

The Daily Miracle

Pacific Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends

Friday, Seventh Month Twenty-Ninth, 2011

Friday's Schedule

7:00-8:30	Bible Study
7:00-8:30	Transformative Quakers
7:00-8:30	Outdoor Worship
8:00- 9:00	Breakfast
9:15-10:15	Worship
10:30-12:00	Plenary VI
12:00- 1:00	Lunch
1:00 – 1:45	Representative Committee
1:45- 3:15	Worship Sharing
3:30- 5:00	Interest Groups (3 rd session)
5:30- 6:30	Dinner
7:00- 9:00	Community Night
8:30	12-Step, Affinity Groups, Open Time

Transformative Quakers

Transformative Quakers continues everyday at 7:00 a.m. in the Plenary Room. Coffee and tea is served at 6:30 a.m. outside by the fountain.

Friday	History of Testimonies
Saturday	Henry Joel Cadbury

If you lock yourself out at night you can call Campus Safety at (909) 607-2000. During the day contact Pat Smith, as she has the master keys.

Pool Use

Scripps College

11:00 am-1:30 pm and 4:00–6:00 pm
\$5.00/person/visit or a pass for \$15.00/week
You need to purchase passes at the Summer Conference Office in Vita Nova,126

Those who have not paid for meals with their registration but are occasionally eating in Collins Dining Hall, need to provide a check to the Registrar before you leave PYM this year.

The meal costs are:

\$ 8.00 per person for breakfast

\$11.00 per person for lunch

\$14.00 per person for dinner

AFSC Bookstore

The AFSC bookstore will close today at 5:30 pm. AFSC is grateful to the hundreds of customers and volunteers who have contributed to the bookstore's presence at PYM over the last 20 years. Enjoy your summer reading!

Transportation

In the back of the Plenary Room is a flip chart for you to list your transportation needs. If you have questions, please see Kate C [REDACTED].

Evening Music and Conversation Lounge

After 8:15 p.m. every night, the Registrar's space (First Floor of Fawcett Hall) will be open for singing and quiet talk. Bring your musical instruments and voices to sing and talk with. Stay as long as you are moved.

Affinity Group: Quakers and the 9/11 Truth Movement 8:30 pm in the Marks Hall Lounge. This affinity group is being convened by David C [REDACTED] of Visalia Friends Meeting.

Cultivating The Peace Within Us-Basic AVP Workshop (Sponsored by L.A. Alternatives to Violence Project)

Dates: Saturday and Sunday, October 1-2, 2011 (8:00 am to 5:00 pm)

Location: New Hope Family Life Center
1505 W. Highland Ave.

San Bernardino, CA. 92411

Cost: \$50 (depending on ability to pay)

Please bring sack lunch; beverages and light snacks will be provided. Questions: Email Joan at avpla3@gmail.com, or call 800-905-6765.

If you are leaving a key, please find Joe M..., Pat S..., or Liz B... and give us your key. If you have linens from CMC, please leave them in your room. Thank you.

Worship Sharing arrangements

Please remember to avoid passing through Auen and Fawcett lounges (all floors) during the Worship Sharing periods. Also, please leave the main doors to each building blocked open for access during Worship Sharing.

The Baroque/Chamber music group will meet again on Friday at 6:30 in McKenna.

Friends of European Descent Concerned about Racism Affinity Group and the **Friends of Color Affinity Group** will be meeting together tonight at 9 pm in Stark Hall Lounge.

Attendees List

Draft of PYM Attendees list is taped down to a table at the rear of Plenary Room. Please review your own data and correct as necessary. We will publish the final version on Saturday. It will also be available on the website and will be password-restricted to protect your confidential information. Any questions, see Don Bean.

A reminder: to get WiFi Internet access on Campus, use CINE. No password is required.

Interested in FCNL?

Join your PYM Representatives, meeting contacts and others for Friday lunch at a table

outside the Di... Hall. Look for Sherri S... or Stephen M... .

Rides Available to N. Calif.

I thought I had passengers for my car going back to Oakland, but those passengers are going home other ways. So, I have 2 seats available to Oakland or anywhere on the way home on Saturday 2 pm. – Carl A... (room: ...)

Evaluation of this Gathering

Ministry & Oversight is adding a new way of doing the PYM evaluation. The evaluation form is posted on the Yearly Meeting website and can be answered at any time now.

<http://www.pacificyearlymeeting.org/surveys/py-m-2011-evaluation-form/>

The other way is to fill out the hardcopy form that you will find in the box in the plenary room.

Please take the time to fill out the evaluation as soon as possible. It is a great help to Ministry & Oversight as they plan for next year.

Transformative Friends from Carl M... Friends have requested that I submit to t... Miracle these queries from the Transformative Friends session dedicated to the life and work of Bayard Rustin.

1) Ham Seok-Heon, Elizabeth Fry, and Bayard Rustin all suffered personal and professional humiliation with moral implications. Have you, or an organization you served, ever suffered such a set back? What was that like for you spiritually? What resources helped you to carry on?

2) William Penn said, "We must never do evil that good may come of it." Is "Marching Time Over"? Have the forms of political protest developed by Bayard Rustin and others during the Civil Rights Movement become anemic and ineffective? When do we (as people of privilege) wheel and deal with the principalities and powers (paying war taxes, cap and trade carbon schemes)? When do we stand firm? Do we risk the well-being of our souls?

Announcement: Friends from multi-racial families are invited to have dinner together on Friday evening in the "back room" of the dining hall for an informal time of fellowship. We may want to consider sponsoring an Interest Group or Affinity Group for next year. Carl Ma [redacted] welcomes you on behalf of the Racial Justice Sub-Committee of M&O.

Visit Guatemala

The Friends Scholarship Program (named PROGRESA in Guatemala) has been offering scenic, cultural tours of Guatemala for the last 10 years. The tours include visits to the homes of some of our students as well as stops at well-known tourist locations such as Antigua and Lake Atitlan. We will design tours for six to eleven of you and your friends/family at a time of your choosing. This is an opportunity for you and members of your meeting to explore Guatemala with an experienced bilingual guide and participate in cultural exchanges you might not experience on your own. The tour includes eight nights and seven days and costs \$900 per person.

This fee includes food, lodging and transportation in Guatemala (transportation costs to and from Guatemala are not included). This is the third year that Teaching English Work/Tour is being offered. Volunteers spend the week in a former convent in Antigua with scholarship students who wish to learn or improve their English skills. The next Work/Tour is scheduled for January 4-12, 2012. English-speaking volunteers spend the week one-on-one with our highly motivated students and have the opportunity to make deep, personal connections and share cultural perspectives while providing English lessons.

The morning classes take place in lovely convent gardens. In the afternoon, teachers and students explore the historic sights around Antigua together. This Work/Tour costs \$900 and the fee includes food, lodging and transportation in Guatemala (transportation costs to and from Guatemala are not included).

For further information about the scholarship program or these tours, visit

[redacted] org or email [redacted]
Donna S [redacted], Co-clerk,
Scholarship L [redacted] Program

Peace & Social Order Conference Call

You are invited to take part in the next monthly conference call of the Peace and Social Order Committee, which is scheduled for August 25 at 7:30 PM. Conference Dial-in Number: (805) 360-1000. Participant Access Code: 355219#.

Interest Group: Writing Minutes: "Great minutes can take seconds or hours!"

Sponsor: Discipline Committee

Discipline Committee will hold an interest group to help clarify some of the questions that have emerged on writing minutes. What is a minute? What are the different kinds of minutes? What should a good minute contain? How much detail should we have in a minute in order to be both sufficiently concise and useful for posterity? What is the process of originating and revising a minute and how does it get to a Monthly Meeting, a Quarterly Meeting, or Yearly Meeting? How are minutes used?

Discipline Committee is responding to inquiries we received earlier about the section on minutes in Faith and Practice, and will also answer some of the issues raised since yesterday's plenary. This session will be useful to those who have concerns about the process of writing and approving minutes at this Yearly Meeting, as well as to Clerks, Recording Clerks, and Committee Clerks of Monthly and Quarterly Meetings and the Yearly Meeting. Come with your questions of any sort about minutes and we will do our best to address them.

Last chance for crafts

Friends House Moscow and Guatemala Scholarship crafts will be on sale until 6:30 pm tonight, Friday. Also, on sale is pottery to benefit PYM Unity with Nature and walnuts from Quaker Oaks.
Julie and Donna

The M&O Subcommittee on Racial Justice meets today (Friday) at 12 noon in the east room of the dining hall over lunch.

Blanket Borrowers?

Will those who were cold and borrowed blankets from a local attender please return them to a corner of the registration office by Saturday morning. Thanks, Katrina Ma [redacted].

Undocumented Students Interest Group

Young people across the country are lobbying for the Dream Act. They are coming out undocumented and unafraid. Meet one of the dreamers, a courageous young woman, who will share her story. Today at 3:30 in Marks Hall Lounge.

Car For Sale

1991 Lexus 4-door, gold color, leather seats, 165,000 miles, 6 cyl, 18-22 mpg. As-is (fair condition). Runs fine, but will need work soon. Located in Menlo Park (San Francisco Peninsula). Best offer before Sept 1. All proceeds will be donated to [redacted] Quaker cause

Nuts and Bolts New Clerks Workshop

Nominating committee will hold a workshop for new (and not so new) clerks, officers, representatives and conveners to give you some to the details of *stuff* you need to know. How do you get reimbursed? What costs are reimbursable? What forms are needed? Who do you contact? What's my budget? These are all questions that you need the answers to, to make things run a bit more smoothly.

During lunch on Saturday at the left side of the main dining room is a sliding door leading to our meeting space. Look for a sign on the door. If you have a thumb drive, bring it with you. Some of the forms are computer files and can be given to you right at that workshop.

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PYM Officers and Committee Clerks

All old and new committee clerks and officers should meet for an evaluation time about the gathering on Saturday at 1:00 pm in McKenna Hall.

Community Work Camp

Join us at Ben Lomond Quaker Center next week, August 3-9 for work camp! Build stuff, fix stuff, work in the garden, sing, play and worship. Cheap, fun, useful and inspiring!

The Friends World Committee for Consultation (FWCC)

is the umbrella organization for the 400,000+ Friends around the world. Its purpose is to encourage fellowship among all the branches of the Religious Society of Friends. The new general secretary of FWCC, Section of the Americas, is Robin Mohr, a member of San Francisco Meeting. The big news is that the next World Conference of Friends will take place in Kenya next spring, with over 1000 Friends expected to attend, including at least 6 from Pacific Yearly Meeting. This is big news because World Conferences of Friends take place only every 20 years or so; there were only 5 such conferences in the 20th century. The theme of this year's world gathering is "Being Salt and Light," witnessing to our Quaker faith in the world. There will also be a focus on environmental concerns.

FWCC provides an opportunity for Friends to gain a global perspective on what is happening among Friends world-wide and to appreciate the different branches of Friends, most of whom are Evangelical. It is an opportunity to stretch ourselves theologically and spiritually, to open up to the rich diversity among Friends around the world, and to heal divisions in our Society. To learn more about FWCC, check out our display or speak to Jim Anderson or Anthony Manousos. You are also invited to join us at dinnertime on Friday to learn more about the bridge-building work of FWCC.

Quakers (Still) Publishers of Truth?

By Ramona H

The announce of a group, "Quakers and the 9/11 Truth Movement," was just another issue to me. Until I saw that a Quaker was reminding us that Quakers have always searched for Truth, and that the mainstream media labels any questioning of the official story as a "conspiracy theory." I decided to go to the group and keep an open mind.

Trained as an attorney, and having heard many conspiracy theories from my younger brother, I normally avoid these discussions. I went as a skeptic to list fellow Quaker. I'm glad I did. David C (Visalia Meeting), a teacher of math and p laid out his evidence-based research. He had analyzed the collapse of Building 7 (the 3rd building of the World Trade Center which collapsed on Sept 11) and using videos, investigation reports and state of the art measuring tools, he demonstrated that this 3rd building (not hit by a plane) could only have collapsed due to precisely placed explosives. His analysis has been accepted by other scientists and engineers, and as a result, he has been invited to be a presenter at a scientific conference on the subject in Toronto this Fall. David presents his evidence precisely and without hyperbole, and is careful to separate his and his colleagues' research from psychological or conspiratorial theories. He feels led to share the evidence with Quakers, in a sincere search for truth.

Why does it matter? It matters because at a minimum, the official story of 9/11 was and continues to be used to justify the ongoing US wars in the Middle East, as well as "enhanced airport security" and violations of our civil rights.

Quakers are rightly concerned about the military budget, indoctrination of our children, the Patriot Act. What if all those actions are based on a false premise? That will matter – and David Chandler and others' production of physical evidence and one day lead to the truth. Whether or not the issue ever rises to the level of Quaker action, surely individual Quakers can take the risk of listening to a sincere evidence-based presentation by a fellow Quaker.

If you missed the affinity group meetings, pick up a copy of David's DVD in the Hub (near Quaker Oaks walnuts for sale) or go to his website: < www.911speakout.org >.

Back to our Roots, Growing New Shoots

How many know the real Hawaii? Renie W (Honolulu Friends Meeting) presents a brief story of work for peace and justice in Hawaii. Beginning with a reconnaissance in 1873, Hawaii in general and Pearl Harbor in particular have been seen by the US military as a key component of their "Pacific Lake." Pearl Harbor, originally the home of pearl oysters and a veritable "bread basket" feeding Native Hawaiians, is now contaminated land and waters. Due to the military, over 740 toxic dumpsites are located at Pearl Harbor, creating a single giant Superfund site.

Militarization in Hawaii continues, with 113 military installations throughout the islands, home to the entire US Pacific Command. Makua Valley, like the entire island of Koho'olawe, was used for decades for live-fire and bombing training. Stryker Brigades on Oahu and the Big Island demolish sacred sites and endangered wildlife areas. Depleted uranium is in the soil.

AFSC in Hawaii supported demilitarization and many other struggles (see article in Western Friend, July/Aug, 2011). But AFSC is laying down its Hawaii office as of Sept. 30 this year. A new organization, "Hawaii Peace and Justice," has been formed to continue the important work, including protecting Hawaiian cultural and sacred sites, protesting military land grabs, campaigning for demilitarization of all the islands of the Pacific, developing youth activists on environmental and economic justice issues, and raising awareness of the extent and intensity of the US military in Hawaii through a project called "DeTours."

A working, program-oriented board has formed and non-profit status obtained. The new organization plans to hire all three staff back.

Renie spoke of her family's historical close relationship with both Honolulu Friends



Meeting and AFSC-Hawaii (now Hawaii Peace and Justice). She hopes you will support her and other dedicated people in the work to transform war, injustice and ecological devastation into a future of peace, hope and justice.

JYM Service Project

The Prison Library Project (PLP) receives an average of 350 letters a week with book requests from prisoners in state and federal prisons across the country. As budget cuts have forced many prisons to impose lock-down, leaving more prisoners in their cells 23 hours a day, the need for books has increased. PLP is only able to send out about 150 books a week, largely due to lack of shipping funds. Each book costs about \$3 to ship.

Wednesday, 30 JYMers took a van full of books you brought and worked 2 hours highlighting requests in letters and packaging books for shipping. The PLP volunteers were grateful for the books and the work, but they were especially excited to receive the \$420 raised here at PYM. Special thanks to Cody Lopez and Young Friends for their fundraising, thank you to all PYM for your support.

12-Steppers Please Note

The 12-Step group will meet Friday evening IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING the close of Community Night (rather than the regularly scheduled 8:30 pm), in Marks Hall Room 125 as usual.

A Query: should we revise the Advices and Queries?

Discipline Committee has received several inquiries about revising the Advices and Queries and is currently considering this. Should we begin work on a separate booklet on Advices and Queries? -- or one just on Queries? We'd welcome feedback from individuals and meetings as we think about this.

Are you and your Meeting happy with the PYM Advices and Queries as they are?
How are the Queries used in your Meeting?

Do you use alternative Queries to those in PYM Faith and Practice and, if so, which ones?

Please talk to Jan Tamm, Clerk of Discipline Committee, or Eric M... or Carolyn... or contact Eric M... in the next few months

Community Night Sign-ups

Ten acts have signed up in timely fashion for Community Night at 7:00 p.m. in McKenna Hall. Forms are still available in the red basket. There is a 7:00 p.m. deadline, which allows Gary B... (contact) time to organize the sequence of performances into semi-coherent order.

Friends and War Tax Resistance

Do you pay for peace and pay for war? You have many options, including the "Pay Under Protest" campaign. Join us today for a topical lunch table to discuss Friends and war tax resistance. Concerns? Questions? Ideas? Join us at lunch with Steve Le..., Kathy Ru..., or Bob Ru... for more information. We need contact from each monthly meeting or worship group. Steve Le...: 415-513-7931, [redacted] April 15 just around the

Take Action Against Wars

A third war and two occupations are continuing. Visit www.afsc.org or www.fcni.org to read good statements and see actions you can take to stop the war in Libya and more successfully exit from Iraq and Afghanistan. Please take home several rolled up window and mirror posters (War is costly. Peace is priceless.) and post to encourage Friends and others to reflect on the human costs of war. Take two or more rolled up sets. Stephen M...

Earth Ware for Earthcare

Dozens of beautiful ceramics are available on the Unity with Nature table in the exhibits area for you to make your own. All the donations go into our fund for environmental mini-projects to monthly meetings. Take a look. Joe M...

Re: Thursday Plenary Session presentation of minutes on torture and nuclear power
A number of plenary participants stated their monthly meetings hadn't discussed either. Why? Why? Why? What is the logjam? San Jose Meeting met, discussed, seasoned, and threshed. The world looks to Quakers for a firm position. Lacking a Quaker public statement, other religious organizations may make the wrong assumption as they sense our lack of moral temperature on such [redacted] topics. Our minutes do matter. Mary G [redacted], San Jose Friends Monthly Meeting

Do you need a ride to Santa Cruz? Heather E [redacted] has 3 to 4 seats available.

There is a bag of free items available for your perusal outside of the dining hall (including clothes, material, and books.) Help yourselves. What is left over will be tossed at the end of PYM.

Eco-tip for the Day

What is the low-carbon diet? The low-carbon diet is one in which as little carbon as possible was produced in getting that food to your table. Think of where food originates and how much energy is expended to get it to you.

Fukushima Article in August FJ

The August Friends Journal, which some have already received in [redacted] mail, has an article written by Karen S [redacted] called "Earthquake, Tsunami, and Nuclear Power in Japan: The Ocean of Light above the Ocean of Darkness." It will be online soon and include links and an extensive appendix. When it is available on the Friends Journal website, Karen expects it will be found at <http://www.friendsjournal.org/earthquake-tsunami-and-nuclear-power-japan>.

Quaker Cancer and AIDS Research

In the 1950's, the March of Dimes pooled the resources and time of thousands of individuals to create a vaccine for the polio virus. The results of the research effort were collectively owned and universally accessible. Currently, the

World Community Grid (WCG) is pooling computer time donated by individuals toward research on such topics as cancer, AIDS, clean water, Global Warming, Muscular Dystrophy, and other humanitarian concerns. All WCG research is available in the Public Domain. You can help by donating your computer's idle time (when your computer is on, but not in use) to allow WCG to compute research data. Join our team and/or view our progress at the Religious Society of Friends Team Page.

To view our statistics, go to

<http://tinyurl.com/pym-wcg-team>.

To join, go to <http://tinyurl.com/pym-wcg-join>.

The team was started at Grass Valley Monthly Meeting. If you would like help or further clarification regarding the WCG, please contact Brylie Oxley, brylieo@woolman.org, 530-273-3183 (office land line).

Christian Friends Conference sponsors Christ-centered Waiting Worship Opportunities in Northern and Southern California

The Christian Friends Conference, West Coast section, is an informal association of Quakers from the liberal unprogrammed and programmed pastoral traditions who meet for fellowship and to wait together upon the Lord in a setting that affirms the Christian testimony of Friends. Quarterly gatherings take place in both Northern and Southern California, and all are welcome.

The next meeting in Northern California will take place on Saturday 17 September 2011 at Berkeley Friends Church at Cedar and Sacramento Sts. in Berkeley, from 9 am to 4 pm. It will include a period of waiting worship from 9:30 to noon, and after lunch a talk and discussion on a topic yet to be announced led by a member of the group, a short planning meeting [redacted] final hour of worship. Contact R [redacted] Francisco Meeti [redacted] (San [redacted] Stephen Ma [redacted] [redacted] @earthlin [redacted] or [redacted] or to be [redacted] mail notice list.

Southern California gatherings take place at East Whittier Friends Church, 15911 E. Whittier

Blvd. in Whittier, and the next one is scheduled from 10 am to noon on Saturday 10 September 2011, and include _____ hour of worship. Contact per _____ (ki _____)

side table in the Plenary Room. It is on 8 ½ X 14 pink paper. For more information, see Ed Flowers.

7 am Bible Study to Offer Meeting for Worship on Saturday

Bible Study sessions so far this week, held in Stark Lounge from 7:00-8:30 am, have been precious, stimulating, fruitful and challenging. Saturday’s offering, as is customary, will consist of unprogrammed worship, with readings from the Bible as the principal vocal offerings as participants are moved. (This is also sometimes called Bible reading in the manner of Conservative Friends, although the practices are not identical.) You are welcome to join this activity, even if you have not been attending the other mornings’ sessions. For more information or with questions, please feel free to talk to Stephen Matchett.

Representative Meeting today will be held from 1:00 to 1:45 in the plenary room. During this very short time, we will share ideas about increasing the communication between the yearly and monthly meetings and talk about what we would like to report to our monthly meetings about this annual session. The meeting is not restricted to Representatives.

Lost and Found

Last year, a dark blue shirt/blouse was left in the Plenary Room. It is now in the Lost and Found container in the Plenary Room.

Reimbursement for Travel to PYM

If you are a PYM officer, clerk of a PYM committee, or Monthly Meeting Representative, you are entitled to reimbursement of travel expenses, up to 25 cents per mile from your home Meeting to Claremont. If you have financial need, you may receive the full amount of your transportation cost.

In order to receive this reimbursement, you must enter the information requested on the reimbursement form. This form is located on the



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The Barbed Wire of Hate
Sandy F. [REDACTED] Palo Alto Meeting
Do Friends Oppose Torture?

Of course we do. Our business meeting stumbled because we were minuting the obvious; a nearly useless exercise. We need to look a little deeper because “Torture isn’t the only barb on the wire of hate.”

Torture hurts three categories of people. The direct victims, the perpetrators, and the witnesses. As taxpayers and citizens we are witnesses. For torture to stop, the witnesses need to speak up. We need to act not just on torture but all along that barbed wire.

An early barb on the wire is bullying. As teachers and parents we need to assert the right of each child to safety. If our own child acts the bully, we need some long deep talks, some exercises in empathy. If our child is the victim, remind him or her to seek allies and to resist bullying. If our child is a witness coach him or her to say, “Hey, that’s not right! No hassling here. Do you want your parents or teacher to know what you’re doing? Be fair!” A tell-tale barb on the wire is cruelty to animals. We have learned that many mass murders have a history of animal abuse. Do not excuse this behavior.

Abuse is a sharp barb on the wire. We’ve learned that those who witness the abuse of their family members often abuse others. The witnesses are harmed. We need to continue our vigilance and reach out to help people who may feel trapped in abusive relationships.

A barb on the wire that has received some notice is sexual harassment. When we observe this behavior say, “Watch yourself! Are you taking unfair advantage of your position? That’s not how we work around here.” Do not let it pass.

A big barb on the wire is racial or religious prejudice. We may open ourselves to retaliation or being shunned, but as bystanders we need to say to the perpetrators, “That’s not right! That’s unfair! I think you’re making an unwarranted assumption. God blesses everyone. Everyone deserves just treatment. You’re talking about some people I know and respect.”

The bystanders, the witnesses must speak up. It may not be enough to react responsively to these barbs; we need to practice assertive civility and teach our children to care deeply. We can serve as the conscience of our society. This may make us victims, too. It’s a price we must be willing to pay.

Perhaps after torture the ultimate barb on the wire is genocide. If we haven’t spoken out about any of the previous barbs, we may not have the courage born of experience to say anything when genocide is occurring.

What can Friends do about torture? We can actively voice our intolerance of all the barbs on the wire of hate. We can do this every day in our workplace, school, or home. We need to create a generation of compassion. John Calvi thinks it will take 20 years. We’d better start now!

INTEREST GROUPS 2011

Friday @ 3:30 PM

Sponsored by	Interest Group	Group Leader	Location
Unity with Nature Committee	<i>Quaker Values and the Good Fight</i>	Maia Wolff and Kate Carpenter	Fawcett Hall Study Room
Reform advocates are working to transform agribusiness into a more locally based production, and one not dependent on chemicals, mechanization, or cheap fossil fuel. Yet the US government subsidizes big agribusiness, which produces "cheap" food that harms both people and the environment. How do Quakers respond to the conflict between sustainable farming and "cheap" food?			
Discipline Committee	<i>Writing Minutes: "Great minutes can take seconds or hours!"</i>	Eric Moon and Carolyn Stephenson	McKenna Auditorium
What is a minute? What are the different kinds of minutes? What should a good minute contain? How much detail should we have in a minute in order to be both sufficiently concise and useful for posterity? What is the process of originating and revising a minute and how does it get to a Monthly Meeting, a Quarterly Meeting, or Yearly Meeting? How are minutes used? This session will be useful to those who have concerns about the process of writing and approving minutes at this Yearly Meeting, as well as to Clerks, Recording Clerks, and Committee Clerks of Monthly and Quarterly Meetings and the Yearly Meeting, and others interested in minutes.			
Peace and Social Order Committee	<i>Abolition of Homelessness</i>	Lucia van Diepen-Zegwaard	Stark Hall Lounge
As members of the Religious Society of Friends, interfaith communities and simply as human beings, it is incumbent upon us to call for the abolition of homelessness: an injustice that enslaves men, women, and children in a self-reinforcing destitute under-caste (a la Alexander). In this interest group, we will worshipfully parse the intersecting injustices in the matrix of homelessness, including (but not limited to) racism, classism, gendered violence, child abuse, and discrimination in the correctional system. Emphasis will be on praxis – what are practical strategies for Quakers to activate and advocate for homeless community members? How might we collaborate with homeless folks toward assured human rights for all, namely, a roof over the head of every woman, child, and man?			
Peace and Social Order Committee	<i>Undocumented Students</i>	Patricia Potillo and Alvaro Alvarado	Marks Hall Lounge
Thousands of undocumented college students came to this country as children through no choice of their own. They grew up as Americans and graduated from U.S. high schools. These young people lobbied for the Dream Act. Some of them at great personal risk were arrested in civil disobedience demonstrations. The Dream Act would have provided a path to citizenship for undocumented immigrants brought to this country as children and who complete two years of college. While the Dream Act was a priority for the Obama administration, and it passed the House, it did not pass the Senate. I find the notion that these dreamers find themselves unwelcome in the only country they have ever known profoundly unjust. What can we do as Quakers?			
AFSC, Los Angeles	<i>Help Increase the Peace - AFSC Education In Los Angeles</i>	Anthony Marsh	Marks Hall Patio
AFSC Los Angeles is currently working with over 100 at-risk youth in underserved communities, facilitating leadership development and civic engagement through peace education classes and creation of school peace gardens. AFSC has helped youth at three schools design and create award winning urban gardens that are a refuge from violence, a source of pride for youth, schools and neighborhoods and a hub around which communities can organize. AFSC LA is working both locally and nationally to be a public witness against the human cost of war at home and abroad. Join the American Friends Service Committee in Los Angeles as we share our Peace Education Program and our work to end U.S. militarism and wars.			
Religious Education for Children Committee	<i>Build an Activity-based First Day School Lesson from a Parable or Story</i>	Cate Wilson, Sandy & Tom Farley and Sue Scott	Japanese Garden
This is a hands-on workshop on how to plan and lead. Brainstorming followed by teams of two or three planning lessons and sharing with the group.			