

FOURTH ANNUAL GATHERING  
INTERMOUNTAIN YEARLY MEETING  
RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS

June 8-11, 1978  
Ghost Ranch, Abiquiu, New Mexico

MINUTES

The first Meeting for Worship for the conduct of Business, Friday, June 9, opened at 1:30 p.m. with a period of silence.

The Clerk, Norma Price, noting the change of status from Worship Group to Monthly Meeting of Las Cruces and Cochise, expressed the Yearly Meeting's gratification at this sign of growth and asked the Continuing Committee Chair, La Donna Wallen, to read the relevant minutes from New Mexico Quarterly Meeting and Arizona Half Yearly Meeting, which follow.

New Mexico Quarterly Meeting at Santa Fe on October 8, 1977 adopted the following minutes; "Satisfied that Las Cruces Worship Group is able and willing to carry out the responsibilities of a Monthly Meeting, Albuquerque Monthly Meeting recommends to New Mexico Quarterly Meeting that Friends meeting in Las Cruces be recognized as Las Cruces Monthly Meeting.

A Committee appointed by Arizona Half Yearly Meeting to meet with members of the Cochise Worship Group near McNeal, Arizona, regarding their request to be recognized as a Monthly Meeting did so on January 7-8, 1978, and as a result "felt a quiet unanimity that this group of Friends should be recognized as a Monthly Meeting and welcomed into the fellowship of Arizona Half Yearly Meeting and Intermountain Yearly Meeting". Arizona Half Yearly Meeting at its session March 18, 1978, warmly adopted this committee's report, recognizing Cochise Monthly Meeting as a constituent body of Arizona Half Yearly Meeting and commends it to the fellowship and affiliation of Intermountain Yearly Meeting.

1978-1 The Clerk presented a traveling minute from the Pittock family from Australia Yearly Meeting. Barrie, Diana, Jamie, Matthew and Christopher Pittock were warmly welcomed and the Clerk's endorsement approved.

1978-2 The Clerk presented a traveling minute for Ernest and Beth Wilson from the Iowa Yearly Meeting (Conservative). The Wilsons were warmly welcomed and the endorsement approved.

There was an enthusiastic report from the Bookseller, Al Mikesell, who invited us to browse through the 1000 titles in the bookstore and showed us a few sample attractive books.

1978-3 A one-page guide to the administration of the Heberto Sein Memorial Fund has been approved by monthly and regional meetings and extensively distributed. Therefore the Continuing Committee recommends its adoption by Yearly Meeting and that the guide be appended to the official minutes without reading at this time. IMYM approved the recommendation.

The Yearly Meeting tenders its thanks to Boulder Monthly Meeting for being the host Meeting for our official guest this year - Emma Martinez de Moreno - and we give thanks for her presence and for that of our beloved Suzanne Sein. Boulder Meeting, in accordance with the aforementioned guide for administration of the Heberto Sein Memorial Fund has agreed to act as host meeting again next year. Our thanks to Boulder and to its clerk, Ann White, and to Domingo Ricart who is acting most effectively as a translator-host.

1978-4 "Intermountain Yearly Meeting Minute 1977-5 Intermountain Yearly Meeting Affiliation with AFSC. The Yearly Meeting referred the question of affiliation with AFSC to Continuing Committee for study by the Monthly Meetings, Worship Groups, and regional meetings, with a recommendation to be made to the Yearly Meeting", June 10, 1977.

In response to Intermountain Yearly Meeting 1977-5, various Monthly Meetings, Worship Groups and regional meetings have considered the question of affiliation with the American Friends Service Committee and have not yet reached agreement as to the desirability of making an appointment to the American Friends Service Committee Corporation. El Paso, Durango, Flagstaff, Logan, Pima and Tempe have indicated by minutes their approval of naming a representative to the American Friends Service Committee Corporation. New Mexico Quarterly Meeting on 16 April 1978 noted that it is "not clear at this time on establishing affiliation of IMYM with the Corporation but wishes to continue to improve communications with the Southwest Regional Office, particularly on local projects, through newly appointed contacts in developing programmatic activities. Travel expenses to Philadelphia and among meetings of IMYM by a representative is a drawback of some practicality". Phoenix Meeting also expressed its support of American Friends Service Committee efforts and concerns but has questions similar to those expressed by New Mexico Quarterly Meeting.

Therefore the Continuing Committee recommends that Monthly Meetings and Worship Groups continue their deliberations and report to the next meeting of Continuing Committee in 1979, using the discussion group on AFSC concerns scheduled for 3:45 pm today and other meetings from time to time in the coming months to resolve some of the questions and relationships which are presently of concern to Friends before deciding whether to undertake a formal Yearly Meeting relationship with AFSC. It is requested that any formal minute adopted by a Monthly Meeting be sent promptly to IMYM Clerk and the Continuing Committee Chair. IMYM approved this recommendation.

1978-5 World Peace Tax Fund. In response to the minute adopted by New Mexico Quarterly Meeting, April 15-16, 1978, at Las Cruces, N.M. endorsing the world peace tax fund concept, and strongly supporting "group and individual efforts to educate, to publicize, and to persuade legislators of the necessity for passage of this bill" and in keeping with support for the World Peace Tax Fund given by Arizona Half Yearly Meeting on October 11, 1975 and support reported by Continuing Committee members from meetings in Colorado General Meeting, the Continuing Committee submits for Yearly Meeting's consideration and approval a text to be sent to the Chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee of the U.S. House of Representatives and to the Chairman of the Finance Committee of the U.S. Senate. After some discussion, the following text was approved by IMYM.

"Intermountain Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends (Quakers) meeting at Abiquiu, New Mexico, on June 8-11, 1978, calls on the U.S. House of Representatives' Ways and Means Committee to set hearings on HR 4897. (Senate Bill 880). Citizens are raising serious questions about taxation and are protesting the payment of a large proportion of our taxes for military purposes. HR 4897 (SB 880) would recognize the rights of citizens to have their tax dollars allocated for peaceful and constructive purposes. Friends therefore support this bill and urge immediate hearings on it. Signed, Clerk, Intermountain Yearly Meeting, Religious Society of Friends".

A cover letter will list all Monthly Meetings of IMYM and copies will be sent to National Council for the World Peace Tax Fund and Friends Committee on National Legislation.

1978-6 Friends World Committee on Consultation. The February Continuing Committee asked the FWCC representatives to constitute themselves a nominating committee to nominate one delegate and one alternate to attend the Triennial Conference. Dorothy Aldrich had reported that IMYM is entitled to four representatives to the Section of the Americas and to two representatives to attend the Triennial conference scheduled in Switzerland. New Mexico Quarterly has appointed Josephine Coates to fill the remaining two years of Brinton Turkle's three year appointment, and Arizona Half Yearly Meeting has named Arline Hobson to the three year appointment that runs from 1978-81. The Committee also recommends that Ted Church be appointed to a one-year term as FWCC representative at large. IMYM approved these appointments.

1978-7 As to representation at the Triennial Conference in Switzerland in August 1979 the Continuing Committee recommends IMYM approval of the FWCC representatives recommendation of Josephine Coates as representative to the Triennial and Ted Church as the alternate. IMYM approved the appointments. \$1200 has been allotted and will be used as needed for travel to Switzerland and to report to IMYM Meetings.

1978-8 Organizational Committee. The Chair read a recommendation of the Continuing Committee for an Organization Committee for IMYM as follows:

As a new Yearly Meeting composed of individuals coming from Monthly Meetings and Worship Groups having varied experiences and traditions in the ways in which business is conducted and having differing concepts of the duties that devolve upon various officers and committees, and Intermountain Yearly Meeting having as yet adopted no official Faith and Practice or Book of Discipline to which Monthly Meetings and officers may refer for certain guidance as to procedure, it seems desirable that the Continuing Committee recommend to Yearly Meeting that it appoint a committee composed of the following; IMYM Clerk, IMYM Continuing Committee Chair, previous IMYM Clerks, present Clerks of Regional Meetings, one Continuing Committee member selected from each of the regions, and a representative of the Meetings in Utah.

Among the tasks delegated to this committee would be the following

- 1) definition of the duties of the various IMYM officers, most specifically clarifying the differentiation of duties of the Clerk and the Continuing Committee Chair and their relationships to Monthly Meetings, Regional Meetings, and Continuing Committee members. (The present office holders have found this bewildering!)
- 2) definition of the duties and responsibilities of Continuing Committee members.
- 3) definition of the procedure by which items of individual concern progress to an item of business on IMYM's business agenda.
- 4) definition of "membership", most immediately for purposes of the 1979 census upon which payment of IMYM dues are made, but also to clarify the various terms that are used to signify ages and states of membership.

It would be hoped that this Committee could meet and submit proposals in writing to Continuing Committee members and Clerks for their study and deliberation prior to the Continuing Committee meeting in February, 1979.

After some discussion, the recommendation of the Continuing Committee was approved by IMYM.

1978-9 It was suggested that the Chair of the Continuing Committee act as Convenor of the Organizational Committee and that recommendation was approved by IMYM. The Continuing Committee Chair and the Treasurer will discuss financial possibilities and report to the next business session of IMYM.

It was announced that there will be a Threshing Session this evening at 9:00 p.m. Frances McAllister has agreed to be the leader. Frances asked that concerns discussed be for the life of the Meeting or on religious matters. Dee Cameron will be the recorder and will present concerns to IMYM at the next Business meeting if indicated.

FWCC. Dorothy Aldrich reported on the Friends World Committee which is now 40 years old. Attending the first meeting in 1937 were Kenneth Boulding and Leanore Goodenow of our IMYM. Dorothy Aldrich read the FWCC goals from the 1976 meetings, gave a brief report and announced the discussion group on FWCC at 3:45 p.m.

The Clerk read a letter from Pacific Yearly Meeting sending greetings to our IMYM and introducing Shirley Ruth, who will become the editor of the Bulletin in August. Shirley Ruth spoke briefly about the Bulletin and expressed her pleasure at being at Ghost Ranch. She also requested that good black and white photographs taken at IMYM be sent to her for use in the Bulletin.

1978-11 Dates for IMYM 1979. The Continuing Committee recommends June 14-17 for next year with June 7-10 alternate dates. These dates were approved by IMYM.

Olive Goodykoontz spoke to commend the excellent preparation for IMYM by the Clerk, Norma Price and the Continuing Committee Chair, LaDonna Wallen, with thanks for all their time and thought and love.

Ted Church requested that the names of the Watching Committee be read. They are Mary Campbell, Anne White and Nadean and James Mills.

The meeting ended at 3:10 with a few moments of silence.

The second business session, Saturday, June 10, opened at 1:10 p.m. with a period of silence.

The Clerk, Norma Price, read messages of greetings from William Barton of the Friends World Committee and shared the following message from London Yearly Meeting.

# Religious Society of Friends

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Telephone: 01-387 3601

Recording Clerk Arthur J. White

Assistant Recording Clerk A. Geoffrey Bowes

May, 1978

To Intermountain Yearly Meeting of Friends

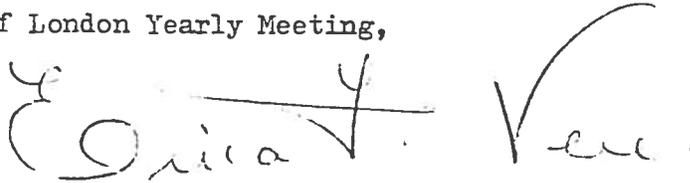
Dear Friends,

We send you loving greetings and remembrances again from London Yearly Meeting as you prepare for your Yearly Meeting. [We appreciate your message from last year and understand something of the travail.]

Your very address - Ghost Ranch - fills us with a sense of adventure, not to say some excitement and expectation, and we know that out of this extending Society good may come to the whole world community. We ask for God's blessing upon you, as individuals, and as a corporate body.

With affectionate thoughts,

on behalf of London Yearly Meeting,



Erica F. Vere  
Clerk  
Meeting for Sufferings

FCNL Annual Meeting. Edith Hussey attended the annual meeting of FCNL in January and gave a brief report of issues discussed at that meeting, including the Transfer Amendment to use part of the military budget for peaceful purposes. Edith recommended brochures and materials available and announced a discussion group this afternoon at 3:45 p.m. on FCNL.

Al Mikesell, Bookseller, recommended children's books and books about Howard Thurman and introduced two authors present, Brinton Turkle and Elizabeth McFarland.

The minutes of the June 9 afternoon business session were read, amended and approved.

Young Friends of North America. Jane Illsley reported that she and Jay Thatcher had attended the meetings in McNabb, Illinois, in the summer of 1977 and had a very valuable religious experience and she thanked IMYM for making it financially possible for them to go.

Announcement: a suggestion box will be over the main fireplace in the registration room. The report from the Threshing session last evening will be presented this evening during the plenary worship session.

Registrar's Report. George Oliphant reported that there are 303 people here this year at Ghost Ranch, 89 children and 214 adults and gave us a breakdown by states.

Arizona	54 adults	17 children
Colorado	57 adults	36 children
N.M.	72 adults	24 children
Utah	20 adults	4 children
Other	20 adults	8 children

Housekeeping announcements were made of the Bookstore hours and the request that linens should be bundled up and put outside rooms before breakfast tomorrow.

Children's Program. Frances McAllister expressed concern about helpers needed for the Children's Program. There was some discussion and Marjorie Mikesell, Coordinator of the Children's programs mentioned that volunteers are welcome at any time to help with the children, starting now. The following minute was proposed and approved.

1978-12 In light of the number of children included in this Yearly Meeting it is recommended that there be an inclusion of service by volunteer parents and others in children's programs in addition to those appointed to direct the program. Continuing Committee should consider the need for paying additional help.

Guest Resource Speaker Barbara Sprogell Jacobson's message given yesterday will be made available to Monthly Meetings. (Note: Copies of Barbara Sprogell Jacobson's opening address, The Journey Into Wholeness, are available in booklet form for \$.50 each including postage and may be ordered from LaDonna Wallen, 525 E. Alameda Drive, Tempe, Arizona, 85282).

Treasurer's Report. Charles Minor reported on the 1977 fiscal year, the present year and the 1979 budget. The 1977 financial report will be attached to the minutes. In 1978, we are evidently operating within the budget.

1978-13 A suggestion was made that Registration Fees and Insurance should not be refunded next year if the persons do not come to Ghost Ranch (\$4.60). There was some discussion of the fiscal year, the policy and amount of registration, including the idea of a possible ceiling for families, and of refund policy. It was proposed that these matters be referred to the Continuing Committee and the Treasurer for further discussion and clarification of policy for next year. That proposal was approved by IMYM.

The 1979 budget was presented and will be attached to the official minutes. Total expenditures budgeted for 1979 were \$3380 which is realistic as Meetings will contribute approximately \$2500 and registration for Ghost Ranch approximately \$1000. The count last year was 459 adults in IMYM, using local Monthly Meetings definitions of adult. The assessment for next year will again be \$6.00 per adult member.

1978-14 The 1979 proposed budget was approved by IMYM.

1978-15 Organization Committee financial aid. Chuck Minor and LaDonna Wallen had met and recommended that \$400 be used from this year's income to assist with the new Organizational Committee. The money will be distributed evenly to the three regions plus Utah. Colorado's share will be sent to the Boulder and Mountain View Monthly Meetings. This recommendation was approved by IMYM.

A suggestion was made by Leanore Goodenow that for IMYM 1979 the Clerk and other officers sit on a raised platform of some sort so that they will be more visible to the assembled Friends and that suggestion was accepted.

Young Friends Work Camp. Brian MacInnes reported that there will be a Young Friends Work Camp immediately following Ghost Ranch. They will stay in Corral Block and work mornings and afternoons for Ghost Ranch with a full schedule of evening activities. Six Young Friends have registered and Brian MacInnes will attend as Advisor.

Doll Project for Gaza. Ann McGoey announced that the dolls made will be on display tonight in the registration room. All dolls should be returned tonight so that they can be packed up for transport via Lee Thornton, Executive Secretary of the Southwest Pacific Region of the AFSC. If IMYM attenders take a doll home to finish or have other items to send to the GAZA project they should mail the completed dolls and other items to

Clara Hurn  
Gaza Project.  
American Friends Service Committee  
1515 Cherry Street  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19102

Attenders were invited to visit the upper pavilion and take material scraps and unsanded blocks back to their home Meetings.

FCNL Discussion Group. Isabel Carroll announced a discussion group on FCNL for 3:45 p.m.

Dorie Bunting announced that a fine film, "The Last Resort" about the nuclear power plant at Seabrook will be shown at 3:30 at the Cottonwood Lounge.

1978-16 Nominating Committee. Arline Hobson, Assistant Clerk of Arizona Half Yearly Meeting reported that that Meeting recommended the appointment of Dan Schaffer as an official IMYM representative to FCNL. That appointment was approved by IMY. Tony Umile and Isabel Carrol are the other two IMYM representatives to FCNL.

1978-17 Arline Hobson then read a statement from Norma Price as follows: "For reasons that Friends will understand I request that I be released from the Clerkship of IMYM at the rise of the 1978 session on Sunday, June 11". The Arizona Half Yearly Meeting noted the courage, service and love of our clerk, Norma Price, in this year's IMYM. They recommended that Frances McAllister take up the duties of Clerk of IMYM for the remainder of the term. These recommendations were approved by IMYM.

A Plenary Worship Sharing session was announced for 7:00 p.m. After a period of silence, the meeting closed at 11:55 a.m.

The Plenary Worship Sharing Session opened with words of appreciation from the Clerk for all those who had helped and contributed to this 1978 IMYM with special thanks to LaDonna Wallen, Continuing Committee Clerk, for her spirit and support.

The minutes of the preceding business session were read and approved by IMYM.

Sunday Morning, June 11, at 10:45 a.m. Meeting for Worship.

1978-18. The Watching Committee presented the 1978 IMYM epistle which was approved. The complete epistle is attached to the minutes.

1978-19. Arline Hobson presented the following minute which was approved. We Quakers are frequently reminded to "Let your light so shine..". Friends gathered here at IMYM could not have experienced a purer light, a clearer light, a light more revealing of the Spirit than that which shone through the lives and the Yearly Meeting services of Norma and Thornton Price. They rose to the demands of IMYM organizational needs with real efficiency despite the very recent and sudden death of their eldest child, Paula Jean Price Ramsey, plus other family health problems. Their capacity to transcend their personal grief and to impart love and joy to others is living evidence of the Spirit. Norma Price excelled in her role as Clerk. Our love and our appreciation go with the Price family.

The final Meeting for Worship rose at 12:00 noon. Intermountain Yearly Meeting will convene next at Ghost Ranch in June, 1979, under the care of Arizona Half Yearly Meeting.

On behalf of Intermountain Yearly Meeting,

*Joan Spencer*

Joan Spencer, Recording Clerk

*Norma Adams Price*

Norma Adams Price, Clerk

In memory of our beloved Friend (Heberto Sein (1900- 1978), who contributed so much to the vitality of the Religious Society of Friends, not only in his native Mexico, but throughout the world, Intermountain Yearly Meeting Friends join in establishing an Heberto Sein Memorial Travel Fund. Its purpose shall be to enable Friends of Mexico City Monthly Meeting to attend Intermountain Yearly Meeting, thus participating in and enriching those gatherings as Heberto Sein; his dear wife, Susanne, and other Mexican Friends have done in years past.

For the orderly care of this fund and the accomplishment of its objectives, the following procedure is suggested to the regional meetings of IMYM for their consideration, possible approval, and thus presentation to the IMYM Continuing Committee at its next meeting June 8 at Ghost Ranch:

1) that a specific fund, separate from YM general fund, be maintained by the IMYM treasurer, to receive earmarked contributions from monthly meetings, worship groups, and concerned friends for this memorial fund. While it is hoped that at least one person can be cared for as to travel and other expenses while at yearly meeting each year, contributions from other sources would be welcomed and may be combined with the Heberto Sein Memorial Fund, as Mexico Monthly Meeting may wish, to permit additional visitors in any given year.

2) that the care of the Heberto Sein Memorial Fund be rotated among volunteering monthly meetings by the IMYM Continuing Committee on a two-year basis

3) that the Monthly Meeting caring for the Memorial (through its clerk or designated representative) shall have the following duties:

- o correspond with Mexico City Monthly Meeting concerning the plans and arrangements before each annual visitation,
- o advise each monthly meeting and worship group of IMYM in advance of each visitation of the activities of the Memorial and the status of its funds,
- o forward to Mexico City Monthly Meeting funds, provided by IMYM Treasurer, as agreed upon,
- o arrange for transportation and hospitality within the area of IMYM and to the site of the yearly meeting,
- o advise the IMYM Registrar of arrangements and requirements needed during the yearly meeting,
- o arrange for hosts, greeters and such other aid as may be useful and desirable.

4) Continuing Committee, in its consideration each two years of the Monthly Meeting to be nominated, also should assess the desirability of continuing the Memorial and its funding, the Yearly Meeting having the final authority in approving any changes in the nature and intent of the memorial.

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The foregoing procedure is recommended to continue the spirit of Intermountain Yearly Meeting, which is to keep the administrative burden of the Yearly Meeting at a minimum while placing the business and responsibility for its execution at the primary source, which is the Monthly Meeting. (IMYM 1974: II-2

INTERMOUNTAIN YEARLY MEETING

PROPOSED BUDGET 1979

Printing, Postage, Phone, etc.	900
Travel	
FWCC	400
IMYM Officers	120
Triennial	400
Young Friends of NA	200
Guest Resource Leaders	600
Friends Bulletin	100
Childrens Programs	400
Young Friends	200
Sharing Fund	60
Total	3380

INTERMOUNTAIN YEARLY REPORT  
 PRELIMINARY FINANCIAL REPORT

January 1, - December 31, 1977

Balance in Account, January 1, 1977 \$1115.84

RECEIPTS

Contributions from meetings and w. groups	2336.00	
Contributions from individuals	292.50	
Interest on Savings Account	78.68	
Individual contributions for Ghost Ranch	280.30	
Registration fees	972.00	
Insurance	213.60	
Ranch fees collected	<u>10415.63</u>	
TOTAL RECEIPTS		\$14588.71
TOTAL IN ACCOUNT		<u>\$15704.55</u>

DISBURSEMENTS

Ranch fees	9488.25	
Individual contributions to Ghost Ranch	280.30	
Insurance	129.20	
Refunds	771.40	
Children's Program	218.46	
Young Friends	35.81	
Printing, postage, phone, supplies, etc.	533.88	+ 25 <sup>72</sup> = 599 <sup>58</sup>
Friends Bulletin	100.00	
Travel on behalf of IMYM		
FWCC	285.00	+ 504.150 = 425
YFNA	198.00	
IMYM Officers	147.74	
Guest Resource Leaders		
Travel and Ranch fees	<u>570.92</u>	
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS		\$13024.66
BALANCE IN ACCOUNT December 31, 1977		\$ 2679.89

Respectfully submitted,

*Alfred M. Hoge*  
 Alfred M. Hoge, Treasurer

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# INTER-MOUNTAIN YEARLY MEETING

Religious Society of Friends

To Friends everywhere from Intermountain Yearly Meeting of Friends gathered at Ghost Ranch, Abiquiu, New Mexico, June 8-11, 1978:

Loving greetings to you small meetings in the far reaches of the world. We know the struggle to achieve corporate fellowship across great distances and share a deep appreciation of the Presence as we gather together:

Loving greetings to Friends nearer the centers of Quaker geography. As we greet you, we are nourished by loving concern for the ministry to the Quaker fellowship we all share. We are encouraged by the patient search for a new unity among all Friends and the effort to open human sufferings to the light of God, firmly and tenderly, with love for both oppressed and oppressor.

We write to you from Ghost Ranch, a haven for weary adventurous travelers, a place of sun-drenched beauty among wind-blown rocky hills. We come in search of wholeness and renewal of our being, desirous of deeper inward commitment to God as a basis for our worship, our outreach to others, and our daily living.

As a young Yearly Meeting, we sense the adventure of the journey, sometimes unsure of our destination, but always committed to the searching steps.

It felt good to see the colorful dolls and toys made for the children of Gaza during the course of the Yearly Meeting and to hear our talented singers and musicians in folksongs, hymns, and songs of protest. Throughout the sessions we saw a loving tenderness toward one another which rejoices our hearts.

As we seek the good in each person, we strive to relieve sufferings and injustices around us, and to work for peace and conciliation among all peoples. Let us join together as one to obey "every prompting that springs from love and truth in your hearts, for such impulses witness to the leading of God."

On behalf of the Intermountain Yearly Meeting,

*Norma Adams Price*

Norma Adams Price, Clerk

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Intermountain Yearly Meeting's new Clerk:

Frances McAllister, Box 922, Flagstaff, AZ 86002

Monthly Meeting  
Worship Group