

Ideas Proposed from July 18, 2005 NPYM Interest Group convened by J. Zerwekh

Query for discussion: What do we need to be and do in order to live out the Yearly Meeting mission into the future? The mission as quoted from the website:

The purpose of North Pacific Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends is to provide a means for Friends *to strengthen and support one another in a common search for divine Truth and Light...* encourage Friends, as individuals monthly meetings and worship groups, *deepening their spiritual center and moving into Spirit-led action...* We gather *to search in the Light, to find renewal, and to celebrate our joy* in coming together again.

General hopes

Prune back usual structure and get back to roots of community
Deep worship experiences daily to influence all we do.
From the Jacobsens in 2014: Source (Spirit) inspires business process leading to witness (outward expression)
More families and younger people are attracted.
Intergenerational activities
Discuss issues of fundamental concern to younger generations
Speak truth about contemporary concerns; acknowledge despair
Plan nurturing life-giving topics; spontaneous interest groups
More small groups to know each other
Consolidate business
Develop small retreats under the care of Yearly Meeting: before AS or completely separate. Example: silent retreat
Beauty of a natural setting like Pacific Northwest Quarterly Meeting (WA)

Specific suggestions

One night devoted to a spiritual message with depth
Junior Friends and Young Adults lead us in fishbowl questions
Like how to deal with bullying
Fun: Dance, sing, play games
Traveling in the ministry: sharing gifts like understanding trans experience; Pendle Hill on the Road
Schedule activities on top of each other
YAF as Friend in Residence; youth as leaders
Improve website with information easy to access
Focus of MM on family; Quarterly on community; YM on world
Strengthen Willamette Quarter and Montana Gathering of Friends
Hire someone to do AS planning

Gathering more information

Survey our monthly meetings and worship groups
Survey other Yearly Meetings; others have declared a "Jubilee (Sabbatical) Year."
Possible Western Friend survey
Learn from Intermountain YM, Women's Theology Conference, Pacific Northwest Quarterly Meeting, Quaker Quest