

North Pacific Yearly Meeting
of the Religious Society of Friends (Quakers)

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NPYM State of Society Report 2004

Agate Passage Friends Meeting - We have completed our first our first year as a Monthly Meeting and have taken in 11 members - 10 by transfer and 1 by conviction.

Astoria Worship Group - Has been laid down.

Bellingham Friends Meeting - Our monthly newsletter includes regular ³Speaking Truth to Power² action items and an ³Eco-suggestion of the Month²

Billings Friends Meeting - Continues to struggle.

Boise Valley Monthly Meeting - A welcoming potluck for two new members became a celebration of our Meeting community with the sharing of poems, stories, music and art.

Bridge City Friends Meeting - As of May 2004, we are now a Monthly Meeting. We have begun the process to accept members into our Meeting.

Buckley Worship Group - We have doubled in size with two new regular attenders who recently moved here.

Central Oregon Worship Group - Our small worship group feels like a family. Whenever someone is missing, we feel it strongly.

Chelan-Methow Worship Group - Our meetings every other week include potluck and discussion as well as worship.

Corvallis Monthly Meeting - The depth of our worship has increased through Friends¹ participation in small groups such as clearness committees, care committees, and spiritual sharing groups.

Dillon Worship Group - We are a lively group that meets every other week.

Eastside Monthly Meeting - We organized a candlelight vigil for the International Day of Peace in downtown Bellevue with 75 participants from various faith and community groups.

Ellensburg Worship Group - We now have Meeting for Worship every week. Sometimes there are only two of us present, but at least we don't get confused about which week is Meeting.

Eugene Friends Meeting - We have been enriched by the activism of a member who followed a leading to engage in civil disobedience at the School of the Americas. We held her in the light daily as she served three months in federal prison.

Eureka Worship Group -

Fanno Creek Worship Group - Though small, we have a core group of consistent attenders and have recently welcomed three new regular attenders to our numbers. We meet every other week and are continuing through the summer for the first time in several years.

Florence Worship Group - This spring we held a Meeting for Worship at Ernie and Mary Lou Goertzen's home. After Meeting, we joined Ernie for a time of singing around his bedside.

Glacier Valley Worship Group - There are five of us that meet every Sunday. We hosted a spring retreat with Missoula Monthly Meeting.

Great Falls Worship Group - We are a little group on fire with big visions. This year we are moving the Hiroshima commemoration to the west bank of the Missouri River so the wind will blow the floating candle flames away from the kindling-dry shores.

Grays Harbor Worship Group - We are a newly formed worship group and meet every Sunday.

Heartland Monthly Meeting - Our big news is that we have been given a home in Bozeman. We are no longer a ³virtual Meeting². As a result, we have a new Ministry and Oversight Committee and Monthly Meeting for Business. Our sense of community continues to deepen and grow.

Helena Worship Group -

Isolated Friends - Quarterly and Yearly Meeting gatherings are especially important for these Friends.

Lopez Island Worship Group - We now have a second hour in the format of Worship Sharing every fourth Sunday. It has been well-received with higher attendance on these days.

Marysville Friends Worship Group - The biggest change for our group is that we are meeting each First Day (instead of twice a month). This has strengthened our ties to each other.

Methow Valley Worship Group - We are a brand new worship group and have only met a few times. One attender travels from the Okanagon Valley to meet with us.

Mission Valley Worship Group - We are a spirit-filled group of 8 to 10 Friends that meet every other week. Soup and sharing follow silent worship.

Missoula Monthly Meeting - We are proud to say we have survived the

stress of organizing Annual Session. We have moved in two new directions this year: 1. We've started spiritual nurture groups to encourage our Meeting's spiritual vitality. 2. Our finance committee is helping us vision an intentional relationship with money.

Mountain View Worship Group -

Multnomah Monthly Meeting - We are making efforts to visit the three Worship Groups under our care more often. We give thanks for the faithful spirit of these small groups.

Olympia Friends Meeting - We provided another year of leadership and service to the Friends Committee on Washington State Public Policy. The lobbying team and a majority of the legislative committee are from our Meeting.

Pocatello Worship Group - Our group is sad this year as one of our families is moving to Texas. Losing two people out of a group of eight represents a lot for us. On the more positive side our study group is going strong.

Port Townsend Friends Meeting - We participate in local, state, and national social action programs and also experience inward care and love for each other. We have started worshipping in song before Meeting twice a month.

Pullman-Moscow Monthly Meeting - We have adopted two Minutes this year: one to support the right of same sex couples to be united in marriage and a second one to state our opposition to slavery.

Salem Friends Meeting - We created a Peace Window display at the Salem Public Library. It was so well received that we were asked to leave it up for a second month.

Salmon Bay Friends Monthly Meeting - This was a year of celebrations with a welcoming party, two goodbye parties, and four moving parties in addition to our regular Christmas Party and New Year's ritual.

San Juan Worship Group - We meet each Sunday in Friends' homes. We have Worship Sharing once a month with thought provoking questions.

Sandpoint Friends Meeting - In the winter of 2003, our Meeting joined a community effort to hold a 24 hour a day, 7 day peace vigil. We welcomed new members and attenders as a result.

Shelton Worship Group - We have a core group of two families who meet twice a month for silent worship and a potluck with really good food.

Sheridan Worship Group - The Sheridan Worship Group continues as a strong, small spiritual hub for the lives of its members. We enjoy our active connection with the Wyoming Friends Meeting as well as our less active link with NPYM.

Sky Valley Worship Group - With only three regular attenders, we value our connections with Friends from other locations. This year we had a memorable visit with Quaker Hill Friends Meeting in Jamaica.

South Seattle Worship Group - We enjoy meeting together on a weekly basis now and enjoy the fruits of our new First Day school program.

South Mountain Friends Meeting - This winter we began the long planned-for Meeting House remodel. Work parties to tear down Meeting House walls have engendered community building amongst ourselves and Peace House (who share our facility).

Tacoma Friends Meeting - Our move to our new Meeting House which we purchased from Hillside Community Church (and now share with them), has broadened our identity in the community as active participants in a growing peace movement.

Tonasket Friends Worship Group - We are a newly formed worship group in north central Washington and we meet weekly.

Umpqua Valley Worship Group -

University Friends Meeting - The Committee for Ministry on Racial Justice (new subcommittee under Peace and Social Concerns) planned a major workshop and other community events with Friend in Residence, Vanessa Julye.

Vashon Friends Worship Group - We treasure the return of two families who have been away for an extended period.

Waldron Island Worship Group - Up to 10% of the Waldron Island community attend Meeting for Worship each First Day.

Walla Walla Preparative Meeting - We continue our perpetual Preparative Meeting status begun 24 years ago. We are deeply involved with Friends Committee on Washington State Public Policy, providing two of its five executive committee members.

Whidbey Island Worship Group - We now meet in a semi-permanent location with a more consistent weekly attendance including the Yearly Meeting Secretary.

Yakima Valley Worship Group - Worship continues in the Light. Faithful members moving and new Friends finding their way to us.