

To Friends Everywhere,

The Pacific Yearly Meeting (PacYM) Young Adult Friends (YAFs) do not have an epistle to bring this year. We ran out of space, time and energy for that work. Some of us as members of this community would like to offer this letter as a reflection of how and where we are. PacYM YAFs had around 30 attenders to our Annual Session this year. We are a community which deeply cares for each other and we long to find ways to support each other better. Our co-clerks expressed a need for more support in organizing and in responds to that we have nominated an arrangements clerk with a small committee to work along side them. We are deeply moved to have spiritual nurturing roles in our community and have created an ad-hoc Spiritual Nurturance committee as an experiment to see how that might come alive this year.

We are aware of the need for more education and seasoning around Quaker process in our community. We also have acknowledged that we "reinvent the wheel" every year. How do we move forward with institutional memory? How can we carry our passion at Annual Session forward and keep ourselves accountable throughout the year?

This Annual Sessions theme was Lifting The Vail. During a plenary for listening one Young Adult Friend ministered on our capacity to recognize each other's gifts. In our final YAF business meeting we experienced a peek behind the vail. We feel lead to hold space for each other beyond Annual Session and call upon each others gifts to make this a reality.

In love,
Some PacYM YAFs