

Call to Young Adult Friends

To Pacific Yearly Meeting's Annual Session 2014 and Pre-Annual Session YAF Retreat

Retreat: July 11-14, 2014 at Redwood Forest Meeting House in Santa Rosa, CA

Annual Session: July 14-19, 2014 at Walker Creek Ranch near Petaluma, CA

The Session Theme will be: "Youth and Prophecy: Awakening to a New Creation"

LIVING UP TO THE LIGHT

Dear Friends,

The first gleam of light dawned on Caroline Fox one day at Meeting when she had been meditating on her state in great depression.

"I seemed to hear the words articulated in my spirit, 'Live up to the light thou hast, and more will be granted thee.' Then I believed that God speaks to man by His Spirit."

- Caroline Fox, 1841

Over a century later, Gordon Browne, Jr. wrote, "A religious movement dies only when the Spirit that gave it birth is lost to the movement, when the movement itself turns away from the eternal Spirit which is its reason for being." The same can be said of the individual. The Spirit is only absent from our lives when we turn away from it. There is that of God in every one of us. How can we help but live up to that fierce Light which leads us to testify to Truth in the action of every moment? The call to faithfulness is the call to open ourselves up so as to be crafted anew in the divine.

This is not easy work. Comfort and succor in the love of God requires nothing less than our striving for divine perfection. We are forged by a ferocious Light. For each, this is an internal reckoning, a constant process of living up to our increasing measure of Light. Yet, we do not walk in this Spirit alone. Our community is our container. We create more space for each of our journeys when we are in fellowship. In the divine experiment of a Quaker life, our community carries us, eggs us on, fosters our Light, checks us, and laughs and cries with us. To renew the Spirit of an individual and revive the Spirit of a movement, community is essential. This is the root of discernment, business, and the radical trust of our worship. Seated together in the silence, the Spirit will move through each and all together to gather meeting. Pull up a chair, settle on a piece of ground, come join us.

Logistics!

Pre-Annual Session YAF Retreat - "Living Up to the Light"

YAF Pre-Annual Session Retreat

Friday evening, July 11 - Monday morning, July 14, 2014

Redwood Forest Friends Meeting

1647 Guerneville Rd,

Santa Rosa, CA

[REGISTER](http://goo.gl/Dvl47z) (<http://goo.gl/Dvl47z>)

What & Why: Strengthen the fellowship among YAFs by worshipping, hanging out, playing games, and making and eating delicious food together. Prepare to arrive at annual session grounded and ready to take on the Spiritual work of the week.

We will send a packing list and more information regarding food and sleeping arrangements in the coming months.

Annual Session - "Youth & Prophecy: Awakening to a New Creation"

68th PYM Annual Session

Monday, July 14 - Saturday, July 19, 2014

Walker Creek Ranch

Petaluma, CA

[REGISTER](http://goo.gl/O8WRWi) (<http://goo.gl/O8WRWi>) - please select PM group options!

Check out the [YAF schedule](#) for a glimpse into what's in store!

If you have time, please consider showing up for all or a portion of the retreat or annual session. We would love to see your face and spend some time hanging out with you!

Financial assistance is available for both of these events. Please email Kylin (kylin.navarro@gmail.com) for more information and to submit a scholarship request.

To read Steve Smith's Clerk's Call to PYM's annual session, check out the attached PDF. If you have any questions, comments, or thoughts, please email us. We'd love to hear from you.

Hope to see you soon!

With Love and Light,
Kylin & Elena

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