Annual Report to
North Pacific Yearly Meeting Annual Session
from Ministry and Oversight Committee
July 2012

With gratitude to the Nominating Committee for finding such fine and hard working folks

M&O continued the quarterly phone consultations with the clerks or their representatives of M&O Committee from Monthly Meetings and Worship throughout NPYM. Topics included how we nurture the meeting for worship, and what is our identity as NPYM Quakers. On our last Consultation, we were excited to have our Friend in Residence, Benigno Eppler-Sanchez join us. Queries prepared by members of the Committee are used to lead these worshipful discussions.

There was a monthly meeting that requested from us a direction for nurturing the meeting through some difficult times. Suggestions for weighty Friends were provided from the meeting’s Quarter. This proved helpful.

Another time, one of our members listened to a NPYM officer to find a way forward in a misunderstanding.

We were blessed by the opportunity to gather together by phone those from NPYM that were attending the World Quaker conference in Kenya. This even included one couple calling in from Australia! Together we had a time of worship sharing, and allowed folks to connect to others that were going. It was a deep moment for many.

We have met with one of our members from NPYM who has a concern for good Quaker process to help us discern the way forward for our own work and to also be acquainted with his work to recommend it to others.

Leading up to AS, Presiding Clerk, John Alcott, asked M&O to help prepare the AS to be ready for the Spirit and the work that we will be about. M&O wrote queries to support the entire YM in this preparation. They have been sent to our web site and posted, to the officers, and to the clerks of Monthly Meetings and Worship Groups.

We are now planning a retreat time for our members with our Friend in Residence, Benigno before the beginning of this AS. This is held at the Tacoma Meeting house. Tacoma Meeting takes good care of us all.

During Annual Session we will be available to help in areas of ministry and support. We also will be looking at the State of Society reports of Monthly Meetings and Worship Groups to share with you the State of our entire Society here in NPYM. We have planned the Meeting for Worship for Memorials as well as asking for our AS to begin with Worship on Wednesday night. This AS also provides another time to gather clerks from Monthly Meetings and Worship Groups to share in an open-consultation over a meal. A first for AS will be an Interest Group on
conflict using the Consultation model with queries prepared by M&O as the format for the exchange of ideas and spirit. This will be led by one of our members.

We feel blessed to be used in this way by NPYM.