

PYM Annual Session 2014
Interest Groups

Tuesday 6:45 pm			
Sponsored By	Interest Group	Group Leader(s)	Time & Location
Peace & Social Order	<i>Building a Global Movement to End All War</i>	David Hartsough Anthony Manusos	Tuesday 6:45 pm Muir Room
<p>People all over the world are tired of war and its tragic costs in human lives and trillions of dollars wasted on wars and preparations for wars. We, the world's people can END WAR! Come hear about progress in building this movement and find out how you and your Meeting can become active in helping build this movement. See www.worldbeyondwar.org to sign the Declaration of Peace and see a ten minute video introducing the Two Trillion Dollar choice before the world's people.</p>			
Unity with Nature	<i>Divestment from Fossil Fuels and Sustainable Reinvestment in the Quaker World as a Moral Statement and Strategy of Change</i>	Jay Carmona Shelley Tanenbaum	Tuesday 6:45 pm Sequoia Garden Room
<p>Divestment from fossil fuels is a growing movement amongst religious organizations, cities, and academic institutions. We will learn about why this is a good first step towards radically limiting our use of fossil fuels and addressing climate change, hear about the movement overall, and discuss divestment progress within the Society of Friends.</p>			
Ministry and Oversight	<i>Your Sons and Daughters Will Prophecy (Acts 2:17 and Joel 2:28)</i>	Jonathan Vogel-Borne	Tuesday 6:45 pm Fireside Room
<p>Dialogue with Jonathan Vogel-Borne: An open-ended session for Friends to respond to Jonathan's keynote talk, and hear more from him. All are welcome.</p>			
Youth Program Committee	<i>Of Such is the Kingdom of Heaven: PYM's Youth and Intergenerational Community</i>	Mary Klein Nathan Walker	Tuesday 6:45 pm Middle Sequoia
<p>We invite Friends to gather with Youth Program Committee members to: (1) Coordinate schedules and encounter collaboration among the various youth and intergenerational programs of PYM; (2) Become acquainted with how the Youth Program Fund and other Youth Program Committee support may be accessed; and (3) Give input to and collaborate with the Youth Program Committee. This effort toward building a vibrant intergenerational Religious Society of Friends takes participation from all of us, including Meetings and Worship Groups with few or no youth.</p>			

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Ministry and Oversight	<i>Unpacking White Privilege</i>	Racial Justice Sub-Committee	Wednesday 6:45 pm Muir Room
Using footage from the White Privilege 101 video, we will be posing queries and sharing our experiences across cultural identities. We will be asking: How can we teach ourselves to listen in new ways? What are we really longing for?			
Western Friend Board	<i>Friendly Connections Online</i>	Don Bean Mary Klein	Wednesday 6:45 pm Pine Lodge
The PYM website committee and Western Friend are developing new ways for Friends to stay connected all year long. Come hear about new features and about the experiences of Friends who have used them.			
Ministry & Oversight	<i>Midwifing Ministry and Leadings for Monthly Meetings</i>	Judith Favor Sue Torrey	Wednesday 6:45 pm Sequoia Garden Room
How do our Meetings name, nurture and provide support for ministry and leadings?			
Latin American Concerns	<i>Casa de los Amigos</i>	Hayley Hataway	Wednesday 6:45 pm Cypress Lodge
Casa de los Amigos is a Quaker Center for Peace and International Understanding in Mexico City, founded by the Quaker Community in Mexico in 1956. The Casa shares a home with Mexico City Meeting and has historic ties to PYM. The Casa has preferred daily peace witness since it opened and has a rich history of generating and supporting peacework. Approaching it's 60th anniversary, the Casa today is a vibrant and relevant organization. The Casa Director will share news about the Casa's current work supporting economic justice, migrants and refugees, NGO's and networks, and the collective practice of Quaker hospitality.			

Thursday 6:45 pm

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Discipline Committee	<i>Faith and Practice as a Living Document</i>	Carolyn Stephenson	Thursday 6:45 pm Cypress Lodge
<p>We envision discussion on what parts of <i>Faith and Practice</i> you use most often, that are most meaningful, valuable to you. We will ask Friends to picture themselves 5-10 years from now: What should <i>Faith and Practice</i> look like and how do you see yourself or your Meeting using it then?</p>			
Friends Journal	<i>Conversations in the Light - Sharing Quaker Experiences with Other Friends in the Wider World</i>	Dana Kester-McCabe	Thursday 6:45 pm Sequoia Garden Room
<p>This interest group will be a dynamic but casual conversation about how we share our Light: one on one, through social media, blogging, and other types of media publication - how this begins conversations in the Light.</p>			
Peace & Social Order	<i>Prison Issues Locally and Nationally: An Historic Moment</i>	Laura Magnani and Ruth Flower	Thursday 6:45 pm Fireside Room
<p>FCNL and AFSC are co-sponsoring an interest group on mass incarceration and solitary confinement. Much is happening at both the state and national levels and we have real opportunities to make change. Join Ruth Flower, Legislative Political Director for FCNL, and Laura Magnani, Healing Justice Program Director for AFSC in San Francisco, to hear the latest.</p>			
Religious Education for Children	<i>Child Safety Among Friends</i>	Sandy Farley	Thursday 6:45 pm Middle Sequoia
<p>How do we develop policies and practices consistent with our testimonies? This will be a discussion and sharing of experiences, questions, and resources from our meetings and youth programs.</p>			
Peace & Social Order	<i>A. Dreamers: An Update on Immigration Laws and Policies Affecting Undocumented Youth</i> <i>B. DouglPrieta Works</i>	A. Patricia Portillo and Alvaro Alvarado B. Marybeth Webster	Thursday 6:45 pm Muir Room
<p>A. Thousands of undocumented college students came to this country as children through no choice of their own. They grew up as Americans and graduated from U.S. high schools. This interest group will provide an update on immigration policies affecting young people and will feature a college student with first-hand experience of this issue. B. DouglPrieta Works founder Marybeth Webster will share photos, exciting anecdotes, and charming products of a self-sufficiency project in Mexican border city Aqua Prieta, Sonora.</p>			

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Peace & Social Order	<p>A. Soul Repair: Recovering from Moral Injury After War</p> <p>B. Friends Peace Teams</p>	<p>A. Lynn & Steve Newsom</p> <p>B. Gay Howard</p>	<p>Friday 10:15 am</p> <p>Middle Sequoia</p>
<p>A. Quaker House is a manifestation of the Friends' Peace Team Testimony. Based in Fayetteville, NC, home of Ft. Bragg, Quaker House provides counseling and support to servicemembers who are questioning their role in the military; educates them, their families, and the public about military issues; and advocates for a more peaceful world.</p> <p>B. At the Friends Peace Teams Interest Group, Gay will be talking about the sequence of steps Nadine Hoover has devised to bring a group of people devastated by war into a community which works together to improve lives. People learn to respect each other and give their children a good start in life.</p>			
Nominating Committee	PYM Liaisons: Links to other Quaker Groups	Elaine Emily	<p>Friday 10:15 am</p> <p>Pine Lodge</p>
<p>A chance for travelers for PYM to share the fruits they have harvested for us the community. Please come and hear from: FCLCa, FCNL, FGC observer, FUM Observer, Reunion General de los Amigos en Mexico, FWCC, Evangelical Friends Church Southwest.</p>			
Unity with Nature	Eco-Mysticism: An Experimental Exploration	Catya de Neergaard	<p>Friday 10:15 am</p> <p>Cypress Lodge</p>
<p>Inspired by our mystical Quaker roots and by nature poetry, we unite with the nature by quieting our minds, dropping our bodies, listening to our breath, opening our hearts, and graciously welcoming whatever arises.</p>			
Ministry and Oversight	<p>Brainstorming the Annual Session</p> <p>We Want To Attend</p>	<p>Barbara Babin</p> <p>Bronwen Hillman</p> <p>Valerie Nuttman</p>	<p>Friday 10:15 am</p> <p>Sequoia Garden Room</p>
<p>We will facilitate a lively discussion about what inspires us about our Annual Sessions. Think about an Annual Session or another Quaker gathering that particularly inspired you. Please share your experience with us. How could we create future Annual Sessions that will be inspiring and bring more people in?</p>			