

Pacific Yearly Meeting - Annual Session 2014
July 14-19 Walker Creek Ranch, Petaluma

**** DRAFT SCHEDULE ****

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
6:00 - 7:00		Outdoor Worship			Outdoor Worship Bible Study	Outdoor Worship Bible Study
7:00 - 8:00		Breakfast				
8:00 - 8:40		Worship ¹				8:00 - 9:30 Worship Sharing (AM+PM)
8:45 - 10:00		Plenary II (keynote speaker)	Plenary IV (business)	Plenary VI (business)	Plenary VIII (business)	9:30 - 10:00 Clear rooms
10:15 - 11:45		Bible Study or AM Worship Sharing	Bible Study or AM Worship Sharing	Bible Study or AM Worship Sharing	Interest Groups 4	10:00 - 11:15 Plenary IX (business)
12:00 - 12:30		Listening Session in preparation for plenary IV	Listening Session in preparation for plenary VI	Listening Session in preparation for plenary VIII	Listening Session in preparation for plenary IX	11:30 - 12:30 Closing Worship
12:30 - 1:30		Lunch				
1:30 - 3:00		Registration <i>Committee Meetings</i>	Transformative Quakers or PM Worship Sharing	Transformative Quakers or PM Worship Sharing	Transformative Quakers or PM Worship Sharing	Young Influential Quakers or Quakers who are influencing our youth (presented by JYM)
3:15 - 4:30	3:00 Newcomer Orientation 3:30 Meeting for Parents (JYM) 4:00 Meeting for Parents (Children)	Plenary III (introduction of business)	Plenary V (young adult Friends)	Plenary VII (memorials)	Intergenerational activity (options: hike, art project, swimming, other?)	
4:45 - 5:30	Meeting for Reps	Committee "fair"	Workshop (on process)			
5:30 - 6:30	Dinner					
6:45 - 8:15	Plenary I (welcome & roll call)	Interest Groups 1	Interest Groups 2	Interest Groups 3	Family Night	
8:30 - 10:00	Affinity Groups Welcoming & Social Time	Affinity Groups Open Time	Affinity Groups Open Time	Affinity Groups Open Time	Dance	

1- Children's program collects children from worship at 8:15am

The Draft Schedule Explained:

Affinity Groups

There is a long tradition in Pacific Yearly Meeting of convening affinity groups around a common concern or a common identity. These groups create safe spaces for sharing among themselves. Affinity groups have included 12-Step, Friends of Color, Friends of European Descent, among others.
Contact person: Pat Smith, Assistant to the Clerk

Bible Study or AM Worship Sharing

Transformative Quakers or PM Worship Sharing

Friends are encouraged to participate in either Bible Study or the morning Worship Sharing session and after lunch, either Transformative Quakers or the afternoon Worship Sharing session.

Note: the same queries will be offered for both the morning and afternoon Worship Sharing sessions.
Worship Sharing contact person: Ministry & Oversight Committee

The Bible Study group meets to read selected Bible passages and consider them together in the Spirit.
Bible Study contact person: Stephen Matchett

Transformative Quakers takes an in-depth look at the lives of prominent Friends from different eras in Quaker history.
Transformative Quakers contact person: Anthony Manousos

Committee Fair

Each of the standing committees of the Yearly Meeting will have a table at Walker Creek to offer information on the work of their respective committee. Friends are encouraged to visit with the committees and ask questions.

Contact person: Bronwen Hillman, Ministry & Oversight, clerk; Marilee Eusebio & Don Bean, Arrangements Clerks

Dance

What better way to end Fellowship Friday day than “kicking up your heels”, learning some new steps from our younger Friends and maybe showing them a thing or two we’ve pick up over the years.

Family Night

An evening of laughter and enjoyment as we revel in the talent among us. Announcements will be made in the Daily Miracle and at plenary sessions.

Contact person: Barbara Babin, Ministry & Oversight Committee

Interest Groups

A variety of sessions are held on topics of interest. Interest Groups are sponsored by the standing committees of the Yearly Meeting and offer an opportunity to report on projects and to explore various interests and activities.

Contact person: Pat Smith, Assistant to the Clerk

Intergenerational Activity

Spending time with our younger (and older) Friends is key to fostering our community. Friends are encouraged to spend the Friday afternoon of the Annual Session participating in one of the options offered. More information will be available closer to the Annual Session.

Contact person: Bronwen Hillman, Ministry & Oversight Committee, clerk

Listening Session

A listening session will be offered Tuesday-Friday to give Friends the opportunity to voice concerns, ask questions, examine wording, etc. in relation to the agenda items for the business plenaries. People with items on the corresponding plenary agenda are asked to attend the respective listening session to hear concerns and answer questions. The items for each listening session will be announced in the Daily Miracle and posted.

Note: One of the listening sessions will be dedicated to Minutes of Concern (this is likely to be the first listening session on the Tuesday morning).

Contact person: Steve Smith, Presiding Clerk

Meeting for Parents (Children)

Parents will receive information about the Children's program at the Annual Session and have an opportunity to ask questions and meet some of the program staff.

Contact person: Keenan Lorenzato, Children's Program Coordinator

Meeting for Parents (JYM)

Parents of Junior Yearly Meeting (JYM) Friends have questions and the JYM program has information to share about the teen program. This is an opportunity to meet the people that will be looking after our teens during the Annual Session.

Contact person: Steve Leeds & Sue Torrey, Junior Yearly Meeting Committee, co-clerks

Meeting for Reps

Monthly Meeting representatives in attendance at the Annual Session are asked to participate in a 45-minute meeting called by the Ministry and Oversight Committee Representative Support Subcommittee. The purpose of this meeting, among others, is to check in with the Monthly Meeting representatives and to ensure these representatives are aware of their role at the Annual Session.

Contact person: Sandy Kewman, Representative Support Subcommittee, convener

Newcomer Orientation

First time at the Annual Session? This is a chance to find out what's coming up during the week.

Contact person: Pat Smith, Assistant to the Clerk

Open Time

Although the Yearly Meeting does not schedule activities for this time, Friends are welcome to offer talks on relevant topics and other interactive activities. Past activities have included singing and music playing, healing and wellness, among others. Announcements are placed in the Daily Miracle and given at the end of plenary sessions.

Contact person: Marilee Eusebio & Don Bean, Arrangements Clerks

Plenary Sessions

Plenary I: the presiding clerk welcomes Friends to the Annual Session; the names of the Monthly Meetings and Worship Groups under Pacific Yearly Meeting are read for the roll call; announcements are given by the Children's, Junior Yearly Meeting, and Young Adult Friends Committees, Arrangements Committee, among others.

Plenary II: Jonathan Vogel-Borne will give the keynote address to set the tone for the week.

Plenary III: items of business requiring the approval of the Yearly Meeting (the annual budget, Nominations Committee report, etc.) are presented for seasoning.

Plenaries IV, VI, VIII, IX: the Yearly Meeting addresses the items of business before it and also receives various oral reports on activities.

Plenary V: Young Adult Friends will lead this plenary session.

Plenary VII: Meeting for Memorials. The names of Friends who have passed away since last Annual Session are read and Friends share from the gathered silence.

Contact person for all plenaries except Plenary VII: Steve Smith, Presiding Clerk

Contact person for Plenary VII: Bronwen Hillman, Ministry & Oversight Committee, clerk

Welcoming & Social Time

No formal activities are planned for this time. Friends are encouraged to catch up with familiar faces and start to get to know the new F/friends at the Annual Session.

Workshop

A 45-minute workshop on process will be offered examining how we address challenges in the world. It will be based on the experience of one of the workshop facilitators that led to the publication of an important Quaker pamphlet.

Contact person: David Lederman, Ministry & Oversight Committee

Young Influential Quakers or Quakers who are influencing our youth

The last installment of Transformative Quakers at this Annual Session will be led by Junior Yearly Meeting. Details will be provided in the Daily Miracle.

...and what's the Daily Miracle? Come to the Annual Session to find out!