

# Youth Programs Coordinating Committee Report to Annual Session 2023

## Successes:

This year, the focus of committee members was on supporting events for children, teens and young adults throughout our community. Many of the grants we funded would not have happened without the active participation of our committee members, who served as directors for camp and organizers for other events. Read on to learn more about the exciting events we helped make happen this year!

## PROJECTS FUNDED BY THE YOUTH PROGRAMS FUND SINCE PacYM Annual Session 2022:

**YAW (Young Adult Wilderness) Trips** - For the fourth year YAW trips succeeded in getting more young adult Friends outside and sharing the bonding experience on trail together. Highlights include backpacking in Humboldt State Redwoods Park and camping in Henry Coe State Park.

**YAF Work Weekends at Quaker Center** - Young Adult Friends gathered in November at Quaker Center for a weekend of fellowship and service. Friends traveled from across California and even from out of state to bond together. Since the first event was such a hit, we hosted two more events in February and June at Quaker center. In total, 60 youth attended these events.

**New Years Gathering Support** - For the first time in 3 years, Friends gathered in person for Western Young Friends New Years Gathering. The YP Fund's support enabled this event to restart after a down period and generated engagement and interest from lots of friends who have been detached from our community. This event also introduced many new people to our faith tradition. 44 Friends attended the event, an increase from the previous in person gathering prior to Covid.

**Quarterly meeting teen Escape Rooms** - Teens gathered both at CPQM and SCQM to have fun working through escape rooms. A ton of fun and laughter was had in both. In early January to bond by participating in an escape room.

In addition to these programs the Youth Fund has provided **Camperships** as well as **Registration & Travel support** to Quaker events. In total, we helped X people attend Quaker Camp and FGC.

## List of YPCC Members:

David East, Nancy Mellor, Riana Hensel, Nate Secrest, Alma Moon, Kit Newman, Elena Rosales-Anderson, Anna Lichterman, Sarah Armstrong Jones, Keenan Lorenzato (Ex-officio)

*Submitted by Kiernan Colby, Clerk*

See pictures below!













