

Peace and Service Committee
Intermountain Yearly Meeting of Friends
Report to Representatives Committee, 2/4/2018
Jamie Newton, Clerk, Peace and Service Committee

The Peace and Service Committee continues to be guided by the role assigned to us in 2013, when the Committee was established:

The primary purpose of this committee is to facilitate communication and networking among Meetings, Worship Groups, and other Friends regarding peace and service issues. As opportunities arise, they will help coordinate actions among meetings. They are the committee that can be asked by IMYM business meeting to sift and season concerns relevant to peace and service that may arise in session or in Representatives Committee and report back. At the present time, this committee is not established to oversee any peace and service projects but is to encourage local friends in their endeavors.

Excerpted from the description approved by the Procedures Committee, 4/28/2013

At the request of the Procedures Committee, we reviewed the 2013 description and recommended revisions based on our experience to date. In particular, we suggested that the nominating procedure be strengthened to assist the regional meetings in identifying and appointing their representatives to the Peace and Service Committee.

Encouraging Friends to attend the November 10-12, 2017 Border Convergence in Nogales

Consistent with the minute of endorsement approved at the 2017 annual gathering of IMYM, the Peace and Service Committee reached out to monthly meetings and worship groups to inform them and encourage participation in the November 10-12, 2017 Border Convergence in Nogales (Arizona and Sonora, Mexico). Friends from across the IMYM regions did attend, along with Friends from more distant places. We are grateful to Pima Monthly Meeting for making their meeting house available as a gathering place for Friends attending events in Tucson on November 10, and for reserving a gathering place in Nogales, Arizona, for friends at the Convergence events on November 11 there. During February 2018, we expect to post a report on the 2017 Border Convergence on **imym.org**.

Communication and networking methods

The Peace and Service Committee continues to explore communication methods that will supplement email and telephone contacts. We welcome suggestions from Friends on how they prefer to communicate – e.g., through their monthly meeting clerk, a person serving as the meeting’s liaison to the Peace and Service Committee, Facebook, email, telephone, Twitter, and postings on **imym.org**. *The Committee asks Representatives Committee members to actively assist us by identifying Friends in their monthly meetings and worship groups who are willing to serve as contacts, with a liaison role between their meeting and the Peace and Service Committee.*

Peace and Service Resource Center at the June 2018 annual gathering

At the June 2018 annual gathering of IMYM we expect to operate the Peace and Service Resource Center throughout the week again, as we have since 2014, hosting displays and encouraging dialogue. *Guidelines* for use of the Resource Center will be distributed with IMYM’s Documents in Advance, and will be available at the Resource Center.

Responses to IMYM action minutes on peace and service issues; discernment on current concerns

The Peace and Service Committee continues to seek information on how Friends have responded to statements of position and commitments to action in minutes that IMYM has approved on peace and service issues, encouraging actions consistent with our words as way opens. In particular, we invite Friends to share their discernment and actions in response to recent minutes on immigration justice (as represented by IMYM's endorsement of the 2017 Border Convergence), nuclear disarmament, support for women's health services provided by Planned Parenthood, support for the rights of indigenous peoples, and opposition to torture. [To review action minutes on these issues approved 2013-2017, please visit <http://imym.org/peace-service-committee/>.] We are educating ourselves on global climate change, discerning what role may be appropriate for the Peace and Service Committee to support and extend Friends' engagement with this vital issue.

Peace and Service Committee members, with contact information

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