

# *The Daily Miracle*

Pacific Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends

## **Tuesday, July 14, 2015**

### **Tuesday's Schedule**

- 6:00-7:00 Outdoor Worship  
7:00-8:00 Breakfast  
8:00-8:40 Worship  
8:45-10:00 Keynote Address  
10:15-10:45 free time  
10:45-12:15 Bible Study (in Fireside) or  
AM Worship Sharing
- 12:30-1:30 Lunch  
1:30-3:00 Interest Groups I, see below  
3:15-4:30 Meeting for Business I  
4:45-5:30 Committee Fair
- 5:30-6:30 Dinner  
6:45-8:15 Transformative Quakers or  
PM Worship Sharing  
8:30-10:00 Affinity Groups/Open Time

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### **Tuesday Interest Groups, 1:30-3:00**

#### **Racial Justice – Fireside Room**

Come to the Interest Group by the Racial Justice Subcommittee “Beyond Ferguson” led by Marilee Eusebio and Sandy Kewman as we facilitate candid, loving dialogue and transformative activities regarding racial justice and racial healing with Pacific Yearly Meeting.

#### **Western Friend, A People Gathered Remotely – Maple**

Join in a conversation with PYM's Electronic Communications Subcommittee and Mary Klein from *Western Friend*, concerning best practices and worst worries regarding Friendly communications online. Add your ideas to our discernment about what good order actually is in the realm of online communications. We will discuss issues of privacy, security, equitable access, the limits of technology, and other concerns that participants raise. Help us improve the electronic communications practices among Friends in PYM and throughout the West.

**Unity with Nature, walking the land** – starting out across the road from Sequoia at the north end of garden, at the circle of chairs.

Getting to know the flora and fauna of Walker Creek while opening our senses and centering down into our bodies, a part of nature. Through directed experiment to centering in silence, we Worship in Unity with Nature. You'll be invited to sit on the ground. Bring a sit-upon if you like.

#### **Lloyd Lee Wilson: continuing the Conversation – in Plenary Tent**

Join Lloyd Lee Wilson in continuing the explorations begun in Plenary.

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### **Transformative Quakers**

Transformative Quakers meet this week at 6:45 pm on Tuesday through Friday in Plenary room.

Tuesday: Albert Smith Bigelow

Wednesday: John and Alice Way

Thursday: Marjorie Sykes

Friday: Heberto Sein

## *On Good Order in Meeting for Business*

*Now dear Friends, let there be no strife in your meetings, nor vain janglings nor disputings . . . . In all matters of business, or difference, or controversies, treat one another in such things kindly and gently, and be not fierce, or heady and high minded . . . Be careful in all your meetings that they be kept peaceable, in the wisdom of God, which is pure, peaceable and easy to be entreated . . .that, being ordered by the pure, gentle, heavenly, peaceable wisdom, easy to be entreated, they may be holy and virtuous examples to all others. Let all be careful to speak shortly and pertinently to matters in a Christian spirit, and dispatch business quickly and keep out of long debates and heats; and with the help of the Spirit of God,*

*keep that down which is about questions and strife of words and tends to parties and contention.”*

*-George Fox, Institution of the Discipline, 1683*

### **Secretariat submissions**

You may email your submissions for the Daily Miracle to Raph Levien (raph.levien@gmail.com) or Tom Yamaguchi (tomyamaguchi@mac.com).

### **Newcomers orientation**

Today at lunch in the dining hall along the window closest to the Plenary tent. Look for the orange sign.

### **Bible Study**

PYM Bible study is open to all who are interested and is “come as you are.” This means you need not be an expert or have a prescribed set of beliefs about scripture. You need only be willing to have a respectful and spirit-led experience of the text with fellow Friends. Please bring a Bible if you have one. We meet daily at 10:45 in Fireside. Don’t be shy, come find out more. Looking forward to seeing you there – Stephen Matchett

### **Lunch hour**

Lunch for general PYM attendees begins at 12:30. The Children's Program gets there early. Please wait until 12:30 to let the children have a chance get their lunch first.

### **A prayer**

“I add my breath to your breath  
that our days may be long on this Earth  
that the days of our people be long  
that we shall be as one person  
that we finish our roads together...”

–Laguna Pueblo Prayer

### **Announcements from Registrars**

Haven't checked in with registrars yet? Please see them in Maple, up the hill from the dining hall, after the Keynote Address.

Arriving later? Check in with the registrars during open time at 8:30 p.m.

### **Discipline Committee: Interest group and Committee Fair**

Discipline Committee invites you to a new **interest group** Saturday morning at 8 a.m. It will be titled: "Membership: What does it mean to be a Quaker?" We will begin with a brief history of membership followed by worship-sharing and discussion, in the hopes of helping Discipline/*Faith and Practice* Revision Committee clarify what PYM believes on this subject as we begin to revise *Faith and Practice*. Our goal for this interest group is to get to the depth of the meaning of membership: what is the heart of our understanding of our beliefs as Quakers? The issue is not so much the mechanical things, but exploring the meaning of our beliefs. We invite you to think about this during the week and join us Saturday.

Discipline Committee members will also be available at the **Committee Fair** Tuesday afternoon 4:45-5:30 p.m. to answer any questions you have about the *Faith and Practice* revision, and to hear anything you might want to tell us.

### **FCL Needs Your Input**

Legislation pending in Sacramento would give terminally ill patients the option to end their lives. The Friends Committee on Legislation is considering whether to support this proposal. Steve Birdlebough would like to talk with anyone who has experience or views on this issue. Look for Steve in the line at meal time.

### **FCNL Table**

Come to the Friends Committee on National Legislation (FCNL) table display and pick up

information to share with your home meeting. How has our Quaker witness been carried to Congress in the past year? What opportunities are there specifically for young people? What resources does FCNL provide? How can you get involved? – Amy Southwick

### **Refugee Children Minute**

Please consider the following minute on **Refugee Children Crossing the Border** from the Peace and Social Justice Committee and Latin American Concerns Committee of PYM. This minute will be presented on Wednesday by Lynnette Arnold of the Latin American Concerns Committee;

This year six monthly meetings in Pacific Yearly Meeting have approved minutes of concern for refugee children crossing the border from Latin America. A special subcommittee of the Latin American Concerns Committee, Child Refugees and Migration, was formed to address this concern. Many Friends have taken action from visiting elected officials, to accompanying a local child refugee through the legal processes, to traveling to Texas to visit refugees being held in family detention facilities. Friends interested in learning more can contact members of the Child Refugees and Migration Subcommittee (see the LACC report posted on the PYM website).

PYM Latin American Concerns Committee and PYM Peace and Social Order Committee bring the following Minute of Support for approval by those gathered at the 2015 Annual Session:

*“Those gathered at the 2015 Annual Session of Pacific Yearly Meeting support the efforts of the Latin America Concerns Committee and numerous other Friends who are seeking justice and showing compassion toward those who are fleeing the violence in their home countries and need a place of refuge in the United States. We encourage monthly meetings and individual Friends to read the minutes approved by*

*monthly meetings and take them to heart. We also encourage Friends to support the efforts of the American Friends Service Committee (AFSC) and Friends Committee on National Legislation (FCNL) to promote just and compassionate policies toward immigrants.”*

For more information about this minute, please feel free to speak with Anthony Manousos (clerk of PSO), Donna Smith (clerk of LACC), or Lynnette Arnold (member of LACC). Also consider attending the LACC Interest group on Refugee Children Crossing the Border led by Lynnette Arnold on Wednesday at 1:20 pm.

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**“La Bestia”** (a powerful and moving film about the “trains of death” crossing Mexico with children and parents escaping from the violence in Central America) will be shown on Wednesday evening at 8:30 pm at the Fireside Room. This film will help you understand the plight of refugee children and parents and the incredible hardships they undergo in order to find refuge in the United States.

**“Pray the Devil Back to Hell”** (a film about the courageous Christian and Muslim women of Liberia who used nonviolent means to bring peace to this war-torn region and earned the Nobel Peace Prize) will be shown on Thursday evening at 8:30 at the Fireside Room. If you have ever doubted the power of nonviolence, or of women, this is a film you must see.

### **Transformative Friends** (Plenary Tent, 6:45)

**Albert Smith Bigelow** (1906-1993), a [pacifist](#) and former [United States Navy](#) Commander, who came to prominence in the 1950s as the skipper of the *Golden Rule*, the first vessel to attempt disruption of a [nuclear test](#) in protest against [nuclear weapons](#). Presented by Jim Summers, former clerk of La

Jolla Meeting and a member of Veterans for Peace

*Transformative Friends 2015* is now available at the Bookstore. This revised edition contains bios of Bert Bigelow, John and Alice Way, Marjorie Sykes and Heberto Sein (along with Bill Lovett, Bob Vogel, and Josephine Duvenceck). This book not only tells their stories, much of it in their own words, but also provides questions and exercises to help you to find ways to let your life speak.

### **Toward Right Relationship with Native People of the Americas: Roots of Injustice, Seeds of Change**

Paula Palmer, a member from the Boulder Monthly Meeting with a traveling minute will be presenting this workshop on Wednesday during Intergenerational Activity, 3:15pm to 5:30pm in the Fireside Room. A second identical workshop will take place Saturday from 8am to 9:30am. The maximal number of participants for each workshop is 60 and so signup is required. If you did not sign up at Registration or through email, please see Sandy Kewman to do so.

The goal of the workshop is for participants to understand the legacy of the Doctrine of Discovery as it has affected both the European colonizers and the Indigenous peoples of the United States since 1492. We hope to stimulate reflection, discussion, and appropriate actions toward justice, healing, and “right relationship” among all the peoples of this land.

Paula Palmer, along with others developed the program in response to calls from the World Council of Churches and Indigenous leaders at the United Nations, who urge faith communities and civic organizations to repudiate the Doctrine of Discovery and support implementation of the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples. The workshops are designed as a first step in that direction. We hope that the

experience encourages us to engage in further study and to take actions toward “right relationship” in our communities.

This workshop is the result of volunteer work from the Racial Justice Subcommittee and the Latin American Concerns Subcommittee and funding from the Bob Vogel Endowment Fund and donations from Friends.

### **CPQM Directories**

Buy your paper copy of the CPQM Directory at the Earthlight Bookstore for \$6.00. If you would like an ecopy of the directory please send an email to Dave Barnett [dave.barnett@computer.org](mailto:dave.barnett@computer.org)

### **Meeting for Memorials names**

If there's a name you would like included in Meeting For Memorials on Thursday, please see or email Shayne Lightner ([thislightneris@gmail.com](mailto:thislightneris@gmail.com)). Ministry and Oversight committee will be posting the list for review on Wednesday.

### **Quiet Reading Room**

The Quiet Reading Room is in Quail, where you will find State of the Meeting reports, memorial minutes, and inspirational reading.

### **Earthlight Bookstore?**

What and who is the Earthlight Bookstore? Friends who remember the Earthlight Magazine will recognize the name. When Earthlight ceased publishing several years ago, Eric Sableman and other board members continued as an environmental networking organization. They sought ways to pay down the magazine's debt.

When the AFSC Bookstore and a Bay Area Book and Story Telling event also ceased operating, Tom and Sandy Farley (Palo Alto) stepped up as volunteers to bring Quaker-related books to Yearly Meeting. The new “pop up bookstore” operates all week whenever Plenary

is not in session (until 10:50 pm). Featured selections include an emphasis on children's books (and First Day curriculums), Quaker history and religion, and environmentalism. The Farleys' report that the Earthlight debt was paid off this past year, and they are now able to invest in new, all weather tubs and foldable bookshelves. Stop by after plenary and peruse some wonderful books! —Ramona

### **Locations for affinity groups/free time on Tuesday, 8:30 – 10:00 pm:**

Twelve Step – Garden Room, north end of Sequoia (every evening)

LGBT\*QQI gathering -- Fireside Room (Tuesday only)

Guatemala Friends Scholarship Program – Lounge in Cypress Lodge (Tuesday only)

Singing and strummin' Jim Anderson et al. – Maple Room

Friends of color affinity group – Museum (Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday) – contact Diego Navarro or Juanita Mora

Friends of European descent – Lounge in Eucalyptus Lodge (Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday) – contact Sandy Kewman or Laura Magnani

Poetry – Sequoia living room, south end of Sequoia (Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday)

### **Religious Poetry: Many Traditions, Many Splendors**

Presented by Judith Searle  
In Sequoia Room at Affinity Group time

In the process of creating this program, I had in mind T.S. Eliot's idea that religious poetry doesn't aim to convert you—it aims to show you what it feels like to believe.

My objective is to include works representing as many religious approaches as possible, including male and female voices in about equal measure. I present the poems in chronological order, beginning with a hymn to the moon goddess that dates from 2300 B.C.E. and ending with a Quaker poem published in 2014. The traditions represented include Judaism, Buddhism, Christianity, Taoism, Sufism, Hinduism, Quakerism, American Indian invocations, Humanism, and Pantheism. I include some brief introductory material for each selection, but most of the program is devoted to my reading of the poems themselves. Please bring your own religious poetry as well.

### **Guatemala Friends Scholarship Program**

Miguel Costop, Director of the Guatemala Friends Scholarship Program, will be discussing how the program is bringing economic and social justice to indigenous communities in Guatemala. It will be in the Cypress Lounge, tonight at 8:30 pm.

### **LGBT\*QQI Gathering**

There will be an LGBT\*QQI Gathering tonight, 8:30 to 10:00 pm in the Fireside Room. Please join your Friends for a sharing time, an opportunity to meet each other and share your hopes.

### **Lost and Found**

Sarah Tyrrell could use a couple of tent stakes in this breezy weather! See her if you have a couple of extras. You can find her at the Registrar's table during Registrar hours.

Lost: 1 earring. French hook, blue and purple, tear drop with open center and beads on bottom. If found, return to Amy Southwick.