Ideas Proposed from July 18, 2005 NPYM Interest Group convened by J. Zerwekh

Query for discussion: What do we need to be and do in order to live out the Yearly Meeting mission into the future? The mission as quoted from the website:

The purpose of North Pacific Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends is to provide a means for Friends to strengthen and support one another in a common search for divine Truth and Light….encourage Friends, as individuals monthly meetings and worship groups, deepening their spiritual center and moving into Spirit-led action….We gather to search in the Light, to find renewal, and to celebrate our joy in coming together again.

General hopes
- Prune back usual structure and get back to roots of community
- Deep worship experiences daily to influence all we do.
- From the Jacobsens in 2014: Source (Spirit) inspires business process leading to witness (outward expression)
- More families and younger people are attracted.
- Intergenerational activities
- Discuss issues of fundamental concern to younger generations
- Speak truth about contemporary concerns; acknowledge despair
- Plan nurturing life-giving topics; spontaneous interest groups
- More small groups to know each other
- Consolidate business
- Develop small retreats under the care of Yearly Meeting: before AS or completely separate. Example: silent retreat
- Beauty of a natural setting like Pacific Northwest Quarterly Meeting (WA)

Specific suggestions
- One night devoted to a spiritual message with depth
- Junior Friends and Young Adults lead us in fishbowl questions
  - Like how to deal with bullying
- Fun: Dance, sing, play games
- Traveling in the ministry: sharing gifts like understanding trans experience; Pendle Hill on the Road
- Schedule activities on top of each other
- YAF as Friend in Residence; youth as leaders
- Improve website with information easy to access
- Focus of MM on family; Quarterly on community; YM on world
- Strengthen Willamette Quarter and Montana Gathering of Friends
- Hire someone to do AS planning

Gathering more information
- Survey our monthly meetings and worship groups
- Survey other Yearly Meetings; others have declared a “Jubilee (Sabbatical) Year.”
- Possible Western Friend survey
- Learn from Intermountain YM, Women’s Theology Conference, Pacific Northwest Quarterly Meeting, Quaker Quest