

The Daily Miracle

Pacific Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends

Sunday, July 16, 2017

Sunday Schedule

6:20–7:00	Outdoor Worship <i>(In front of Pine Lodge)</i>
7:00–8:00	Breakfast
8:00–9:00	YAFs host Worship <i>(Plenary tent)</i>
9:15–10:45	Bible Study <i>(Fireside)</i> or Worship Sharing
11:00–12:30	Plenary IV <i>(Plenary tent)</i>
12:45–1:30	Lunch
1:30–3:00	Early Quaker Writings <i>(Fireside)</i> or Worship Sharing
3:15–5:30	Meeting for Memorials
5:30–6:30	Dinner
6:45–8:15	Interest Groups II
8:30–10:00	Affinity Groups
8:30–10:00	George Fox: A Transformative Friend <i>Maple</i>

Interest Groups 6:45 – 8:15 pm

Reflections on Traveling in the Ministry to Australia Yearly Meeting

*Alyssa Nelson (YPC), YPC Committee & Youth
Presenters — Plenary Tent*

Come hear updates about our sponsored activities, for example: last year's visit to Australia Yearly Meeting, the Quaker Oaks Farm Spring Youth Service-Learning Camp that we co-sponsor with the Wukchumni Tribe and Quaker Oaks Farm, and participation in the "Quakers, First Nations, and American Indians" conference in Philadelphia.

Asylum Law for refugees from Latin American violence

Rick Coshnearm, LACC — Fireside

Discussion of immigration law and how the Refugee subcommittee at Redwood Forest is assisting immigrants. Other Meetings with accompaniment programs will be sharing their experiences as well. Come and learn how you and your meeting might participate in this work.

Quakers needed: Our country needs Friends in public office

Janet Gastil, P&SO — Maple

National politics gets the headlines, but local government decisions affect us the most. There are about 400 locally elected officials for every state and federal elected official: school boards and water boards; city councils and mayors; county supervisors; sheriffs and district attorneys; fire districts, hospital districts, and numerous special districts. This interest group will encourage Quakers to do it themselves and, equally important, to identify, encourage, and support well qualified candidates who share our Quaker values.

Moving towards a Testimony on Caring for Creation

*Chuck Orr, Faith & Practice Revision — Middle
Sequoia*

PYM recognized a leading in 1985 after Marshal Massey delivered the keynote speech. We formed the Unity with Nature Committee. Faith and Practice 2001 called Harmony with Creation an emerging testimony. Your F&P Revision Committee includes this testimony in our draft revision. How does this testimony speak through you?

Affinity Groups 8:30–10:00 pm

Quakers and Native Americans in Right Relationship.

Exploring ways to be in right relationship between ourselves and with the land that we share

— *Plenary Tent*

Racial Justice Group for Friends of Color

— *Museum*

Racial Justice Group for Friends of European Descent

— *location TBD*

12-Step — *Sequoia Lodge (Garden Room)*

Singing — *Life Lab*

George Fox and Prophetic Awakening: What Can We Learn that Can Help Us Be Effective Peace and Justice Advocates?

We'll explore together passages from George Fox's Journal dealing with speaking truth to power, civil disobedience, relational power, petitioning, and making public statements. Sunday, July 16, at 8:30 pm in Maple. Study guide for First Day class provided by Anthony Manousos, author of *Transformative Quakers, Howard and Anna Brinton: Reinventor of Quakerism, Quakers and the Interfaith Movement*, and *Western Quaker Reader*.

What's Up at Woolman?

With over 50 years of Quaker education experience, Woolman is discerning ways to keep its programs relevant and sustainable. Camp Woolman and Teen Leadership Camp are thriving, and a new outdoor education program is being piloted. We invite you to hear more tonight! We will have a short film of the outdoor school pilot, in which over 70 kids from Oakland took part.

Madrone tabling area (in the north area of the bathhouse), 8:30 - 10 pm. Or, find Amy Cooke!

Request to All Middle School Parents

Please bring your children a little earlier to sign in on Sunday and Tuesday—by 7:50 am—in order that we may join you in the YAF and JYM hosted worship at 8:00 am.

— *Many thanks, your Friendly, Responsible middle school teachers, Hilary and Anna J*

Bible Study

Bible study is on offer every morning of the session in the Fireside Room. It is open to all and is “come as you are.”

Chaplain's Lunch

A chaplain's lunch will meet on the west side of the dining hall at midday on First Day. All working, retired, or aspiring chaplains, pastoral care providers, thanatologists, etc. are welcome.

— *See Carl Magruder with questions.*

Awaken Your Creative Juices to the Presence of an Adoring Audience

It's time to prepare for Family Night!

Sign up at the Information Tent today to assure your place on the program.

Acts should be limited to 3 minutes. If you would like an exception, please see Bronwen or Janet to make your pitch.

— *Questions? See Bronwen.*

Friendly Folk Dancers to California?

The Friendly Folk Dancers is a group of folk-dancing Quakers who minister through dance. They have toured all over the U.S. and in several foreign countries. I attended a planning meeting at Friends General Conference, and they discussed the idea of coming to California for a tour! The potential time frame is next March - April. If you or your Meeting, school, or other group or venue might be interested in having the Friendly Folk Dancers come and perform (with a goodly portion of audience participation), please see Sarah Tyrrell!

Help Needed

Peni Hall, a disabled woman in Willow #4, needs a woman to help apply the electrodes of a TENS machine on her back every morning around 9:00 am; time negotiable. It takes about 20 minutes. Also, Peni and Julia Bazar need about 2 people on Wednesday morning to help pack up and move sleep gear, bags, and medical stuff and load their van. Time negotiable, but we have to be out by 10:00 am.

— *Thanks. Peni Hall*

Request for Light

Jill Lessing, from Strawberry Creek Meeting was taken to the hospital yesterday. Her partner Sherrin Lloyd asks us to hold her in the Light and Love.

— *Thanks, Peni Hall*

Worship Sharing Groups:

Please leave a message for Julie Harlow on the message board or at the information desk if you experience some difficulty during the Worship Sharing Group time.

submissions by 9pm please: pymsecretariat@gmail.com

Message Board

The message board is a place to leave a note for someone at the Annual Session:

- “Hey, meet me for lunch at the patio...”
- “May I borrow your air pump?”
- “Thou was faithful to your gift this morning.”
- “Friend, your ministry touched me. Thank you.”

Information about Special Food Requests

Menu with allergens are at the whiteboards at door, and in back of the room. Special items, dedicated toaster and jam, etc are available in kitchen.

Questions? Ask Jan Turner:

yellowgateroad@gmail.com

- The site may overlook small amounts of some uncommon allergens, so ask before eating if you will have a severe reaction and are unsure.
- Vegan, vegetarian, dairy and gluten-free are pretty well covered. Still, ask if you are unsure. Mislabeling happens.
- Salad dressings may not be allergen free, and may contain modified food starch, dextrose, and vinegar, which can include small amounts of corn or wheat, and sugar. The Ranch dressing does not contain corn or wheat. Balsamic vinegar and oil are currently available on condiments table. Another dressing will be coming.

Friends House

Friends desiring conversation about Friends House are welcome to talk to Margaret Sorrel today, Elizabeth Boardman through Monday and/or Joe Magruder through the end of Yearly Meeting.

— *Margaret Sorrel*

Bookstore Hours

The Earthlight Bookstore is located in Carson. The hours on Sunday will be: 9:15 – 10:45, 1:30 – 3:00, 6:45 – 9:30. Hours may change – check the board outside the door. If the bookstore is not staffed, you may select books and leave them in the “reserved bin” to pay for later.

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Friends General Council

Those who are interested in FGC affiliation and FGC programs should look for the FGC sign on the table inside the dining room where the Daily Miracle is placed. As we are able to, we will provide someone to talk with you and hear your comments at most meals, during the 8:30 pm Affinity Group time, and during the Open Committee times today and Monday.

Those having experience with the various programs of FGC are invited to sign up at the Information Canopy on the patio for a specific time slot at the Table.

— *Julie Harlow, Ministry and Oversight Committee*

Quaker Oaks Farm (QOF) 10th anniversary

Quaker Oaks Farm (QOF) is celebrating their 10th anniversary! Stop by the Bathhouse and pick up the 10th Anniversary Report highlighting current activities including habitat restoration, Wukchumni cultural education, Spring Camp, and Harvest Festival.

Hot and thirsty? Donate \$10.00 or more at PYM and take home a Quaker Oaks Farm water bottle. You can also donate via Paypal on the website quakeroaksfarm.org. All donations support environmental education on the farm.

— *Want to know more? QOF Board members at PYM include Melissa Lovett-Adair, Steven Lee, Mary Lee and Graciela Martinez.*

The Bath House

The Bath House is a shared space and the hooks and shelves there are for temporary use. Please ensure that Friends can find places to put their things while showering, etc. by taking all your personal items when you leave.

Make a New Friend

Aurora, the child in the pink wheelchair, is in search of new friends of all ages to play games with her, talk with her, and assist her with feeding and companionship.

Please talk with her and with her mom Katherine if you'd like to connect with Aurora.

The Bible and Care of the Earth

What Does the Bible Say about Our Relationship with God's Creation? Of God to God's Creation? Do you discern an Earthcare Testimony in the Bible?

Friends are invited to bring passages in the Bible relevant to Earthcare and Relationship with God's Creation to share in a special group at Bible Study this MONDAY at 9:45 AM. in the Fireside Room.

Please Help Update Liaisons with Unity with Nature Contact List

Many Meetings and some worship groups have a named Liaison with PYM's Unity with Nature Committee. Please help update our list posted to the right of the main doors of the dining hall with corrections and additions.

If your Meeting doesn't have a named Liaison with Unity with Nature or if you would just like to receive occasional emails from Unity with Nature Committee about news, concerns, Leadings, and Witness related to Earthcare arising in the PYM family of Meetings, please add you name also.

Unity with Nature Table

Unity with Nature [UwN] and Quaker Earthcare Witness [QEW] Table in the foyer to the main showers have:

- Copies of Santa Cruz Friends Meeting's Minute of Concern for Wildlife near the proposed border wall,
- Free Quaker Earthcare Witness pamphlets, recent copies of the QEW newsletter, *Befriending Creation*; titles include "Immigration in a Crowded World: A Friends Perspective," and "Human-induced Climate Change: A Spiritual Perspective." You can also sign up to receive free copies of *Befriending Creation* or pick up a donation envelope.
- A table copy of "Overpopulated" - a giant photo essay books about the causes and effects of overpopulation on all the interrelated aspects of planetary woes. The pictures really bring it home.

Arrangements Help Wanted

Please help set up chairs in the plenary tent. Sign up at the info booth or just show up 20 minutes early to morning worship or plenary.

AVP/California Scholarship Fund renamed to honor Bob Barns

Bob Barns, of Grass Valley, facilitator extraordinaire for decades with the Alternatives to Violence Project (AVP), is facing a terminal illness, and recently moved to Australia to spend the rest of his life with his partner Giri Sequoya. Bob has been a Johnny Appleseed of AVP, facilitating workshops in more countries, and in more prisons in more states, than probably anyone alive. He was also a founding member of the AVP/California Steering Committee from 2005 to 2009, contributing to the inspiring and unprecedented growth of the project in California, where there are now regular programs of workshops in two dozen state prisons and a dozen communities around the state, reaching thousands of participants and training over a hundred new facilitators every year.

To honor Bob, AVP/California recently named its Scholarship Fund after him. What is now the Bob Barns Scholarship Fund provides assistance to formerly incarcerated AVP facilitators and others in financial need to attend its annual facilitators' gathering, the national AVP/USA annual conference, and even the biennial AVP/International Conference (in Nepal this fall). AVP/California would welcome your contribution in any amount to this fund in Bob's honor, which you can easily make via PayPal at AVP/California website, avpcalifornia.org. Simply click on the Donate button, and memo your donation "BBSF"). There are many AVP facilitators here, if you are interested in talking to any of us about the project. I'll name a few I've caught sight of: Barbara Babin, David Breitzmann, Robin Keeler, Terrill Keeler, Betty deValcourt, and me, Stephen Matchett (also Treasurer of AVP/California). Thanks for your interest, and for the concrete, moral and spiritual support of PYM for AVP over the years.

— *Stephen Matchett*

Join PYM on the Slack Messaging App!

Slack is a messaging app built for groups. We've created a Slack group for PYM, located at pacificyearlymeeting.slack.com. You need an invitation to join our Slack group, but any Friend who already has an account can invite others. You can also email pymsecretariat@gmail.com to request an invitation. With Walker Creek's wifi, Slack is a great place to get updates about Affinity Groups, see photos Friends are posting, and more!

Microphone Habits

Please be mindful of good order and loving consideration for older and hearing-impaired Friends.

Some are using headphones which capture the sound system, but not unamplified voices, no matter how strong or loud. Please wait for the microphone to be brought to you, rather than using your "outdoor voice".

When using the microphone, please

1. Speak slowly and clearly, as if dictating.
2. Speak loudly. Do not drop your voice at the end of the sentence.
3. Do not look down at your notes because your voice follows your eyes. Hold your notes up.

Worship Sharing

Drop-in Worship Sharing groups are available. Sign up at the Info Desk on the Patio.

Golf Cart

If you need assistance in getting from one location to another on the site, you may sign up in advance for a ride in the golf cart. Please sign up at the Information Tent and give us an hour or so advance notice to arrange your ride. The tent will close nightly around 7:00 p.m., so please plan your requests ahead of time. You can also sign up at the tent if you would like to be trained to drive the golf cart for others.

Assisted Hearing at Plenary

Headsets are available in the tent if you would like to try them for improved audio.

submissions by 9pm please: pymsecretariat@gmail.com

Quiet Room

Quail is the Quiet Room. It is only for silent reading, meditation, or contemplation. There are State of the Meeting reports, Memorial Minutes, and other reading materials. Do not use it for other activities even if you find it empty.

Southern California Quarter to Host Ben Pink Dandelion

Dear Friends,

We are delighted to announce that Quaker author and theologian Ben Pink Dandelion will be the keynote speaker at Southern California Quarterly Meeting Fall Fellowship, November 4th and 5th, 2017 at Temescal Canyon State Park in Pacific Palisades, CA. He will be accompanied by his elder Deborah Shaw. All are welcome to join us. Please save the date and check the SCQM website closer to the date for registration details. We invite individual Friends and monthly meetings and worship groups to get to know Ben Pink Dandelion's work in advance of his visit. If you have any questions, or would like an electronic copy of a selected bibliography of his work, please email sarahrosehouse@hotmail.com.

*—In Peace, Sarah Rose House-Lightner, SCQM
Presiding Clerk*

Friend Women's Association in Burundi

On Sunday, October 22, from 12 - 1:30 PM, Pastor Parfaite Ntahuba, the Coordinator of the Ntaseka Clinic of the Friend Women's Association in Burundi, will speak at the Santa Monica Meeting about the expanded services now offered by the clinic and the concomitant needs that such an expansion entails.

The Friends Women's Association, created by Burundian women who needed a safe space to talk about their HIV positive status, launched their clinic over a decade ago with the moral and financial support of Meetings and individuals in our region. Many of you may remember Cassilde Nzohabonayo, the clinic's first director, who several times visited Meetings in our area, often accompanied by Rachel Fretz.

Pastor Parfaite, the current clinic head, would love to visit other Meetings and could do so within the October 6 - October 21 window of time. The day following her October 22 Santa Monica presentation, she catches her return flight to Burundi. If you are able to schedule such a visit at your Meeting, please contact either Pastor Parfaite or David Zarembka of the African Great Lakes Initiative/Friends Peace Teams at their following email addresses: pntahuba@gmail.com, davidzarembka@gmail.com.

A brief biographical sketch of Pastor Parfaite: "Ntahuba Parfaite is an ordained pastor in a Quaker community in her home country of Burundi, East Africa – one of only 3 women to hold such a position. Ms. Parfaite coordinates a project that provides health services to women and their families who are affected by HIV/AIDS, as well as economic and social reintegration of women who have survived gender-based violence. Ms. Parfaite has a Master of Arts in Theological Studies from the Hope Africa University, one of the very few women afforded the opportunity for a post-secondary education in this field. Ntahuba Parfaite is a leading advocate in her country on the relationship between violence against women and Burundi's overall struggle for social justice, human rights and peace."

—Best to you all, Curtis Raynor, Peace and Social Action Committee, Santa Monica Meeting