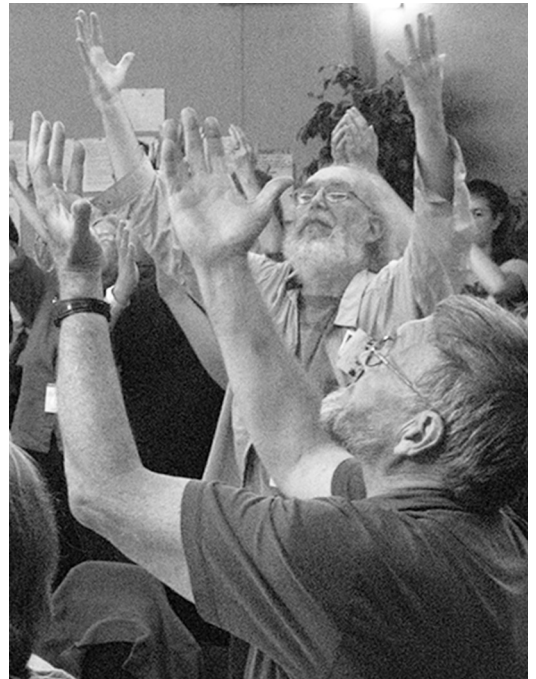


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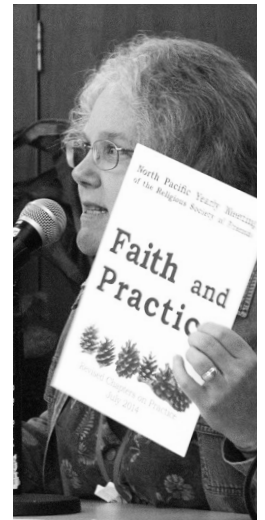
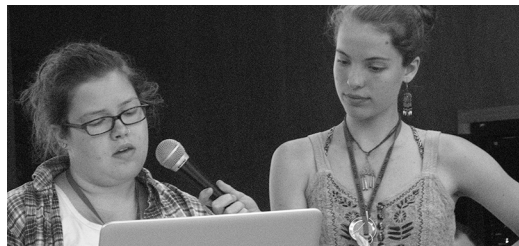
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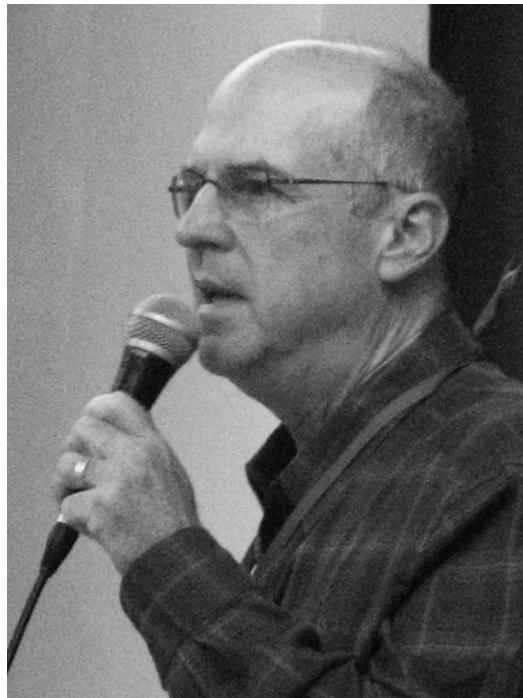
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We have struggled the last few years in engaging all of the monthly meetings, preparative meetings, and worship groups in the business of the Yearly Meeting. Some of these meetings have reported being overwhelmed by the amount of input requested from Yearly Meeting. However, at a recent gathering of the committee that coordinates the work of Yearly Meeting, there was an unexpected rise in energy. We made a change in structure that invites participation rather than requiring it, hoping that more voices will be heard. At the same time, all of us are exploring ways to keep connections open. — *from the Main Epistle*

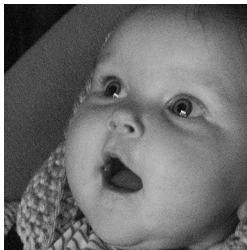


Our fundamental belief in non-violence has led us to call for the repeal of the Authorization for the Use of Military Force. — *from the NPYM Minute on Repeal of the Authorization for the Use of Military Force.*





Rather than feeling helpless in the world, we were called to find our voice as part of our witness. . . We are called to respond fully to the motion of love. —*from the Main Epistle*



Transformative Power of Spirit in Community



We liked: eating grapes, singing “You Are My Sunshine,” making clay, playing with the parachute, making paper chains, coloring every picture, and being friends! —*from the Preschool Epistle*

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Lots more photos and full texts of the yearly meeting epistles are at: westernfriend.org/community/2014-annual-sessions/.

