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Plenary Session #1
Wednesday, July 17, 2013
7:15 - 8:30 PM

The first plenary gathered in song for 15 minutes and was the rest of the time was devoted to waiting worship.
Plenary Session #2
Thursday July 18, 2013
8:45 - 10:15 AM

The Plenary gathered in song and waiting worship.

2013:1 Minute of Record: Roll Call of meetings.
The Clerk read the roll call of meetings and worship groups, with members and attenders present from each standing as their the name of their gathering was called.

2013:2 Minute of Record: Presiding Clerk's Welcome
Clerk, John Allcott welcomed everyone and introduced our time together at the 2013 gathering of Friends at the Annual Session of North Pacific Yearly Meeting. Our theme this year is “Not by My Strength Alone: Laboring Beyond Our Comfort Zone” to be addressed by our Friends in Residence, Becca and Paul Mohally Renk during Plenary Session #3.

Introductions of Annual Session planners, coordinators and teachers
- General Arrangements: John Etter
- Physical Arrangements: Dave Eck
- Program: Lyn Gordon
- Volunteer Coordinator: Lilly Mim
- Registrar: Margaret Coahran

Lynn Travis Introduced Teachers for Children's Program
- Children’s Program: Coordinators: Lynn Travis, Cynthia Black
- Jr Friends Advisors: Joe Snyder and Meghann Willard,
- Central Friends Advisors: Michael Sharp, Ethan Berleman, Megge Van Valkenberg
- Upper Elementary: Jon Strobhen, Janet Grove
- Pre-K  Meghan Peterka, Emma Ewert, Jana Ostrom
- early elementary: Katherine Spinner

Jana Ostrom introduced the Epistle Committee.
- Jana Ostrom
- Angie Alexander
- Elinor Jordan.

After this introduction the children and their teachers left for their program.

Introductions and recognition of observers and guests from other yearly meetings followed
- Becca and Paul Mohally Renk, Jubilee House Community, Ciudad Sandino, Friend in Residence
- Dell and Suzanne Livingston, North West Yearly Meeting.
Alicia Lucasi: from Bolivia, Iglesia Nacional Evangélica Los Amigos de Bolivia
Rebecca Sumner: Quaker Volunteer Service Coordinator and a member of North West Yearly Meeting
Michael Ouida, Friends General Conference
Tom and Sally Farley, Palo Alto Monthly Meeting, Pacific Yearly Meeting
Julie Peyton, North West Yearly Meeting
KeChristine Hall is NPYM visitor to North West Yearly Meeting Annual Session
Mary Klein, editor Western Friend

Information Management
The Clerk spoke of efforts to reduce the paper consumption at Annual Session. All reports from committees have been placed on the NPYM website. Hard copies of those reports will be printed and posted in the plenary space for Friends' reference.

Attention was called to a document entitled "Note Taking/Minute Making" posted in the plenary space. It explains the outline, process and vocabulary that is being used to create the Account of Proceedings ("the Minutes") for the Annual Session.

Accounts of each plenary session will be posted in the plenary space by the beginning of the next plenary for Friends' reference.

Friends presenting a report during the plenary, if it was not previously posted on the NPYM website, are requested to provide a written copy to the recording clerk to ensure accuracy in the Account of Proceedings.

Emergent Concerns
The Clerk asked that emergent concerns to come directly to him. He reminded Friends that the good order of Friends is to season concerns in Yearly Meeting committees, worship groups, preparative, monthly and quarterly meetings to prepare them as mature items of business for the floor of Annual Session.

Events of Note on Annual Session Agenda
The Clerk concluded report by calling Friends' attention to two events on this year's Annual Session Friday agenda: the Simple meal at lunch on Friday (proceeds to be donated to Jubilee House in Nicaragua) and the Quaker Fair (a chance to learn about Quaker organizations) in the evening.

2013:3 Ministry and Oversight Committee
Framing: Georgia Foster, Clerk of Ministry and Oversight Committee, brought a recommendation to Friends that terms of service on that committee begin at the Annual Session rather than in October, as stipulated by the Committee job description. New members on the nominating slate for approval are Warren Ostrom, Jane Ewert, Nancy McLauchlan and Dorsey Green.

Minute of Decision: Immediate service on MO for these new members was approved.

2013:4 Nominating Committee
Framing: Janet Jump, Clerk of Nominating Committee presented a Committee Report and a slate of recommended nominations to positions. These reports were posted in plenary room and on the NPYM.org website.
The Committee recommended approval of the proposed slate of nominations.
Discernment on the Nominating Committee's recommended slate will occur during Plenary #5.

2013:5  Finance and Legal Committee
Framing: Finance and Legal Committee presented a committee report, a financial statement and a proposed budget for FY 2013. These reports were posted in the plenary room and on the NPYM.org.
The Committee recommended approval of the proposed budget.
Discernment on Finance and Legal Committee's proposed budget will occur during Plenary #7.

2013:6  Ad Hoc Committee on Children's Program Staff
Framing: The ad hoc Committee on Children's Program Staff has submitted its report. This report was posted in the plenary room and on NPYM.org.
The Committee report recommended that a part time employee be hired to co-ordinate children's and youth program activities.

Minute of Exercise (questions, comments and concerns from the plenary floor):
Discernment on the recommendation that a part time employee be hired to co-ordinate children's and youth program activities will occur during Plenary #5.

Plenary #2 closed in waiting worship.
Plenary Session #3
Thursday July 18, 2013
10:30 - 11:45 AM

The Plenary gathered in song and waiting worship.

2013:7 Minute of Record: Address of Friends in Residence

Plenary Session # 3 was devoted to an address by our Friends in Residence Becca and Paul Mohally-Renk Friends from Jubilee House, Nicaragua.

Our Friends in Residence were introduced by Betsy Kenworthy, Multnomah Monthly Meeting, who pointed out that this is the first time a former Junior Friend from this yearly meeting has addressed the Annual Session in this role. She also told the plenary that our other Friend in Residence is from Cork Meeting in Ireland. She assured us that we would hear from them how they came to be where they are now planted, from where they have come to address the theme of our Annual Session: “Not by My Strength Alone: Laboring Beyond Our Comfort Zones.”

A copy of the script their address (with power point notes) was submitted and is attached to this final Account of the Proceedings.

The Plenary closed in waiting worship.
**Plenary Session #4**  
Thursday July 18, 2013  
7:00 - 8:30 PM

The Plenary gathered in song and waiting worship.

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**2013:8  Minute of Record:  Announcements**

Annual Session Clerk John Allcott announced that Yakima Worship Group, called during the roll call of meetings and worship groups yesterday, requested to be laid down during the past year and Tacoma Monthly Meeting, under whose care it existed, approved.

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**2013:9  Ad Hoc Committee to Evaluate NPYM Structure**

**Framing:** In [Summary](#) and [Detailed](#) versions, the report of the Committee was posted in the Plenary room and at npym.org.

The following recommendations were put forth in these reports:

1. the Annual Session approve the proposal from the ad hoc Children's Committee to hire a part-time coordinator,
2. that a new ad hoc committee be formed to explore improving communication within the Yearly Meeting, and
3. to continue the life of the Ad Hoc Committee to Evaluate NPYM Structure for another year.

**Minutes of Exercise** (questions, comments and concerns from the floor of the plenary):

Discernment on the recommendations of the ad hoc Committee to Evaluate NPYM Structure is scheduled for Plenary #6.

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**2013:10  Minute of Record:  Reports of Quaker Organizations supported by NPYM**

Representatives from the American Friends Service Committee (AFSC) and Quaker Earth Care Witness (QEW) made 30 minute reports of their activities.

American Friends Service Committee - Eddy Crouch introduced Sonia Tuma, Western Regional Director of AFSC who reported on the American Friends Service Committee activities. A written copy of the report (link 4.3) was posted in the plenary room and at npym.org

Quaker Earth Care Witness. - Allen Stockbridge Eric Joy and Steve Shriner, representing Quaker Earth Care Witness, reported on QEW activities. A written report was posted in the plenary room and on NPYM.org

The Plenary closed in waiting worship.
The Plenary gathered in song and in waiting worship.

2013:11 Minute of Record: Introductions
Alicia Lucasi, of the Iglesia Nacional Evangélica Los Amigos de Bolivia introduced herself and gave a short introduction to her talk to be held later in the evening.

The presence of Rebecca Sumner, a member of North West Yearly Meeting and the Coordinator of Quaker Voluntary Service was announced. She will be attending the Quaker Fair to speak to Friends' interest in how this new program, located in Portland, is supporting Young Adult Friends doing service internships with area non-profit organizations.

Tila Neguse from Friends Committee on National Legislation (FCNL) was introduced by Dorsey Green. Ms. Neguse will be making a short presentation later in the program and Friends are urged to talk to her regarding participating in the national Quaker political process supported by FCNL.

John Etter introduced the staff members from Pacific University who have supported our Annual Session gathering. Friends expressed their appreciation for their efforts.

2013:12 Minute of Record: Ministry and Oversight Committee
Clerk Georgia Foster read from "NPYM M&O Consultation on Membering". The discussion memorialized therein was led by Ann Stever and Dorsey Green.

The presentation concentrated on Query #2, which provides advices to Friends about preparing for discernment and its practice during meeting for worship for business.

2013:13 Ad Hoc Committee on Children's Program Staff
Discernment: Based on the Committee's Report posted in the plenary room (also on npym.org) and Minutes of Exercise approved during plenary #2.

Recommendation: That NPYM establish a part time, paid position of Annual Session Children's Program Coordinator for a period of two years.

Minute of Exercise (comments, questions, issues from the plenary floor)

Minute of Decision: The Annual Session approved the recommendations of the ad hoc Committee on Children's Program Staff as described on pages 3 and 4 of its Report of July 15, 2013. This includes the sections on those pages entitled

4. "Recommendations," (including the job description to which that section refers),
5. "Evaluation,"
6. "Supervision,"
7. "Budget," and
8. "Funding"

to provide guidance for going forward, while not constricting the efforts of the Legal and Finance, Personnel and Youth Committees to implement the sense of the proposal.
The Annual Session lays down the ad hoc Committee on Children's Program Staff, with appreciation.

2013:14 Minute of Record: Reports of Organizations supported by NPYM
Representatives of Friends Committee on National Legislation (FCNL), Western Friend and Friends World Committee for Consultation (FWCC), made 5 minute reports of their activities

1. Friends Committee on National Legislation Report
   Tila Neguse reported that FCNL has the largest team of peace activists working in Congress on military, foreign policy, the environment, immigration and other issues. Our priorities are set with input from the grassroots of the Society of Friends. By this November we will have finalized the new iteration of our policy statement. NPYM has a strong presence in the FCNL process. Ms. Negusa offered support for NPYM Friends who may want to organize office visits and letter writing to Senators Wyden and Murray, who are influential Senators, in the effort to developing a moral government.

2. Western Friend
   Mary Klein, the new editor introduced herself and talked about her background. She plans for the magazine to emphasize original material, from western Friends in Western Friend, and diverse of points of view. She also plans to have editions that are loosely organized around themes while providing variety. The magazine is trying to be a resource for adult education and group discussion, while trying to avoid "Quaker speak" and to be accessible to all. Mary also requested Friends participate in the survey that will influence the future of the magazine.

3. Friends World Committee for Consultation
   Otis Kinney gave an oral report describing of the Committee's purpose to bring the diversity of the Society of Friends together to support living out our walks as Quakers. He also called the Annual Session's attention to the FWCC website http://www.fwccamericas.org/

Elinor Jordan talked about the Quaker Youth Pilgrimage, and the power of this experience in the lives of young Friends.

Jane Snyder, clerk of the FWCC Section of the Americas, spoke of the power of bilingualism in improving listening skills.

2013:15 Nominating Committee
Discernment: Based on Nominating Committee reports posted in the plenary room and on npym.org.

Recommendation: That the plenary approve the recommended slate to fill positions that are vacant or becoming vacant.

Minute of Decision: The Annual Session approved current slate from the Nominating Committee.

The Plenary closed in waiting worship
**Plenary Session #6**  
Friday July 19, 2013  
10:30 - 11:45 AM:

The Plenary gathered in waiting worship

### 2013:16 Ad Hoc Committee to Evaluate NPYM Structure

**Discernment:** Based on ad hoc Committee to Evaluate NPYM Structure report posted in the plenary room (also at NPYM.org) and on Minute of Exercise from framing process during Plenary #4.

Recommendations:

1. that a new ad hoc committee be formed to explore improving communication within the Yearly Meeting, to be formed by executive committee and consult with the monthly meetings and report back to the Annual Session next year, and

2. to continue the life of the Ad Hoc Committee to Evaluate NPYM Structure for another year.

Recording Clerk's Note: The third recommendation of this Committee, that the Annual Session approve the recommendation of the ad hoc Committee on Children's Program Staff, was rendered moot by the approval, during Plenary # 5, of that latter Committee's recommendation.

**Minute of Exercise** (comments, questions, issues from the plenary floor)

**Minute of Decision:**

**Recommendation #1:** The Annual Session approved the continuation of the work of the ad hoc Committee on Structure Evaluation for another year to continue its analysis and evaluation of Coordinating Committee and return to Annual Session 2014 to report on this work.

**Recommendation #2:** The Annual Session approved the formation of a new ad hoc to explore improving communication within the Yearly Meeting. In the spirit of recommendation 2 on page 3 of the Summary Report of the Committee dated July 4, 2013, this new ad hoc Committee is charged to collaborate with the ad hoc Committee on Structure and from a frame of reference based on understanding that it is not just the technology and spreading data that matters, but rather a supporting of the deepening of our community and of the connections we have with one another, upon which the growth of our ability to live in the Spirit together depends. This committee will be formed by Executive Committee and will consult with the monthly meetings, worship groups and isolated Friends and report back to the Annual Session in 2014.

### 2013:17 Ad Hoc Committee on Relationships with Other Quaker Organizations

**Framing:** In four reports (Report of Committee Activities, Report on Existing Relationships, Report on Survey of NPYM Friends re Exiting Relationships, and Report of a Proposal re Traveling Among Friends, posted in the plenary room and at NPYM.org, the Committee gave an account of its activities during the past year and made a recommendation.

Recommendation: that a voluntary fund be created to which Friends can contribute to support NPYM Friends' travel, ministry and visitation among Friends elsewhere and that the Outreach Committee oversee the collection and allocation of such funds as are donated for this purpose.

**Minute of Exercise** (questions comments and concerns from the floor of the Plenary):

Discernment on the recommendations of the ad hoc Committee on Relationships with Other Quaker Organizations will take place at Plenary #7.

The Plenary closed in waiting worship.
The Plenary gathered in song and waiting worship.

2013.18 Minute of Record: Clerk's announcement.
The Presiding Clerk has begun a letter to Ken and Katherine Jacobson--next year's Friends in Residence. It is posted in the plenary room. Friends are invited to add their greetings and welcome.

2013.19 Ad Hoc Youth Safety Policy Implementation Committee
Framing: Clerk Chris Cradler reported the membership of the Committee: Lynn Travis, Tara Urner, Elee Hadley, and presented its report.
Recommendation: That the ad hoc Committee be laid down.
Minute of Decision: The Annual Session approved the recommendation to lay down of the North Pacific Yearly Meeting ad hoc Youth Safety Policy Implementation Committee.

2013:20 Ad Hoc Committee on Relationship of NPYM to Monthly Meetings
Framing: The Committee presented two documents, Background for 2013 AS and Excerpt from AS Decision Making Committee, these were posted in the plenary room and on NPYM.org.
Create a new Ad Hoc Committee with a charges to
1. survey the monthly meetings, worship groups and isolated Friends to spark discussion there about the relationships among the Annual Session, the Yearly Meeting and themselves.
2. lead a discussion throughout NPYM on the effect that greater participation in the Annual Session would have for the participants and for their local meetings.
3. consider of how to make the Annual Session as affordable for families with children as possible.
4. support and develop empowerment of all to participate
5. to encourage increased attendance and participation in the Annual Session.
Minute of Exercise (questions, comments and concerns from the floor of the plenary)
Minute of Decision: After extensive discussion no unity has arisen. The Executive Committee will work with the Minutes of Exercise to see if they can come back with a minute tomorrow. Approved.
The plenary closed in an extended period of worship-sharing during which Friends expressed concerns that flowed from the discussion above related to the condition of North Pacific Yearly Meeting.
Recording Clerk's Note: There was not time during this plenary to address all items of business scheduled due to unanticipated length of the Exercise on some items of business and the extended worship that followed.
The Presiding Clerk asked the plenary whether these other items of business could be addressed on the following morning, July 21 at 9:30 AM. Friends approved.
Plenary Session #7A
Sunday July 21, 2013
9:30 - 10:00 AM

The Plenary gathered song and waiting worship.

Recording Clerk's Note: "Plenary 7A" addresses items of business that were on the agenda for Plenary #7 but was not then addressed due to the unanticipated press of business during that plenary.

2013:21 Budget and Finance Committee

Framing: Carl Abbot made a clarifying point. On Friday Morning we approved the funding of the Children's Program Staff and the funding will come from current budget reserves. This budget item will be reflected in future budget updates in the good order.

Recommendation: approve proposed budget for the upcoming year

Minute of Exercise (comments, concerns, questions from the floor of the Plenary):

Discernment: Based on the report, financial statement and proposed budget posted in the plenary room during Plenary #2 and on NPYM.org.

Minute of Decision: The North Pacific Yearly Meeting Proposed Budget for FY 2014 is approved, with awareness that in one years time this will result in an increase in the Yearly Meeting assessment.

2013:22 Ad Hoc Committee on Relationship of NPYM to Monthly Meetings

Framing: Melody Ashworth, Clerk of Executive Committee presented proposed minute developed by the Executive Committee.

Recommendation: that the ad hoc Committee on Relationship of NPYM to monthly meetings consider how to make the Annual Session as affordable as possible for families with children.

Discernment was based on Background for 2013 AS and Excerpt from AS Decision Making Committee, from the Committee presented, posted in the Plenary space and on NPYM.org, as well as the Minute of Exercise during Plenary 7, and Framing during this plenary.

Minute of Decision: The Annual Session approved a charge for the ad hoc Committee on Relationship of NPYM to Monthly Meetings to consider how to make Annual Session as affordable as possible for families with children.

2013:23 Ad Hoc Committee on External Relationships with Friends


Revised Recommendations:

1. Set up a fund to receive donations for NPYM Friends traveling among other branches of Friends.

2. Discernment regarding the use of the funds will be the responsibility of the NPYM representatives to Friends World Committee on Consultation (FWCC).
3. The policies and procedures for the discernment process will be agreed upon by the FWCC representatives, in consultation with the ad hoc Committee on External Relations with Friends and will be presented to the Executive Committee for approval.

4. The ad hoc Committee on External Relations will be laid down after agreement has been reached with the FWCC representatives about policies and procedures for administering the fund.

Annual Session Clerk, John Allcott, suggested that there be a report be made back to Annual Session 2014 on the implementation of this minute.

**Minute of Exercise** (comments, concerns, questions from the floor of the Plenary):

**Minute of Decision.**

1. Annual Session approved setting up a fund to receive donations to support NPYM Friends traveling to other branches of Friends.

2. The discernment regarding the use of the funds will be the responsibility of the NPYM representatives to the Friends World Committee for Consultation (FWCC).

3. The policies and procedures for the discernment process will be agreed upon by the FWCC representatives from NPYM in consultation with the ad hoc Committee on External Quaker Relations, and will be presented to the Executive Committee for approval.

4. The Ad Hoc Committee on External Quaker Relations will be laid down after agreement has been reached with FWCC representatives about policies and procedures for administering the fund.

5. There will be a report be made back to Annual Session 2014 from the NPYM representatives to FWCC on the implementation of this minute.

6. Policies and procedures to include that Friends supported by this fund report back to the body on their travel.

7. In three years there should be an evaluation of how this fund is being implemented and how it is benefitting the Yearly Meeting.

The Plenary closed in waiting worship
Plenary Session 8
Sunday July 21, 2013
10:00 - 10:45 AM

The Plenary gathered, following a short break after Plenary 7A, in a period of waiting worship.

2013.24 Minute of Record: Children's Program Epistles
The following Epistles were accepted by the plenary.
The Epistle of the Central Friends (link 8.1)
The Epistle of the Early Elementary Friends (link 8.2)
The Epistle of the Upper Elementary Friends (link 8.3)
The Epistle of the Pre-School Friends (links 8.4)
The Epistle of the Junior Friends (link8.5)

2013.25 NPYM Epistle Committee
Framing: a draft of the NPYM Epistle was presented by the Committee, consisting of Jana Ostrom, Elinor Jordan, Angelia Alexander

Minute of Exercise (comments, questions, concerns from the floor)
Minute of Decision: The NPYM Epistle is accepted. The Annual Session supports the Epistle Committee as it considers how to use the concerns raised in the Minutes of Exercise to shape the current draft. The Epistles from all age groups were read out. Copies of all Epistles will be appended to the Account of the Proceedings for Annual Session 2013.

2013:26 Minute of Record: Donations to Nicaraguan Project
The Presiding Clerk announced that the amount raised during the Annual Session to be donated to the project has yet to be determined.

2013:27 Minute of Record: Registrar's Report
Margaret Coahran, Registrar of the Annual Session, read out her report of the statistical profile of those attending the Annual Session 2013.
Friends accepted her report, with thanks.

2013:28 Minute of Record: Memorials
The lives of the following Friends were remembered in a Meeting for Memorials held Saturday afternoon, July 22, 2013.
Ruth Affolter
Olin M. Byerly
Jim Clarke
Gregory Albert Ewert
Doris B. Ferm
William Lewis Hanson
Mary Jarvi
Eve Malo
Jean Maryborn  
Arnold Chase Satterthwaite  
Clare Sinclair  
Hanna K. Still

2013:29 Minute of Record - The Clerk's Final Report
Friends

We have labored and we are laboring now together to bring out Love at our Annual Session. We are washing the feet. We start with ourselves, and just as I let Peace begin with me, let the washing also start with each of us and move on in service to those we love. So, let transformation start with me and lead me to labor far beyond my comfort zone. This is now the opportunity for the Presiding Clerk to give gratitude for this service:

I am grateful. We will be well served in the next year by our singing, rising clerk. Welcome to Friend Tom Rawson in this service.

John Allcott  
Presiding Clerk, Annual Session  
North Pacific Yearly Meeting  
2012 and 2013

The Plenary closed in waiting worship and transitioned into the final worship of the Annual Session.

Timothy Travis  
Recording Clerk  
Annual Session 2013