

Pacific Yearly Meeting Young Friends

End of the 8th month, 2009

To Friends everywhere,

We gathered in the fog enshrouded valley of Walker Creek Ranch. We grew together through shared experience; Young Friends collaborated with Junior Yearly Meeting on message groups, “chat rooms” discussing personal belief, and free rhythmic expression (an intergenerational dance). We also hosted a respectful relationships talk with Junior Yearly Meeting and organized an ice cream social for those who will consider joining us next year.

We spent time enjoying the site’s beauty, visually and experientially; some of us encountered poison oak. We bonded in morning business meetings and late night revelry, where we sang, played guitars and cuddled. Young Friends thoroughly enjoyed our worship sharing together and longed for more. As we opened to each other, we felt gaps left by those who did not join us.

As Young Friends, we were deeply involved in the life of Pacific Yearly Meeting. We honored those who our Yearly Meeting lost at the Meeting for Memorials. We were drawn together by the proposal for a youth program coordinator. Along with Junior Yearly Meeting, we were led to host a vigil on the outside patio, where we held Pacific Yearly Meeting in the light as the Meeting grappled with the proposal. We were elated when deep spiritual discernment at plenary helped us labor through some Friends’ deep misgivings to approve the proposal. The walls of the plenary tent flapped as spirit entered.

With love and light,

Young Friends of PYM