

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
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PM Worship Sharing
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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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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

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Lunch hour

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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.

“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

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). 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.

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Interest Groups (1:30pm)

Mass Incarceration and Restorative Justice --
Amphitheatre, north of dining hall patio

Holding in the Light: A Discernment -- Lounge
in Cypress Lodge

Growing Intercultural and Intergenerational
Relationships on Land -- Buckeye Room (JYM
space -- not the Buckeye Lodge)

Child Refugees and Migration -- Maple Room

Climate Change Challenge -- Plenary Tent

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**Wednesday, 6:45 pm: John and Alice
Way**, founders and co-directors of Pacific
Ackworth Friends School in Temple City,
California. John (1906-1986) and Alice
(1909-1989) were social visionaries involved in
the cooperative movement as well as in AFSC.
Presented by George Mills, a member of Palo
Alto Meeting, alumnus and former staff member
at the school; and Phil Way, son of the Ways and
alumnus of the school.

Secretariat submissions

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

(tomyamaguchi@mac.com). We are hoping the printer is repaired today, apologies for the rushed state of today's Miracle.

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Transformative Friends

(Plenary Tent, 6:45)

"Radical Hospitality" affinity group will meet tonight and Thursday evening.

Body Worker (Free) Available/Chiropractor Wanted

I'm Dahlia and offer to help anyone who might like it. I can sometimes substantially help problems using observation, hands-on, and movement coaching. (Certified CMT)

Is there a chiropractor here who would help me with a surprise shoulder problem?

Dahlia von Gelder
Santa Monica

Friends:

Coffee mugs from the cafeteria are being found all around the grounds. This is not acceptable. Please either return them to the cafeteria or use

paper coffee cups that can be put into a trash bin when you are finished with your beverage. No one picks up after us. Please be mindful and respectful of the beautiful grounds, the staff, and the expectations of the group.

Thank you.

Do all Friends know where to pick up the paper each morning?

At breakfast, you should be able to pick up your own copy, regular or large typeface by 7:00 am.

Check the entry way to the Dining Room or find a stack at the back of the tent.

If you have a charger for an iPhone 5, Christie Monson would love to borrow it for a few hours, so her alarm will work.

Thank you.

(Christie-I have the charger you seek. I tried emailing you with the address in the latest CPQM directory, but that address failed. I hope you can find me or someone else to charge your phone. Tom Yamaguchi)

SCQM Directories unfortunately will not be printed and made available till sometime in August. – Don Bean

Unity with Nature Table in Walnut

Friends are invited to visit our table in Walnut (where you registered).

We offer a variety of literature from Quaker Earthcare Witness (QEW), and about permaculture and economics.

We also offer (with donation requested) small packets of herbs (marjoram, sage, mint) and dandelion seeds, as well as larger amounts of oregano. (Dandelion leaves are one of Gaia's most nutritious greens.) And if fossil fuel addiction concerns you, do take a look at the divestment journal which offers food for thought on this addiction. Donations will be used for Earthcare purposes in the future.

Please respect the common space

Please do not use the common space (table, shelf, hooks) in the Bathhouse to store your personal toiletries, towels, etc. Please take all your belongings with you when you leave.

Lunch with Casa de los Amigos

Come have lunch on Thursday with staff and volunteers from Casa de los Amigos, a Quaker Center for Peace and International Understanding in Mexico City. We'll chat to about the Casa's current peacework focused on hospitality, immigration and asylum, economic justice, and service-learning. Look for us at a table on the left corner of the dining hall as you walk in and ask Hayley Hathaway, Bertha Pena or Nick Wright any questions. Gracias!

Affinity Groups and free time

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Radical Hospitality (Friends working in solidarity with homeless) – Madrone Room (also on Thursday)

Discussion of "Five Wishes" – Lounge in Cypress Lodge (Wednesday only)

Films on peace/justice themes – Plenary Tent (note new place!) (also on Thursday)

Transformative Quakers**Albert Bigelow and the Golden Rule**

Last night, we had a fine program on Albert Bigelow, captain of the Golden Rule, which protested nuclear weapons testing in the 1950's. The boat has very recently been restored and will be in San Diego in early August. For more information, or to donate, go to: vfpgoldenruleproject.org – Carl Anderson

Quaker Oaks Farm

Quaker Oaks Farm sits on the traditional homelands of the Wukchumni People. Access to the land over the past 30+ years has been important to the revitalization of Wukchumni cultural traditions and ceremonies.

A dynamic collaboration between the Wukchumni, Quaker Oaks Farm. And the PYM Youth Program Committee has created Spring Service Learning Camp at the Farm. The more we work together, the more we learn together. You are invited to join us today at 1:30 in the Buckeye Room for an interest group with Wukchumni guests and camp participants, sharing their experience. A brief video made by youth at camp will be shown.

A big thank you to PYM Youth Program Committee for the tremendous support provided by our Youth Program Coordinator in planning and facilitation support for the Camp. Generous funding from the Bob Vogel Endowment made it possible for all interested youth to participate regardless of financial means.

Correction from yesterday's Miracle.

Earthlight Bookstore closes at 10:00 pm, not 10:50. The bookstore is located in the Rachel Carson Room.

Lost Hearing Aid

Still missing: hearing aid
crescent shape 2-1/2" long X 1/4" thick X
3/8" wide, flesh/beige with clear tubing
leading to earpiece. Please return to Fred
Gey (pronounced 'guy') Lost Monday
between dining hall and Plenary tent,
about 6:

facilitated by Claire Gorfinkel and Julie
Harlow. Look for time and location and
lunch.

Child Refugees and Migration

Interest Group (revised) Wednesday 1:30pm

The child refugee and her mother will not be
joining us. A representative of the East Bay
Sanctuary Coalition will speak about their work
with unaccompanied children in the Bay area.

The background of increased migration will be
presented with an update to what is going on
now. A variety of actions that Friends are taking
on this issue will be discussed.

Friends of Color Affinity Group Meeting

Friends of Color will be meeting on
tonight and Thursday evening at 8:30pm
in the Museum Room in the building
next to the Bath House. Please contact
Diego Navarro or Juanita Mora with any
questions.

Friends of European Descent Affinity Group Meeting

Friends of European Descent will be
meeting on tonight and Thursday
evening at 8:30pm in the Eucalyptus
Lodge Lounge on the first floor. Please
contact Sandy Kewman or Laura
Magnani with any questions.

Five Wishes

Wednesday evening you are invited to
talk about Five Wishes, a valuable
document to learn how it can benefit you
and your loved ones. Those who wish to
can fill out the form and witness them
for another. The conversation will be

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(1905-1995), a notable Quaker who

lived and worked as an educator in India
and was a friend and colleague of Tagore
and Gandhi. Presented by Mary Miche,
member of Redwood Forest Meeting and
a teacher and song writer.

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Quick Survey

Our Meeting's Outreach Committee is
considering inviting Quaker Quest to Honolulu,

and we'd like to hear from other Meetings who have either hosted a Quaker Quest or decided not to. We have a brief survey about your Meeting's experience. Please see Ramona Hussey or Debbie Kimball to answer a few questions about Quaker Quest. We will also be sitting outside after lunch and dinner with our mini questionnaires.

Honolulu Friends Meeting Invites Visitors

Our Meeting is even more isolated than most, located on an island in the middle of the Pacific. Luckily, we have lodging for traveling Friends at our Meetinghouse, and we welcome visitors. If you are planning travel to Hawaii, we hope you'll consider staying at the Meetinghouse. More information is available at www.hawaiiquaker.org. Aloha from Honolulu Friends.

Concerns about timing of next Annual Session

We have received several questions regarding the reasons for setting the Yearly Meeting Session dates for next year, which are June 17 to 22, 2016. This experiment represents both a shift in the days the session is held – to Friday through Wednesday – and the time of the summer that the session is held. The shift in days was made to allow people whose schedule doesn't allow attendance for a full work week to attend at least part of the session. The shift in time was based on the availability of Walker Creek Ranch and the desire to not conflict with the Friends General Conference Gathering. We have learned that this schedule overlaps with the Sierra Friends Center summer family work camp week and regret this conflict. Members of Ministry and Oversight will be available to discuss Friends' concerns from 8:30 to 10:00 p.m. at the Ministry and Oversight Committee room in Bobcat today, Thursday.

PYM and the Quaker World

Pacific Yearly Meeting names representatives, delegates, and observers to various Quaker

organizations: American Friends Service Committee (AFSC); Evangelical Friends Church Southwest; Friends Committee on Legislation of California (FCLCa); Friends Committee on National Legislation (FCNL); Quaker Earthcare Witness; Friends General Conference (FGC) Central Committee; Friends Peace Team Project Board of Directors; Friends United Meeting (FUM); FWCC Section of the Americas; Reunion General de los Amigos en Mexico; William Penn House Board.

The nominating committee is sponsoring an interest group Friday, at 1:30 (in Maple), to provide opportunity for representatives, delegates, and observers to report to yearly meeting. If you are a rep, delegate or observer come and share your experiences and reactions. For those who are not representatives, delegates, or observes, the interest group is an opportunity to learn more about the wider Quaker world. Enjoyable and informative!

Are You the One...?

Yes, you!
Are you 18 or older?
Are you computer-literate?
Do enjoy being correct?
Do you like working at home or in trendy wi fi hotspots?
Do you have ~20 hours to donate to Yearly Meeting business between April 1 and June 13, 2017?
Do you think Don Bean is a nice guy?
If so, please consider volunteering for a three-year term as the Statistical Co-Clerk with Don. Learn more by reading the job description on the PYM Website, and/or asking Don probing questions.
It's informative, fun, and you will be an Officer of Pacific Yearly Meeting! That could make your resume "pop." – Lee Knutsen

Invitation to learn about The Woolman Semester School

Watch “Student Voices in Diversity”, a short video, Thursday 8:30PM in Tent

Visit Woolman table (in Maple) to view and pick-up materials, including:

- 237 acres of God (article in May/June 2015 Western Friend) by Thistle West (a.k.a. Hannah Mackinney, Woolman Semester Fall 2014)
- Woolman Semester and Camp Woolman informational flyers
- Letter introducing new Head of School Gray Horwitz
- Information about serving on the College Park Friends Educational Association
- Thank You! for donations that transform lives and the world
- List of Scholarship Funds that support student’s financial needs for tuition
- Woolman Peace and Justice Blend (South American Fair Trade Organic coffee)
- Invitation to invest in the future; I will match recurring monthly giving all year
- Sign up for Woolman iWitness e-newsletter to stay connected

Please feel free to talk with me (Cindy Evans Trueblood) or with other board members at PYM, Muriel Strand, Beth McCleary, Sarah Tyrrell, and Delcy Steffy.

Others with connections to Woolman at PYM include:

Woolman Semester alumni: Elena Anderson, Nora Cooke, Mark Lichterman and Carl Sigmond, Woolman’s Operations Manager
Parents of WS Alumni: Marcia Anderson, Amy* and Chamba Cooke, Lisa Hubbell, Melissa Lovett-Adair, Bob* and Kathy* Runyan, Joyce Samati *former staff also

Guatemala Crafts

Beautiful crafts for sale in Maple to benefit the Friends Scholarship Program. There are handwoven bamboo scarves and shawls with natural dyes for women's cooperatives, shirts,

blouses, aprons, jackets, purses and much more. Lots of great gift ideas. Come shop and at the same time support scholarships for poor, rural, indigenous students who are attending university and technical schools in Guatemala. Harriet Lewis.

Secretariat

Thank you for your patience on Tuesday night with our production problems with the Wednesday Miracle. Our copy machine conked out in the afternoon, and it didn’t get fixed until Wednesday morning. We were able to find a copy shop in Petaluma that was open until 11:00 pm. The problem was that we needed to email the Miracle to them by 9:00 pm. Even then, they couldn’t promise our copies would be ready when Raph drove over to pick them up before closing time. Due to that rush, some items did not make it into the issue on time, and there was no time for serious proofreading. As you can see, the copies did make it back to Walker Creek for morning distribution. Thanks also to everyone who came by the Secretariat office to offer sympathy and moral support.

Two Proposals from Unity with Nature

On Thursday, Unity with Nature Committee [UwN] will be making two proposals to plenary. One is to consider joining “Facing the Challenge of Climate Change: A shared statement by Quaker groups” developed by QEW, QUNO, and FCNL. At least six of PYM's monthly meeting have already signed on. Copies of this can be found on PYM's website under Annual Session 2015, Unity with Nature and will be available on the Unity with Nature table in Maple.

The second proposal is a minute advocating divestment of fossil fuel energy stocks as a strategy for slowing climate change. We are aware of at least two PYM monthly meetings, Strawberry Creek and Sacramento, who have come to Unity on a divestment statement or minute. PYM has no fossil fuel energy stocks directly or indirectly - Unity with Nature will be

asking for a statement of unity to the effect that “PYM has no investments in fossil fuel companies and will not be making any investments in fossil fuel companies in the foreseeable future. We urge other Quaker groups to consider doing the same, taking, if necessary, up to five years to do so. We further suggest individuals consider divesting their own portfolios of fossil fuels.” Search 'Divestment' on PYM's website for more Quaker documents on this subject.

We also commend to your reading on PYM's website under the 2015 annual session, “Recommendations for all Friends from the QEW Sustainability: Faith and Action Working Group,” the fruits of the labor by many friends to vision the next steps toward a sustainable future. The interest group, “Greening the Meeting, Greening our Lives: Discerning and Living our Earthcare Testimony”, Saturday 8 AM will present and discuss this document outlining concrete steps we can take now.

Change of venue for film

“Pray the Devil Back to Hell” (about the women of Liberia who overcome violence with prayer) will be shown at the Plenary Tent on Thursday night at 8:30 pm (after Transformative Friends).

Peace and Social Order Interest groups

Saturday, 8 am. Stopping Lethal Drone Warfare: Two years ago PYM approved a minute calling for Friends to oppose militarized drone warfare. This workshop will provide an update and action suggestions for implementing that minute based on the Princeton Theological Seminary lethal drone warfare conference held at the end of January with 150 interfaith participants, including around 10 Friends. Presented by AFSC's Stephen McNeil.

Saturday, 8:00 am. Friends Peace Teams. This is a Spirit-led organization working around the world to develop long-term relationships with communities in conflict to create programs for peacebuilding, healing and reconciliation.

Respect our common space

Please do not use the common space (table, shelf, hooks) in the Bathhouse to store your personal toiletries, towels, tec. Please take all your belongings with you when you leave.

Also, do you really, really need to enter the main tent when worship sharing is happening?

Care for one another

Please remember our charge to be tender with one another and to help one another throughout the week. Please treat others as you would like to be treated, and let's be especially nice to newcomers.

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Ride needed

I need a ride to Davis or to an Amtrak station Friday afternoon or evening – Marilee Eusebio

Family Night

Look for the clip board at the back of the tent to sign up for Family Night. Our theme is Love and Justice; Quaker-centered Presentations. Acts are limited to 3 minutes and only 1 item, such as one song, one poem, one short story, etc. Groups are encouraged. We may not be able to accommodate more than 20 acts. We'll start promptly at 6:45 pm. Questions: see Linda Rowell.

Yearly Meeting Structure



Under the big top

Are you interested in examining the structure of the yearly meeting organization? Please talk with Joe Magruder or Bronwen about joining our Experimentation and Implementation Subcommittee.

PYM Visiting Friend

The Visiting Friend Subcommittee of Ministry and Oversight Committee is please to announce that Roena Oesting has been selected as PYM's Visiting Friend. Roena's year of service will begin at the conclusion of this annual session. Roena is prepared to engage your meeting on a variety of topics. If you are interested in having Roena visit your Meeting or are if you are interested in serving on the Visiting Friends Subcommittee, please contact Leslie Zondervan-Droz.

Help for Nancy Nelson

Please watch for Nancy Nelson who needs a pusher for her wheelchair during the day. There is a signup for after meals on the west wall of the dining room.

Affinity Groups and free time (8:30-10:00pm)

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

Singing and strummin' Jim Anderson et al. – Maple Room (every evening)

Friends of color affinity group and Friends of European descent meeting together– Fireside Room (previously in Eucalyptus)

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

Radical Hospitality (Friends working in solidarity with homeless) – Madrone Room

THANK YOU ALL!

Films on peace/justice themes – Plenary Tent (note new place!)

Friends with disabilities – lounge in Teachers Lodge

Disability Issues. In Teachers Lodge Lounge. At 8:30

We invite all people with a disability to attend this group, including the elderly with mobility issues and people with temporary disabilities. Most likely we will touch on Access and Community.

This group has been arranged by John Pixley and Julia Bazar

Toward Right Relationship with Native Peoples: Roots of Injustice Seeds of Change

Paula Palmer's workshop on Wednesday for a group of 60 Friends provided an experience of Native Peoples' history in this country.

Another opportunity to participate in this workshop is **Saturday from 8am to 9:30am in the FIRESIDE ROOM**. There are still openings. **See the sign up sheet in the back of the tent Thursday and Friday.**

For Wednesday's workshop THANKS go to :
European: Steve Birdlebaugh, Redwood Forest MM

Historian: Bob Runyan, Santa Cruz MM

Native American: Laura Magnani, Strawberry Creek MM

Narrator: Ann Boone, Redwood Forest MM

Research on Coastal Miwok: Paul Harris

Setup help: Bob Runyan, Diego Navarro, Deborah Marks, Dean Olson

Paula's Elder/Spiritual Companion: Diego Navarro

Logistical Assistance and Snake identification: Eric Moon, Berkeley MM

Request conveyance: Rick Alterr

The Daily Miracle

Pacific Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends

Friday, July 17, 2015

Friday's Schedule

6:00-7:00 Outdoor Worship
7:00-8:00 Breakfast
8:00-8:40 Worship
8:45-10:15 Meeting for Business III
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 3
3:15-3:45 Jose Aguto
4:00-5:30 Transformative Quakers or PM
Worship Sharing
5:30-6:30 Dinner
6:45-8:15 Family Night
8:30-10:00 Dance

Friday Interest Groups (1:30-3:00)

Growing Our Meetings – Plenary Tent

We do not proselytize but rather attract by example. What then is our measure? How do we define ourselves as a faith community? How does individualism (respecting individual beliefs) both help and deter us from a definition that outsiders can understand? What have we learned from our successes and failures in attracting new members or attenders? Join us for a workshop with both a philosophical and

practical approach to outreach. – Ramona Hussey and Renie Lindley

Mayan Spirituality and Quakerism – Fireside Room

Miguel Angel Costop-Bala, Director of Guatemala Friends Scholarship Program, explores the intersection of Mayan spirituality from an indigenous Kaqchikel Guatemalan and how Quakerism has become a part of his spiritual journey. Experience a Mayan ceremony of thanksgiving. – Miguel Angel Costop-Bala

Funding and Nurturing our Youth Programs – Garden Room (north end of Sequoia)

Join us for a presentation and interactive activities on how to develop ideas into projects/activities and how to apply for funding or other support from the PYM Youth Programs Committee and its Fund (interest from the Bob Vogel Endowment). Participants can review the policy and application online at: <http://www.pacificyearlymeeting.org/2014/documents/ypc/resources-funding/> – Jim Summers

PYM and the Quaker World – Maple Room

Pacific Yearly Meeting names representatives, delegates, and observers to various Quaker organizations: American Friends Service Committee (AFSC); Evangelical Friends

Church Southwest; Friends Committee on Legislation of California (FCLCa); Friends Committee on National Legislation (FCNL); Quaker Earthcare Witness; Friends General Conference (FGC) Central Committee; Friends Peace Team Project Board of Directors; Friends United Meeting (FUM); FWCC Section of the Americas; Reunion General de los Amigos en Mexico; William Penn House Board.

The nominating committee is sponsoring an interest group to provide opportunity for representatives, delegates, and observers to report to yearly meeting. If you are a rep, delegate or observer come and share your experiences and reactions. For those who are not representatives, delegates, or observers, the interest group is an opportunity to learn more about the wider Quaker world. Enjoyable and informative! – David Barrows

Exploring and Deepening Spiritual Leadings – Sequoia “Middle”

We will move from lively interactions into a period of guided writing. We will come out of the silence into spoken reflections with one partner, and conclude with worship sharing. – Judith Favor and Linda Rowell

Transformative Quakers

Transformative Quakers meet this week Tuesday through Friday in Plenary room.

Tuesday: Albert Smith Bigelow

Wednesday: John and Alice Way

Thursday: Marjorie Sykes

Friday: Heberto Sein

Friday, 4:00 pm: Heberto Sein (1898-1977), a Mexican Quaker, activist, poet and interpreter, and one of the founders of Mexico City Friends Meeting and Casa de los Amigos. Presented by Nick (Nico) Wright, who lived and worked at Casa de los Amigos for ten years and is currently writing a book about the Casa.

Climate Change with Jose Aguto

If you missed Jose Aguto’s interest group on Wednesday, ‘The Climate Change Challenge: Legislative Possibilities and Earthcare Action’, you have another chance to hear him today, 3:15 pm to 3:45 pm in the Plenary Tent.

Jose is the Legislative Secretary of Sustainable Energy and Environment Program for Friends Committee on National Legislation (FCNL). Currently, Jose is on the advisory committees of Citizens Climate Lobby and the Center for Earth Ethics. Prior to joining FCNL in February 2012, Jose worked for the National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) as the Policy Advisor tribal energy, environment, natural resource, and climate change issues. Prior to NCAI he worked to protect and advance tribal sovereignty over their lands, air and water as Senior Policy Advisor at EPA’s American Indian Environmental Office. Find out about FCNL’s work on the challenge of climate disruption.

Bible Study update

Today will be our last mid-morning session of the week – all are welcome, for either a small-group consideration of a parable of Jesus, with Dean Olson, of Grass Valley Meeting, or a reading of another passage to be announced at the time, facilitated by Stephen Matchett, San Francisco, followed by small-group reflection in a choice of formats: (1) worship-sharing, (2) conversation or (3) written reflection using “Friendly Bible Study” queries, facilitated by Kate Watkins, Santa Monica. 10:45 in Fireside.

For early risers and others who just can’t get enough, Saturday’s Bible Study is scheduled for 6:00 am – yes that’s right, before breakfast – in Fireside. By tradition, this closing session will be held as a Meeting for Reading, as described in Michael Birkel’s Engaging Scripture: Reading the Bible with Early Friends – that is, a Meeting for Worship in which the vocal ministry consists of reading passages from the Bible, with or without elaboration by

the speakers. All are welcome. Expect the unexpected.

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.

Family Night

Sign ups are still open until 12 noon today for Family Night. Please keep your presentation to 3 minutes, and around the Quaker centered theme of "Love and Justice." Questions: see Linda Rowell

Worship-Sharing Evaluations

Please return Worship-Sharing evaluations to the box in the back of the tent. Facilitators, if you can, be sure the evaluations are distributed in your W-S groups; that would be wonderful. Collect them if you can and return them to the box with whatever is left of your packets.

2016 Spring Service Learning Camp will be held March 22-27 at Quaker Oaks Farm. Teens are invited to come and learn while creating community with Native Americans in the Central Valley of California. This exciting collaboration between Quakers and the Wukchumni People is breaking down barriers as we learn to see the world and each other in new ways.

Report from the Registrars

Where do Friends bank? So far this week the Registrars have received 171 checks. Half of these checks were drawn on four financial institutions: Wells Fargo (18%), Chase (12%), Bank of America (12%), and the Redwood Credit Union (7%). The remaining checks were drawn on another 60 banks and credit unions.

Quakerspeak.com

Want a quick, Friendly lift every Thursday? See free short videos at Quakerspeak.com, a

delightful project of Friends Journal. Also, you can try a funny one, "Quaker memes," at quakerprobs.tumblr.com. – Roena Oesting and Debbie Kimball

Friends Peace Teams works with people in Africa, Central America and Columbia, and Asia West Pacific to help them recover from war and trauma, gain access to clear water, and build peaceful healthy communities. Come hear what Friends Peace Teams does at 8:00am Saturday.

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Roy Allen, PYM Treasurer
580 Tamarack Drive
San Rafael, CA 94903

If you have any questions after reviewing the form, please ask Roy.

Last Chance for Earthlight Books

Today is the last day for the Earthlight Bookstore -- it will be open from 10:30-6:30 Friday. The bookstore offers many possibilities for your reading pleasure. Besides the wide selection of children's books and Quaker publications, the store has a variety of music, poetry, and even puppets (Folkmanis). Of further interest are books by PYM authors on numerous subjects. Here is a list of some of the authors you may know:

- Elizabeth Boardman (*Where Should I Stand? Letters From Lillian*)
- Josephine Duvenek (*Life on Two Levels; an Autobiography*)
- Henrietta Groot (*Come to My Village*)
- David Hartsough (*Waging Peace; Global Adventures of a Lifelong Activists*)
- Tom King (*History of San Jose Quakers, West Coast Friends*)
- Laura Kohl (*Jonestown Survivor; An Insider's Look*)
- Mary Mische (*Nature's Patchwork Quilt; Understanding Habitats*)
- Anthony Manousos (*Transformative Quakers 2014 & 2015, Quakers and the Interfaith Movement, Howard & Anna Brinton; Reinventors of Quakerism in the 21st Century*)
- Peggy Senger Morrier (*Miracle Motor; a Pert Near True Story*)
- Ann Scott (*On Mother's Lap*)
- Paul Seaver (*The Explosive Emergence of the Quaker Movement*)
- Cindy Spring (*Earthlight; Spiritual Wisdom for an Ecological Age*)
- Susan Strong (*Move Our Message*)
- Lynn Waddington (*Staying True; Musings of an Odd Duck Lesbian Approaching Death*)

Sending Aloha to Sandy Yee

Friends may know that Sandy Yee was a Representative to PYM for Honolulu last year. Sandy had planned to attend again this year with his wife Ona Lee. Instead Sandy found himself in the hospital just as PYM began. Those who would like to sign a card for Sandy can find the card outside the Dining Hall after lunch today.

Attenders List

Joe Magruder has been putting together an attenders list, with names, phone numbers, email addresses, and meetings. A draft copy is posted on the dining hall windows. Please check your entry and make any corrections today. Copies will be available Saturday to take home.

Western Young Friend New Years Gathering

When – December 28-January 2

Where – at a camp facility in northern California (location pending)

Who – intergenerational hosted by Young Adult Friends.

Families welcome.

What – creating community to ring in the New Year Quaker style through...

- Breaking of bread
 - Song
 - Games
 - Unity with nature
 - Worship
 - Acro yoga
 - And random acts of kindness
- Plus a special Year End celebration!

Newyearsgathering.org

Come join us for our 40/41st year!

CPQM Directory Correction

Christie Monson's correct email address is ChristieCopepod@aol.com. It appears in the CPQM directory misspelled (without the "e" in her first name).

Guatemala Crafts

Last chance to purchase beautiful Guatemalan handicrafts! We will be closing and packing up at 4pm on Friday. If we are hold something for you, please pick it up by 4pm on Friday. Mil gracias! Donna Smith

More about Bible Study

Much gratitude to the PYM community for maintaining the Friendly connection with scripture that has been a nourishing and sustaining feature of our time together this week. It has been a privilege and an honor to coordinate this activity. Don't hesitate to contact me if you have an interest in initiating or expanding opportunities for Bible study in your Meeting or Worship Group.

Stephen Matchett, San Francisco
415-621-0558, stephenmatchett@earthlink.net

Help We Need Somebody Help

Peni Hall and Julia Bazar (both disabled) need help tomorrow (Saturday) morning, between 8:00 and 10:00 to help us get our room/ accessibility materials packed and stuff carried and packed into our van. This includes a large oxygen tank and also smaller items.

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Bible Study (Museum)
7:00-8:00 Breakfast
8:00-9:30 Interest Groups 4
9:30-10:00 Clear rooms
10:00-11:15 Closing Plenary
11:30-12:30 Closing Worship
- 12:30-1:30 Lunch
1:30-3:00 Evaluation Meeting for Clerks
and Officers

Saturday Interest Groups (8:00-9:30)

Friends Peace Teams – Maple Room
A Spirit-led organization working around the world to develop long-term relationships with communities in conflict to create programs for peace building, healing and reconciliation. FPT's programs build on extensive Quaker experience combining practical and spiritual aspects of conflict resolution. Sponsored by Peace and Social Order. Presented by Gay Howard.

Greening the Meeting – Amphitheatre (north of dining hall patio)
A presentation about levels of sustainability will be followed by queries and discussion

about what we may be called to do, individually and collectively. Queries will include the '4 Asks' developed recently by QEW's Sustainability, Faith, and Action Working Group, as well as reports from participants about what they and their meetings have already accomplished. Sponsored by Unity with Nature. Presented by Muriel Strand and Catya de Neergaard.

Stopping Lethal Drones – Plenary Tent
PYM approved a minute calling for Friends to oppose militarized drone warfare. This workshop will provide an update and action suggestions for implementing that minute based on the Princeton Theological Seminary lethal drone warfare conference held at the end of January with 150 interfaith participants, including around 10 Friends. Sponsored by AFSC. Presented by AFSC's Stephen McNeil.

Membership: What Does It Mean to be a Quaker? – Lounge in Cypress Lodge
A brief history of membership followed by worship-sharing and discussion, in the hopes of helping Discipline Committee clarify what PYM believes on this subject as we begin to revise Faith and Practice. Sponsored by Discipline Committee. Presented by DJ Bloom.

PLUS – Paula Palmer workshop (limited to 60 participants) will be happening in Fireside Room.

Paula Palmer's workshop

A huge **thank you** and a group hug to Paula Palmer for bringing to us Roots of Injustice - Seeds of Change.

Please go to <http://www.boulderfriendsmeeting.org/ipc-right-relationship/>

For more information about this workshop and to find out how to contribute to this important ministry.

Also: http://www.boulderfriendsmeeting.org/wp-content/friends9x4Q/2013/06/TRR_RESOURCE_KIT.pdf

For a resource kit of DOables in the area (actions that are doable)

<http://www.boulderfriendsmeeting.org/wp-content/friends9x4Q/2013/08/Minute-7-12-15-on-Confronting-Racial-Bias.pdf>

For The Boulder Meetings minute in solidarity with Charleston, SC. Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church

ANYONE interested in becoming trained to be a facilitator of this program please let Paula know via email at: paulaRpalmer@gmail.com

Racial Justice Subcommittee

The primary purpose of the M&O Subcommittee on Racial Justice is to facilitate candid, loving dialogue and transformative activities regarding racial justice and racial healing within Pacific Yearly Meeting.

As a foundation for this service, members of the Subcommittee should seek to “be patterns, be examples” (George Fox) for racial justice—that is, to model open, honest and caring dialogue on issues of race within Pacific Yearly Meeting.

Racial Justice Subcommittee under the care of Ministry and Oversight Committee would like to hear from YOU.

What would you like to work on with us throughout this year, at Quarterly Meetings, at Rep Committee, and at next summer's Annual Session? Send the committee an email in care of srosekewman@gmail.com and I will send it to all members, who are:

Alvaro Alvarado, Sacramento
Marilee Eusebio, Davis
Sandy Kewman, Grass Valley
Laura Magnani, Strawberry Creek
Deborah Marks, Strawberry Creek
Maryanne Michaels, Redwood Forest
Juanita Mora-Malerva, Santa Cruz
Graciella Martinez, Visalia
Ragni Orta-Larson, Visalia
Diego Navarro, Santa Cruz
Patricia Portillo, Sacramento
Delcy Steffey, Sacramento
Steve Smith, Claremont

Please be looking for emails about our upcoming acquisition of the documentary, Cracking the Codes of Racial Inequity, a film by Shakti Butler and WorldTrust.org. Clips of this film are available on YouTube, but we will be getting the streaming rights and a DVD for PYM so that it can be shown everywhere in our yearly meeting. It is powerful and heart-opening, as well as instructive. A big thanks for funding of this acquisition from the Bob Vogel Endowment Fund and the Youth Program Committee. – Sandy Kewman

Discipline Committee Interest Group

Discipline Committee is presenting an interest group on membership at 8:00 am. All are welcome.

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From your Friends on Arrangements

As you pack up and prepare to lead PYM:

1. Please have all of your belongings out of the dorms and lodges by 10:am so Walker Creek Ranch staff can make the center ready for the next group.
2. Displays and crafts in Maple room: please remove by noon.
3. Everything else – tents, meeting rooms etc should be cleared by 1pm.
4. Linens: place inside pillowcase and leave on floor in middle of you room.
5. Please leave your name tag holder in the box in the plenary tent, dining hall or Maple.
6. If you put up any signs, please remove them.
7. Be sure to check the Lost and Found in the Dining Hall.
8. Travel safely – be aware of many cyclists on the local roads.

Any unfinished business with the registrars?

Please check in with them at their table in the patio during lunch. See Joyce Samati or Sarah Tyrrell.

Bronwen Will Be Going 'Round and 'Round

...on our PacYM golf cart shuttle during the 9:30-10:00 “clear your rooms” slot, to help you bring your luggage down to the patio on south side of dining hall – if you want to meet your ride there. Please stack your bags up against the building, not blocking the patio access. Look for the green golfcart, which will loop from Sequoia, over to front of Pines and Cypress,

then along main road back to dining hall patio. If you see it, use it; no reservations required.

The 1:30-3:00 pm evaluation session will be in Maple Room, at which point all other buildings should be cleared. Walker Creek Ranch crew will be removing chairs from the plenary tent, so please make sure you leave nothing there.

And check the lost-n-found box once more, for leftovers from this week and last summer. Lost-n-found box may move over to outside Maple, as we vacate the tent.

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Annual Session Evaluation

Help us improve the Annual Session!
Both paper and electronic surveys are available this year. Friends are encouraged to use the electronic version. Please fill out one survey only.

The URL is <http://bit.ly/pym-2015-survey>
All attenders will also receive this link in an email on Sunday. The link will be “live” for one week after Annual Session.

Please see the evaluation table outside the dining hall.

Funds Available For Youth And Intergenerational Activities In PYM

Have an idea for a project or activity that involves and benefits PYM youth and intergenerational community? Need funding or other support?

Copies of applications and guidelines for funding from the PYM Youth Programs Fund (interest earned from the Bob Vogel Endowment) are on the table in the back of the plenary tent.

Next deadlines are Sept 20th, Dec 20th, March 20th, June 20th.

<http://www.pacificyearlymeeting.org/youth/resources-funding/>

Questions? Ask Jim Summers (La Jolla), Clerk of Youth Programs Coordinating Committee.

End detention quotas

Join with AFSC activists to end detention quotas during the August 10 week of action: take action at <http://afsc.org/action/tell-congress-end-detention-quotas>

and/or contact Lindsey@afsc.org for more ideas

Why FWCC is important

Roena Oesting, convenor of PYM's FWCC Committee, shared with his her perspective on why FWCC is important. She reminded us that the typical Quaker doesn't look like us: "The typical Quaker is a 19-year-old man from an Evangelical Friends' Church in Kenya. The Quaker family is varied and sometimes finger-pointing lot. Family squabbles are often the most contentions. If we cannot make peace in the Quaker community, how can we possible make peace in the world? FWCC is the only group that brings the various branches of our Quaker family together. Specifically, for those of you concerned with sexual minorities, I bring

just two examples from the recent FWCC meeting in Mexico City. A pastor from Peru told me: 'I will likely never agree with you, but I now see where you are coming from.' A pastor from Guatemala: 'I see that we approach this topic from the perspective of sin; you folks approach it from the perspective of love.'"

FWCC gatherings are wonderful opportunities to experience the rich diversity of Quakerism. Apply now to go to the World Conference in January in Peru as an open delegate. See Fwcc.org. Due to financial challenges, there has been a drastic cutback in staff and FWCC is increasingly dependent on volunteer help. Robin Mohr, a PYM Friend who is now the executive director of FWCC, is doing a commendable job but FWCC needs your help to continue its bridge-building and reconciliation work. Donations are therefore much needed and appreciated. (To see a powerpoint about FWCC and the gathering in Mexico City, contact Anthony at interfaithquaker@aol.com.)

A gift to you from the Woolman Semester

A gift to you! Woolman Semester Peace and Justice Blend Coffee. If you enjoy coffee, please take a bag of our Fair Trade, Organic, dark-roast South American blend coffee beans home with you or to your Meeting. Eight 3/4lb bags of coffee (regular in blue and decaf in black) will be at the Woolman table in Maple this morning until 10AM. As you enjoy the coffee, I hope you will reflect on how much our earth needs care and our world needs peace and justice for all people.

I encourage you all to learn more about the Woolman Semester and share about it with young people you know. I hope that many of the JYM teens, and other teens in your life, will connect with the Woolman community in the near future. More information about the Woolman Semester can be found at woolman.org.

Thanks to each of you from PYM who have supported the transformative education of teens at Woolman! Together we are empowering young people to make positive change in their lives and in the world. It gives me hope for the future. – Cindy Trueblood

How to Put Our Climate Change Minutes into Action

When some Friends said that a taking a public stand about an issue is not an action, I was reminded of what my Muslim and Jewish Friends say. “If you see an injustice, the best thing to do is to take action to stop it. If you can’t do something, speak out against it. If you can’t speak out, pray.” All these actions are considered good. Doing nothing is also considered an action: it implies approval of the injustice. I am glad that our Yearly Meeting has spoken out about climate change. That is an important step. But what can we do to take action?

I am planning to go back to my monthly meeting and ask them to consider and approve these minutes. I will then ask them to take action: 1) install solar panels and encourage Friends to do likewise, 2) take part in a special city program that allows residents to purchase renewable energy at a slightly higher rate (2.5 cents extra per kilowatt hour). My city (Pasadena) currently purchases 20% of its energy from renewable sources but would like to purchase 100% of its energy from these sources. However, our city’s leaders feel that city residents are not yet willing for a rate hike. They allow individuals to opt for a higher rate for sustainable electricity. If your city has such a program, I encourage you to take advantage of it. If not, please consider urging your city to follow Pasadena’s example. Another recommendation is to purchase carbon offsets through Terrapass or similar program. This company plants trees and supports renewable energy production. This method is not as good as producing your own energy (through solar) or

conservation, but it helps. My wife and I have reduced our home electric use by over 95% and our gas consumption by 75% (through our electric hybrid plug in Volt, which is parked and charging up next to the Plenary Tent). We’ve also reduced our water consumption by 50% through our gray water system, turf removal, etc. To find out more, see laquaker.blogspot.com. If you have ideas for putting these minutes into practice, please contact Anthony Manousos at interfaithquaker@aol.com and I will spread the word through my blog, social media, and listserv.

Let’s act as if our mother’s life depended on it!

Fossil Fuel Divestment

Friends who are interested in the practical aspects of divesting strategically from fossil fuel investments such as stocks and banks are invited to discuss their market position and options with Muriel Strand of Sacramento Meeting.

Muriel started reading the Wall Street Journal in 1982, an educational practice she continued (though not without gaps) until about the time Rupert got ahold of it. These days, The Economist is her chief source of news about the financial world. In addition to being very comfortable with math and the recipient of 2 academic degrees in mechanical engineering, she also completed most of the coursework for a master’s in economics.

Interested Friends are invited to consult her as to their own individual and organizational fossil fuel divestment positions and plans, both financial and personal, at auntym@earthlink.net.

www.naturalinvestments.com is another source of advice, and appears to be a sustainable place to redirect any existing fossil fuel investments. They also offer an email subscription to an occasional e-newsletter.

– Muriel Strand

Statement on Nuclear Power

I understand that time is short for us to do the business of the yearly meeting. I feel the need to respond to comments made regarding nuclear power in two previous plenaries. They came during discussion of minutes on reducing our dependence on fossil fuels and divesting from the fossil fuel industry. I am not challenging the inclusion of these comments in the plenary minutes. They are an accurate account of what happened in those plenaries. No action was being proposed or taken regarding nuclear power in those plenaries. Otherwise, I would have spoken up at those times. I do wish the yearly meeting to know that I do not agree with those comments against the use of nuclear power for the generation of electricity.

I used to be an opponent of nuclear power and did engage in civil disobedience at Diablo Canyon. Therefore, I am holding those who have such views now in love. I do ask that we be open to the movement of Spirit, given new information about climate change. I do not expect to change any minds at this yearly meeting, though I can direct people to resources that could provide more information than I have. We ask that those who deny that humans are the cause of climate change be willing to listen to scientists. I ask that those of us who acknowledge the reality of climate change be willing to listen to scientists when it comes to solutions. These scientists, including Dr. James Hansen, one of the earliest to speak on the issue of global warming, tell us that, while conservation and development of alternative energy sources are important, they are not enough to deal with the seriousness of this crisis that require us to drastically reduce our dependence on fossil fuels. These scientists tell us that we need to build commercial nuclear plants through the rest of this century. Any risks posed by nuclear power are minuscule compared to the real risks of inadequately reducing our carbon emissions.

I am in unity with any minute on reducing our use of fossil fuels. I am in unity with efforts to abolish all weapons of mass destruction, including nuclear weapons. I am not in unity with any minute against nuclear power and would state my objection if one is proposed.

Respectfully,
Tom Yamaguchi

Quaker Earthcare Witness

Quaker Earthcare Witness [QEW], a continent wide organization for Friends with concerns for the Earth is having its fall conference at Ben Lomond Quaker Center in the Santa Cruz Mountains, October 22 to 25, 2015. This will be both a steering committee meeting and especially on Saturday special programming for bringing forward Earthcare Witness. Please see the QEW website as more information becomes available. Everyone is welcome to attend. –
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Western Young Friend New Years Gathering

When – December 28-January 2

Where – at a camp facility in northern California (location pending)

Who – intergenerational hosted by Young Adult Friends.

Families welcome.

What – creating community to ring in the New Year Quaker style through...

- Breaking of bread
 - Song
 - Games
 - Unity with nature
 - Worship
 - Acro yoga
 - And random acts of kindness
- Plus a special Year End celebration!

Newyearsgathering.org

Come join us for our 40/41st year!

Gaga Ball

Chorus:

*Gaga ball, gaga ball!
Let's go out and play gaga ball.
Don't dare play it in a meeting hall,
But the whole Meeting can play gaga ball.*

Go to the ball pit; sit on the wall.

Gonna learn how
To play gaga ball.

Chorus

Gaga ball has lots of rules.

It's fun to play,
But not for fools.

(read rules while players chant "ga- ga- gaga ball")

When Cyrus the counselor
Wants to win,
We work together, team up against him.

Chorus

Argue all the time about the rules.

If you play silent
It's super cool.

Chorus

RULES:

1. If the ball hits you below the knees, you're out.
2. If you hit the ball out of the pit, you're out.
3. You can hit the ball with your open hand.
4. If you pick the ball up and carry it, you're out.
5. You can only touch the ball once before it hits the wall.
6. If the ball hits the wall or another person, you can hit it again.
7. The Supreme Court makes final decisions about who's out.
8. No arguing with the Supreme Court, or you're out.
9. Last person standing wins the game: the Gaga Ball champion!

10. Be a good sport, play honest and call yourself out.

11. And remember to have fun!



JYM singers at Family Night: Maya Price, Bethany and Audrey Johnson. Yasmeeen Mercer, Andrew Pangelina