Appendix A—Information Flow Graphic

The environment in which the YM communicates.

![Information Flow Graphic]

**General Public**

- Local Public Media
  - (Newspapers, Radio/TV, Local nets, etc.)

- Local Officials

- Local citizen groups (Peace, ecology, schools...)

- State Gov’t
  - (Leg, Officials, Agencies)

- Congress
  - (Action minutes)
  - Media etc.

- Other Organizations (Peace, Ecology, Justice)

- NPYM office

- NWYM
- PaYM
- IMYM

- Other YMs

- Alphabet Soup (many orgs.)

- Coordinating Committee (Coord Comm)

- Reps to Alfa Soup

- M&O Comm

- M&O

- M&O

- M&O

- M&O

- Quarterly Willamette

- Quarterly PNWQM

- Quarterly MGoF

- Co-Workers

- Friends

- Family

- Other Denomination local churches

- Quaker World

- FWCC

orange 5-pt stars = clerks, yellow 4-pt stars = MMeetings, 8-pt stars = WGs.
Information flow to the local Meeting:

Monthly Meetings and worship groups have a clerk (or contact person) who is designated to receive all incoming communication and make sure that information flows to the appropriate recipient or is responded to. Of course this becomes a bottleneck if a deluge of input arrives, some if in a mass and some of it unclear. We assume that information is shared within a local meeting, but that is not always true. Because some people are drawn toward one of the focuses of the community and others toward a different one, connections are not always made.

Designated channels of communication

There is ample redundancy but this implies duplication of effort, repetition of the same message, and lack of responsiveness/responsibility to use the messages. An inverse tree also exists. In essence any level can contact anybody on any other level.