

# *The Daily Miracle 2018*

of Pacific Yearly Meeting  
of the Religious Society of Friends

*The “Daily Miracle” is the bulletin that miraculously appears each morning at PYM Annual Sessions with the day’s schedules, announcements and other late-breaking news and information pertinent to attenders as well as to Friends generally. Each Daily Miracle is published both electronically on the PYM website as well on paper at the annual session.*

*This document combines the Daily Miracles for all 6 days of the 2018 Annual Session*

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WELCOME TO: Pacific Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends

**Friday July 13, 2018**

## Friday Happenings

### Schedule

2:00 pm	Registration Opens ( <i>Plenary Tent</i> )
3:15–4:00	Children's Program Parents Meeting ( <i>TBD</i> )
4:00–4:45	JYM (teens) Parents Meeting ( <i>Buckeye</i> )
4:45–5:30	Monthly Meeting Reps Meeting ( <i>Fireside</i> )
5:30–6:30	Dinner ( <i>Dining Hall</i> )
6:45–8:15	Opening Plenary - Welcome ( <i>Plenary Tent</i> )
8:30–10:00	Affinity Groups, Orientation & Social Time

### Opening Plenary

The opening plenary is a joyful kickoff for our time together, and not to be missed. The Clerk and others will share the vision for the gathering. Roll call of Meetings and Worship Groups is always a wonderful (re-)affirmation of our connection. And of course important (often late-breaking) announcements will prepare us for the program ahead.

### Orientation and Social Time after Plenary

No formal activities are planned for this time. Friends are encouraged to catch up with familiar faces and start to get to know new f/Friends at Annual Session. All are encouraged to (re-)familiarize themselves with the general layout of Walker Creek Ranch and explore the resources available at the Information Tent.

### Carson Lounge

Stop by Carson Lounge after Opening Plenary Friday night (or any night) for conversation, maybe play a card game, or get started on a

jigsaw puzzle. You will also find Quiet Room materials here, which include State of the Meeting reports and inspirational texts.

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### 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. Affinity groups have included 12-Step, Friends of Color, Friends of European Descent, among others.

Some affinity groups may meet already on Friday night, so watch for announcements.

If you are convening an affinity group, sign up for a space on the room charts outside the dining hall.

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### Arrangements Team

Your Arrangements Clerks are Sarah Tyrrell and Bronwen Hillman this year. We are responsible for the support services Annual Session needs to run smoothly. We look after the meeting spaces, the golf cart, logistics, and much more. Please

talk with us before talking with Walker Creek staff about any maintenance or similar issues that may arise.

The information tent is our center of operations. Today, Friday, you can find us at either the information tent or the big tent ... or flag down the golf cart as we move around campus setting up spaces.

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### **Display Space**

Did you bring a display, print information or other items to share about an organization?

Please select your own space on the tables that are set up in the Bath House entry rooms.

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Look for an announcement in tomorrow's Daily Miracle about using the golf cart during the week.

### **Message Board No More**

The traditional outdoor message board for communicating during annual session will *not* be used this year. Instead, use WiFi.

### **WiFi**

The Walker Creek public WiFi network is TBD. We hear it is more powerful than last year.

### **Online Information**

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<https://www.pacificyearlymeeting.org/annual-session-minutes-reports/2018-annual-session-info-reports-minutes/>

### **Secretariat**

The Secretariat is located in Jack Rabbit. You can come here to find office supplies in a pinch, or to use the printer/scanner/copier for PYM-

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related jobs, or to make in-person submissions for the Daily Miracle. But it's also the workplace for assembling the Daily Miracle, not a general hangout unless you are a volunteer helper.

### Submitting to the Daily Miracle

The Daily Miracle doesn't just "miraculously" appear each morning, though you may think it does. It's actually put together in the Secretariat by a busy crew of volunteers who receive submissions, interpret them, sometimes check back with the author, then organize, layout and format the Miracle, proof-read it, post it on the web, print hard copy in two formats, and finally deliver it to the dining hall.

We welcome your submissions by email (best) or on our paper form. Paper forms can be found, filled out, and left in a box in the plenary tent or at the Secretariat itself. Look on the web for email instructions (link below). Deadline is **9:00 pm (8:15 pm if submitted on paper in the plenary tent)**. This will give us time to do our work AND get some sleep.

### Bookstore & Guatemala Craft Sales

The Earthlight Bookstore and Guatemala Craft Sales are setting up in Maple room. Stop by during the week to peruse and purchase.

### Morning Worship

A small group of Friends will meet in the big tent each morning from 7:30 until 8:00 for worship. We'll be joining Friends elsewhere via Quaker Center's online meeting for worship.

### Early Quaker Writings

Early Quaker Writings this year will be reading and discussing selected works from William Penn. Saturday morning's reading begins with this famous quote: "That which the people called *Quakers* lay down as a main fundamental in religion is this— *That God, through Christ, hath placed a principle in every man, to inform him of his duty, and to enable him to do it; and that those that live up to this principle are the people*

*of God, and those that live in disobedience to it, are not God's people, whatever name they may bear, or profession they may make of religion.* This is their ancient, first, and standing testimony: with this they began, and this they bore, and do bear to the world."

### Bible Study

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Location unknown as of this writing; ask at Registration. Thanks, and see you there -- Stephen Matchett, San Francisco MM.

## Miscellaneous

There once were some Quakers at Walker  
Who tapped into their innermost gawker:  
When scanning the sky  
Where the raptors soared high,  
They experienced the joys of the hawk.

The wildlife, legion at Walker,  
Will vanish if you are a talker,  
But a Quaker in silence  
Will threaten no violence,  
So the fauna may see you're no stalker.

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## Blessed Community

PYM Annual Session intends to be a blessed community where all feel welcomed and affirmed. Yet, we can easily hurt people in the first encounters of meeting them. Consider these queries and advices so that we can all work toward building a community of justice and inclusivity. Let our good intentions to speak and behave lovingly with one another be balanced with our willingness to hear if our words and actions have caused harm. Let us be open to learning about our differences. Let us be slow to defend our good intentions and slow to impose our unspoken invisible norms on those around us, when we hear someone is hurt, angered, or upset by our words or deeds.

Be gently welcoming in your words and actions. Not everyone at Annual Session welcomes physical contact—ask before hugging or touching. Let us be more explicit about the breadth and depth of the Beloved Community that is brought together at Annual session, including experiences across race, class, ability, gender, sexual orientation, and other identities. Let's honor each other by engaging fully, by listening openly, and approaching one another without preconceptions. Questions about gender identity, unasked—for advice about parenting and other choices, questions about a disability, requesting forgiveness for your family's racial prejudice: these can create an unwelcoming environment. Don't assume anything about a person's racial identity, country of origin, sexual orientation or gender, or how long they've been Quaker. Do ask, once you have gotten to know someone and if you are genuinely interested. Let's celebrate what connects us as Quakers. Smile as you pass people along the walk ways.

As an initial conversation with strangers, here are some suggestions for getting-to-know-you questions:

- What Interest Groups are you going to?

- Tell me about where you live and your meeting.
- When did you first know that the Quaker way was right for you?
- What do you like to do for fun?

*--from the co-facilitators of the FGC Gathering for Fellowship for European Americans Addressing Racism, with modifications by the Assistant to the Clerk of PYM*

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 Neil Hendricks (Reno)  
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 Bill Lovett (Visalia)  
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7:30-8:00	Quaker Center's online worship group (Plenary tent)
8:00-9:00	Worship (Plenary tent)
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	Aging in the Light (Carson) or
	Early Quaker Writings (Fireside)
11:00-12:30	Plenary II: Keynote Address
12:45-1:30	Lunch
1:30-2:55	Worship Sharing or
	Bible Study (Fireside)
3:15-4:45	Plenary III
4:45-5:30	PYM Committees listening time
6:30-9:00	Campfire (hosted by Children's Prog. ALL welcome.)
6:45-8:15	Interest Groups I
8:30-10:00	Affinity Groups

## Saturday Interest Groups 6:45 – 8:15 pm

**Radical Vulnerability and Faithfulness**  
(Plenary Tent) sponsored by Presiding Clerk

Join our Keynote Speakers for further exploration of the theme of this session

### **Becoming a bilingual community at Annual Session** (*Maple*) sponsored by Racial Justice Subcommittee

We will create an experimental space where Spanish and English will be spoken and all speaking translated. Utilizing queries, participants will be able to reflect and write, then dialogue in pairs, as well as share in small groups on the subject of making bilingualism work in Annual Session.

### **Best practices in Religious Education for Adults & Children** (*Fireside*) sponsored by Religious Education Subcommittee

A review of last year's State of the Meeting reports revealed that meetings that are robust—growing and deepening—tend to have active religious education efforts. In this interest group, a panel of people from meetings with vibrant religious education programs for adults and children speak about what's worked well in their meetings. After brief presentations and Q&A, attendees are invited to share what's working well in their meetings, and what needs they are experiencing.

### **Friends Helping Communities** (*Middle Sequoia*) sponsored by Peace and Social Order

The social service programs of Friends Meetings and Worship Groups need to be known by others in PYM so we can interact. Participants and P&SO plan to provide examples of meetings helping each other. We plan to have a discussion of these examples to learn about their experiences. We also plan to brainstorm about ways to link meetings that are doing similar work or to help out another meeting that has a need.

**Sharpen Your Political Action Skills**  
(Garden Room) sponsored by Friends  
Committee on Legislation of California

Our basic values are under attack on the national level. Here in California, many Senate and Assembly members are promoting new legislation bursting with Quaker values on education, conservation, equal opportunity, health care, and ending mass incarceration. We must encourage them, tell them they are right, and work to replace the legislators who don't share our values. Come meet Quakers in action. Learn how you can help advance Quaker values on the local and state levels.

## Other Happenings on Saturday

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### Worship Sharing

Groups are on alphabetical lists outside the dining room – one on each end of the patio wall. If you want to participate and have not signed up yet, go to the information booth (white canopy) on the patio. -- by Julie Harlow

### Eldering Group

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### Discussion: Truth in Recruitment

Did you know that public schools must allow military recruiters access to students in order to receive federal funds? If you are concerned about militarism in our schools, please come to an informational discussion with Kate Connell, a member of Santa Barbara Monthly Meeting & coordinator of Truth in Recruitment (TIR), a student advocacy group under the care of her Meeting. TIR works with students, families, veterans, community organizers, and school districts to clarify the consequences of military careers, to provide alternative options for students' academic and professional success and advocate for policies limiting recruiter presence on campus.

We will be meeting in Quail lodge at 8:30 PM Saturday Night (7-14). Also visit the TIR literature table in Madrone/Bay.

### Quaker Advocacy On and Off Capitol Hill

You have been calling, emailing, maybe even visiting your member of Congress. Or you want to, but want to know exactly what messages are most strategic, what legislation Quakers have asked us to defend, or defeat. Come and write postcards, and hone your messages for your members of Congress, with your concerns. It's actuation time!

8:30 pm, in Bobcat. -- by Christine Ashley,  
FCNL Quaker Field Secretary

### Racial Justice Affinity Group for Allies of European Descent

If you are interested in Racial Justice work and identify as European-American descent please join us Saturday and Sunday evening,

8:30-10pm in Garden Room. Sponsored by the Racial Justice Subcommittee under the care of PYM M&O

### **FCNL 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration**

All FCNL supporters and local lobbyists, attend a celebration of FCNL's 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary with a symbolic cake (not enough for all) at Saturday's dinner. Listen for announcement and banner. --  
By Stephen McNeil, FCNL Rep

### **Latin American Concerns**

Latin American Concerns Committee will meet Saturday morning at breakfast, southeast corner of Dining Room. --- By Donna Smith

## **After Annual Session**

### **Save the Date: Berkeley Mtg Open House**

Berkeley Friends Meeting is having an OPEN HOUSE on Sunday, Sept. 16, 12:45-3:30 pm, 2151 Vine St., North Berkeley

Reception, Music, Photo Display, Tours! Come help us celebrate the accessibility of our newly-renovated Meetinghouse!

-- Contacts at PYM: Heather Levien and Sarah Tyrrell

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will be selling crafts to support scholarships for Mayans studying in Guatemala. We are located in Maple. There will be additional crafts arriving

Sunday. Cash or check only please. Any questions? see Donna Smith.

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6:45-8:15	Interest Groups II
8:30-10:00	Affinity Groups or Transformative Friends (Fireside)

## Sunday Interest Groups

**6:45-8:15**

**M&O. Welcoming Meetings—Revitalizing the Religious Society of Friends.** *Rachel Ernst Stahlhut, Spiritual Deepening Program Coordinator, FGC. Plenary Tent*

What are good practices for welcoming newcomers into Quaker meetings? Come join the

conversation and share ideas and support around ways we can become more welcoming, as individuals and as faith communities, to people of all ages, races, incomes, sexual orientations, political affiliations, and more. This interest group will reflect on welcoming practices and the experience of newcomers and learn about Friends General Conference's Welcoming Friend pilot program.

**P&SO. Poor People's Campaign-for Economic Justice.** *David Hartsough, San Francisco Meeting and Anthony Manousos, Orange Grove Meeting. Carson Room*

Rev. William Barber, an African American pastor from North Carolina, is leading a new Poor People's Campaign—addressing systemic injustice. Those most affected by poverty, systemic racism, the war economy and ecological devastation are calling for a government that represents the people's needs rather than corporations and the wealthy. They are organizing, demonstrating and committing civil disobedience at statehouses and our nation's capital. Come explore how Friends can play an active role in helping support and build this campaign. See [www.poorpeoplescampaign.org](http://www.poorpeoplescampaign.org).

**AFSC. Replacing Militarized Police.** *John Lindsay-Poland, AFSC Police Militarization Expert. Fireside*

How do military-grade weapons end up in our police departments? The equipment, mentality, and training for war have increasingly infiltrated local policing, which is expected to police homelessness, mental illness, behavior in schools, and drug addiction. This puts everyone at risk, especially communities of color. Find out how you can support vulnerable communities and help stop militarized police training such as Urban Shield.

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**Latin American Concerns. Sacramento Friends Meeting Undocumented Student Scholarship Program.** *Patricia Portillo, Alvaro Alvarado, and Dreamer Guests.*  
*Bobcat*

The Sacramento Friends Meeting Undocumented Student Scholarship Project has been supporting students to continue their studies at Sacramento State University since 2010. The need continues and we are led to stand by them to give what we can to make their lives a little easier. We will talk about the Spiritual process that leads us and how others can join us to give hope to student Dreamers as they pursue a college career. A scholarship recipient will speak about his experience and how you can help make a difference.

**Unity with Nature. What You Can Do About Climate Change.** *Sharon Shen, Catya de Neergaard, and Andrea Beane.*  
*Garden Room.*

Rising sea levels, higher temperatures, disappearing glaciers, the shrinking Arctic ice cap, the death of coral reefs, these are some of the anticipated changes in our world due to climate change. As CO2 levels in the atmosphere increase, the world temperature rises. Learn about Quaker Earthcare Witness' 2018 Asks, "The List of Concrete Next Steps to Address Climate Disruption", based mainly on the science in "Drawdown" edited by Paul Hawken.

Short presentations followed by discussion. Participants invited to share how they are faithful to caring for the earth.

## Other Sunday Events

### Worship Sharing Site mix-up!

Initially, the wrong maps for worship sharing sites were posted by mistake. Corrected maps and site locations are now posted on the dining hall windows. Our apologies for the confusion!

### Eldering Group

The only Worship Sharing group for the Eldering Working Group is in the afternoon 1:30-2:55 at site #1, past the tent, towards the dry creek.

### Ask about Right Sharing of World Resources (RSWR)

Join us at lunch today to hear the latest about RSWR! Look for the yellow poster, and have a conversation with Jackie Stillwell (General Secretary) and Doug Smith, who visited India projects in January.

### Meet Author Cindy Spring

This is an invitation to hear Cindy Spring talk about her new book "The Wave and The Drop - Wisdom Stories About Death and Afterlife". She will be speaking in the EarthLight Bookstore in Maple at 8 pm on Sunday the 15th. Cindy has a long association with EarthLight - she was co-editor with Anthony Manousos of the "Best of EarthLight" anthology published in 2007. In the introductory chapter, Cindy explains that the title "The Wave and The Drop" is taken from a Hindu story about a drop of water that lives independently from the wave for only a moment. "Story" is the mode in which she takes up the questions that arise when one confronts mortality.

### Meet Author David Hartsough

You are invited to hear David Hartsough at 1:30 Sunday in the EarthLight Bookstore speaking on his book "Waging Peace - Global Adventures of a Lifelong Activist". Hartsough's book "Waging Peace" is a testament to the difference one person can make. Hartsough's stories inspire, educate, and encourage readers to find ways to work for a more just and peaceful world. Inspired by the examples of Mahatma Gandhi and Martin Luther King Jr., we have asked David to mention not only his experiences as recounted in "Waging Peace", but how he came to write and publish the book and what readers' responses have been.

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### **World Cup Final**

Watch on tape delay the final game between France and Croatia played earlier Sunday. Viewing is at **8:30 PM** at the Plenary Tent. If you hear the results beforehand, please don't tell the rest of us.

## **Other Things To Do Here**

### **Earthlight Bookstore**

Open afternoon and evening except for plenary sessions. Find us next to Guatemalan textiles in Maple. The Bookstore will close Tuesday before Community Night.

### **Epistle Committee**

The Epistle Committee consists of Friends Barbara Allen (Berkeley), Gail Thomas (Santa Monica), Steve Birdleough (Redwood Forest), and Will Rogers (Palo Alto/Berkeley). Please seek them out if you would like to share with them.

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### Peace Garden and Video Production Day Camp @ Quaker Oaks Farm

July 30th - August 3rd, 2018 8:30am - 4pm  
Daily

Ages 11-18

Inspired by the annual Spring Service Learning Camp, we want to offer our youth the opportunity to build their own garden and create the media that surrounds it. Storytelling, physical growth, being a part of something larger, are all sentiments we wish to instill in campers. These

young people are future leaders of Quaker Oaks Farm.

Register here:

<https://goo.gl/forms/ddXRP3PCvOipj5w03>

FMI: [gennakules@gmail.com](mailto:gennakules@gmail.com)

### Gordon Hirabayashi

What Quaker of Color resisted the internment of Japanese, Japanese Americans, eventually having the Supreme Court vacate his sentence? Who hitchhiked from Seattle to his jail in Arizona (which site has been named for him in the Coronado National Forest?) Gordon Hirabayashi!

An incredibly important and relevant work of art is "We Hold These Truths". It focuses on Gordon Hirabayashi who was one of three men who resisted being sent to the Japanese internment camps. He fought for equality and consciousness for 50 years, and was posthumously given the Presidential Medal of Freedom by President Obama. He was a Quaker. The AFSC was one of the organizations who supported his resistance, and his case made it to the Supreme Court, but lost. It was eventually reopened. Quakers are mentioned often in the play including George Fox, Rufus Jones, and Bayard Rustin. There is an article about the play in this week's Good Times, especially talking about the playwright, Jeanne Sakata, who actually grew up in Watsonville. The play is very timely given the circumstances in which we currently live.

<http://goodtimes.sc/santa-cruz-arts-entertainment/watsonville-native-jeanne-sakata-japanese-internment-hold-truths/>

The play runs July 11-Aug 5 at the Lucie Stern Theater in Palo Alto.

### News from Peace and Social Order:

**Honolulu Meeting Supports Ban on Nuclear Weapons:** Honolulu Friends Meeting supports the International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear

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Weapons (ICAN) and the Treaty on the Prohibition to Prevent Nuclear Weapons.

### **Chico Meeting Opposes US Immigration**

**Policies that Dehumanize:** Chico Friends Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends (Quakers) strongly opposes current U.S. immigration policies that dehumanize and criminalize refugees, asylum seekers, and other people attempting to enter our country.

**Strawberry Creek Meeting supports the efforts of Indian People Organizing for Change (IPOC)** to preserve and protect the West Berkeley Shellmound Site at 1900 Fourth Street, and to allow Ohlone people to protect the current use and future for this oldest sacred site in the Bay Area, recognizing it as a place of burial and sacred ceremony used by their ancestors for thousands of years.

For the entire text of the approved Minutes of Concern, please visit the PYM PSO webpage.

### **Suggestions from Quaker Earthcare Witness**

**Concrete Next Steps Friends Can Take to Address Climate Disruption** - The January 2016 Friends World Committee for Consultation [FWCC] in Pisac Peru called for all Yearly Meetings to take two concrete steps in the coming year toward living sustainably so that all may live. Quaker Earthcare Witness [QEW] promptly endorsed this and in April 2017 asked all Friends, Meetings, and Friends' organizations to take two new concrete steps, no matter how small, each year toward sustainability and reversing climate disruption. FWCC similarly continues to support taking two concrete steps yearly on all levels.

Similarly, PYM Annual Session 2015 made the following minute (2015-05) which asks for us to consult and testify with one another about lowering our carbon footprint. "We hold a deep concern for over reliance and investment in fossil fuels. We ask that monthly meetings and individuals engage in discernment on how to

reduce their dependence and investment in fossil fuels. Meetings and individuals are asked to share their efforts with the greater community."

The Interest Group this evening (Sunday) in the Garden Room will be presenting the 2018 suggestions for next steps to take to reverse global warming followed by discussion. There may be better suggestions for your area or part of the country. We'd like to hear what you're doing. A part of both the Pisac Minute, FWCC's ongoing efforts, and our intention is that we share our ideas and successes with one another. We've included suggestions for all levels - individuals, Meetings, cities, counties, and states.

A one page handout of the list of suggestions will be available at the interest group or from either of the QEW Representatives: Catya de Neergaard and Andrea Beane.

## **Personals**

### **Rides**

Do you have an empty seat in your vehicle? Please stop by the Information tent and let us know if you are able to offer a ride, when you are leaving, where you going, and how many spaces you have available. Arrangements, Sarah Tyrrell and Bronwen Hillman.

### **Aurora**

Aurora, the child who drives a pink wheelchair and talks using a computer, invites f(F)riends old and new to hang out with her. Challenge her to a game of Hangman, exchange jokes, ask her about her summer so far, or just (re) introduce yourself! Come share in her special gifts when you have a little time to spare.

### **Jeanette Norton**

Jeanette was an active member of the YM until health issues prevented her from attending. She faces major surgery on Monday at 7:00 AM. The procedure is more risky than would normally be the case due to her other health

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issues. I have promised her that I would be holding her in the Light at the time of her surgery. If you would like to join me in holding her in the Light (wherever you are at that time), please sign the "pledge" at the Info Booth on the patio. You can also write personal messages. I will convey your names and messages to her right after dinner on Sunday. Julie Harlow

### **Civilian Public Service - A Request**

Seventy-five years ago this week my father, as a conscientious objector, entered Camp Antelope, a Civilian Public Service camp in Coleville, CA, run by the AFSC. He wrote wonderful letters home which I am now preparing for publication. A few months ago I learned too late that Wes Huss, who had been the director of Camp Antelope, had passed away just this year at age 99. If only I had known earlier that he was still alive, I could have interviewed him for the book. (My father died in 1985, so it never occurred to me that others from the camp might still be living as late as 2017.) Are there any other living CPS veterans still out there? Or descendants who have letters or records? If you know of any, please connect with me. Thank you. -- George Mills, Palo Alto

### **Interested in a Quaker-Inspired Intentional community?**

For anyone who was inspired by the Keynote addresses to imagine ways it might be possible to take significant steps towards a lifestyle that reduces their use of the world's resources, living in intentional community is a way others have moved towards sustainability. Anyone who is interested in this topic generally, or who might be interested in a planning a Quaker-inspired intentional community on small acreage in Tulare County, should gather at lunch on Sunday at a table on the Plenary Tent-side of the Dining Hall.

### **From Nominating: It takes a village**

How dear and valuable our children are to us! So many Friends are missing out on the

joyous opportunity to be in community with them. The work of the Children's Program Committee is to plan for and oversee the implementation of a program which enriches their experience, imparts and strengthens Quaker values, and integrates them with the full Friends community. Saturday we heard from two women who grew up in this meeting, who were nurtured by PYM Friends. Who are the children among us today who will become the leaders of tomorrow, the builders of a new paradigm, the ones who bring their visions to life? Contact Nominating Committee if you can see yourself involved in this meaningful and fulfilling work creating the future.

### **Finding a home for your skills**

Do you have skills and experience in clerking? Sometimes a committee has lots of folks invested in the action end of the process, but needs leadership in the process of getting there. Let Nominating Committee know if you might be interested in exercising your clerking talents.

Computer savvy? There is a committee that needs your support. Fill out the pink Service Survey. Tell us what you have to offer and we can find a place for you to serve.

### **Annual Session Evaluations**

Help make future Annual Sessions even better than this year's by filling out an evaluation at <https://survey.pacificyearlymeeting.org/index.php?r=survey/index&sid=231371&newtest=Y&lang=en>. If you are unable to fill out the online form, see the Assistant to the Clerk for a paper form. If you have trouble with the on-line form, send an email to [PYMAssistanttotheClerk@gmail.com](mailto:PYMAssistanttotheClerk@gmail.com). The deadline for submitting your evaluation is August 5, but fill it out as soon as you can after you leave so the information is fresh in your memory.

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## Schedule

6:20-7:00am	Outdoor Worship (in front of Pine Lodge)
7:00-8:00	Breakfast
7:30-8:00	Quaker Center's online worship group (Plenary tent)
8:00-9:00	Worship (Plenary tent)
9:15-10:40	Worship Sharing or Aging in the Light (Carson) or Early Quaker Writings (Fireside)
11:00-12:30	Plenary V
12:45-1:30	Lunch
1:30-2:55	Worship Sharing or Bible Study (Fireside)
3:15-4:45	Interest Groups III
4:45-5:30	PYM Committee Listening Time
5:30-6:30	Dinner
6:45-8:15	Plenary VI
8:00-10:00	Dance (Theme: Radical 80's)
8:30-10:00	Tabling Fair

## Interest Groups 3:15-4:45

**Personal Relationships and the “Me Too” Watershed.** *Carl Magruder and Laura Magnani, co-clerks Faith and Practice Revision. Plenary Tent*

The Faith and Practice Revision Committee has been struggling with the language in the Advices and Queries on Personal Relationships. Walking in Spirit we are asked to reflect on how we relate to each other and how to build truly respectful relationships. Is the current language in the Discipline too explicit about sexual abuse? When boundaries are broken, how can healing happen in ways that do not create more brokenness?

**Friendly Tech Show and Tell.** *Members of Communications Committee. Carson Room*

Come learn about using our online virtual committee meeting service and hear what is happening on the tech front from Western Friend, North Pacific, Intermountain, and Pacific yearly meetings. We will also discuss the 'digital divide': as Friendly communications make greater use of the web, social media and other technology, how do we ensure that friends without internet access or who are challenged navigating 'the web' are not sidelined from important communications and information?

**Building an Intergenerational, Diverse, Inclusive Friends Community.** *Youth Programs Coordinating Committee. Fireside6*

An active, interactive opportunity for all ages, facilitated by members of the PYM Youth Programs Coordinating Committee and building on this year's PYM Annual Session theme of "Faithfulness, Radical Vulnerability, and Love." Includes some concepts reaped from attending the Reunión General / General Meeting of Friends in Mexico in May 2018, the theme of which was "Are our young people called to serve God?"

**Water is Life.** *Jessi and Graciela Martinez, Self-Help Enterprises (SHE). P&SO. Bobcat*

"Getting to the Roots of California's Drinking Water crisis." Come learn about what community leaders are doing to meet the challenge of delivering water to their rural communities across California's San Joaquin Valley.

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**The Fruits of 45 Years Working for Guatemala's Education.** *Miguel Costop. Latin American Concerns. Garden Room*

A summary of the work, challenges and successes of the Guatemala Friends Scholarship Program (Progresa) to improve the education of poor indigenous people in Guatemala. Come and learn how young Mayans are making changes to their families and communities to break the cycles of poverty and violence. The speaker will be Miguel Costop, current director and former student of Progresa, whose work is a testimony to the importance of this Quaker project.

## Plenary Agendas

### Plenary V: 11:00-12:30

Other YM Epistle Reading  
 Earthcare Witness  
 M&O Report  
 FGC Affiliation  
 Budget Approval (Finance) (if ready)  
 Communication Comm Items  
 Joint Proposal – CPC  
 Employment Issues  
 Nominating Update  
 Naming Comm. Update  
 Spirit Rising: Is anything becoming clear about witnessing? (if time permits)  
 Announcements

### Plenary VI: 6:45-8:15

Other YM Epistle Reading  
 Report from QM Coordinating Team  
 Homelessness (P&SO)  
 More Discernment: What are we learning about what we should be witnessing to?  
 Items for Approval (if needed)  
 Registrar's Report  
 Announcements

### Finance Committee – About Assessment

Finance Committee brings the following information in addition to what was presented

yesterday, to help Friends with their discernment about next fiscal year's budget.

The per-member assessment for mainland US is currently \$111; next fiscal year, with the budget as presented yesterday, it would be \$120, up \$9.

The current per-member assessment for Hawaii is \$49, next fiscal year it would be \$52, up \$3.

For Mexico City, the per-member assessment is stable, at \$30.

These increases are NOT primarily due to increased expenses—those are generally stable, too—but because membership is down. The assessment has increased this much because of an average of one fewer member per Meeting.

*Concerning the Youth Program Coordinator raise:*

The YPC has received annually a Cost of Living Adjustment, but in seven years of employment and valuable contribution to PYM has not received any merit raise.

The Youth Program Coordinator Committee has recommended a merit increase of 7.5%. If Friends approve that increase, it would add \$2 per member to the assessment for mainland US Meetings. Saturday's budget assumed a 2.5% increase for this year, with the expectation of similar increases in the subsequent two years.

*Concerning affiliation with Friends General Conference:*

If Friends approve the minimum option laid out by Shan Cretin of Ministry & Oversight, that would add an additional \$3.30 to \$3.50 per member to the assessment for all Meetings.

## Other Monday Events

### Meet Author Anne Nesbet

You are invited to hear Anne Nesbet at 8:00 pm Monday in the EarthLight Bookstore in Maple. Her two most recent books (originally for children, with historical themes relevant for

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### **Convergent Quakers**

Are you curious about/interested in the various branches of Quakers? Join us for lunch on Tuesday in the dining room annex nearest the plenary tent. Come meet Yulieed Avila, traveling in the ministry for FWCC, and share your own experiences and questions.

## **Other Things To Do Here**

### **Community Night Sign-up**

Community Night (formerly Family Night) is an opportunity for Friends to share their fun and gifts with the community. All are welcome and invited! All performances must be 4 minutes or less. We ask Friends to practice and time yourselves. The sign-up sheet is available on a window on the side of the dining hall facing the tent. Please be sure to sign up by the end of lunch Tuesday. For any questions, please see Shayne Lightner, on behalf of Ministry and Oversight Committee. Thanks.

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### **EarthLight Bookstore**

Open afternoon and evening except for plenary sessions. Find us next to Guatemalan textiles in Maple. The Bookstore will close Tuesday before Community Night.

### **Bible Study Readings**

Friends who could not make it to Bible Study the first two days have asked me to list the passages that we looked at. Saturday was Mark, chapter 10, verses 17-27, and yesterday was Luke 10:1-12. Today we may venture into the Hebrew scriptures (aka Old Testament), with Judges 7:1-14, and Tuesday back to the New, with Romans 12:9-21. Be advised though, that the only selections not subject to change are those for sessions that have already happened; in other words, don't be unduly alarmed if you get there and it's something different, as we try to stay open to where the Spirit leads. — Stephen Matchett

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Please leave the food in the kitchen for special diets. Unless you have an allergy or special need for which you had requested, your food selections are in the main dining area. If you take from the special needs area, people who need that food may not be able to eat.

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### **Western Friend Benefit Dinner**

Readers who appreciate Western Friend (magazine and web presence) and who enjoy the company of Quakers and their spouses, and who savor fine dining al fresco... are invited to a very intimate restaurant (Tom and Sandy Farley's patio) for a Balkan themed supper on Sunday July 22, 6:00 pm. Tom and Sandy live at 1301 Himmel Avenue, Redwood City (just 2 blocks south of Woodside Road).

Menu: Spinach-feta burek, tomato-cucumber salad, grilled trout with braised cipollini onions and summer squash, home-made baklava. Some of the food is grown on the premises, so you'll have a unique farm to table experience.

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Write a check to Western Friend or bring cash equal to what you might spend for dinner out. The amount is up to you. We're donating the food and labor.

RSVP required as there are only 15 seats available for this event. See Tom or Sandy Farley at the bookstore or e-mail [farley@spont.com](mailto:farley@spont.com).

### **Attention Writers and Poets**

Are you a Quaker writer/poet or publisher? Join QUIP-Quakers United in Publishing. Website: [www.quakerquip.com](http://www.quakerquip.com).

Last year England, this year the annual conference is in Canby, Oregon. A chance to meet others! Date: March 28-31, 2019.

Gail Thomas [quakergail@gmail.com](mailto:quakergail@gmail.com)

### **Kenyan style Friends Worship in Santa Cruz**

Come and share in a unique worship experience. After an introduction about Quakers in Kenya, we will share unprogrammed worship; there will be Bible reading and a message, and then there will be singing and dancing. Worship will start at 1:30 pm on Saturday, July 28, at the Santa Cruz Meetinghouse (225 Rooney St., Santa Cruz). RSVP if you plan to attend. Children are also welcome, but again please RSVP. — Emelyn Buskirk (email Emelyn at [em.pearson45@att.net](mailto:em.pearson45@att.net))

### **Soledad Worship Group**

Amos Johnson, the inmate clerk of Soledad WG sends word that they are standing tall. — Emelyn Buskirk

### **News from Quaker Oaks Farm**

January 2018: Quaker Oaks Farm received grants from the Healthy Soils Initiative and Partners of Fish and Wildlife. The Healthy Soils Incentive Grant will help QOF build soil health, sequester carbon and reduce atmospheric greenhouse gasses. This will be done using practices such as cover crops, hedgerow plants,

mulching, compost applications and silvopasture areas.

The PFWL grant will enhance the Tule Tract, a wetland area on Quaker Oaks Farm. This restoration project will generate multiple benefits for federal trust species, while providing environmental and cultural learning opportunities regarding traditional ecological knowledge; enhancement of the natural floodplain and wetland habitat on QOF will provide hydrologic functions and wildlife use. [www.quakeroaksfarm.org](http://www.quakeroaksfarm.org) – Melissa Lovett-Adair

### **Release From Detention for Immigrants Requesting Asylum**

Samantha Vazquez from the Interfaith Movement for Human Integrity is speaking Wednesday night at 7:15 at San Francisco Friends Meeting. We are particularly concerned about the recent decision to close the West Contra Costa County Detention Center to immigrants seeking asylum in the US. These immigrants will be moved out of state and away from their families. 100+ people need to be sponsored to be released until their hearings. Many of them have family in the area they can live with, but some will need temporary housing.

Friends have a long tradition of sponsoring people, including Rufus Jones asking Adolf Hitler for the Jews, Catholics and others in the concentration camps. Faith communities in San Diego sponsored Vietnamese refugees in 1973. Pastor Debra Lee's mother was sponsored by Quakers to get out of the internment camps in World War One. She is the head of this organization.

Samantha will be able to answer some of the hard questions that people have raised ranging from sponsoring of a person to leave detention, ways to get involved in the matter, and the value of collective action. Please join us for this important conversation.

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This is an opportunity for us to live our faith and make a statement about the treatment of immigrants.

When: Wednesday, July 18, at 7:15 pm (street parking on 9th is available after 7 pm)

Where: San Francisco Friends Meeting, 65 9th Street, between Market and Mission, near Civic Center BART and MUNI stops

You can also contribute to the Interfaith Movement for Human Integrity online to help pay bail bonds for the detainees to be reunited with their families. Detainees have to pay a bond of \$1000 or more to get out, reunite with their families and work.

Please invite friends who are interested in this issue or who want information about how to become more involved. Rolene Walker, 415-805-6933 or [rolenewalker@gmail.com](mailto:rolenewalker@gmail.com).

### **March for Nuclear Abolition & Global Survival**

Monday Aug. 6 (Hiroshima Day), 8am, at the fence of the Livermore Nuclear Weapons Lab (about 40 miles east of Oakland) Vasco Road and Patterson Pass Road, in Livermore. Program features Daniel Ellsberg, Rev. Nobuaki Hanaoka (a survivor) and Prof. Christine Hong (an expert on Korea).

Free seats in a vanpool from the Dublin-Pleasanton BART station are available by calling 925-443-7148. Offer available only while seats last.

Much more info at [www.trivalleycares.org](http://www.trivalleycares.org), or contact Carl Anderson here at PYM or home at 510-654-4983

### **Advices on Unsheltered Neighbors**

Chico Friends Meeting has developed Advices on Unsheltered Neighbors which may be of help to other meetings with Unsheltered Neighbors. These advices are germane to the topic "Homelessness" on the agenda of Plenary VI today. The advices can be found on the PYM

website on the 2018 Annual Session page under Peace and Social Order Committee

## **Personals**

### **La Buena Onda**

Natasha Herrera, Bronwen's daughter, has a radio show Friday nights, 5 pm to 7 pm, called La Buena Onda. You can check it out live streamed at [cf.ru.ca](http://cf.ru.ca) or follow her on Facebook.

### **Advice from a Tree**

- Stand tall and proud
- Go out on a limb
- Remember your roots
- Drink plenty of water
- Be content with your natural beauty
- Enjoy the view

*(Thank you, Bronwen Hillman)*

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# The Daily Miracle

Pacific Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends

**Tuesday July 17, 2018**

## Tuesday Schedule

6:20-7:00am	Outdoor Worship (in front of Pine Lodge)
7:00-8:00	Breakfast
7:30-8:00	Quaker Center's online worship group (Plenary tent)
8:00-9:00	Worship (Plenary tent)
9:15-10:40	Worship Sharing or Aging in the Light (Carson) or Early Quaker Writings (Fireside)
11:00-12:30	Plenary VII
12:45-1:30	Lunch
1:30-2:55	Worship Sharing or Bible Study (Fireside)
3:15-4:45	Plenary VIII
4:45-5:30	Meeting for Monthly Meeting Reps
5:30-6:30	Dinner
6:45-8:15	Community Night
8:30-10:00	Affinity Groups / Transformative Friends

## Plenary Agendas

### Plenary VII, 11:00-12:30 pm

- Other YM Epistle Reading
- Quaker Business Process: Ari Standish & Elinor Steffy
- Naming Committee
- Barbara Babin's & Rebekah Percy's Travel to Mexico; FWCC Visiting YAF

- Immigration: Separation of Children & Parents (LACC)
- Further Spirit Rising: How do we support youth/young adults in witnessing to the world?
- Announcements

### Plenary VIII, 3:15-4:45 pm

- Other YM Epistle Reading
- Draft PYM Epistle
- Nominating Committee
- Naming Committee
- Outstanding decisions needing approval: FGC Affiliation
- Statistical Report
- Discernment: What is becoming clear about AS witnessing to a troubled world?
- *Possible additional items arising from earlier Plenaries*
- Announcements

## Interest Groups

### No Interest Groups Tuesday

The next and last Interest Groups (IV) are on Wednesday morning, 8:00 AM

## Other Tuesday Events

### Transformative Friend Rachel DuBois and the Evolution of Worship Sharing

Rachel Davis DuBois (1892-1993) was a remarkable Quaker activist who devoted her life to issues of race and immigration. She was a pioneer in Intercultural Education. She developed a very effective method she called Group Conversation to bring diverse groups together to sense their common humanity. She later adapted Group Conversation to her own

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religious family and came up with a program she called Quaker Dialogue. With FGC support she taught Quaker Dialogue to over 400 Friends meetings and bodies. Claremont Meeting picked it up and developed further widely-used guidelines and suggestions, calling them variously Quaker Dialogue or Creative Listening. Friends in PYM and elsewhere have been adapting the concept ever since. Today's Worship Sharing is a descendant of DuBois' work. Come learn about the remarkable life of Rachel DuBois and the folk evolution from Group Conversation to Worship Sharing. — *George Mills. Carson room, 8:30-10:00.*

### **Bible Study--last session today**

Spirit Willing/Flesh Weak Department:

By decision of those assembled for Bible Study yesterday, the Bible Study session on the schedule for **Wednesday at 6 am will not be happening**. Friends are welcome to attend the final Bible study session of this annual session **today at 1:30 in Fireside**, where we will probably be reading Romans 12:9-21. Thanks, Stephen Matchett

### **Convergent Quakers**

Are you curious about/interested in the various branches of Quakers? Join us for lunch on Tuesday in the dining room annex nearest the plenary tent. Come meet Yulieed Avila, traveling in the ministry for FWCC, and share your own experiences and questions. — Barbara Babin, Observer to Reunion General de los Amigos en Mexico

## **Other Things To Do Here**

### **Community Night Sign-up**

Community Night is an opportunity for Friends to share their fun and gifts with the community. All are welcome and invited! We have a wheelchair accessible stage this year, thanks to Aurora and her mom. All performances must be 4 minutes or less. We ask Friends to practice

and time yourselves. The sign-up sheet is available on a window on the side of the dining hall facing the tent. Please be sure to sign up by the end of lunch today. For any questions, please see Shayne Lightner, on behalf of Ministry and Oversight Committee. Thanks.

### **Proofread Your Attenders List Entry**

A draft of the Attenders List for this annual session is posted on the wall outside the dining hall. Please take a moment to check the accuracy of your listing. Deadline 6:30 pm.

### **Comment on PYM Draft Epistle**

The draft PYM epistle will be posted on the Dining Hall windows by 4:45 pm Tuesday.

Suggested edits may be emailed to:  
barbara@allen79.org

### **Find a home for your skills**

Do you have skills and experience in clerking? Sometimes a committee has lots of folks invested in the action end of the process but needs leadership in the process of getting there. Let Nominating Committee know if you might be interested in exercising your clerking talents.

Computer savvy? There is a committee that needs your support. Fill out the pink Service Survey. Tell us what you have to offer and we can find a place for you to serve. — Nominating Committee

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### **EarthLight Bookstore**

Open afternoon and evening except for plenary sessions. Find us next to Guatemalan textiles in Maple. The Bookstore will close Tuesday before Community Night.

### **Guatemala Scholarship Project**

As Friends know, Guatemala Scholarship Project provides one way to help students in Guatemala: by selling textiles which are currently on sale in Maple. Everyone is welcome until 5:30 this evening. If you're unable to fit a shopping trip into today's schedule, or you wish to have less "stuff" in your life, you could make a donation to the project online at: [guatemalafriends.org](http://guatemalafriends.org) or by snail mail: c/o Redwood Forest Friends, 1647 Guerneville Road, Santa Rosa, CA 95403.

Mil gracias!

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### **Golf Cart**

Would you like some assistance moving luggage from a vehicle to your lodging? Look for Sarah or Bronwen in the big tent or come to the information tent to arrange for a ride.

### **Submitting to the Daily Miracle**

We welcome your submissions by email (best) or on our paper form. Paper forms can be found, filled out, and left in a box in the plenary tent or at the Secretariat itself. Look on the web for email instructions (link below). Deadline is

**9:00 pm (8:15 pm if submitted on paper in the plenary tent).** This will give us time to do our work AND get some sleep.

## **Beyond Annual Session**

### **Bill Lovett**

Memorial service for Bill Lovett will be held July 28 at 10:30 am at Visalia Friends Meeting House, 17208 Ave 296, Visalia.

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### **More News from Quaker Oaks Farm**

April 2018: thanks in part to generous donations, QOF been able to purchase some much-needed equipment. We are grateful to now have a better running tractor and a new manure spreader and flail mower; tools essential to the general maintenance, diversified farming and restoration efforts being implemented on the farm.

[www.quakeroaksfarm.org](http://www.quakeroaksfarm.org)

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### **Singers And Music Lovers**

Annie Patterson and Peter Blood, authors of *Rise Up Singing* and *Rise Again* are coming to California this fall. Annie has a number of concerts planned in Northern California in October and both will be keynote speakers sharing their leading to do this work at Southern California Fall Fellowship Nov 3-4. They are open to additional concert dates, especially in the south. Contact them through their website: [www.riseupandsing.org](http://www.riseupandsing.org).

### **Quaker Peace Boat**

Friends who have been following the progress of The Golden Rule, the historic Quaker peace boat, may want to wave in the direction of the coast as she passes by (sometime in the next few days). She is currently transiting from San Diego back to Humboldt Bay where she will be refitting in preparation for her extended Pacific voyage. The Golden Rule will sail for Hawaii in September, where she will overwinter and gather support for the trip to the Marshall Islands, Guam, Okinawa, Japan and Jeju Island, Korea on her mission of opposition to nuclear weapons, war, and the radioactive contamination of lands, oceans and air. Friends wishing to know more or to contribute are invited to visit them on Facebook or at <http://www.vfpgoldenruleproject.org/> — Jim Summers

### **Immigration Outrages**

Redwood Forest Meeting has approved a minute regarding immigration outrages. You can find this minute and minutes of concern from other meetings on various topics on the Peace and Social Order page of the PYM website.

### **AFSC's Centennial Exhibit in San Diego this Summer**

AFSC's Waging Peace exhibit opens in San Diego on July 23rd at the New Americans Museum <<http://newamericansmuseum.org/event/waging-peace-100-years-of-action/>> and will be there

through September 30. The museum is at 2825 Dewey Road, Suite 102, San Diego. More information on the exhibit as well as guides for teachers and families can be found at: <http://exhibit.afsc.org/>.

This inspiring, interactive exhibit was created to honor AFSC's centennial and is a wonderful way to share the history and *current* work Friends do for peace and justice. Make plans *now* to bring your family and friends to engage with first-person stories and activities that demonstrate the effectiveness of nonviolent action to build justice, overcome oppression, and prevent and heal from war and violence.

Please share this broadly with your Meeting and with your nonQuaker friends and neighbors who want to—need to—be inspired by seeing what courage and love can do!

### **Silent Retreat**

Take time regularly for ... spiritual refreshment in order to live a more centered life and to bring a deeper presence to the Meeting for Worship. —*Advices and Queries on THE SPIRITUAL LIFE, Faith and Practice of Pacific Yearly Meeting*

Each Labor Day weekend, the Silent Retreat Committee of Southern California Quarterly Meeting offers spiritual refreshment to Friends.

Transforming Suffering: From Turmoil to Tranquility. August 31 to September 2, 2018

At the serene Prince of Peace Abbey in Oceanside, Friends tend our evolving relationship with the Divine, including our spiritual highs and doubts.

### **P&SO Bi-monthly Video Conference**

Is your Monthly Meeting or Worship Group involved in food justice; immigration practices; or housing concerns? Peace and Social Order is working to bring together Monthly Meetings who share similar social witness activities. We are hoping to launch bi-monthly video conferences among Friends to better capture the

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synergy of these efforts. To that end, we will be meeting on Tuesday at 1:30 PM in Pine for Friends to begin work that will continue during the upcoming year. Questions, email co-clerk of Peace and Social Order Shannon Frediani at [shannon.frediani@cst.edu](mailto:shannon.frediani@cst.edu).

### **One Meeting's Response to the Opioid Epidemic and Addiction Crisis**

Central Coast Friends Meeting recently created a new line item in its budget to make an annual donation to support a local agency addressing the prevention and / or treatment of substance use disorder. We are still exploring where to make that donation.

Are you interested in learning more about the religious community's response to the opioid epidemic and addiction crises? You might like to check out a group named Clergy for a New Drug Policy, an inter-denominational advocacy group trying to reverse the old, ineffective War on Drugs. Their website even includes a statement of the Quaker perspective on responding to this public health crisis. Check it out at [newdrugpolicy.org](http://newdrugpolicy.org).

### **Global Climate Summit and Rise for Climate March Coming September**

California Governor Jerry Brown is sponsoring a Global Climate Summit in San Francisco from September 12 to 14. The Summit will bring leaders and people together from around the world to "Take Ambition to the Next Level." It will be a moment to celebrate the extraordinary achievements of states, regions, cities, companies, investors and citizens with respect to climate action. The conference will end with the Pathway to Paris Concert, featuring Patti Smith and Bob Weir. Tickets for the concert are now on sale. Information on all of the activities of the conference can be found at [globalclimatesummit.org](http://globalclimatesummit.org).

On the Saturday before the Summit at Moscone Center, September 8, people will be gathering for Rise for Climate marches. The largest march will

be in San Francisco. Our goal is make this the largest climate march in history to be held on the west coast. Marches are also being planned for other areas of California, including the Los Angeles and San Diego areas. For more information, go to [riseforclimate.org](http://riseforclimate.org).

Hundreds of organizations are listed as sponsors of the Rise for Climate and will be participating in the Climate Action Summit, including the United Nations, 350.org, Sierra Club, Citizens' Climate Lobby, and the Mom's Clean Air Force. Sadly, there are no Quaker organizations listed as sponsors or participants in the march or summit. This brings into question how committed Friends are to solving the climate crisis. Where are our Quaker meetings and environmental organizations in this important environmental witness? This is probably the most visible witness for climate that we will have this year, an opportunity to defend the Paris Agreement that the Trump administration has decided to walk away from. Again we ask, where are the Friends?

—Tom Yamaguchi and Sharon Shen

### **Earthcare**

Copies of QEW's 2018 "List of Concrete Next Steps Friends Can Take to Address Climate Disruption", based on the scientific data in "Drawdown" edited by Paul Hawkin are available at the back of the big tent and at the Unity with Nature /QEW display table in the bathhouse. The 2018 "List" is a condensed compilation of easy to do and not so easy to do suggestions for individuals, Meetings, and systems. Some people think, "Oh what is the use", but if we all do our part to make a transition to a new earth, that will happen. It is best to start with small things that you think you can do. Seek out other Friends for support. A new online support and action worship group (with a forum and Zoom Meetings) is starting for Friends, with concerns or Leadings for Earthcare and other topics. Please email Catya [goldenlynxs@yahoo.com](mailto:goldenlynxs@yahoo.com) if you want to join.

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We very much hope you will take on the Pisac Challenge and make a commitment to take two new concrete steps (no matter how small) each year to reverse climate Disruption and restore the earth.

While you're visiting the bathhouse please take some free copies of the many brochures on Earthcare and the QEW newsletter, "Befriending Creation", also on the Unity with Nature/ QEW table. — Catya de Neergaard

### **Selective Service System--Chance to Comment**

Quaker House and the Center on Conscience and War have put out the call for concerned citizens to make public comment to the National Commission on Military, National, and Public Service regarding ending the Selective Service System (SSS) registration for the draft. All people identified at birth as male are required to register with the SSS. Talking points include:

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Deadline for comments: September 30, 2018.  
Public meetings in Los Angeles: September 19-20 (National Commission website: [inspire2serve.gov](http://inspire2serve.gov)). Email: [national.commission.on.service.info@mail.mil](mailto:national.commission.on.service.info@mail.mil).  
Postal Mail: National Commission on Military, National, and Public Service; Attn: RFI Comment-Docket 05-2018-01; 2530 Crystal

Drive, Suite 1000, Room 1029; Arlington, VA 22202

### **Wanted Monthly Meeting Liaisons to UwN and QEW**

Liaisons provide two way communication between their Meetings or Worship Groups and PYM's Unity with Nature Committee [UwN] and also, if they like, with Quaker Earthcare Witness [QEW], a mostly national organization for Friends carrying concerns about Earthcare.

If you would like to be the point person to either or both of these organizations, please contact Andrea Beane of Santa Monica MM, member of Unity with Nature Committee, and PYM's Representative to QEW. Her email: [<thebeane45@gmail.com>](mailto:thebeane45@gmail.com)

## **Personals**

### **Rides**

Thank you! Thank you! Everyone who needs a ride has one. Check in with Sarah or Bronwen if you are a driver or a passenger.

### **Jeanette Norton**

Jeanette came through the surgery, recovering, and in a few days she would appreciate texts and emails: [lightseeker@cox.net](mailto:lightseeker@cox.net) (Julie Harlow)

### **Marilee Eusebio**

Several Friends have asked about Marilee's absence. She daughter, Miriam, is in Davis for 5 weeks, directing a play for the company where she was a student. Marilee said, "I'm not giving up one day with my daughter." You can let her know that you missed her: [marileee@comcast.net](mailto:marileee@comcast.net)

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9:30-10:00	Clear Rooms
10:00-11:15	Closing Plenary / Epistle Reading
11:30-12:30	Closing Worship
12:45-1:30	Lunch
1:30-3:30	Evaluation Meeting for YM Clerks & Officers

## Wednesday Interest Groups

**Native Concerns Forum.** *Panel including Jim Summers. M&O. Plenary Tent.*

This interest group will be convened by a panel of PYM Friends actively involved with Quaker/Native relations, who will report on their activities, solicit reports from others engaged in this work, answer questions and hear concerns from interested Friends. Friends will also be invited to include native Hawai'ian or other indigenous groups in this discussion. Participants will be invited to consider these relationships, examine them in the Light, and make suggestions for how to support ongoing activities.

**In for the Long Haul.** *Carolyn Levering, FCNL Advocacy Team member. P&SO. Carson Room*

This group has been cancelled.

**Poetry, Prayer Circle and Worship with Nature.** *Catya de Neergard and Lora Powell. Unity with Nature. Peace Pole.*

Appreciating and practicing deep listening to the voices of God's creation. Expressing and exploring our relationship with Nature through sharing poetry. Earth Prayers, and reflective silence in the beauty of Walker Creek. All expressions of Divine language are welcome. Bring poems and percussion instruments if you like.

**Testimonies Revisited.** *Chuck Orr and Friends. Faith and Practice Revision. Garden Room.*

An opportunity to move beyond SPICES in considering the Testimonies. Testimonies reflect generations of Quaker lives guided by Spirit. This will be an opportunity to examine deeply what is speaking to us now. There will a presentation and experiential opportunities.

## Closing Plenary / Epistle Reading

**10:00-11:15**

- Preschool Epistle
- Elementary School Epistle
- Middle School Epistle
- Junior Yearly Meeting Epistle
- Young Adult Friends Epistle (if requested)
- Pacific Yearly Meeting Epistle
- Nominating Committee (if needed)

- Naming Committee (if needed)
- Junior Yearly Meeting New Officers/Committees
- Young Adult Friends New Officers/Committees (if needed)
- Clerk's Closing Remarks
- Reading of Minutes
- Closing Worship
- Announcements

## Other Wednesday Events

### Annual Session Evaluation Meeting for PYM Officers and Committee Clerks

If you are an Officer or Committee Clerk, please attend the Evaluation Session on Wednesday 1:30-3:30 PM in Maple. This session is your opportunity to provide critical feedback regarding how this Annual Session went from your perspective in service to the Yearly Meeting. If you cannot attend, please ask another member of your committee to bring your feedback.

See Sharon Gates if you have questions.

## Before You Leave (or Shortly Thereafter)

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### Worship Sharing Evaluations

Worship/Sharing evaluations go in the **yellow** box at either the plenary tent or the patio information booth.

### Pink Service Questionnaires

Pink Service questionnaires go in the **pink** box - same locations.

### Attention, monthly meeting reps, PYM committee clerks, and officers

Don't forget to sign up to be reimbursed for your travel expense to and from Annual Session! The form you need to use is on a clipboard at the back of the Plenary Tent.

### Vacating Rooms

Rooms must be vacated by 10:00 am. They will start to clean at 10:15 am. You are welcome to leave your things on the patio or outside your lodging until you are ready to leave.

### Walker Creek Linens

If you used Walker Creek linens, please leave them in your room.

### Earthlight Bookstore Needs Help Packing.

Help packing and loading books will be welcome Wednesday morning. Thank you for your patronage.

### Chocolate for Sale!

Elinor Steffy is selling fair trade Equal Exchange chocolate bars for \$4 each to raise money for her dance school tuition. She will be selling at breakfast and lunch as well as in Buckeye in between.

## General Announcements

### Golf Cart Today

We will be running the golf cart around today until close of plenary, then again during lunch. We are happy to help you take your things to

your car so you don't have to take your car to your things. See Bronwen or Sarah.

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### **News from Quaker Oaks Farm**

May 2018: we hosted an Intern on the farm. L.J. Robertson spent three weeks on the farm as part of a High School senior project. They helped implement the Healthy Soils grant, seeded organic flowers and vegetables and participated in presenting an Agroecology Crash Course on Carbon Sequestration to a group of 20 people. The Agroecology Crash Courses are on-the-farm workshops hosted quarterly by Quaker Oaks Farm and CAFA: Community Alliance for Agroecology. These workshops educate various community members, environmental groups and policy advocates about environmental issues and solutions in the San Joaquin Valley.

Keep in touch! Follow us at [www.quakeroaksfarm.org](http://www.quakeroaksfarm.org). On Facebook at Quaker Oaks Farm. On Instagram at quakeroaksfarmvisalia. — *Melissa Lovett-Adair*

### **Homeless Housing Approved In Pasadena!**

Thanks to all of you who prayed that we would successfully persuade the Pasadena City Council's Economic Development (Ed Tech) subcommittee to approve homeless housing for 69 seniors. 46 people showed up in support, 20 spoke out, and we won! Ed Tech unanimously agreed to support "mixed use"—homeless housing plus some commercial development—which was exactly what we were advocating.

This was a **huge** victory for our homeless neighbors. Thanks be to God! Our prayers were answered... This is just the beginning. There are other sites in other parts of the city that we will want to see used to house our homeless neighbors, but this victory will encourage us to keep up the beautiful struggle. To be continued...

Yours in peace and justice, — *Anthony Manousos*

## **Personals**

### **Thank You Pat and Gary Wolff!**

Thank you Pat and Gary Wolff. You have helped us hear each other. You have brought our words to everyone so we can all share and be heard by all. What a gift you have given us. — *The PYM body*

### **Appreciation!**

For this year's FRAPs:

Sarah Armstrong-Jones

Rob Cimorelli

Jesse Frey

Steve Leeds

David Mackenzie

Dan Strickland

Bonnie Webster

— *Muriel Strand, JYM Adult Clerk*

### **Greetings from Alyssa Nelson, PYM Youth Programs Coordinator**

Dear Friends,

Greetings to you from me from home. I was sad that health issues prevented me from attending in person this year, and I'm relieved to be able to share that I'm doing much better thanks to rest and antibiotics.

I've been 'on call' for Annual Session and remotely participating by text/messaging, voice app, video conferencing, the website, email, and the electronic version of the Daily Miracle (woohoo, thanks George and Secretariat volunteers for the daily miracle that is this Daily Miracle!). I appreciate that I'm still getting to have a mini-AS experience and able to be involved in certain key activities.

It feels good to get to see the fruits of our whole year's worth of preparatory work to pull off Annual Session once again. Thank you to the

many volunteers who contribute to making it happen!

Through digital technologies, I've been able to play my program support role from afar as questions have come up during the week. I've also been able to listen to the keynote talks, attend interest groups, and be present for Meeting for Memorials and for the Tuesday morning Plenary presentation from Friends who attended the Reunion General de los Amigos en Mexico to which YPCC contributed travel funds and logistical support.

Special techy thanks to Lawrence Alderson and George Mills from the Communications Committee as well as **Bertha Peña, Barbara Babin, and Melissa Lovett-Adair from YPCC.**

And thanks also to the Youth Programs Coordinating Committee members for their personal and programmatic support throughout the year and during this unusual Annual Session for me.

I wish you all safe travels home,  
 — *Alyssa Nelson, PYM Youth Programs Coordinator*  
*pym.youthcoordinator@gmail.com*  
<http://www.pacificyearlymeeting.org/youth/>

## After Annual Session

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For more information, please visit [www.centeronconscience.org](http://www.centeronconscience.org), [www.quakerhouse.org](http://www.quakerhouse.org), or speak with Kate Connell, Santa Barbara Meeting, to get the links, etc.

Deadline for comments: September 30, 2018.  
 Public meetings in Los Angeles: September 19-20 (National Commission website: inspire2serve.gov). Email: national.commission.on.service.info@mail.mil.  
 Postal Mail: National Commission on Military, National, and Public Service; Attn: RFI Comment-Docket 05-2018-01; 2530 Crystal Drive, Suite 1000, Room 1029; Arlington, VA 22202

### **Silent Retreat on Transforming Suffering**

How can suffering become life-giving rather than death-dealing?

*Violence arises when we do not know what else to do with our suffering. – Parker Palmer*

The Silent Retreat Committee of Southern California Quarterly Meeting creates an annual opportunity for Friends to immerse in life-giving spiritual practices in community. Join us at Prince of Peace Abbey in Oceanside.

Transforming Suffering: From Turmoil to Tranquility. August 31 to September 2, 2018

### **Quaker Earthcare Witness**

Do you carry a concern for earthcare? Are you looking for other Quakers who share your concern? Connect and deepen at Quaker Earthcare Witness, and share your experience of seeking right relationship with all of creation. I have really enjoyed working with other Quakers from around North America and it has deepened my connection to Spirit. — *Maia Wolff Ostrom*

### **QEW Fall Steering Committee**

Quaker Earthcare Witness Fall Steering Committee Meeting October 11 to 14, 2018 at Dumas Bay Centre, 3200 SW Dash Point Road, Federal Way, WA 98023

### **An Invitation to Be Part of EarthLight Bookstore**

Did you visit the EarthLight Bookstore during PYM? Did you find it to be a place you would like to spend more time in? We are always

looking for people to help at a Yearly, Quarterly or other gathering, and in between gatherings. The major prerequisite is that you love books and want everyone to love them as much as you do. If you think you qualify, contact EarthLight via Farley@spont.com.

## **A Poem**

I go among trees and sit still.  
 All my stirring becomes quiet  
 around me like circles on water.  
 My tasks lie in their places  
 Where I left them, asleep like cattle ...

Then what I am afraid of comes.  
 I live for a while in its sight.  
 What I fear in it leaves it,  
 And the fear of it leaves me.  
 It sings, and I hear its song.  
 —*Wendell Berry*