciliation: how do we of the present contend with the actions of our ancestors and the ramifications thereof? Friday, Friends experienced *Dreaming: Sin Fronteras*, a live theater production illustrating stories of undocumented youth, presented by students from the University of Colorado Denver theater department, under the direction of José Mercado.

**Junior Gathering** ran extremely smoothly this year. Families and staff continued to build community and camaraderie through housing clustering and name tag stickers that enabled families to connect with other families. A new age group structure was implemented based on the smaller youth attendance figures in recent years. One highlight of the Junior Gathering program this year
was the oK Group work project with local human service organizations, which involved restoring a playground structure and distributing lunch to migrant workers.

The **High School program** was reportedly “wildly successful” this year. Significant care and support was invested in the clerking and business process, which improved the efficiency and engagement of their meetings for worship for business. A new Late Night policy was implemented, instituting an earlier bedtime, which was (surprisingly) well-received, and HS coordinators thought it resulted in better energy and increased participation in daytime activities. The High School/AYF sexuality and spirituality fishbowl received an overhaul, creating two separate fishbowls: one hosted by the High School program that invited limited participation of adult young friends, and a new AYF/FLGBTQC joint fishbowl. This new model addressed some concerns that arose in previous years and created a safe, worshipful and informative experience for high school participants.

The **Adult Young Friends** program enjoyed an influx of new participants this year and explored different connections with the wider Gathering community, such as the AYF/FLGBTQC sexuality fishbowl.

**This year saw its fair share of problems.** A few Friends were troubled with symptoms of altitude sickness and/or dehydration; one was briefly hospitalized. One Friend was injured in a freak golf cart accident and was hospitalized; he was able to return to the Gathering later in the week. Several other difficulties and conflicts arose between Friends as well. In all of these cases, Friends received loving care and support from others who stepped in to help. These incidents remind us of the importance of having well organized support systems as part of our Gathering program. We are also reminded that it is through facing problems and challenges that we experience the power of Love and Grace within our community. The man injured by the golf cart and his wife later commented that although they had come to the Gathering for many years, they had never really been a part of it until now. They were so moved by the support they received that they want to start volunteering in the future.

Borrowing the phrase from the High School program, **we felt that 2013 was a wildly successful Gathering!** Everywhere we looked there were Friends laughing, dialoguing, worshiping, smiling, and music making. While the programming is always very interesting and enriching, it is these informal, spontaneous, unprogrammed encounters that really make up the magic and mystery of the Gathering. And somewhere in the balance of programmed and unprogrammed moments, we each bore witness to the growing edges of our faith.

**We felt blessed** to have been given this opportunity to serve FGC and the Gathering community and wish to express our deepest gratitude to our amazing Gathering Committee and all the dedicated staff and volunteers who helped coordinate the 2013 Gathering!

In the Light,

Sarah Beutel & Andrew Banks, 2013 Gathering Co-clerks
2013-2014 Program Report to Yearly Meetings

Since the early days of the Religious Society of Friends, God’s spirit has led Friends to take action in the world. For more than 70 years, FCNL has carried on this witness of the Spirit through action on Capitol Hill. Governed by a General Committee of 184 Friends that includes representatives of 25 yearly meetings and seven Quaker organizations around the country, FCNL seeks to bring the concerns, experiences and testimonies of Friends to bear on policy decisions in the nation’s capital.

Driven by faith.
At FCNL’s Annual Meeting in November 2013, the General Committee approved a new statement of legislative policy entitled The World We Seek. Revised every ten years, the new document was the product of an 18-month process of prayerful discernment involving more than 240 Friends meetings and churches. The statement sets forth FCNL’s broad objectives for public policy and is the foundational document for FCNL’s legislative priorities, which are set every two years. Meetings and churches have been invited to participate in setting the new legislative priorities, which will be approved at Annual Meeting this November, just after the congressional elections.

Grounded in policy.
In 2013 FCNL welcomed a record 271 people to our Annual Meeting. During Quaker Lobby Day prior to the start of Annual Meeting, 200 people visited 140 congressional offices to urge Congress to invest in our communities and impose budget discipline on the Pentagon. In the last year alone, Friends in FCNL have made more than 300 personal visits to lobby congressional offices in Washington and in their local districts. Our national FCNL network has also sent 126,000 issue-related messages to Congress, and in the first two months of 2014, Friends in FCNL published 60 letters to the editor in newspapers around the country.

Focused on the future.
A record number of young adults attended FCNL’s Annual Meeting, providing energy, innovation and leadership for the future of Quaker advocacy. As I write this report, FCNL is preparing to host Spring Lobby Weekend, at which more than 150 high school and college students from around the country will learn, through skill building and policy seminars, about Quakers and government, public policy advocacy and how Congress works. This year our young adults will be lobbying Congress for repeal of the Authorization for the Use of Military Force. By creating opportunities for young people to engage in peace and social justice policy during the formative years of their lives, FCNL is ensuring that Friends’ values will help shape public policy for years to come.

We are thankful for the meetings and churches, yearly meetings and individuals who provide FCNL with sustained and vital support. We are convinced by our faith and experience to continue building the peaceful, just, equitable and sustainable global community we seek. Above all, we seek to remain open to where God’s spirit leads us.

DeAnne Butterfield, Clerk
FCNL General Committee, March 2014
We seek a world free of war and the threat of war
We seek a society with equity and justice for all
We seek a community where every person’s potential may be fulfilled
We seek an earth restored

FCNL’s staff and volunteers work with a nationwide network of thousands of people to advocate for social and economic justice, peace, care for the earth and good government. The following is a list of some of the issues that have been the focus of our work in 2013-2014:

Works into Action in Central African Republic: FCNL played a behind-the-scenes leadership role in connecting on-the-ground relief groups and conflict prevention experts with members of Congress and the administration. FCNL coordinated and drafted a policy document signed by nine colleague organizations urging a comprehensive U.S. government strategy to address the violence in the Central African Republic. The document was used by FCNL staff, who worked closely with the administration to help form the White House response to this ongoing crisis.

Campaign Finance: Last month, the 18 faith communities of the Faith and Democracy Working Group, including Quakers, sent a letter to Congress urging support for a Constitutional amendment to repair the damage done by the Citizens United case. FCNL co-convened the group that last fall finished brief reports on three topical areas where money in politics has skewed or prevented congressional debate on issues of importance to faith groups. The selected topics were climate change, gun violence and private prisons.

Hope for Averting War: FCNL’s persistent and strategic lobbying on Capitol Hill has helped keep the door open for diplomacy with Iran. The historic first-step nuclear deal with Iran is significant movement toward a final agreement to prevent a nuclear-armed Iran. FCNL lobbyists in Washington have worked closely with administration officials and congressional offices to support negotiations with Iran. Grassroots advocates have been in regular contact with members of Congress to support these steps toward peace and security in the Middle East. We believe that these new diplomatic talks are the best opportunity in more than 30 years to end the cycle of confrontation between our countries.

Advocating for Rebalanced Federal Budget Priorities: The FCNL community worked very hard on the $580 billion reduction in Pentagon spending over 10 years that Congress approved. Yet the military budget is still far too bloated at a time when funds for necessary domestic programs are dwindling. We continue to press assessorly for better budget priorities that serve human and community needs.

A New Approach to Climate Disruption: FCNL is partnering with faith, citizen, diversity and youth communities on the local, state and national level to ask elected representatives to acknowledge the reality and impact of climate disruption as a moral issue. FCNL advances the shared concern for and commitment to Creation and lifts the voices of people of faith, young people and people from communities directly affected by climate disruption. Through this lens of a shared future, the initiative strives to minimize partisanship and create political space for meaningful legislative solutions.

Repeal of the Authorization for the Use of Military Force (AUMF): We have the best opportunity in more than 13 years to roll back the law that has kept our country in an endless war since 2001. Passed immediately after the 9/11 attacks, the AUMF has been used to justify not only the war in Afghanistan but also everything from indefinite detentions at Guantanamo Bay, to a growing number of drone attacks, to widespread warrantless wiretapping. This year we are working hard to repeal the AUMF in the House through intensive Hill lobbying and a focused mobilization around the country.

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Friends Committee on National Legislation (www.fcnl.org), March, 2014
Attachment # 30

Epistle from the American Friends Service Committee Corporation Meeting
March 6-8, 2014

To Friends Everywhere:
The annual meeting of the American Friends Service Committee’s Corporation was convened on March 6, 2014, in Philadelphia by Arlene W. Kelly, Presiding Clerk of the Corporation, with optimism and celebration of 97 years of AFSC service.

Some Friends came on canes, walkers, crutches or braces. But don’t be fooled: Corporation members representing U.S. yearly meetings traveled long distances through inclement weather to reach AFSC’s annual business meeting. The members of the Corporation, which brings representatives from yearly meetings throughout the U.S. to consider business and engage in program work, took their responsibilities seriously. We are a diverse group, as befits an organization with over fifty offices and even more programs in the U.S. and around the world. We are all Quakers upholding and putting into practice Quaker values.

We conducted the business of the Corporation, appointed Corporation and Committee members, and approved the Friends put forward by the Standing Nominating Committee. We also approved the placement of the Friends Relations Committee as a committee of the Corporation, parallel to that of the Standing Nominating Committee.

The members of the Corporation of American Friends Service Committee from all walks of life included different regions of the country and branches of Quakerism. Youth and elders, staff and visitors gathered to worship and work together. As a community of seekers, we gathered in this sacred place to address peace and social justice issues of our contemporary world.

The gathering began on Thursday night when we directed our attention to art as a catalyst for change. Hearing songs of forgiveness and unity from Tribe One, we were inspired to search in the Spirit for the power to reconcile and bring peace. We also heard from Naima Lowe, who presented “39 Questions for White People” to challenge us to consider issues of privilege.

The Friends Relations Committee (FRC) is tasked to nurture a greater vitality in the Corporation and the connection between AFSC and U.S. Friends in their monthly and yearly meetings. FRC participated in the planning of the Corporation meeting. During the meeting Friends experienced both programmed and unprogrammed worship and worship-sharing sessions. The theme this year, “Steadfastly working for peace and justice in Israel-Palestine,” offered evening sessions on this topic.

Several seasoning sessions gave Friends a deeper familiarity with AFSC programs and provided an opportunity to advise staff and the AFSC Board.

We discussed the indicators of AFSC as a Quaker organization. An AFSC document, two years in the making, was reviewed at a seasoning session to get feedback and opportunity for refinement. This document reports on how AFSC seeks to embody Quaker practices in its mission, governance, leadership, program strategies, relationship principles and our spiritual connection through worship.

We held several seasoning sessions. One revolved around critical issues facing AFSC and the world. This session discussed a working paper, titled Shared Security: Reimagining U.S. Foreign Policy, jointly authored by the AFSC and our partners in the Friends Committee on National Legislation (FCNL). This document is the foundation of new program initiatives to embrace youth leadership both inside and outside of Quakerism and strive to change the narrative that justifies militarism and violence in the media. In our
seasoning we explored the issue in terms of U.S. foreign policy abroad, amongst our own communities, and ways in which the language and concept of “security” could be redefined to promote dialogue between different communities.

This theme of security informed other discussions throughout the day, most notably concerning the Israel-Palestine conflict. Many times the question arose: What is the price of the current narrative of Israeli security in the form of restrictive walls, military occupation of the West Bank and Gaza Strip, and discrimination and brutality directed towards the Palestinian people? Growing concerns were noted among Friends, which have resulted in initiatives in many monthly meetings towards a just peace in Palestine, while noting that the narrative of “peace” is also a complicated one. We heard from Sandra Tamari and Dalit Baum about the recent history in the region and attempts to boycott companies tied to apartheid against Palestinians. Although we do not know how these challenges will ultimately be overcome, we unite in hopes of a world where all can walk down the street and not be labeled criminal for simply existing. AFSC affirms its involvement with programs in Israel and Palestine. Since 1948 AFSC has been persistent in the search for a just peace in Israel-Palestine.

In another program presentation we heard about mass incarceration, specifically for people living in poverty. We asked ourselves what the future of the prison system should look like, seeing the injustice but not knowing a way to end it.

General Secretary Shan Cretin's annual report joyfully emphasized the return of AFSC’s financial stability after critical years following the economic downturn. The required shrinkage of AFSC has resulted in higher efficiency. Any new work considered by AFSC will be guided by the strategic plan and financial health. The organization is smaller than in 2007. We have learned the need for good stewardship of our resources to meet our obligations, such as retirement plans. The 2013 Annual Report, including the audit results, was ready for the Corporation meeting. All documents were available electronically to members of the Corporation, reducing the environmental impact of printing. Plans are in the works for the centennial celebration and a related Courageous Acts campaign to raise additional funding for general endowment, interns/fellows, and strategic opportunities.

This time marks Friend Arlene Kelly’s last meeting as Clerk. She is released from these duties with gratitude for the leadership she has shown in partnership with the General Secretary, governing bodies, and committees. A strong and articulate voice of reason, she will be remembered for her ability to pause for silence and wait for clarity to resume in the meeting. While she conducted business with humor, her high expectation of commitment, promptness, and exacting nature led AFSC though challenging times, ensuring viability for future generations. During her tenure as Clerk, AFSC faced restructuring and reorganization due to the economic downturn. Board committees were combined or laid down, and well-defined charges gave clear direction for each committee. Her trait of discernment is a special gift that she has brought to us and leaves with us. A minute of appreciation was approved and signed by the Corporation.

Phil Lord will become Presiding Clerk at the rise of meeting. He brings a wealth of experience from many roles within AFSC over the years. He is a longtime member of the Society of Friends.

Phil is currently a member of Chestnut Hill Meeting in Philadelphia. He has had more than twenty years of experience with the AFSC, during which he has come to know many different aspects of the organization and has served in varying capacities, including assistant clerk of the Board of Directors at two different points in his Board service. He wrote recently in Acting in Faith, an AFSC blog, “At its very best, AFSC is a vehicle and conduit for mutual transformation and Continuing Revelation.”

Attachment # 31

American Friends Service Committee Call for Nominations


Call for Nominations

Dear Friends,

The American Friends Service Committee (AFSC) is currently seeking nominations for its Board of Directors, Corporation, and all Board and Regional Executive Committees and Task Groups.

AFSC’s Standing Nominating Committee (SNC) is charged with recommending dozens of persons for service each year, drawing on the needs, recommendations, and names suggested by each of you in your Quaker, AFSC and peace and justice communities. Qualifications for service include, but are not limited to:

- Membership in the Religious Society of Friends or understanding and commitment to Friends values and testimonies.
- Ability to attend AFSC committee meetings regularly (AFSC will cover the costs up front or offer reimbursement.)
- Knowledge, understanding or experience with AFSC programs and philosophy.
- Understanding and commitment to a Spirit led method of conducting business.
- Commitment to support and participate in AFSC fundraising.

In addition to the above listed qualities, the Standing Nominating Committee considers the AFSC’s commitment to inclusion and Diversity goals when discerning nominations. Also considered is broad geographic and wide Yearly Meeting representation. Persons 35 years and younger, those who self-identify as persons of color or as differently-abled are especially encouraged to apply.

If you have ideas about who might meet these criteria or have a personal interest in serving AFSC (now or in the future), please visit the Governance Recruitment Room and submit your nomination. While the Standing Nominating Committee will continue to accept nominations year round, those to be considered for appointment beginning March 2015 should be submitted on or before August 1, 2014.

For more information including a description of AFSC’s governing bodies, or to submit a nomination, please visit the Governance Recruitment Page at: https://www.starface.org/GovRecruit.

We look forward to hearing from you, as we search for the most qualified candidates called to serve the AFSC.

Make a Nomination.
Message from Lucy Duncan, American Friends Service Committee Director of Friends Relations

Dear Yearly Meeting Clerks and Administrators,

Greetings! I hope this message finds each of you well and thriving.

As the yearly meeting season proceeds into the summer, I wanted to send you two communications pieces and an update about the meeting/church liaison program.

First, attached is this year’s epistle to Friends Everywhere from the AFSC Corporation meeting held in Philadelphia in March. The letter was written by Corporation members and is a reflection of the Spirit and energy that were felt at the meeting. Please read it and pass it along to others in the yearly meeting. If you’d like to see a version with pictures, you can find it online here: http://www.afsc.org/friends/community-seekers-gathered-peace-friends-everywhere

Second, AFSC is seeking nominations broadly among Friends for service on the Board, Corporation, and Board Committee service. Please see the attached letter from the Standing Nominating Committee and let others know to send names for possible service to the nominating committee for consideration.

Third, the AFSC Meeting/Church liaison program is growing! We are nearing 200 meeting/church participants and would love the meeting/churches in your yearly meeting to join in. AFSC Meeting/Church liaisons work with AFSC and your congregation on Spirit-led action to create lasting peace with justice. We work to support a coalition of Quakers working together for real impact focused on specific social change issues. We work to support new and existing peace and social concerns activities inviting the whole meeting/church to participate and ground that work. We invite both mystics and activists to work together for change. If you’d like to join us, you can learn more at www.afsc.org/resources or by contacting Madeline Schaefer, Friends Relations Associate, atmschaefer@afsc.org.

I hope your yearly meeting sessions are blessed with the presence of the Spirit.

In Peace,
Lucy

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“I conceive of God, in fact, as a means of liberation and not a means to control others.” – James Baldwin
Attachment # 33

2013-2014 Annual Report of Dougla-Prieta Trabajo (Works)

The symbol of the year's success is the near-completion of a new community center with doors, windows and security bars! That used over half of the 5000 adobe blocks IMYM helped to pay for and with the additional annual IMYM donation of $1000 plus gifts from AZ Half Yearly Meeting and many individual monthly meetings in all four-corner states, we have enough to bring in electricity, water, and to complete the kitchen and bathroom. U.S. work and study groups continue to visit and make use of the facility, enjoying our world famous chiles rellenos. A small gift shop has been set up to display and sell the sewn and craft products.

The gardens are producing copiously and over 30 families are now sharing both work and produce. The Permaculture school has been enhanced by the completion of her extended Permaculture certification of Board member Miriam Maldonado.

The woodshop classes are a weekly highlight for both youth and elders.

The women of the sewing co-op are closer to self-sufficiency than ever before for two major advances: they independently found and applied for a grant from a Mexican agency. Also, one member has a U.S. Visa and can take products and fabric across the border, and she also has opened a DPT bank account, thus freeing the DPW treasurer of much work. Orders from The Gloo Factory of Tucson, a new giftshop in Bisbee, and several Tucson restaurants continue to support several families. They remind you that orders for fund-raising items can be quickly filled and shipped to any Meeting desiring to both support DPW and build their own kitty. Popular choices: tote and shopping bags, welders caps, lavender eye pillows, aprons, hot-pads, bandanas. Pen-pals can be found for kids wanting to practice their Spanish.

We are delighted to be able to offer free housing for visitors, interns, or brief- or long-term students of Spanish, community organization, or border issues, through the generosity of the Shalom Houses in Douglas sponsored by the Mennonites. Contact Jack or Linda Knox for reservations: (520) 368-1625 or email knoxbrick@gmail.com.

I am available to speak at individual or regional meetings as invited. I will be presenting a DPW Interest Group at Pacific Yearly Meeting this July.

Our partners on the Board of DPW represent the Border Mission, Frontero de Cristo, of the Presbyterian church, the Mennonites, the School Sisters of Notre Dam, and an independent businessman who lives in Agua Prieta. Their sources of funding, practical advice, and in-kind donations has brought the organization to this state of confident optimism, but the Society of Friends continues to be a strong foundation for it's once-fragile baby. Waves of Light and appreciation are being sent to you by all those involved in DouglaPrieta Works.

Respectfully submitted, Marybeth Webster, Outreach Committee clerk of DPW

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Attachment #34

Epistle from Senior Young Friends
June 8-15, 2014

Greetings to Friends Everywhere,

Travelling through tornadoes, dust storms, and extreme thunderstorms, our SYF family
gathered once more at picturesque Ghost Ranch, New Mexico. While many fellow SYF’s were
not able to return this year, our group still grew and we were able to bond more as almost all of
our members came for the whole week. From the spontaneous sing-alongs we have with those of
us who are awake in the morning to the late night worship sharing with the full moon illuminating
our groups across the grounds of Ghost Ranch, we found our home together.
Through this year’s theme of “What do we have to offer as Quakers for the challenges of our
time? What are the sources of the uniquely Quaker gifts that we have to offer?” we contributed
suggestions about the Quaker testimonies through our annual listening session which this year
took on the form of a “fishbowl”. The “fishbowl” idea is a way where people, in our case younger
members of the community, sit inside a circle and pass around queries allowing time for
responses while other members of the community sit in the circle around those speaking.

This year we made business meetings a priority early in the week to avoid last minute
emergency meetings on our last day together. As we do every year we lose one of our amazing
FAPs (Friendly Adult Presence) however, this year we have been blessed to have such amazing
nominations for FAPs, which while it makes our decision difficult we are so lucky to have so
many members of the community who want to be with us. This year we were faced with a more
difficult concern about roaming and transportation issues for the less able bodied members of the
meeting which will become an issue next year, as our IMYM community grows bigger each year.
Through business meetings, field trips to the Mesa to look at roaming options, and lots of time
pondering possible solutions we are hoping to find a solution by next year when the need comes
about.

As we finish out our week with late night games, worship sharing and spending time
together we will be saying goodbye to one wonderful FAP as well as some of our older SYF
members. While that goodbye will be sad we will also be looking forward to next year when we
will be able to see our family in our beautiful Ghost Ranch, when we reunite to continue our
spiritual journeys together.

The IMYM Senior Young Friends (Roughly high
school and college-aged)
Dear Friends Everywhere,

Intermountain Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends (IMYM), made up of seventeen monthly meetings in Colorado, Utah, Arizona, New Mexico and Western Texas, met amongst the red-soiled mesas, dry arroyos and soul-stirring vistas of Ghost Ranch near Abiquiu, New Mexico. Friends gathered for our fortieth annual sessions during the week of 6th month, 11th to 15th, 2014, with early days the 8th through 11th. 289 Friends attended, with 75 children in that number. Optional early days allowed for relaxation before our business began, with 60% of IMYM attendees taking part. IMYM is the only yearly meeting that is a member of Fellowship of Quakers in the Arts, and our diverse early days seminars reflected that. This year they included a full palette of workshops in the arts—playwright, writing, watercolor, storytelling, movement, SoulCollage®, and creative discernment. We see art as an effective tool for positive change in our needy world.

IMYM implemented a new organizational structure this year. We have replaced our overworked Continuing Committee with a structure including more volunteers as the Representatives Committee (the discerning voice of our monthly meetings, standing committees and youth group leaders) and the Arrangements Committee (which plans and implements the annual gathering).

Continuing our focus on the Kabarak Call for Peace and Ecojustice from last annual sessions, our theme this year was “What do we have to offer as Quakers in these challenging times?” We were blessed to have Diane Randall, Executive Secretary of Friends Committee on National Legislation (FCNL), and Shan Cretin, General Secretary of American Friends Service Committee (AFSC) as our plenary keynote speakers. They spoke about a joint initiative of FCNL and AFSC to envision a new U.S. foreign policy grounded in worldwide shared security for our global community. It is a big project, a fifty-year vision, but we are excited by the collaboration of these two strong Quaker organizations and the conversation they have started among us. The speakers emphasized that we must have both an inward faith journey and outward witness to make effective change in the world. The Peace Testimony is not so much a philosophical position but the fruit of an inward spiritual journey. Diane Randall expressed her belief that Friends can offer the world our abiding love of the Spirit that takes away the occasion for all war. Shan Cretin challenged us to start our work in the world by laying down the worn out American and Quaker exceptionalism that we bear, shining a light on our privilege. We must heed George Fox’s admonitions and be a pattern, walk cheerfully and really see that of God in everyone.

So, what does a faith-based Quaker witness in the world look like?

- It looks like an IMYM Young Adult Friend, reporting on his experience as Friends General Conference Gathering clerk, sharing a vision of a coming Quaker Renaissance.
- It looks like an artist making a movie about homelessness in her hometown.
- It looks like getting to know each other more deeply in our beloved small daily worship sharing groups. One of the morning groups is held in Spanish, reflecting
our appreciation for Latino heritage and cultures and our proximity to the U.S./Mexico border, once north, but now south of this land. Afternoon groups are intergenerational, led by our Senior Young Friends. It looks like Friends Peace Teams getting trained in trauma healing in Nepal and taking the technique back to New Mexico prisons.

- It looks like working with one another to shift from the big theoretical conversation of
- privilege to examining what we can actively do to create change.
- It looks like our adult meeting creating a safe space for our Junior and Senior Young Friends to share in an intergenerational Listening Session on Youth and the Quaker Testimonies.
- It looks like the lives of elderly friends, celebrated in their memorial minutes, who exemplified inward journey and outward witness.
- It looks like our own musicians forming a Contra Band with our own caller for our Friday night dance, using our gifts to spread joy in our midst.

After two years of work, and in solidarity with indigenous rights organizations, IMYM approved a minute affirming the U.N. Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples. Over two plenary sessions we tenderly labored with this concern, wanting to be certain we were supporting the voices of indigenous peoples without creating an “us versus them” dichotomy and not outrunning our guide. This was deep and heartfelt work as we desire to live in right relationship. The minute is attached.

Upon hearing the keynote speakers and the reports from Friends organizations, an octogenarian Friend remarked, “we are leaving the Society of Friends in good hands.” We feel energized by hope as we hear the voices of our youth and reports on our service in the world. We enjoy acknowledging the threads of connection we have and cultivate in the complex Quaker web and send our greetings and encouragement to you.

How is God calling you to live into the vision of the world that we seek?

In the Light,
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For the Minute to Affirm the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, see Attachment #24.
EPÍSTOLA DE LA JUNTA ANNUAL DE ENTRE MONTAÑAS 2014
Ghost Ranch, Abiquiu, Nuevo México, EEUU

Queridos Amigos y Amigas:

La Junta Anual de Entre Montañas de la Sociedad Religiosa de los Amigos (IMYM), conformada por dieciséis Juntas de Colorado, Utah, Arizona, Nuevo México y el oeste de Texas, se reunió entre mesetas de tierra roja, arroyos secos y vistas panorámicas que mueven el alma, cerca de Abiquiu, Nuevo México. Amigas y Amigos se congregaron para nuestra cuadragésima sesión anual en la semana del sexto mes, días del 11 al 15 del 2014, los días previos siendo del 8 al 11. Asistieron 289 Amigas y Amigos, 75 de los cuales fueron niñas y niños. Los días previos nos permitieron relajarnos antes de comenzar con los acuerdos, con el 60% de los asistentes acudiendo a estos. IMYM es la única junta anual que es miembro de la Hermandad de los Cuáqueros en las Artes, lo cual se vio reflejado en la diversidad de seminarios efectuados en los días previos. Este año incluyeron una gama de talleres artísticos: teatro, escritura, acuarela, movimiento narrativo, SoulCollage® y discernimiento creativo. Vemos al arte como una herramienta efectiva para el cambio positivo en un mundo muy necesario.

IMYM implementó este año una nueva estructura organizativa. Reemplazamos a nuestro saturado Comité de Continuidad con una estructura que incluye a más voluntarios como el Comité de Representantes (la voz de discernimiento de nuestras juntas mensuales, comités de posicionamiento y líderes de grupos de jóvenes) y el Comité de Arreglos (el cual planea y lleva a cabo la reunión anual).

Continuando con el enfoque de la Proclamación de Kábarak para la Paz y la Justicia Ecológica de nuestra sesión anual del año pasado, el tema este año fue: “¿Qué es lo que podemos ofrecer como Cuáqueros y Cuáqueras en estos tiempos tan desafiantes?” Tuvimos la bendición de contar con la presencia de Diane Randall, la Secretaría Ejecutiva del Comité de los Amigos para la Legislación Nacional (FCNL), y la de Shan Cretin, Secretaria General del Comité de Servicio de los Amigos Americanos (AFSC), quienes dieron los discursos inaugurales en la plenaria. Hablaron sobre la iniciativa conjunta de ambas organizaciones para visualizar una nueva política exterior estadounidense que se base en la seguridad mundial compartida para nuestra comunidad global. Es un gran proyecto, una visión a cincuenta años, pero nos emociona la colaboración de estas dos organizaciones cuáqueras tan fuertes y la conversación que han empezado entre los miembros de nuestra comunidad. Las oradoras principales hicieron énfasis en la necesidad de tener un proceso interno de fe, así como ser testigos de manera externa para llegar al cambio efectivo en el mundo. El Testimonio de Paz no es una postura filosófica, sino el fruto de un proceso espiritual interior. Diane Randall expresó su convicción de que los Amigos podemos ofrecer al mundo nuestro amor perdurable hacia el Espíritu, el cual nos mantiene alejados de la guerra. Shan Cretin nos retó a comenzar nuestro trabajo en el mundo dejando de lado el excepcionalismo americano y cuáquero con el que cargamos, y estando conscientes de nuestro propio “privilegio”.

Entonces, ¿En dónde encontrariamos a un testigo cuáquero basado en la fe?

- Se encuentra en un Amigo Adulto Joven de IMYM, platicando sobre sus experiencias como secretario de la Reunión de la Conferencia General de los Amigos y compartiendo la visión de un Renacimiento Cuáquero venidero.
• Se encuentra en una artista haciendo una película sobre personas en situación de calle en su ciudad natal. Se encuentra en el conocernos más a profundidad en nuestros queridos grupos de contemplación. Uno de los grupos matutinos es en español, y refleja nuestra apreciación por la cultura y herencia latinas, y nuestra cercanía con la frontera México/Estados Unidos, la cual antes estaba al norte, pero ahora se encuentra al sur de este lugar. Los grupos de la tarde son intergeneracionales y coordinados por los Amigos Adultos Mayores.
• Se encuentra en los Equipo de Paz de los Amigos, quienes se capacitaron en sanación de traumas en Nepal y quienes trajeron la técnica a las cárceles de Nuevo México.
• Se encuentra en el trabajo en conjunto para cambiar de la gran conversación teórica del privilegio a examinar lo que realmente podemos hacer para crear un cambio.
• Se encuentra en la creación de un espacio seguro para nuestros Amigos/as Jóvenes por parte de las/os adultos, para compartir una Sesión de Escucha intergeneracional sobre la juventud y los Testimonios Cuáqueros.
• Se encuentra en las vidas de las y los Amigos Adultos Mayores, celebradas en las minutas In Memoriam, quienes nos dieron el ejemplo de proceso interno y testimonio externo.
• Se encuentra en nuestros propios músicos/as, al formar un grupo de contradanza con todo y animador, para nuestro baile de viernes por la noche, difundiendo alegría.

Después de dos años de trabajo, y en solidaridad con las organizaciones de derechos indígenas, IMYM aprobó una minuta ratificando la Declaración de las Naciones Unidas sobre los Derechos de los Pueblos Indígenas. Durante dos sesiones plenarias, trabajamos cuidadosamente en este asunto, queriendo estar seguras/os que apoyábamos las voces de los pueblos indígenas sin crear una dicotomía de “ellos/as contra nosotros/as”, y no dejar atrás nuestra guía. Este trabajo fue profundo y sincero, ya que deseamos vivir en una “relación justa”.

Escuchando a las oradoras principales, así como los reportes de las organizaciones de los Amigos, una Amiga octogenaria nos compartió: “estamos dejando a la Sociedad de los Amigos en buenas manos”. Sentimos que la esperanza nos da mucha energía al escuchar las voces de las y los jóvenes y los reportes de nuestro servicio en el mundo. Disfrutamos el darnos cuenta de las grandes conexiones que tenemos y cultivamos en la compleja red Cuáquera, y les enviamos saludos y mucho ánimo.

¿Cómo es que Dios les llama a vivir en la visión del mundo que buscamos?

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Epistle from the Junior Young Friends

One of the testimonies that spoke to the Junior Young Friends this year was community. We found it to be a reoccurring theme in the new things we did this year, and the old favorites. Every morning we started with a gathering, and then split into small anchor groups. Anchor groups were an introduction to worship sharing, answering questions related to a theme. After our anchor groups we would typically do an activity. One of the favorites from year to year was low ropes. Low ropes builds connections by accomplishing tasks as a team. One morning Elizabeth Fry visited [Editor’s note: Quaker actress Roena Oesting as Quaker prison reformer Elizabeth Fry (1780-1845)]. She taught us about the benefits of community in any time or place. We had the pleasure of hosting the directors of American Friends Service Committee and Friends Committee on National Legislation for an hour. They told us a story about an underprivileged boy named Elmo and the positive impacts of serving your community.

The Senior Young Friends have a listening session every year, where young adults have the opportunity to hear what the younger members of the community have to say on things relevant to the community at the present moment. This year’s theme was Quaker testimonies and youth. Those who attended the listening session learned about others, new ways of thinking, on old topics and themselves. This year’s session was particularly poignant.

The annual contra-dance showed that the differences that usually separate us—gender and age—dissolve when having fun.

Intermountain Yearly Meeting brings old and new friends together, expands your Quaker world, and can be (no matter how hard to believe) a place of serenity from the rest of the world.

Junior Young Friends Intermountain
Yearly Meeting June 14, 2014