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Meeting for Business, Session 1
(Reports from Committees of IMYM)

1. Introduction

Friends gathered in silence for our first session of IMYM 2002, returning to Ghost Ranch after an absence of 13 years.

a. Agenda

Ted Church, clerk to Yearly Meeting, outlined the proposed content of the business sessions, as provided in the Documents-in-Advance. Friends approved the agenda.

Minutes from Pima and Logan meetings supporting the Religious Freedom Peace Tax Fund were referred to Continuing Committee (see Documents-in-Advance).

b. Appointments needed

Yearly Meeting has been asked to publicize and appoint two representatives to attend a meeting "Peace Witness in a Time of Crisis: A Friends Consultation" in Greensboro, NC, January 17-20, 2003 (see Documents-in-Advance).

Yearly Meeting should appoint two representatives to the FWCC triennial in Auckland, New Zealand, 16-25 January, 2004 (see Documents-in-Advance).

c. Letters received

Letters of greeting, introductions and concerns from various Friends' organizations appear in the Documents-in-Advance.

d. New Mexico Regional Meeting

The Meeting is in hibernation but consideration needs to be given to how its obligations to IMYM will be met (see Documents-in-Advance).

2. Reports

a. Continuing Committee

Jan Miller, clerk to the committee, presented the reports of the meeting in February (see Modified Draft in Documents-in-Advance and supplement, attachment 1) and the meeting held earlier today. The earlier minutes had been approved, with slight changes with respect to information on the Committee on Migrant and Border Concerns. A letter from Albuquerque Monthly Meeting asking for action on the Religious Freedom Peace Tax Fund was referred to monthly meetings. Similarly, a letter from Albuquerque Monthly Meeting requesting support for their release of Genie and Bill Durland, for their
participation in Christian Peacemaker Teams, was referred to monthly meetings. It was noted that the Continuing Committee had approved a special endorsement on behalf of the Yearly Meeting signed by clerk to Continuing Committee and clerk for the Yearly Meeting be added to the letter. (see Attachment 1B).

Because of the controversies which have arisen between the Committee on Migrant and Border Concerns and our released Friend, Juan Pasco, Continuing Committee has appointed a subcommittee to seek a resolution to the issues.

b. Finance Committee

Ted Church thanked Charlene Weir, clerk to the Finance Committee, for work done on estimating the expenses for our return to Ghost Ranch. Jan Miller added her gratitude for preparing a tentative budget for next year. Charlene reported that assessments may have to be increased due to commitments for travel expenses for FCNL representatives, the FWCC triennial and the FWCC consultation in North Carolina, and support of the Quaker Peace Teams.

c. Historian-Archivist

No report was available at this time. Friends were reminded to submit the census figures for Monthly Meetings.

d. Junior Young Friends

Nancy Taylor reported that until the arrival of coordinator Eric Smith, parents and others are helping with the program. The schedule will be posted nightly.

Meeting for Business, Session 2
(Reports from IMYM Committees (continued) and representatives to Quaker organizations)

After a period of silence, Bruce Brown, clerk to the Watching Committee, read part of the epistle from Friends Church in Cuba, February, 2001 (see attachment 2).

1. Reports

a. Nominating Committee

Nancy Taylor, clerk, provided a preliminary report of nominees and positions to be filled (see final report, attachment 18). Friends were admonished not to leave large tasks in the hands of one person, as has happened this year in the case of Junior Yearly Meeting
b. Friends Peace Teams

Bill Durland is the representative to the Friends Peace Teams Project Coordinating Council, which has become the Friends Peace Teams Coordinating Committee, for which he presented two semi-annual reports (see Documents-in-Advance for both reports and a report from Genie and Bill on other peace organizations working in the area). Bill also is the representative of Friends Peace Teams to Christian Peacemaker Teams. He and Genie will be leading a group of Quakers to the Middle East later this summer, to accompany Palestinians.

**IMYM 02-1**: Friends accept the report of Bill Durland, representative to the Friends Peace Teams Coordinating Committee, and Genie, who with Bill has participated in Peace Team actions.

c. Friends Committee on National Legislation

Hal Wright, a representative to FCNL, summarized the work that FCNL is now doing in response to the events of 9/11 (see attachment 3). FCNL is presently seeking feedback from meetings in preparation for a meeting in November to set priorities for the next two years. It was suggested that IMYM representatives to FCNL should work together to educate Friends in other parts of the country on matters of border issues and nuclear waste storage. These are important to Friends in IMYM, but may have difficulty making the list of national priorities due to concerns with the “war on terrorism”.

**IMYM 02-2**: Friends accept Hal Wright’s report on the work and current priorities of FCNL.

d. Friends World Committee on Consultation

The report of the IMYM Committee on FWCC appears in the Documents-in-Advance. No member of the committee who had attended the Annual Meeting was present to speak to the report.

e. American Friends Service Committee

Bill Hobson spoke very briefly of a meeting in November reacting to the events of 9/11 (see a report from AFSC in Documents-in-Advance).

f. Friends Bulletin

Phyllis Hoge spoke for the Board of Directors of Friends Bulletin (see Documents-in-Advance for the report of Robert Griswold, clerk to the Board, and his letter requesting continued financial support from IMYM for Friends Bulletin).

**IMYM 02-3**: Friends accept the report of Robert Griswold, clerk to Friends Bulletin Board of Directors, as presented by Phyllis Hoge.
g. Right Sharing of World Resources

Jonathan Taylor spoke in support of Right Sharing of World Resources, noting that its activities have increased since separation from FWCC. He would like to get the organization onto the IMYM agenda, and suggested that a board member be asked to give a report. The clerk pointed out, however, that many Friends are involved in their individual capacities in Friends' organizations and therefore do not report to Yearly Meeting.

Meeting for Welcoming
(Introductions and State of Society reports)

After group singing led by Tom Kowal, Bruce Brown read the Epistle from Britain Yearly Meeting, May 2002 (see Attachment 4).

Ray Longino, Director of Operations at Ghost Ranch, welcomed Friends on behalf of Ghost Ranch.

1. Introductions

a. Introduction of visitors

The following visitors to Yearly Meeting introduced themselves at this and subsequent sessions:

Sandy and Tom Farley, representing Friends Committee on Unity with Nature; Palo Alto Meeting, CA (see introductory letter, Documents-in-Advance)
Nancy Yarnall, Western Field Staff, FWCC
Ignacio Gonzalez, Heberto Sein Memorial Visitor; Mexico City Monthly Meeting
Anthony Manousos, Editor, Friends Bulletin; Whitleaf Monthly Meeting
Kathy Guthrie, Field Program Secretary, FCNL
Tim Barner, National Director of Area Campaigns, FCNL
Eden Grace, Beacon Hill Meeting, Cambridge, MA
Cornelia Parkes, Friends Meeting of Cambridge, MA
Erwin Rivera, Project Director of New Mexico Area Office of AFSC, Albuquerque
Lillian Hall, Pronica Field Worker, Managua Nicaragua
Joe Franko, Director, Southwest Region, AFSC, Pasadena
Sonia Tuma, Interim Regional Director, Southwest Region, AFSC, Pasadena
Ruth Seeley, Assistant General Secretary, AFSC; Germantown Monthly Meeting
Pat Kutzner, released Friend from Baltimore Yearly Meeting, working at Torreon/Starlake Chapter of the Navajo Nation
Virginia Wood, Religious Education Committee for Friends General Conference
David Wood, FWCC visitor; Dayton Friends Meeting, Ohio Valley Yearly Meeting (see introductory letter and profile, Documents-in-Advance)
Sherry McVickar, Uwchlan Monthly Meeting, PA
Steve Olshewski, traveling under concern with the Religious Freedom Peace Tax Fund; Bryan and College Station Worship Group, under the care of Live Oak Friends Meeting, TX;

b. Introduction of Friends from IMYM

The clerk asked Friends to be recognized according to regional meetings.

2. State of the Society Reports

Reports submitted in advance are found in the Documents-in-Advance. Boulder and Colorado Springs Monthly Meeting reports were received later (see attachments 5 and 6). Ted Church, clerk, read a summary of these reports (see attachment 7). Reflections on the State of Society reports continued during a Meeting for Worship.

Meeting to Hear Our Speaker

Ted Church introduced our speaker, Eden Grace, and her companion, Cornelia Parkes. Eden Grace spoke on the identity of Friends from an ecumenical perspective. Her address is entitled “A Witness held in Trust – Perspectives on the Nature and Purpose of Friends”. (Extensive excerpts are published in Friends Bulletin, September 2002. The entire text appears on the website at www.westernquaker.net/witness_by_eden_grace.htm and also is available from Ted Church, clerk to the Yearly Meeting.) Many Friends spoke in the Meeting for Worship that ensued.

Meeting for Business, Session 3
(Reports from other committees of IMYM)

Ted Church read part of the epistle of New England Yearly Meeting of Friends (see attachment 8).

a. Doll Project

Julia Halaby reported on the results of the Doll Project in 2001. Fifty dolls were sent to Ramallah, and she read a letter of gratitude from the Friends Play Center. She stressed the intergenerational nature of the project and its beneficial effects on those who make the dolls and on those who receive them. She is prepared to coordinate the project next year, and requested help in the preparation of doll bodies. This matter was referred to Continuing Committee.
b. Friends World Committee for Consultation

Vickie Aldrich proposed that representatives to the FWCC Peace Consultation might be chosen in either of the following ways:

1. Representatives can be chosen at IMYM.
2. A letter could be written to monthly meetings, asking for names of those interested in representing IMYM. The clerks of Yearly Meeting and Continuing Committee would take the final decision.

A decision to choose the process was postponed.

c. Committee to Develop a Faith and Practice

Claire Leonard, clerk to the committee, presented the committee's report (see Documents-in-Advance and attachment 9).

IMYM 02-5: Friends accept the report of the Faith and Practice Committee.

IMYM 02-6: Friends approve the following minute presented by the Faith and Practice Committee: “The Faith & Practice Committee commends the revised text of the changed “Friends’ Beliefs” document (replacing Chapter 3) to the Yearly Meeting for a year of seasoning to be taken up for consideration at the Yearly Meeting session in 2003. We would like the Yearly Meeting to receive this document for seasoning, and encourage constituent Monthly Meetings within the Yearly Meeting to conduct whatever internal discussions they need to have as a part of this seasoning and should come to the next Yearly Meeting prepared to consider its approval. We hope that Friends can unite with this in principle. Specific suggestions for wording or other changes may be referred to the Committee possibly to be incorporated in future editions of our Intermountain Yearly Meeting Faith and Practice.”

IMYM 02-7: Friends approve the following minute presented by the Faith and Practice Committee: “The Faith and Practice Committee encourages the use of our Faith and Practice by individuals, Monthly Meetings and other groups in our Yearly Meeting. By using this Faith and Practice, Friends within the Yearly Meeting will be able to discern the areas in which changes are required and assist the committee in its ongoing work of revision. We wish our Faith and Practice to arise out of the experience of the Intermountain Yearly Meeting community.”

d. Committee to Review the Guide

Nancy Taylor has reported that the Committee to Review the Guide intends to pursue its work with vigor in the coming year.
e. Committee on Migrant and Border Concerns

The committee's report was presented by Tom Kowal and Wyn Lewis, co-clerks. In the ensuing discussion, concerns were raised about the membership of the committee, routing of funds for its support, its functions, and oversight of the committee. It was suggested that membership could be reasonably inclusive, yet avoid domination by one meeting, by following the model of the Committee to Develop a Faith and Practice, as outlined in the Guide to Operations of Intermountain Yearly Meeting. The treasurer did not find handling donations to the committee a burden, and stated that they could be deducted for income tax purposes only if directed to the IMYM treasurer. Friends did not see the committee organizing projects, but giving support to meetings and individuals who might do so. Communication and education were seen as vital components of this function. Oversight will be provided by the committee reporting to IMYM. The committee undertook to consider the suggestions and comments and to provide a revised report for the next day.

 Meeting for Worship
(In memory of departed Friends)

Reading of Memorial Minutes

The meeting was held in silence, from which memorial minutes were read for the following:
Mary McDermott Shideler
Glenn R. Pauze
Patrick M. Smith
Wolfgang Thron
Jim Best
James A. Corbett
Mary Lou Coppock
Clyde Watford
(see Documents-in-Advance for the memorial minutes; the minute for Mary Lou Coppock appeared in Friends Bulletin, April, 2002)

Eleanor Dart spoke of her mother who died just before her departure for Yearly Meeting.

 Meeting for Business, Session 4
(Reports, continued)

Bruce Brown read from the epistle from New Zealand Yearly Meeting, 2001 (see attachment 10).
a. Historian-Archivist

Ted Church read the census report from the Historian-Archivist which still had omissions of numbers for several meetings which had not responded to his survey. Representatives completed the entries for the missing meetings during later sessions. (See attachment 11 for the corrected figures.)

**IMYM 02-8:** Friends accept the report of the Historian-Archivist as modified.

b. Joint Service Projects Oversight Committee

David Perkins, in place of Nancy Marshall, clerk, Joint Service Projects Oversight Committee, read the report from Mike Gray, coordinator (see attachment 12). He described recent activities of the Joint Service Project, including the purchase of a van and a project in Pojoaque immediately before Yearly Meeting, led with Erwin Rivera.

**IMYM 02-9:** Friends accept the report of the Joint Service Projects Oversight Committee and acknowledge its importance in the life of IMYM.

c. Juan Pascoe, released Friend

Juan Pascoe reported on his efforts to find solutions to the problems faced by migrant workers crossing the Mexico-U.S. border. He has been released by Pima Monthly Meeting to pursue his concerns. Oversight is provided by Pima Monthly Meeting with participation and financial support from Arizona Half-Yearly Meeting. He has worked to bring the two governments together on the issue, but little seems to be happening, and few other groups seem to be actively involved in the issue. Juan Pascoe is concerned both with short-term migrants and with those who are long term but illegal residents of the U.S., and doesn’t want one issue to prejudice the other. Most Hispanic groups in the U.S. are concerned mainly with the latter; only "Humane Borders" in Tucson is concerned with border crossings. Juan Pascoe hopes for continued support from IMYM and suggested that IMYM prepare a request for FCNL to consider border issues under the category of “respecting human rights at home and abroad”.

Meeting for Business, Session 5

*(Action on matters arising from other sessions)*

From the initial silence, Bruce Brown read from the Ohio Valley Yearly Meeting Middle Youth Epistle. (see attachment 13).
a. Committee on Migrant and Border Concerns

Tom Kowal presented a revised report from the committee, making membership conform to that of the Faith and Practice committee (see attachment 14). He noted that the committee agrees that it will not present its views as representing those of IMYM.

**IMYM 02-10:** Friends accept the report of the Committee on Migrant and Border Concerns, outlining its mission and committee structure. The report will be revised to include language from the Guide for the Operations of Intermountain Yearly Meeting concerning the selection and terms of members and the clerk.

The most effective and appropriate methods for persuading FCNL to consider the border concerns of IMYM were discussed, based on the minute to FCNL proposed by the committee (see attachment 15).

**IMYM 02-11:** Friends approve that the edited version of the minute concerning the importance of border issues be sent to FCNL and ask that it be sent also to the Monthly Meetings for their immediate consideration in responding to the FCNL questionnaire on legislative priorities.

b. Religious Freedom Peace Tax Fund

*(Information on this subject can be found in Documents-in-Advance.)*

**INYM 02-12:** Friends approve the following minute: “Friends gathered at the 2002 Intermountain Yearly Meeting support the Religious Freedom Peace Tax Fund (HR1186) and ask that their constituent Monthly Meetings and Worship Groups take the concern to their elected members of Congress.”

c. Continuing Committee

Jan Miller noted that the Kreckler Memorial Fund is to be used for providing scholarships to enable Mexican youth to participate in Joint Service Projects.

The age of entry into Senior Young Friends was considered. A young age may present both Senior and Junior Young Friends with difficulties in establishing appropriate programs. Senior Young Friends suggested entering 10th grade as the lower limit; it was proposed that there should be no upper limit. A Junior Young Friend spoke on behalf of her group, and noted that 5-6 individuals would be directly and immediately affected by raising the age of transition by one year. They suggested dividing Junior Young Friends into two groups, with some Senior Young Friends helping the older group.

**IMYM 02-13:** Friends approve that the entry into Senior Young Friends be the beginning of 10th grade. They ask that Continuing Committee consider further the possibility of having two groups to meet the needs of all Junior Young Friends.
d. Finance Committee

Charlene Weir, clerk to the committee, presented the 2003 proposed budget, with an increase in assessments (see attachment 16). She also presented the report of the treasurer, in his absence (see attachment 17).

**IMYM 02-14:** Friends approve the proposed budget for 2003, including an assessment increase of $5 per adult member, resulting in a total assessment of $35. Friends express much gratitude for the great efforts required to obtain a balanced budget.

e. Juan Pascoe, released Friend

Consideration was given to the minute acknowledging problems with the original minute (IMYM 00-17) releasing Juan Pascoe and placing him in care of the Committee on Migrant and Border Concerns. Many Friends wanted the minute to make clear that Juan Pascoe’s release was not rescinded or limited. Tom Kowal stood aside in approving the minute.

**IMYM 02-15:** Friends approve the minute from Continuing Committee, replacing the last paragraph with a statement clarifying the position of Juan Pascoe:

“Intermountain Yearly Meeting continuing committee has struggled to understand divisions within the Yearly Meeting which have arisen through our various responses to our deeply held concern over the problems of migrants from south of our border with Mexico.

Acknowledging the seriousness of the border issues, Yearly Meeting recognized a Committee of Concern in 1997 (IMYM 1997-6-3), now known as the Committee on Migrant and Border Concerns (CMBC). At the request of Pima Monthly Meeting, in 2000 the Yearly Meeting considered the leading of Juan Pascoe, and approved IMYM Minute 00-17, which released Juan Pascoe to develop initiatives for a United States/Mexico intergovernmental effort to devise a means of regularizing cross-border workers.

In retrospect, an attempt to meld Juan Pascoe’s work with the work of the CMBC failed to recognize the lack of unity among those involved. Unintended hurt, pain and misunderstanding resulted, hampering the effectiveness of concerned Friends. The CMBC recognized the problem, and brought it to the attention of the Yearly Meeting in 2001.

We are mindful that when we release a Friend, we assume responsibility to provide discernment and support, but we cannot seek to change their leading.

In the words of Philadelphia Yearly Meeting Faith and Practice, 1998, “When presented with an urgent concern or proposal, whether by an individual under
strong leading or by a group with a powerful sense of mission, ... yearly meeting(s) may be tempted to act precipitately. It is helpful in reaching a rightly ordered sense of the meeting to have in place a procedure for the broad prior consideration ... of such concerns or proposals.”

We now recognize that as a Yearly Meeting we made this mistake, by omitting the important step of “broad prior consultation”. We wish to acknowledge our mistake, apologize to those who have been hurt, and move forward in a spirit of reconciliation.

We have received the report and recommendations concerning the work of Juan Pascoe and that of the Committee on Migrant and Border Concerns. We ask Pima Monthly Meeting and the committee it has established to continue to oversee the work of Juan Pascoe. We affirm the support of IMYM for the release of Juan Pascoe by Pima Monthly Meeting. We also ask that our treasurer send funds already received for the work of Juan Pascoe and any received in the future, to Pima Monthly Meeting for disbursement as its oversight committee may request.

These instructions supersede the pertinent sections of the last paragraph of IMYM 00-17.

The committee on Migrant and Border Concerns is relieved of any responsibility for overseeing the work of Juan Pascoe as implied in the second to last paragraph of IMYM 00-17. We thank the committee for its ongoing work and ask that Friends continue to be informed of its progress.”

f. Nominating Committee

Nancy Taylor presented the final report of the committee (see attachment 18). Arline Hobson stood aside, objecting to the process involved in the nomination of certain officers. It was pointed out that both the Nominating Committee and Ministry and Counsel Committee had worked together on the nominations.

IMYM 02-67: Friends approve the report of the Nominating Committee.

IMYM 02-17: Friends ask Ministry and Counsel and Faith and Practice Committees to take this problem concerning the nominating process into prayerful consideration to find ways to avoid this situation occurring again, and to try to heal the wounds that have been caused.

g. Watching Committee

Bruce Brown read a draft of the Epistle, and asked for Friends’ comments and suggestions.
Meeting for Business, Session 6
(Final reports and epistles)

From silence, Bruce Brown read from the epistle of Switzerland Yearly Meeting, 2001 (see attachment 19).

1. Reports

a. Friends World Committee on Consultation.

A decision was taken with respect to the process for choosing representatives to the consultation on January 17-20, 2003, in North Carolina.

**IMYM 02-18:** Friends wish to send two representatives to the FWCC Consultation on Peace Witness in a Time of Crisis. Participants will be chosen according to the following process:
1. Notice will be sent to monthly meetings in the week following Yearly Meeting.
2. Interested individuals will write a letter of interest to one of the four FWCC representatives.
3. The FWCC representatives will make recommendations to the Nominating Committee by August 20, 2002.
4. Nominating Committee, with the assistance of the clerks of IMYM and Continuing Committee, will make the choice and inform FWCC, Section of the Americas, by September 15, 2002.
FWCC representatives should consider themselves eligible to apply for participation in the consultation.

b. Registrar’s Report

Carl Wallen reported for the registrars that total attendance at IMYM was 351. (see attachment 20 for further details).

**IMYM 02-29:** Friends accept the report of the registrars with warmest appreciation to Carl and LaDonna Wallen, Deb Stucklen and many Friends from Tempe and elsewhere who stepped in to do the very hard work of adapting our Yearly Meeting to our move to Ghost Ranch.

c. Operations Report

Bob Stucklen reported for the operations team and thanked Jane Robinson, Allen Hubbard and Ghost Ranch staff, and Ray Maseman for bringing Yearly Meeting
equipment from Durango. He pointed out the need for more help in coordinating the use of golf carts in the future.

**IMYM 02-20:** Friends accept the report of the operations team, with much gratitude for the efforts of Jane Robinson, Allen Hubbard, Bob Stucklen, and staff of Ghost Ranch for making the difficult transition to a different venue run so smoothly.

d. **Junior Young Friends**

Kristin Hoppe and Lilli Raphael read the report of Junior Young Friends (see attachment 21).

e. **Senior Young Friends**

Anne Parker and Heather Pauze presented the epistle for Senior Young Friends (see attachment 22). They gave thanks from the group for the efforts of Eric Wright and Eliza Kretzmann as their “Friendly Adult Presences”.

f. **Ministry and Counsel**

Ross Worley, co-clerk, reported that the committee had considered nominations for IMYM positions and ensuing issues, staffing for Junior Yearly Meeting and interpersonal relations and Quaker process (see attachment 23).

**IMYM 02-21:** Friends accept the report of the Committee on Ministry and Counsel, with deep gratitude for their prayers as we dealt with difficult issues.

g. **Doll Project**

Friends expressed a keen interest that all the dolls reach their destination safely.

**IMYM 02-22:** Friends ask Julia Halaby to decide the destination of the dolls made at Yearly Meeting, preferring that they be hand-carried for safety.

h. **Children’s Yearly Meeting**

With help from Ray Maseman, Nina Forbes and Milagre Coates read the report from Children’s Yearly Meeting (see attachment 24).

2. **Epistle**

a. **Watching Committee**

Bruce Brown read the revised version of the epistle for Yearly Meeting:
Greetings to Friends Everywhere:

We are gathered here at Ghost Ranch, New Mexico, after fourteen years away, among mesas, canyons, and red rock cliffs. Years of searching ourselves led to our coming here to try this site again. Who are we? What is our purpose? Where is right for us? Our guest speaker, Eden Grace, asks these questions in a wider way. What witness do we hold in trust that we offer the world, and what perspective is given us by who we are? Friends do not hold what is revealed to us to be kept unchanged for the future’s benefit. Our witness is or should be now. This is our trust. Our Truth does not have a date, past or future.

Moving our meeting place has not been easy, is no panacea for problems, and has required flexibility and patience with one another and our hosts. Our new relationship with the Ghost Ranch Conference Center holds much promise of collaboration with another faith-based organization, the Presbyterian Church USA, and some fruits of this are already visible. Being together in worship, work, and play enlivens us as we come from the wide expanse of the American Southwest. We see this especially for our children and youth who blossom in relationship with other young Friends. Providing this is not easy. We have to learn to combine responsibility among parents, our program leaders, and the staff of Ghost Ranch’s children’s activities. We are impressed with the growing maturity and responsibility of our older young people, especially Senior Young Friends.

In our beautiful surroundings, all nature is not calm and pleasing. A large wildfire ten miles away sent a great mushroom cloud into the sky and threatened the homes of people who work here at the Ranch and many others. We were asked to be ready to help house and feed possible evacuees. We and they were blessed by changes in conditions that favored firefighters.

In hearing about our Yearly Meeting’s relation with Quaker peace and service organizations, we have had revelations of the high stakes for both those who need and give help. Peace Team members reported on experiences at the scenes of death and destruction between Israelis and Palestinians. During our week we learned that 17 migrants from Mexico who were coming across the border to work had been found dead in the Arizona desert west of Tucson. As a direct result of enforcing US policy, as well as of international economic inequities, these people put themselves in such peril with hundreds of tragic results. Economic exploitation begins on the Mexico side of the border with few worker rights and continues in like fashion after they arrive in the United States as legally unrecognized and unprotected residents.

Our Yearly Meeting continues to recognize these conditions as contrary to central Quaker testimonies of equality and a just community with human rights and sees our leading and
responsibility to work for bettering them through our own activity and by raising the priority of effort in our Quaker organizations as well as in our government.

We have been called on to attend to Good Order in our business, releasing Friends to follow concerns with our help, making a shift to a whole new order of choosing our leadership with those needed coming forward to serve, and taking care in not putting responsibilities on too few or on those not in a position to carry them. As a Yearly Meeting we are in many ways at a formative stage in organization.

We return to our homes and meetings filled with the joy of having been together and with a greater sense of the Light we follow.

On behalf of Intermountain Yearly Meeting

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Bob and Carrol Pearson, Co-Recording Clerks
Attachment 1

Notes for Continuing committee, taken by Bob and Carol Pearson after departure of Cynthia.

Continuation of discussion of the minute concerning the disagreements about the approaches to migrant and border concerns

Ted Church reminded Friends that proper procedure with respect to releasing Friends requires that Yearly Meeting may endorse a release provided by a Monthly Meeting. He has not yet seen the minute from Pima Monthly Meeting releasing Juan Pascoe.

While there was general agreement over the content of the minute, many suggestions for changes of wording were presented. Time to resolve these was not available, so it was agreed to season the minute until June, when amendments can be made.

(Eleanor Dart has the latest form of the minute; we will ask her to send this to Cynthia.)

Discussion of fees for housing

Charlene Weir presented revised figures for how housing charges might be assessed. The following principles for determining fees were suggested by Charlene and others:
1. Differences in fees should reflect differences in quality of facilities.
2. Prices should be within reach of participants. (This might require subsidizing the cost of housing on the mesa.)
3. Costs should not be greatly different from those at Fort Lewis, as promised when we decided on the change of location.
4. Differences in costs should be minimized in order to emphasize the “family” nature of the experience at yearly meeting.

The following suggestions for fees were approved:

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In response to suggestions that a cap be placed on total costs per family, it was decided that we do not have enough information to predict the impact of such a move. The matter will be revisited next year. For this year, families should be encouraged to seek scholarship help where their needs exceed their resources.

Discussion of the program

(Jan has the final form of the program)

Individuals who will arrange special parts of the program, such as creativity night and the daily bulletin, need to be selected in advance.
Folk dancing may be replaced by dances for universal peace led by Joy Morris and possibly Bahkti Banning.

All materials to be included in the registration packet must reach Carl Wallen by March 15.

Irwin Rivera and Mike Gray are making arrangements for a workcamp to take place from Saturday through Tuesday before Yearly Meeting begins. It will take place at Pojoaque and the Puye Cliffs, and will involve about 18 participants, including adults. The minimum age will be 14 years, although younger participants may be accepted if they are accompanied by their parents.

The meeting ended with a brief period of silence.

(After Friends departed, we found a piece of paper with Bob and Deb Stucklen’s email address, which is different from that appearing in the draft registration packet. stucklen@att.net)
Greetings to the Christian Peacemaker Teams
and to Friends to be visited by Genie and Bill Durland, members of our Quaker Meeting

Bill and Genie Durland are led in a continuing response to a call for nonviolent witness in the State of Israel and the Occupied Territories of the Palestinian People. They served with Christian Peacemaker Teams in the Occupied Territories in 2001 and have since completed additional training and have become CPT Reservists. They have brought their leading to this Meeting for clearness, support and oversight. Albuquerque Monthly Meeting unites with them in their concern. We are providing spiritual oversight and assistance with outreach, and will receive funds on their behalf.

As Released Friends, the Durlands will be leading the first Quaker delegation of CPT this summer in the Occupied Territories. We ask that friends and others whom they may encounter join us in prayerful support for their work.

Tina Kachele
Clerk
Albuquerque Monthly Meeting

The Continuing Committee of Intermountain Yearly Meeting recognizes that Albuquerque Monthly Meeting, a member meeting of Intermountain Yearly Meeting, has acted according to Quaker procedures in releasing Genie and Bill Durland for their work with Christian Peacemaking Teams. We unite with the Durlands in their concern, and we wish them Godspeed.

Ted Church
Clerk to Yearly Meeting

12 June 2002
Epistle of the 74th Session
gathered in Gibara from February 21 to 24, 2001

To all the Friends in the world
Grace and peace of God our Father and of our Lord Jesus Christ.

With the purpose of carrying out our theme "Let us proclaim the mercy and grace of God in the new millennium," delegates of the various Monthly Meetings and Groups in Formation gathered together.

The celebration of the Centenary was a transcendental moment in the history of the Quaker Church in Cuba, and awoke a missionary spirit which has been outstanding in our gathering.

With praises, Bible readings, messages and sermons filled with the power of God, our lives were renewed and inspired with new challenges in the ministry of evangelism: For this purpose we considered it supremely important to prepare new leaders and seminary students who may assume the responsibility of helping the Seed of the Gospel to germinate. We now see the reality of its fruits with accomplishments such as the reopening of one of our missions which was closed for almost forty years, and the opening of new fields of work.

At all times we have sought unity in the spirit in the midst of diversity, "so that the world may believe," making use of silence to discern the sense of the meeting.

We have achieved the construction and renovation of church buildings and parsonages, with the help of FUM, FWCC, New England, Southeastern, and Britain yearly meetings, work teams from the United States, and other Friends. Although there is still much to do, we know that our God will provide, by means of willing hearts.

We are also grateful for the brothers and sisters who came to share their experiences and work with us: two from the Friends Committee in Unity with Nature, a sister from the Friends Committee on National Legislation, a brother from Southeastern Yearly Meeting in the United States who is International Coordinator of the Alternatives to Violence Project, two sisters from England, and a sister from Germany. We have felt the support and fellowship of their prayers.

We all pray for a world in which the Love of God will reign, who is the only one who is able to bring peace and justice, even in the midst of differences.

In the light of Christ,

Yearly Meeting of Friends in Cuba

María Armenia Yi Reyna
Presiding Clerk of the Yearly Meeting
FCNL (Friends Committee on National Legislation) strives to speak for American Quakers in its work to influence national legislation. This requires being attentive to the voice of the yearly and monthly meetings that support FCNL. It does this through two means. On approximately six year intervals, the General Committee of FCNL (the majority of whose members are appointed by the yearly meetings) approves a Statement of Legislative Policies. This articulates the goals for Quaker witness in Washington. Every two years, the General Committee adopts a Statement of Legislative Priorities for the work of the incoming Congress. The connection to the monthly meetings for these two documents is maintained by seeking monthly meeting input to the FCNL Policy Committee’s process and by the approval of the yearly meeting representatives at the annual meeting of the General Committee.

The current statement of legislative priorities was adopted in November 2000 prior to the seating of the 107th Congress. The next priority statement will be placed before General Committee in November, 2002.

The terrorist attack on September 11, 2001 placed FCNL in an awkward position. The reaction of the nation and the United States government’s legislative and executive branches made the current policy statement seemingly obsolete. And yet the mechanism for Quaker process to respond to these events flowed along an annual time-line lagging far beyond the urgent need for immediate action.

The Executive Committee of FCNL, responding to the immediate situation, authorized a revision to the priority statement. It was communicated to monthly and yearly meetings in a letter of March 28, 2002. The letter, the statement “The Peaceful Prevention of Deadly Conflict”, the original priority statement “FCNL’s Legislative Priorities for the 107th Congress” and a set of queries labeled “FCNL Priorities Selection 2002” are attached.

The process of updating legislative priorities has already begun. The policy Committee of FCNL: has requested inputs from meetings by July 1, 2002. Friends are urged to review the current statement of legislative priorities, the amended priorities and to respond to the FCNL policy committee’s queries. It is crucial that Quaker testimony be heard in Washington in the emerging policy development of this administration and Congress. It is crucial that this testimony arise from the Quaker processes of corporate decision-making. Monthly meetings are urged to respond to the FCNL request for input.

On a last note, it is a lonely, frustrating, discouraging time for our FCNL witnesses in Washington. Please pray for them and communicate to them, in whatever way seems appropriate to you, your support.
March 28, 2002

Dear Friends,

How has 9/11 changed your faith? How has 9/11 challenged you, changed the way you witness your faith in the world? How has your meeting, church or faith community been changed? From conversations we've had in the wide body of Friends, many of us are revisiting our fundamental Quaker values - including the Peace Testimony - and asking how we apply them today in relevant and practical ways. FCNL Executive Committee and staff have asked these questions also - seeking to effectively communicate our messages in a changed national and international context.

The purpose of this mailing is two fold. First we want to explain how FCNL is implementing legislative priorities in the context of the war on terrorism. Secondly, we want to propose what we hope will be a helpful priority setting process for this year.

It seemed clear as planning began for 2002 it would not be business as usual. Collaboratively the Executive and Policy Committees and staff reframed the legislative priorities in a way that both honors the direction from General Committee and responds to the urgencies created by the U.S. response to terrorism. The “Peaceful Prevention of Deadly Conflict: An Alternative to the War on Terror” emerged as the organizing framework for our 2002 legislative work. Please read the canary-yellow document in this mailing for further explanation. So far this appears to be an effective way to organize our important witness.

What other work is being done? The Policy Committee is charged with guiding the process of soliciting feedback from the General Committee on legislative priorities for the next (108th) Congress. We are proposing a different process from the usual in light of these extraordinary times. As the Bush administration and Congress seek support to expand the war on terrorism and as Congress seems determined to lead the United States to a full-time war economy, we wonder if the priorities as stated here may be more enduring than the 2-year span that has recently been our practice.

The goal is to (1) test that assumption, (2) solicit your feedback, and (3) assist you in framing your own individual and collective responses to America at war. We want to honor our obligation both to be open to hearing your wisdom, and to facilitate your speaking the truth of your faith to national policy makers.

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Joanne Rains Warner: Clerk
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Florence C. Kimball: Legislative Education Secretary
Jonathan Fisch: Assistant Clerk
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Ned Stowe: Legislative Secretary
Portia Wenze-Danley: Director for Administration
Ruth Flower: Treasurer
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Kathy Guthrie: Field Program Secretary
With those guiding assumptions, we propose the following process for 2002 legislative priority setting:

1. Gather in worship groups as is appropriate in your setting (monthly meeting, Sunday school class, peace and social concern committees, youth groups, etc.)

2. Center in silence to establish worship and invite Divine inspiration.

3. Begin discussion with worship sharing around the questions that opened this letter. This is intended to engage each participant in the discussion.

4. Respond to the following questions:
   - What in the Peaceful Prevention of Deadly Conflict framework (yellow) resonates with your sense of FCNL’s preferred direction?
   - What suggestions do you have to strengthen FCNL’s witness in Washington in this current context?
   - What in your own personal spiritual struggles following 9/11 could you share to help FCNL understand the current Quaker experience and particular wisdom?
   - What could FCNL do to best equip and empower Friends to witness to their faith in today’s world?
   - How can FCNL be relevant to today’s legislative issues and opportunities?

5. Please summarize your discussion on the enclosed response form (lavender) and return to FCNL by July 1, 2002.

We value your wisdom and experience, and look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Joanne Rains Warner
Clerk, General Committee

Paul Ruhlen
Clerk, Policy Committee
THE PEACEFUL PREVENTION OF DEADLY CONFLICT
A practical alternative to the war on terrorism

Under this rubric, we would give priority to the following issues:

Peaceful prevention of deadly conflict: "Arms control and disarmament"
- Promote nuclear disarmament, de-alerting, and non-proliferation
- Promote dismantlement and international control of weapons of mass destruction
- Promote reducing/controlling international sale and transfer of light weapons

Peaceful prevention of deadly conflict: "International law and institutions"
- Identify, articulate, and publicize non-military alternatives to war on terror
- Oppose expanding war to Iraq or elsewhere
- Promote just and nonviolent resolution of conflict between Israel and Palestine
- Promote just and nonviolent resolution of conflict in Colombia
- Develop model legislation that would contribute to the peaceful prevention of deadly conflict (e.g. global school lunch program or a “Marshall plan” for Afghanistan/Pakistan, etc.).
- Promote full US engagement with and participation in the UN and other international institutions for the pacific settlement of disputes

Peaceful prevention of deadly conflict: "Federal budget priorities"
- Shift military spending to increase funding for: humanitarian and development assistance; the Nunn-Lugar nuclear, chemical, biological weapons threat reduction initiative in Russia; cooperative international institutions dedicated to the advancement of human rights and the rule of law; international efforts to reduce the sale and transfer of weapons around the world and to control and eliminate weapons of mass destruction; assuring that the needs of the poorest and most vulnerable people in our society are met.

Peaceful prevention of deadly conflict: "Respecting human rights at home and abroad"
- Preserve and advance human rights at home for all without regard for race, creed, religion, ethnicity, or citizenship, opposing arbitrary detentions, suspension of civil liberties, military tribunals, use of death penalty, etc.
- Promote the advancement of human rights around the world through bilateral and multilateral institutions and treaties, including US ratification of Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court

Peaceful prevention of deadly conflict: "Environment and natural resources"
- Energy policy—reduce role of oil as a source of violent international conflict by reducing US dependency on imported oil through various methods to reduce consumption, energy efficiency improvements, and the development of renewable alternative energy resources

This last area of work (energy policy) would be contingent upon raising additional funding and recruiting additional personnel. It is listed here because we see it as an opportunity for FCNL to begin to expand into environmental advocacy within the context of a comprehensive legislative program plan.
FCNL’s Legislative Priorities for the 107th Congress

The Friends Committee on National Legislation seeks to bring spiritual values to bear on public policy decisions. In a political atmosphere that has become increasingly partisan, we challenge ourselves to bring a witness of love to those we encounter in our political work. During the 107th Congress, we will promote dialogue and cooperation on the important issues facing our country. We hope that this dialogue will help create a greater sense of responsibility for good government. We will promote Quaker values of mutual respect, integrity, and a spirit of cooperation.

FCNL has selected the following priorities on which to work during the 107th Congress:

- Promote arms control and disarmament initiatives and oppose the expansion of military alliances
- Promote nonviolent dispute resolution and the peaceful prevention of armed conflict and genocide, through the United Nations and appropriate governmental and non-governmental organizations
- Shift budget priorities away from military spending and toward providing for human needs and a healthy environment at home and abroad
- Address economic, social, and racial disparity through such measures as adequate, comprehensive, and universal health care; progressive taxation; affirmative action; educational opportunities; a living wage; affordable housing; and assistance for and empowerment of the most vulnerable of society
- Reform the criminal justice system, emphasizing the principles of restorative justice and crime prevention, and eliminate the death penalty

FCNL will continue Friends’ long-standing witness for the rights of conscience, and our historic commitments to Native American advocacy and to ending institutional racism. FCNL also will respond to Friends’ concerns about the environment, as way opens.

FCNL staff will work on these issues based on legislative opportunity, specific expertise and leadings, and time available. FCNL staff and Policy Committee have the flexibility, within the Statement of Legislative Policy, to respond to crises and important legislative opportunities.

The General Committee calls upon its members, other Friends, and like-minded people to work on these issues. In addition to the issues which FCNL has the resources to address, many other deeply-held concerns will continue to receive attention from individual Friends, Monthly Meetings and Churches, Yearly Meetings, and other Quaker organizations. As we work to find solutions to complex problems, Friends seek divine guidance and ask for renewed strength and hope.
Response Sheet

FCNL PRIORITIES SELECTION 2002
Please respond to any or all of these queries briefly and clearly.

★ What in the Peaceful Prevention of Deadly Conflict framework resonates with your sense of FCNL's preferred direction? ★ What suggestions do you have to strengthen FCNL's witness in Washington in this current context? ★ What in your own personal spiritual struggles following 9/11 could you share to help FCNL understand the current Quaker experience and particular wisdom? ★ What could FCNL do to best equip and empower Friends to witness to their faith in today's world? ★ How can FCNL be relevant to today's legislative issues and opportunities?
The Epistle of Britain Yearly Meeting

Loving greetings to Friends everywhere from Britain Yearly Meeting held in London 3-6 May, 2002.

In this year, seen as the 350th anniversary of the birth of Quakerism, we meet in grateful remembrance of the Friends, known and unknown, who have maintained our Society over centuries; we have been reminded, in epistles received from other yearly meetings, of those who sustain Quaker witness in other parts of the world. We give thanks for them all.

Since the terrifying events of last September, our world seems to have grown more troubled and divided. The challenge for us is to continue working for peace, individually and with others, and to remain faithful witnesses, searching together in the loving presence of God, from whom we derive our strength. All is possible if we have faith.

We have been inspired by the words of Dag Hammarskjöld: For all that has been – thanks, to all that shall be – yes. We must not allow fear to prevent us from engaging in the difficult or the apparently impossible, but show courage in continuing the bold experiment which began in the seventeenth century.

We have reflected on the meaning of Gospel Order, an order ‘not of man nor by man’ but from God, whose Power gathers, guides and orders us, at every level. It begins within ourselves as we experience Gospel Order in our daily lives. In all our work, we should be true to the principles of integrity, transparency and accountability.

We have been told of radical projects, at home and abroad, such as Turning The Tide, which teaches methods of nonviolent protest, Circles of Support and Accountability working with released sex offenders, and, in partnership with a local Muslim group, supporting children traumatised by the war in former Yugoslavia. These strengthen our faith in the power of goodness and love which transforms people and shows us that there is light in the darkness.

We have been challenged by our younger Friends to recognise and confront problems of exclusion in our local communities by accepting each other as we are and being faithful even in small things. We have heard many stories of individual work with the disadvantaged of our society, homeless people, asylum seekers and others. We recognise the on-going nature of the problems they face. We have been empowered by sharing examples of our local work, which have surprised us by what we can accomplish.

In our response to conflict, how do we speak peace to power? What is our prophetic ministry for this time? We can turn the world upside down daily with the weapons of the spirit rather than the addictive tools of war. We can all strengthen each other’s will to goodness.
We have come together in prayer, celebrating our joy in relationships, laughing together, openly sharing our spiritual journeys, and seeking vision and guidance, that we may continue to answer the promptings of love and truth in our hearts.

With God's grace may we be able to say, like Isaiah: 'Here am I, send me' and then to persevere cheerfully with the task laid upon us.

Peter Eccles
Clerk

Elsa Dicks
Recording Clerk
State of the Meeting Report 2002
Boulder Monthly Meeting

The State of our Meeting is good. We celebrated our fiftieth year. Attendance remains strong and problems minimal. Members have shown caring concern for those caught in difficult situations and have prayerfully engaged in discernment when the occasions warranted. We welcomed new members this year: Nancy Kraushaar, Sami Pauze, Heather Pauze, and Jay Bollinger. Steve Clark, Kristin Fuhrmann and Bob Michener transferred their memberships to our meeting. The Boulder Meeting convened three clearness committees for marriage: Gene Barnett and Jan Shaner; Erin Sanders and Charlie Brennan (jointly with Mountain View Meeting), and Steve Clark and Kristin Fuhrmann. Memorial services were held for Wolf Thron in January 2002 and Kay Dugan in April 2002.

We hosted two Gotlieb lectures during the last year. Lauren de Boer spoke on spiritual ecology in September 2001 and Val Phillips spoke about Middle East peace in April 2002. The annual fall gathering was held in September with a panel presentation about the lives of four Quakers. The Quakers Studies series and one-night Introductions to Quakerism continue to be successful. We also offered a series on Quaker History and one on Quaker Women’s Voices. Boulder Friends shared meals at private homes for the ongoing potluck program, this year on the topic of the Quaker peace testimony in our lives.

The Service Committee was active this year, continuing to arrange Meeting volunteers and recommend Meeting donations to community organizations. Foremost are the Boulder Shelter for the Homeless with donations of money and supplies, a monthly cooking crew, and our second year of hosting overflow Shelter guests at the Meetinghouse one night each week during the winter; and the Emergency Family Assistance Association where we continue to sponsor an apartment unit for families in need. The Meeting provides rides to Meeting for those who cannot drive, and support to individuals and families of the Meeting. A new jail ministry service program is being established and more effective ways of involving Meeting children and youth in service are also being explored.

The Boulder Meeting First Day School continues to expand. The K-12 program involved 45-50, with twenty more in the child care room. On three occasions the children presented delightful skits to the Meeting about Quaker history or the Bible. All children participated in various service projects such as a bake sale for the Red Cross, a hunger pledge walk, unpacking food at Community Food Share, and making candy to sell for the AFSC border project. Last summer we started a new program for our children. Rather than just supervision during the summer months, we instituted special weekly programs with a Friend to lead an activity, an experienced teacher, and a Meeting volunteer. Activities included cooking, crafts, nature hikes, hike rides and stories.

Our beautiful, well-organized library continues to serve the Meeting. This year we expanded the collections in Spiritual Ecology, Peaceful Careers, and children’s selections. Committee members spend time to assure return of overdue books.

Boulder Friends continue their support of the Denver Area Office of the AFSC. This year we worked with AFSC on public events surrounding September 11 including press conferences and meetings with members of Congress, its work with the Colorado Coalition for the Prevention of Nuclear War and Blankets for Afghanistan, assisting with the Hiroshima Peace Walk, the AFSC Denver annual meeting, and the recognition retreat.

The Peace and Social Justice Committee has supported many activities this year. Arising from special meetings for worship and clearness after September 11, Friends decided to resume a silent vigil for peace held in downtown Boulder. It was held twice weekly until February and is now each Sunday. Participants distribute cards that read, "Peace is Possible. We believe that war is wrong. We believe in using nonviolent ways to respond to conflict. We believe it is possible to live the kind of life that takes away the occasion of war. We believe love..."
is the most powerful force on earth. Contacts were made to the local Muslim community and a list of resources was compiled for area youth wanting information about conscientious objection.

The Boulder Meeting made donations to Friends House Moscow, New Foundations, African Great Lakes Initiative, Help Along the Border, Monte Verde Friends School and Finca La Bella in Costa Rica, education programs in El Salvador, Friends Committee on National Legislation, American Friends Service Committee and Central Committee for Conscientious Objectors. The Peace and Social Justice Committee sponsors monthly letter-writing on timely topics. The Meeting continues to expand its Peaceful Careers booth, this year adding area high schools to the universities venues. Out of an interest of several Friends, the Meeting began a study group on Spiritual Ecology. The Meeting also participates in several local interfaith dialogues and programs about peace and social justice.

The Fellowship Committee of Boulder Meeting works hard behind the scenes to provide for food and arrangements that support our social interaction. The monthly potluck was laid down on a trial basis due to decreasing amounts of food and volunteers being offered. Instead, there are no programs scheduled on the fourth Sunday and Friends are encouraged to linger after worship with coffee and tea. Special potlucks for Christmas and Easter continue. There were several special events this year including the fiftieth anniversary of our Meeting, special children’s concert, family dance night, Gilbert White’s 90th birthday, an annual hike. Friends continue to be interested in forming or joining extended families—a long-standing Boulder Meeting tradition.

We typically schedule one-hour programs on the third Sunday following worship. This year programs included reports and perspectives from Israel, a report on the World Conference on Racism in Durbin, South Africa, US/Mexico border issues, art and Quakerism. Each first Sunday the Program Committee invites a Friend to share her or his spiritual journey. These are always enlightening, varied and well attended.

The Boulder Meeting Scholarship Committee plays an important role in assisting Friends to participate in Quaker activities. Support includes not only IMYM and Colorado Regional Meeting but to a meeting of Friends Committee on Unity with Nature, an AFSC-IMYM joint service project, and for purchase of books on Quakerism.

The responsibilities of the Meeting Treasurer have grown, with the addition of some paid positions for care and religious education coordinator and an increase in special, earmarked funds. As it became increasingly difficult for any one person to carry out the entire task, the Meeting rotated the job in 2002 among three Friends while we evaluated roles and responsibilities. We now have clarified duties of the Treasurer and Associate a Treasurer and have a separate chair for the Finance Committee.

Through our Right Sharing Committee, the Boulder Meeting continues working with people at the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation in South Dakota. The purpose is to assist with physical work projects while building relationships. We sent 14 Friends to a work camp last summer and support a children’s art camp through an annual benefit concert. Boulder Friends are also helping with a research project to update information about health and social conditions on the reservation.

Our Meetinghouse continues to provide joy and sustenance as it meets our needs for worship, religious education, fellowship and outreach. The New Horizons Cooperative Preschool remains our treasured tenant. Minor upgrades have been made along with the typical maintenance. We now purchase 100% of our electricity from wind generation. We were grateful to have had insurance when a vandal broke one of the large windows in the front of the worship room; it was repaired hours before a wedding.

The Nominating Committee once again talked to every Meeting member and regular attender and recommended a full slate of officers and committees which was enthusiastically received at the April meeting for business. Fran Boler will service as Clerk starting June 1.
Colorado Springs is a "small and mighty" meeting. Currently we have about 24 members. We have a new member in Ray Schneider-Kuhls. Visitors come frequently to our meeting place - Pikes Peak Peace and Justice - located at 29 South Institute in downtown Colorado Springs.

Julie Roten successfully completed her two year tenure as Clerk of the Meeting in January 2002. In February 2002, Roz Rae and Katie Cornelius together took the reins as co-clerks of the Meeting. Ann Martin replaced Katie Cornelius as recording clerk and Julie Roten replaced Roz Rae as treasurer.

For a community service project Colorado Springs Meeting made hygiene kits for migrant workers in the San Luis Valley. This project idea was brought to the Meeting by Judy Fair-Spaulding. It started small and grew. The meeting was able to complete and deliver 36 hygiene kits (18 for men and 18 for women) with extra supplies to La Puente. This was a great service project for the whole meeting to put together. The first day school children enjoyed sorting and counting the donations.

Colorado Springs Meeting facilitate Colorado Regional Spring Meeting in April 2002. Based upon smiling responses the day was a great success.

In the light,

Katie Cornelius
Colorado Springs co-clerk

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Intermountain Yearly Meeting

The State of the Society

June 2002

A summary of the reports of 14 of the 17 Monthly Meetings

Working on their meeting houses:
- Tempe - new addition
- Flagstaff
- Santa Fe
- Las Cruces - a new 'old' meeting house
- Fort Collins
- Pima - new paint

First day school
- heightens opportunities
- A paid teacher who prepares lessons and teaches twice a month

September 11
- The Peace Testimony
- Sharing with local community
- Opening of meeting house - one or twice a week
- Increased numbers to Meeting for worship
- Letters to editor
- Letter to local service center
- Letters of solidarity to local area Moslem mosques
- With youth
  - Conscientious Objection
  - Registering for the draft
- Informal get togethers
- Creation of own web site
- Outreach in meeting and to local community
- Adverts in local newspaper - presence of Quakers - civil rights

Peace & Social Actions
- Death penalty
- Homeless and mentally ill
- Border issues
- Civil liberties and discrimination
- Quaker pilgrimage to historic places in NW England
- Team members to Middle East
- Members to Guatemala, Rwanda, West Bank and Gaza
Spirituality

Improving
Not using a person’s name as way to honor contribution
Adult Education Courses - enthusiastically planned, attended by few.
  Q101 - continuing
  Quaker studies classes
Thomas Kelly’s: A Testament of Devotion - A retreat resource that induced Spiritual
  Friendship groups that continued during the year.
Walter Wink’s: Engaging the Power.
Movie: The Good War and those Who Did Not Fight It. - want to show to community
Worships Groups under care meet with the Monthly Meeting
Singing in fellowship
Membership - special meetings to discuss,

Other organizations visiting or being worked with
AFSC staff visitor and public meeting
  - work on immigrant rights
FWCC staff visitor and public meeting
Alternatives to Violence Project - training and at men’s Federal Correctional Institution
Alliance for Peaceful Justice (state wide organization)
FGC’s Traveling Ministries program - Virginia and David Wood
The FGC Gathering
Friends’ Guatemalan Scholarship Program
Operation Bookshelf in Latin America
Hosted Board meeting of Right Sharing of World Resources
FCNL
ACLU-(state org)

Service with
Meals on wheels
CROP
Paz de Cristo - fed homeless
IMYM-AFSC Joint Service Project - Mexico & Palisades (CO)
Angel Tree Program - cheer families of prison inmates
Fellowship of Reconciliation Interfaith Peace & Justice Delegation to Israel and
  Palestinian peace groups
Planned Parenthood
Local Center for Justice, Peace, and the Environment
Women for Peace
Strength through Peace committees
Boards of Restorative Justice Committee
Restorative Justice Movement
United Campus Ministries
Prisoner Visitation and Support (PVS)
New Foundations Alternatives to Violence Project (AVP)
Amnesty International letter writing group
Campaign for Secure Dwellings
Service to Meeting
Finding people to serve as clerk of meeting and of committees - increasingly difficult. To get around No! - Try a choosing committee to help members and attenders choose their service.

Building and Grounds turning workdays into feat days. Created directory of joyful duties.

Intergenerational activities
  - Quaker Bowling night
  - End-of-year pizza party

A worship group and a small monthly meeting were found by local newspaper reporters who wanted to know history and practices of Quakers. (See reports in Documents-in-Advance).

Concern for “fairly pervasive denigration of Christians within wider Quaker community [suggests] a close look at the roots of Quaker history.

Seek and Find
We wonder: Are we doing enough to welcome new people to our meeting? We wonder: In what ways can we support our youth and their families?

We learned that our meeting, like the wider world of Quakers and Quaker belief, has room for many points of view with the circle of good Quaker order and remains a haven for peaceful worship.

We are very committed to each other and to make a community together, so we will continue exploring more ways of doing this during the coming year.

As a faith community we responded to an individual asking for our assistance with housing, transportation, finances, health problems and prayer. We have been repaid by the person adding wisdom and patience and presence to our Meeting. We sit together in the silence and receive the blessing of one another united in worship. Then we reenter the world renewed and rededicated to “seeing that of God.”

Our Meeting is financially stable, and, to tell the truth, for which we are famous, we feel we are on the right track spiritually, and we know that we continue to have faith in our testimony and work on behalf of peace and non-violence. We believe that the waves of what light we have break on other shores than our own. We are not alone in our troubled political world.
Greetings to All Friends Everywhere:

Friends of New England Yearly Meeting gathered from August 4-9, 2001, on the campus of Bryant College in Smithfield, Rhode Island for our 341st annual sessions with the theme “Coming 'Round Right: Our Witness to These Times.” In our opening session, keynote speaker, Stan Thornburg of Northwest Yearly Meeting told us the story of his first verbal ministry, when as a 4th grader, he rose in meeting and asked, “If Christianity is so exciting, why is everyone asleep?” We ask, if Quakerism is everything we say it is, why isn't the joy and power of our faith spilling out of us and our Meetings? Stan spoke about his struggle of waiting on the Lord, and the discovery that that itself was a transforming experience. He called us to an heroic faith that risks everything, without prejudice or pride, in search of a life of pure obedience.

On First Day, young people ministered to us with a dramatic retelling of the story of Jonah, complete with an inflatable leviathan, which swallowed Jonah before our eyes. They challenged us to ask ourselves, “How have I disobeyed God?” and, “How can I obey God better?”

Many of these themes were repeated in the report of the Long Range Planning Committee, and our State of Society Report. The LRPC noted that our needs are not primarily structural, but members need to answer the call to greater faithfulness, to give life to our structures. The committee identified an urgent need for Friends to give more attention to our inner lives and our use of time.

This year, we changed our schedule to allow more time for faithful attention to Meeting for Worship for the Conduct of Business. We were faithful to our discipline, we waited on God, and God was present. Last year, we were unable to minute support for the Campaign of Conscience for the Iraqi People, as some Friends were concerned about the propriety of undertaking civil disobedience as a corporate entity, and the authenticity of such a witness when the consequences fall only upon officers, not upon individual members of the Yearly Meeting. This year some Friends still felt reservations; however, with God’s assistance we were able to unite on a minute. A true witness extends far beyond our minutes; it must be evident in our daily lives.

New England Friend Marian Baker’s Bible Half Hours began with an emphasis on love as the start and origin of any witness. Through gospel and music, she reminded us that truth is spoken in many tongues, and we can listen for the truth beneath the words. Marian called us to a prophetic witness to the world; she herself is answering a call to serve Friends in East Africa for the next three years.

The depth and strength of our worship gave us sustenance throughout the week. We see that the good news for all of us is that God is alive and working among us. We see how God heals, teaches, comforts, and confronts us with the Truth. It is the life of the spirit flowing through us that yields a diversity of gifts. When we grasp the world tightly with one hand and reach out to God with the other, we cannot hold both. We are called to the inner work which allows us to come ‘round right to an authentic witness. If we let go of what we hold dear, God will take it over and return it to us for our joy, transformed.

God poured love and laughter upon us this week. We pray for continued faithfulness to the Holy Spirit as we return to our homes. We pray that you, too, go forth in the joy and power of God's love.
Attachment 9

Report to the Yearly Meeting
June 13, 2002

FAITH AND PRACTICE COMMITTEE--INTERMOUNTAIN YEARLY MEETING 2002

Members:

Elizabeth Bailey, Boulder MM
Alexandra Barnard, Tempe MM
Kay Bordwell, Flagstaff MM
Bill Byrnes, Corresponding Clerk (co-opted member)
Martha Carr, Tempe MM
Annette Greenberg, Moab MM
Marian Hoge, Albuquerque MM
Phyllis Hoge, Albuquerque MM
Meredith Little, Pima MM
Claire Leonard, Gila MM
Gusten Lutter, Mountain View MM
Johanna MacNee, Salt Lake MM
Frances McAllister, Flagstaff MM
Charlotte Miller, Fort Collins MM
David Perkins, Pima MM
Martha Roberts, Mountain View MM
Barbara Stephens, Boulder MM
Doris Tyldesley, Tempe MM
Dale Williams, Phoenix MM

The Faith and Practice Committee met in Boulder, Colorado, on October 19-20, 2001, and in Albuquerque, New Mexico, from February 28 through March 3, 2002 and here at Ghost Ranch on June 10-11, 2002. The initial draft of the chapter on Friends' Beliefs was distributed to Monthly Meetings and Worship Groups after the October session. Response was excellent, with participation from most meetings and many helpful comments and insights. These were considered by a subcommittee and formed the basis of the committee's work in March. A revised version has been completed and is presented to you today with the following minute:

2002-Report-1  The Faith & Practice Committee commends the revised text of the changed "Friends' Beliefs" document (replacing Chapter 3) to the Yearly Meeting for a year of seasoning to be taken up for consideration at the Yearly Meeting session in 2002. We would like the Yearly Meeting to receive this document for seasoning, and encourage constituent Monthly Meetings within the Yearly Meeting to conduct whatever internal discussions they need to have as a part of this seasoning and should come to the next Yearly Meeting prepared to consider its approval. We hope that Friends can unite with this in principle. Specific suggestions for wording or other changes may be referred to the Committee to possibly be incorporated in future editions of our Intermountain Yearly Meeting Faith and Practice.

The Committee also submits the following minute:

2002-Report-2 The Faith and Practice Committee encourages the use of our Faith and Practice by individuals, Monthly Meetings and other groups in our Yearly Meeting. By using this Faith and Practice, Friends within the Yearly Meeting will be able to discern the areas in which changes are required and assist the committee in its ongoing work of revision. We wish our Faith and Practice to arise out of the experience of the Intermountain Yearly Meeting community.

Work on the Membership chapter is ongoing. We continue to need information from Monthly Meetings regarding their procedures for Membership if they differ from our current IMYM Faith and Practice (Chapter 7). The Boulder subcommittee is working on the chapter, providing a framework for the full committee discussions. Work has been ongoing since June 2001.

The Committee has regretfully accepted the resignation of Arline Hobson, representative from Pima Monthly Meeting and Robin Powelson from Boulder Meeting. We also lost Mary Lou Coppock from Tempe Meeting. Kay Bordwell and Frances McAllister from Flagstaff, Elizabeth Bailey from Boulder, and Martha Carr from Tempe. We were blessed by many valuable hours of service contributed to the Committee's efforts from these Friends, and they will be greatly missed. Monthly meetings are asked to appoint new representatives to continue the vigor of the Committee and ensure representation from as many of us as possible. Meetings without current representation include: Colorado Springs, Durango, El Paso, Flagstaff, Las Cruces, Logan, and Santa Fe.

The Committee plans to meet Veterans Day weekend November 8-11, 2002 and February 28 to March 3, 2003 in locations to be determined soon.

Proposed Agenda for November 2002 and March 2003 Meetings
Contents (Overall Organization)
Choosing a consistent style for preparation of documents
Membership (Chapter 7)
The Monthly Meeting (Chapter 8)
Preliminary Report on Chapter 12 Quarterly Meetings
History (Chapter 2)
Glossary
Index
We invite Friends to view the display prepared by the committee in Lower Pavilion and particularly ask that they submit quotations from IMYM Friends for possible inclusion in the Faith and Practice.

Respectfully submitted,

Claire O. Leonard, Clerk
Faith and Practice Committee
Quakers
The Religious Society of Friends - Aotearoa/New Zealand
Te Haahi Tuahauwiri

Epistle from Yearly Meeting 2001

Loving Greetings to Friends everywhere,

About 100 Friends met in July 2001, for our Yearly Meeting in Hamilton New Zealand, where we were welcomed onto the land of Tainui by Maori elders and local Friends in a traditional Maori powhiri.

In a worship sharing session we considered the processes involved in discerning which of the many concerns brought to us, we are called to act upon. We have been reminded that it is an inward movement of the spirit that leads us to outward action, when we are following a true leading. We continue to encourage Friends to bring their concerns to their Meeting for testing, guidance and support.

Some things have given us a sense of hope for the future. For the first time in 8 years Young Friends have played an active role in the business of our Yearly Meeting.

We are heartened that pilot workshops on conflict resolution for Indonesian police, which were initiated by our Quaker Peace and Service Committee, were successful. It is encouraging that there are plans to extend these programmes into regular Police Training. The hope is to change the culture within the police force, which until recently has been a part of the army.

Friends have heard of the work being done to address the suffering resulting from continued sanctions in Iraq. A major appeal for medical aid is the result of years of commitment by concerned Friends to the human rights of Iraqi people.

We gave attention to the Inner life in some of our sessions. Several Friends, who had participated in the year long Spiritual Nurture Programme, spoke with enthusiasm about deepening their spiritual lives and the flow-on effects to their Meetings. The programme is to be offered again in 2002. The representative from Australia Yearly Meeting told us of the progress of their Meeting for Learning and of the work being done towards an Australian Quaker Faith and Practice.

We have considered ways of making ourselves more visible in the community and the effectiveness of our current advertising and promotional activities. We questioned how we should make further use of new technology.

Our visiting speaker, Henrik Moller, gave us a passionate address on conservation and our relationship with the natural world of which we are a part. We heard that preserving the land in National Parks is only a part of what is needed and we need to use all the rest of the land in a sustainable way and regain our connection to it. He stressed the importance of learning from the indigenous people's attitude to the land and to its taonga (treasures). A worship sharing session on the theme of Spiritual Ecology allowed some of the deeper thoughts and feelings of Friends to be expressed. We are finding our way through a new and changing landscape where advances in technology and thinking lead to new ethical questions.

Michael and Merilyn Payne, Yearly Meeting Clerks

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Joint Service Report to Yearly Meeting

The Joint Service Project continues to seek to do authentic service in the communities we have befriended. We continue to deepen our relationships as we come to know each other and how our lives are inter-related. We continue seeking to understand how our testimonies of community, equality, simplicity and harmony affect our relationships.

Our numbers of participants, projects and weeks of service changed little this year, but I believe we have made a more powerful impact on both participants and host communities because of our better understanding of how we can best help.

Now in our twelfth year, we are no longer an experiment. We offer an opportunity for Quakers to practice what we preach and we offer non-Quakers an opportunity to understand us. We are a reminder, even in our quiet way, that Quakerism is still alive in the world and it is being constantly renewed by youthful Quakers.

We are a visible reminder and a visible proof that living out our testimonies can make the world a more livable place.

In Service,

Mike Gray
This was the third year that the younger teens came together in the Middle Youth instead of Teen group. We considered the theme of inward and outward peace. The first decision we made was not to have a clerk. We felt that there was too much competition and we didn’t want to hurt any feelings. Instead, we chose to use a talking stick or stone. The item allows only the person using it to speak and lets others listen. Although the stone worked very well, we thought that in the future we could experiment with both a clerk and a talking stone.

After a miserable night in Bundy, we embarked on a canoe and nature trip. Everyone saw a lot of teamwork and support of others to row the canoes. We ate lunch in the parking lot (one Friends pointed out that if we had walked fifty more yards there were picnic tables). We enjoyed swimming in the lake and found that driftwood could be as much fun as a pool toy. Afterwards we visited a nature center filled with wildlife that was part of a program to treat injured animals and release them later. We especially enjoyed the wildcats, owls, and hawks. That evening we went to the rock climbing wall in the athletics center. Later we watched the film Friendly Persuasion, and had a discussion.

On Friday we did several crafts and visited Quaker archives. We attended some of the plenary session but didn’t like it. We felt it pertained to us in no way and we could have been doing more productive things. On Saturday morning we went to a men’s psychiatric hospital. We played putt-putt and tag with some of the patients. All the Friends found it amazing that despite their handicaps, they were very outgoing and friendly. Before we went, one Friend remarked that people are seldomly what they appear and we found it applies to everyone.

The variety show was enjoyed by all and our efforts paid off. This week, when we weren’t busy with activities we filled the time with card games, music, brainstorming and laughter. We made a quick move to the basement and stocked the kitchen fridge with food.

In short, we found that we can all work together to solve our problems and dissolve our differences.

In the Light, the Middle Youth group
Grace Montgomery, Recording Clerk
As Friends and residents in this geographical location on the US-Mexican border, we are led in our witness to respond to a human tragedy. People differ in their perception of the tragedy and their ideas for response. We need to make sure that we seek out differing viewpoints, listen to each other and really hear all of those different meanings, voices, and understandings so that we can seek to be led by the Spirit which grounds us all. We are called upon to seek out other viewpoints as part of self-education on these issues.

In its pursuit of a patient and passionate response to these border and migrant issues, IMYM's Committee on Migrant and Border Concerns proposes to IMYM the following mission statements and committee structure for the YM's consideration and response:

1. When IMYM recognized the committee, it charged CMBC with 3 things [bold type indicates proposed clarifications to the original language], which we term our Mission Statement.
   • continuing to raise our own awareness of border and migrant issues.
   • promoting on-going attention of the Yearly Meeting and its monthly meetings to these concerns, and
   • pursuing appropriate avenues to address these problems of our border region

2. As it has addressed this work, CMBC has found that it has these functions:
   • communication, networking, and sharing models and testimony of compassionate response to Migrant and Border issues
   • creating and functioning as a community of concerned Friends that seeks clearness and provides mutual support among Friends and others who work on M&B issues

CMBC expects that IMYM will provide oversight of the committee's testimony and work. The committee is expected to utilize queries, advice and testimony in these communications.

3. The Committee proposes to operate as follows:

   **Meetings**
   • CMBC will meet 3 times per year: at IMYM, and in the Fall and Spring.
   • These meetings will include committee business meetings, issue-oriented educational sessions, and on-border experiences and witness.
Committee Structure

- Membership of the CMBC consists of appointees from Monthly Meetings, and co-opted members, according to the procedures outlined in the IMYM Guide for the Faith and Practice Committee [1st paragraph, and 2nd paragraph except for the final sentence], who commit to participate in the work of the committee, including trying to attend all meetings. The CMBC meetings are also open to participation by other concerned Friends.

- Officers and Terms – Co-clerks with staggered 2-year terms will be nominated by the CMBC and presented for approval to YM Business Meeting. A Recording Clerk and a Corresponding Clerk will be appointed by CMBC to one year terms.

Finances

- Financial support of CMBC work is derived from voluntary contributions from individuals and Monthly Meetings of IMYM to a fund kept by the IMYM treasurer.

- When the committee approves an expenditure, the clerk requests the treasurer of IMYM to release the funds for that purpose.

Communications

- CMBC will provide written reports to Monthly Meetings and IMYM, and will post these and other information on the CMBC website.

- These written reports will reflect the committee's work and conference proceedings, and will form a basis for reporting by CMBC members to their Monthly Meetings, and by CMBC officers to Continuing Committee and Yearly Meeting.

4. The CMBC poses the following queries to the Yearly Meeting at this time:

- Query #1: Does Intermountain Yearly Meeting affirm that it wishes CMBC to continue working on these Yearly Meeting concerns as a standing committee of the YM?

- Query #2: Does IMYM approve the CMBC mission statement, function, and operational structure as proposed above?

5. If IMYM accepts these parameters for CMBC's mission and operations, CMBC requests that IMYM assist in the appointment of its members by Monthly Meetings.

For the IMYM Committee on Migrant and Border Concerns:

Wyn Lewis, Co-Clerk

Tom Kowal, Co-Clerk
Intermountain Yearly Meeting
of the
Religious Society of Friends

June 15, 2002

Friends Committee on National Legislation

Dear Friends,

Friends in the Intermountain-Border area wish to call your attention to the urgent problems faced by migrants and other residents of our border area. These problems are a direct result of US legislation and border policies, which fail to recognize the realities of economics and communities in our region. For example, while perhaps 7 million Mexican citizens work in the US economy, and they comprise an essential skilled workforce for many sectors, only about 25,000 legal permits are issued annually that legalize their presence in the US. As a result of rapidly expanding enforcement of these policies [often referred to as the fortification or militarization of the border], Mexican and other Latin-American workers on their way to jobs in the US are forced into remote desert and mountainous areas, where hundreds of Mexican workers are dying each year of thirst and exposure. Their families are left destitute. Many thousands more workers suffer discrimination, extreme exploitation, and inhumane working and living conditions. In addition, Latino residents in the border areas are increasingly subject to violations of their civil rights and dignity, at the hands of over-zealous enforcement agents. Intermountain Yearly Meeting requests the Friends Committee on National Legislation Policy Committee in its current consideration of priorities to include the urgent need for a legislative response to the continuing tragedy on the US-Mexico Border. The treatment of migrant workers and economic refugees from Mexico merits special consideration as part of FCNL’s continued concern with human rights [cf: Section 8 of FCNL’s legislative policy statement, "Respecting Human Rights At Home and Abroad"], both because of the maltreatment and deaths of workers, and because of the escalating violations of the dignity and civil rights of both citizens and non-citizens. FCNL’s Friends in IMYM, through its Committee on Migrant and Border Concerns and the work of a Released Friend, urge FCNL attention to these issues. We believe that immediate US Congressional and Executive, as well as bi-national, efforts are needed to resolve these problems. We urge FCNL to allocate adequate resources to the migrant and border issues, and offer our own cooperation and support to the initiative. Please contact Tom Kowal and Wyn Lewis, Co-Clerks of IMYM’s Committee on Migrant and Border Concerns, and Released Friend Juan Pascoe [addresses enclosed] for further information and coordination.

On behalf of Intermountain Yearly Meeting,

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## InterMountain Yearly Meeting

### Religious Society of Friends (Quaker)

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InterMountain Yearly Meeting
of the Religious Society of Friends (Quaker)

Treasurer’s Report, 14 June 2002

The finances of the InterMountain Yearly Meeting have deteriorated significantly since 2001. These adverse changes are a combination of budgeted deficits in the general accounts, and a deficit in the Yearly Meeting expenses relating to increased costs at Ghost Ranch. The current projected impact of these deficits is almost $8,000. This total is detailed in the attached statement of operations.

The impact of these reductions in surplus is projected to leave IMYM with total net assets of $7,298 by year-end. Of this amount, only $6,298 is liquid assets. These amounts are detailed in the attached projected balance sheet.

Overall, IMYM is prepared to meet all our financial obligations through the fiscal year of 2002. The net impact of our operations and our move to Ghost Ranch in 2002 will create pressures in subsequent years to achieve budgets that can re-build our surplus accounts. These pressures will affect all IMYM operations and our Yearly Meeting accounts.

It will be inherent on our member Monthly Meetings and on the Finance Committee of IMYM to increase our revenues over prior years, and to maintain a more conservative stance in setting budgeted expenditures.

Respectfully Submitted,

Christopher Viavant
IMYM Treasurer
InterMountain Yearly Meeting
Religious Society of Friends (Quaker)
Preliminary Treasurer's Report 14 June 2002
Statement of Operations

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Religious Society of Friends (Quaker)  
Preliminary Treasurer's Report 14 June 2002  
Projected Year-end Balance Sheet

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Religious Society of Friends (Quaker)  
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Statement of Operations

### YEARLY MEETING ACTIVITIES

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**YM BALANCE**  
$ (1,176.54)
Assets and Liabilities (as of 01/01/02)

Cash and Bank Accounts
- Checking (Boulder) $3,137.54
- Checking (Salt Lake City) $2,632.60
- Savings (Salt Lake City) $14,579.75
- Savings (for Registrar deposits) $5,984.24
- TOTAL $26,334.13

Investments
- Friends Meeting House $1,000.00

TOTAL ASSETS $27,334.13

Special Fund Liabilities (2002)
- INELA School funds $911.36
- Border and Migrant Concerns $1,402.00
- Triennial $3,000.00
- Triennial: 3rd World Contribution $1,000.00
- H.Sein Fund $500.00
- Quaker Youth Pilgrimage $600.00
- Tim Shaw Fund $2,758.50
- Scholarship Fund $1,714.50

TOTAL Fund Liabilities $11,886.36
# IMYM Officers as of the Rise of Yearly Meeting, June 2002

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* The second date indicates the year of the last Annual Meeting (November) to be attended, although responsibilities as Yearly Meeting representative continue until the next Yearly Meeting.
** Subject to approval of Colorado Regional Meeting in September 2002 and appointment by Continuing Committee in February 2002. Executive Committee expects to receive the adjusted nominations in September 2002 and finding them in right order, will instruct its clerk to forward them to Continuing Committee and to FCNL with appropriate explanations.

- Representatives are expected to attend the Annual Meeting with their successors in the March following the end of their appointment.
- Will be attending the FWCC Triennial
- Convenor
- **** Appointed as an alternative to the FWCC Triennial

Representative approved at Yearly Meeting, 2002

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To Friends Everywhere – Greetings!

We held our 68th Annual Gathering again in the Bernese Oberland. The good attendance and the children filled us with thanks. They gave particular significance to our theme: *How do I live in accordance with Truth?*

In the introduction, we were reminded of what the early Friends had to say about this. We are conscious, too, of the many meanings of truth throughout the world.

For a closer approach to our theme, we met in three work-groups, intending to come away with impulses for our daily lives: *How do we let the Spirit lead us? How is conflict resolution achieved through mediation? How are Swiss Friends called upon to serve?*

We dealt with a Swiss Government questionnaire concerning Switzerland Yearly Meeting’s contribution to working for peace. The Foreign Office is planning a database of sources for activation when questions arise relating to international mediation, conflict management, and the promotion of peace. We shall reply to the Foreign Office.

Our Service Committee presented impressive reports of all its aid projects, centering on Africa, but also in Northern Ireland, Moscow, and Israel/Palestine.

Our Friend from Germany, Ute Caspers, shared with us her experiences in her search for truth. Her remarks made us think of our own personal goals, and how we can have them agree with our faith. In this, we learned about the significance of childhood, youth, and influences such as living through war, being refugees, and facing privation.

The new version of our “Customs” was discussed. It was accepted as a living document to be worked on as practical experience may suggest. Following a long-felt concern by some of our members, it was decided to establish a Committee of Elders.

The weekend was rounded out by worship sharing, inspiring walks, group singing, and a delightful evening of meditative dance and presentations by the children.

For Switzerland Yearly Meeting,

Nancy Krieger, co-Clerk
REGISTRAR REPORT
YEARLY MEETING 2002
GHOST RANCH, NEW MEXICO
JUNE 9 TO 16, 2002

TOTAL ATTENDANCE: 351

ATTENDANCE BY REGIONAL MEETINGS (351)

ARIZONA: 42
COLORADO: 135
NEW MEXICO: 130
UTAH: 27
OUTSIDE IMYM: 14

ATTENDANCE BY AGE CATEGORIES

ADULTS: 219
SENIORS: 46
CHILDREN: (4-12) 30
INFANTS: (0-4) 8

JYF: 13
SYF: 35

Registrars
Carl Wallen
LaDonna Wallen
Deb Stucklen
## JUNIOR YOUNG FRIENDS

### 2002 IMYM Epistle

### Consensus Items

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### Non-Consensus Items

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Greetings, Friends,

This Intermountain Yearly Meeting began with the challenge of settling into our new location, nestled in the beautiful mesas of Ghost Ranch in New Mexico. Forty Senior Young Friends (SYF) inhabited the Casitas when (and if) we slept and used the open long house as a common gathering place.

Our first day focused on re-acquainting ourselves with each other through athletics. Wednesday evening was spent playing “Discover the Light,” a.k.a Capture the Flag, at sunset around the red and dusty banks of a dried up river. Eventually the many cacti and the loss of our depth perception due to darkness ended that activity. On Thursday, the SYF were so seized with the urge to play soccer that an emergency intergenerational game was called for. The low ropes course, ultimate Frisbee, kayaking and high ropes were among some of our other athletic opportunities. We also entertained ourselves with activities like singing with the adults, a poem-a-day read by Eric (“Dad”) Wright, one of our Friendly Adult Presences (FAP), and attempting to ride Dad’s unicycle.

The SYF continued our tradition of leading intergenerational worship sharing groups every afternoon as well as holding our own worship sharing groups nightly. We also held our own daily business meetings. On Thursday we hosted an intergenerational discussion group called “Living Simply in a Complex World,” in which SYF and adults expressed our concerns with economic trends we dislike. People described their efforts to simplify their lives.

The most important business conducted this Yearly Meeting was a discussion concerning raising the age when Junior Young Friends (JYF) may join the Senior Young Friends (SYF). The JYF, SYF, and the adults all had strong opinions on this issue. We held a lengthy discussion with the JYF about their perceptions of being in SYF. Those of us present felt that the JYF went away with a better understanding of the balance of serious work and fun. A later discussion with adult members of Continuing Committee helped SYF express opinions on this issue and our own experiences being young among the SYF. Our focus was directed mostly towards two issues: the proposed later cutoff for JYF and a possible older adult group for Young Friends in college or in their mid-twenties. The addition of an older group remains undecided, but, after much discussion, the SYF came to consensus that having a minimum cutoff of completing 9th grade before joining SYF was a good idea. We approved this change and presented our decision to Continuing Committee with the reminder that our consent should not result in the change without consideration of the JYF divided position on the issue.

Our input was appreciated and the Continuing Committee changed the minimum age for SYF as a result. Now JYF will join us after completing ninth grade. We would like to take this as an opportunity to include more joint JYF/SYF activities in our schedule for next year.

The Continuing Committee expressed an ongoing concern about whether the needs of the oldest SYF are being met. Options for the oldest of our group will continue to be considered, but some of us feel that we gain a lot of insight from our interaction with the youngest members of our group.

On Saturday, the SYF held a discussion group on transitions—an issue relevant to our place in life and also our experience of IMYM this year. Eliza Kretzmann agreed to continue as our FAP for next year and Jeremy Kowal was chosen to begin as her co-FAP. We’ve appreciated kind, concerned Heather and wise, comic laid-back Solomon, our co-clerks. We look forward to another coming year of fellowship, especially hoping that the local hiking trails will be open next year.

In the Light,

The Intermountain Yearly Meeting
Senior Young Friends 2002
MINISTRY AND COUNSEL COMMITTEE

Report to Intermountain Yearly Meeting, 6/15/02

The Ministry and Counsel Committee has tackled several issues this year.

1. We’ve suggested to Continuing Committee some ideas about representation from monthly meetings to IMYM committees – whether that is possible or desirable – and ways to ease the work of some positions.

2. We’ve collated potential and partial solutions we’ve heard about operating the JYF program and we’ve passed along some ideas that are by the way of evaluation for that program. We’ve forwarded these ideas to both the Continuing Committee and the Nominating Committee to work on as they deem appropriate.

3. We’ve dealt with some interpersonal issues and some issues involving Quaker process.

Finally, the committee would like to make a statement about operating IMYM, in general.

I Corinthians 12:4-
“Now there are a variety of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another the gift of coordination of Worship Sharing, the same Spirit to another gives the leading of Junior Young Friends, and to another even the Registration ...”

Seriously, Friends, the Ministry and Counsel Committee would like to say again what others have said. The IMYM annual gathering is something we do for ourselves. We cannot expect others to serve IMYM to us.

New Mexico Regional Meeting has gone into “hibernation” because Friends did not want to serve on the Ministry and Oversight or Nominating Committees. Without more support, IMYM could be facing a similar problem.

It’s some of the biggest jobs that are most at risk. That includes things like Registration, Operations, Interest Group and Worship Sharing coordinators and the JYF program, among others. Many of you have volunteered and the rest of us who have benefited from your work thank you. But we do need more help in some areas. We urge to you to search your heart and see if the Spirit has given you a gift you could share.

I would like to thank all the members of the committee for their work: Beth Brown, co-clerk, Marilyn Hayes, Lynn Andrews, Mary Minor, Cynthia Smith, Cathy Webb, and Michael Dreselly-Thomas and Anne Parker, Senior Young Friends.

Ross Worley, Co-Clerk
Children’s Yearly meeting

This year we had Children’s Yearly meeting at Ghost Ranch. For most of us, this was a new place.

We liked Ghost Ranch because the campsites were closer to everything, the mountains were pretty, steep, high and rocky, there was a great museum with dinosaurs and reptiles, and because of the pool and the cantina.

We enjoyed all the things we did. We went on hikes to the labyrinth and the arroyo. Tom and Sandy Farley told us stories: The 3 Scholars, The Two Goats, The Story Snail, and The Goat and the Rock.

We drew. We played soccer. We sang. We swam. Some of us went on a treasure hike. Some people made splatter paintings.

We had many guests: a calligrapher, musicians, artists, and the many other adults who spent time with us.

We made new friends. We had Meeting for Worship and Business Meeting.

Most of all, WE HAD FUN!

From, the Children’s Yearly Meeting Epistle Committee