

Report to Pacific Yearly Meeting
of the
Religious Society of Friends (Quakers)
At
63rd Annual Gathering
July 27 – August 1, 2009

By
Site Committee
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Plenary II

The Committee for the past few months has diligently researched some 20 plus sites as potential meeting locations for the Annual Gathering in 2010. The original date of August 2-7, 2010 was not feasible due to unavailability of all but two sites during the month of August. As a result, the Committee obtained the approval of the Representative Committee to change the date of the annual gathering to July 26-31, 2010.

In looking at the various potential sites, there were a number of factors that was considered by the committee. This included cost, public transportation, weather, food service, meeting room space, sleeping accommodations, and accessibility for our mobility challenged Friends. It should be noted that camping was not available at almost all of the sites considered.

The final decision came down to sites: University of Redlands and Claremont-McKenna College. The other sites were not suitable for various reasons. In looking at the two institutions, comparisons were made of the various previously commented factors.

As a result of the comparisons of the various factors, the Site Committee has selected Clare-McKenna College as the site of the 64th Annual Gathering of Pacific Yearly Meeting to be held July 27th – August 1st, 2010.

The comparisons of factors included;

Costs: The costs were comparable between the two sites.

Food: The same food service company, Bon Appetite, operates at both schools so the food quality should be the same.

Transportation: Claremont-McKenna is 5 short blocks from a Metro station. Also Ontario Airport served by Southwest Air is close by. The University of Redlands has limited public transportation and is a long drive to reach.

Sleeping Accommodations: Both schools have student dorm rooms. Claremont-McKenna offers one and two person rooms. JYM at Claremont-McKenna if they so choose, can sleep together in the lounge at a reduced cost. They will not have private rooms assigned. They will use dorm bathrooms, and if they wish doors to the lounge can be locked. This arrangement is not available at Redlands.

Meeting Rooms: Both schools have ample and convenient meeting rooms.

Americans under Disabilities Act (ADA): Both schools meet the accessibility requirements of ADA.

Weather: The temperatures at Claremont-McKenna is up to 8° cooler than at Redlands. Smog is more of a problem at Redlands.

Summary: The Committee concluded both sites as acceptable for the Annual Gathering. However it is our decision that Claremont-McKenna is the superior choice.

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Site Committee