

Pacific Yearly Meeting - Annual Session 2015
 July 13-18 Walker Creek Ranch, Petaluma

**** DRAFT SCHEDULE ****

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
6:00 - 7:00		Outdoor Worship				Outdoor Worship	
7:00 - 8:00		Breakfast				Bible Study	
8:00 - 8:40		Worship <i>(Children's program starts at 8:30am)</i>				Interest Groups 4 8:00 - 9:30	
8:45 - 10:15		Keynote Address	Listening Session in preparation for Meeting for Business	Meeting for Business II	Meeting for Business III		Clear rooms 9:30 - 10:00
10:15 - 10:45		(free time)	(free time)	(free time)	(free time)	Closing Plenary 10:00 - 11:15	
10:45 - 12:15		Bible Study or AM Worship Sharing	Bible Study or AM Worship Sharing	Bible Study or AM Worship Sharing	Bible Study or AM Worship Sharing		Closing Worship 11:30 - 12:30
12:30 - 1:30		Lunch <i>(dining hall opens at 12:30 for non-children's program)</i>					
1:30 - 3:00		Registration <i>Committee Meetings</i>	Interest Groups 1	Interest Groups 2	Listening Session in preparation for Meeting for Business	Interest Groups 3	<i>Evaluation Meeting for Clerks & Officers</i>
3:15 - 4:30		3:00 Orientation 3:30 JYM Parents Mtg. 4:00 Children's Program Parents Mtg.	Meeting for Business I	Intergenerational Activities	Meeting for Memorials	Jose Aguto (3:15 - 3:45)	
4:45 - 5:30		Meeting for Reps	Committee Fair			Transformative Quakers or PM Worship Sharing (4:00 - 5:30)	
5:30 - 6:30	Dinner						
6:45 - 8:15	Opening Plenary (welcome & roll call)	Transformative Quakers or PM Worship Sharing	Transformative Quakers or PM Worship Sharing	Transformative Quakers or PM Worship Sharing	Family Night		
8:30 - 10:00	Affinity Groups Welcoming & Social Time	Affinity Groups Open Time	Affinity Groups Open Time	Affinity Groups Open Time	Dance		

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: Amy Cooke, 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 dinner, either Transformative Quakers or the afternoon Worship Sharing session.

Worship Sharing gathers Friends into groups of 6-9 people, who meet Tuesday to Friday of Annual Session in open worship speaking to prepared queries as they are led. For many, Worship Sharing is a deeply enriching experience.

Note: the same queries will be offered for both the morning and evening Worship Sharing sessions.

Worship Sharing groups will be assigned on site and Friends will be asked to sign up on their arrival at Walker Creek.

Worship Sharing contact person: Barbara Babin, Ministry & Oversight Committee

The Bible Study group meets to read selected Bible passages and consider these 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; Eric Moon, Arrangements Clerk

Dance

Friday night, time for Friends younger and older to come together and “kick up our heels”. Hosted by Junior Yearly Meeting. Look for announcements of the theme for the dance this year in the Daily Miracle.

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: Linda Rowell, Ministry & Oversight Committee

Jose Aguto

FCNL’s Legislative Secretary for Sustainable Energy and Environment will give a talk on this work.

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.

Intergenerational Activities

Spending time with our younger (and older) Friends is key to fostering our community. On Wednesday afternoon, Friends will be encouraged to participate in the workshop “Roots of Injustice, Seeds of Change” to be offered by Paula Palmer (*limited to 60 people, advance sign-up on site at Walker Creek*), art activities, hiking, or another of the options offered.

Note: Paula Palmer’s workshop will also be offered during the Saturday morning interest group time.

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

Contact person for Paula Palmer’s workshop: *Sandy Kewman, Subcommittee on Racial Justice, co-convener*

Keynote Address

Lloyd Lee Wilson (North Carolina Yearly Meeting (conservative)), author of “Wrestling with Our Faith Tradition: Collective Public Witness, 1995-2004, among other works, will give the keynote address to set the tone for the week.

Listening Session

Two listening sessions will be offered at Annual Session this year to give Friends the opportunity to voice concerns, ask questions, examine wording, etc. in relation to the agenda items for the Meetings for Business. The items for each listening session will be announced in the Daily Miracle.

Contact person: *Steve Smith, Presiding Clerk*

Meeting for Business

The Yearly Meeting addresses the items of business brought for approval (the annual budget, Nominations Committee report, etc.). The agendas for the Meetings for Business will be provided at Walker Creek.

Contact person: *Steve Smith, Presiding Clerk*

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: *Bronwen Hillman, Ministry & Oversight Committee, 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.

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 Adult 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: *Amy Cooke, 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: Eric Moon, Arrangements Clerk

Plenary Sessions

Opening Plenary: 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.

Closing Plenary: we will hear the epistles from the children's programs, Junior Yearly Meeting, Young Adult Friends, and Senior Yearly Meeting, and complete any business that may remain pending.

Contact person: Steve Smith, Presiding 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 Annual Session.

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