

North Pacific Yearly Meeting Annual Session 2018

University of Puget Sound, Tacoma, WA

Minutes of Record, Seventh Plenary Session

July 27, 2018, 6:45 pm – 7:45 pm

The seventh plenary session was led by our Junior Friends.

The Junior Friends led us in a game during which we responded, by stepping forward or not, to questions that had to do with our life experiences. The life experiences concerned our gender, mental health, violence, ancestry, learning styles, educational level. The purpose of the game was to make us more aware of privilege.

We shared our reactions by conversation with a partner and during a period of worship sharing. Among the responses during worship were the following: not thinking about some kinds of stigma that the questions raised, characteristics are not always visible, the autism spectrum and introvert/extrovert characteristics could have been included. The game reminded us that we can become more aware of how much we classify people and work toward practicing not to judge.

Announcement: That withdrawal of financial support by organizations who were major contributors has left Jubilee House in Nicaragua, which has been served by some Friends from NPYM, in debit at a level of \$100,000. Friends were asked to contribute.