

The Daily Miracle

Pacific Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends

Tuesday, Seventh Month Twenty-Sixth, 2011

Tuesday'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 II
12:00- 1:00	Lunch
1:00 – 1:45	Free Time
1:45- 3:15	Worship Sharing
3:30- 5:00	All Ages Games
5:30- 6:30	Dinner
6:45- 8:15	Interest Groups (1 st session)
8:30	12-Step, Affinity Groups, Open Time

Transformative Quakers

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

Tuesday	Ham Sok Hon
Wednesday	Elizabeth Fry
Thursday	Bayard Rustin
Friday	History of Testimonies
Saturday	Henry Joel Cadbury

Lost and Found

Lost: Card for entry to Stark Hall. Please notify [REDACTED] (Apple Seed Meeting) if found.

Children's Program Pick-up Times

Morning pick-up (all ages): 12:00 noon in front of the dining hall.

Afternoon pick-up (all ages): 5:00 pm in front of the dining hall.

Please note that children may not leave the program on their own. Be sure to sign them out with a staff person. If you come late to get your child, the staff will probably be in the dining hall with him or her.

If you lock yourself out at night you can call Campus Safety at (9) 607-2000. During the day contact Pat S [REDACTED] as she has the master keys.

Pool Use

Pitzer College

July 27 & 28 only

12 noon to 6:00 pm

\$2.00/person/visit

Scripps College

Monday thru Friday

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

Friends of Color Affinity Group

The location of the Affinity Group for Friends of Color has been changed from Marks Hall Lounge to Fawcett Study Room. The group convenes tonight at 8:30 p.m.

Wednesday evening (when the Unity with Nature Committee will be using Fawcett Study Room), Friends of Color will meet at a different location to be announced.

An informal discussion on Revisiting the Dilemmas of Nuclear Power will be held at the Stark Lounge, Tuesday, 8:30 p.m. We will discuss the possible meanings of the proposed minute, A Friends' Dialogue on Nuclear Power that the Unity with Nature Committee will present the Thursday morning plenary. Joe M [redacted] and Anthony M [redacted]

Community Night

An appropriate box and forms will appear in the Plenary Hall on Tuesday for Community Night sign-ups.

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.

Books for JYM Service Project

Thank you for all the donations of books for the JYM service project with the Prison Library Project. Books can be left at Auen Hall by Wednesday lunch. Contributions toward the shipping of books to prisoners can be left in the marked envelope in the Registrars Office. Thank you from JYM.

Thanks to Volunteers

Many thanks to those intrepid souls who convoyed the Children's Program supplies at the last minute so that the Middle School, Elementary School, and Preschool are able to proceed in Quakerly order.

Affinity Group: Quakers and the 9/11 Truth Movement

8:30 pm on the Patio of The Hub (just outside the Plenary hall)

The events of September 11, 2001 have been used to justify a perpetual state of war, demonize Arabs and Islam, justify torture and imprisonment without trial, and perpetrate attacks on fundamental civil and human rights. In the years since 9/11/2001 a "Truth Movement," with a large contingent of architects, engineers, and scientists, has amassed evidence that the official story is a myth, the official investigations were a sham, and that the actual perpetrators had to have close ties with the U.S. government and military-industrial complex. The press, even the progressive press, has stigmatized this line of inquiry as "conspiracy theory," labeled the participants "Truthers," and has largely made mainstream discussion of the evidence taboo.

The affinity group is being convened by David C [redacted] of Visalia Friends Meeting. David is a physicist and mathematics teacher (and Harvey Mudd College alumnus), on the board of the International Center for 9/11 Studies, and one of the lead researchers with Architects and Engineers for 9/11 Truth and Scientists for 9/11 Truth. A DVD with the results of his research (9/11 Analysis) is available at the table alongside the Walnuts from Quaker Oaks Farm.

Truth is a spiritual issue. Quakers have always been a Truth Movement. We believe it is high time to lend our support and our voice to the growing demand for truth on this issue of fundamental importance. Please attend if you would like to consider an expanded role for Quakers in the 9/11 Truth Movement.

Peace and Social Order Committee of Pacific Yearly Meeting will present for your consideration the following minute, based on one from Santa Monica Friends Meeting:

As Friends, we stand firmly opposed to torture and support the work of the National Religious Campaign Against Torture

(<http://www.nrcat.org/>) as well as of Quakers Initiative to End Torture (<http://www.quit-torture-now.org/>). We call on our elected officials, and especially the President of the United States, to bring to justice those who have authorized torture in violation of US and international law. We also want the United States government to stop preventing the victims of US-sponsored torture from seeking redress and just compensation in US courts. Finally, we support the Optional Protocol to the Convention Against Torture (OPCAT), which can help prevent torture and abuse by requiring a ratifying country to establish National Preventative Mechanisms (NPMs) to monitor the treatment of prisoners. In addition to the NPMs, OPCAT allows for international oversight of places of confinement to ensure that torture and other abuses are not occurring.

As Quakers, we feel that torture is a moral and religious issue. We believe that there is "that of God" in every human being and therefore everyone deserves to be treated with respect and dignity. Torture does incalculable and long-lasting damage to both the torturer and the torture victim. Torture erodes our nation's moral fibre, diminishes our moral standing in the world, incites retaliation, and puts at risk the lives of Americans abroad and at home.

We want this practice to end.

Religious Education for Children Committee, clerk's report

We held a small but effective First-day School conference on 4/9/11 at Orange Grove meetinghouse with Friends from Inland Valley, Orange Grove, and Palo Alto meetings. We all have good programs, so it turned into a "best practices" sharing. Our traveling bookstore brought resources for families and meetings to the conference and to meeting the next day where it was greatly appreciated. Most of the books are here this week on consignment with the AFSC Bookstore.

At the conference, Orange Grove First-day School Committee repeated one of their

effective lessons with us. To get to know their meeting, their First-day School has scheduled visits from each committee of their meeting. Fellowship Committee invited us to make aprons out of place mats and ribbons and then draw pictures on them showing what that committee does.

We feel that the retreat was useful and should be repeated in locations where we can get Friends from two or more meetings together. Contact the committee to set this up in your area.

Also, we have collected examples of child safety policies from several meetings. If your meeting has one, we'd like to add it to our files. We are glad to share this resource with interested friends.

Sandy F [redacted], clerk [redacted]

CDs & Books For Children & Families

The traveling bookstore sponsored by the Religious Education for Children Committee has most of its stock here on consignment with the AFSC Bookstore. The selection of music and storytelling CDs is greatly expanded this year with many from friends [Bill [redacted], Susan S [redacted], Mary M [redacted], Becca J [redacted], Tom & Sandy F [redacted], & Eart [redacted] ama] or good friends of Friends. Most are \$15.

With AFSC closing its bookstore in Los Angeles, the Religious Education for Children Committee is concerned with continuing to have quality books for sale at PYM. Friends interested in having a bookstore at yearly and other meetings are invited to meet with the Religious Education for Children Committee during their own committee time.

Sandy F [redacted], clerk, Religious Education for Children Committee and Tom F [redacted], bookseller

Meeting for Memorials

M&O has been collecting the names of meeting members who have passed away since our last gathering in 2010. Copies of the list can be found in the Plenary Room and in the Quiet Room. Please read over the list of names and write the name and meeting of any members

who have passed in the last year and whose names are not listed. If you are not sure whether the Friend was a member of a meeting, talk to a member of M&O about it. If you are not sure whether the Friend's name was read last year, write their name and we will check.
-from PYM Committee on Ministry and Oversight

Inland Valley Friends Meeting (IVFM) Comes "Of Age"

Dear PYM,

There has been a Friends Meeting in the Riverside, Redlands, San Bernardino area since the 1940's. For years we met in homes, a basement of a big church, and lately in a rented space in downtown Riverside. Over the past two years several new families and individuals joined the "faithful few" and now we often have between 25 to 30 people at Meeting.

At last year's PYM, we were awarded a grant from the Holding Corporation to help us purchase a Meeting House. The funds came from the sale in 1996 of the San Fernando Valley Meetinghouse. In March 2011 IVFM approved the purchase of 2.1 acres near downtown Riverside as a site for our Meeting House. Our first gathering on the site included several of the children carrying shovels and wearing hard hats. The history of the site includes local Indians camping at the mineral springs and a large swimming pool, which served Riverside's Mission Inn guests in the early 1900's.

Come and visit us any First Day at 10:15 am and we can take you to see the land. You are welcome to provide ideas and dollars to this process of envisioning and building a meeting house. THANK YOU PYM

Sincerely, Inland Valley Site Comm Co-
Clerks Linda D [redacted] and Suzanne M [redacted]

Afghan Girls School

Persons wanting to support the Afghan Refugees Girls Primary Schools near Akora Khattak, Pakistan may make a direct donation or by purchasing shawls on Tuesday or Wednesday (The Hub).

We believe that girls who get even a few years of education at our school will have an advantage both as women and as mothers and that their children will also have advantages because of their education. What could make more of a difference than furthering peace and goodwill in a beleaguered Earth?
Karen [redacted], CA Committee, Claremont

Phone numbers to give out if you need to be contacted during PYM.

- Non-Emergency numbers to leave a message; Call Story House during working hours – 8:00 am to 4:30 pm, Monday thru Friday – at (909) 621-8112. They will take a message.
- Emergency number: In an emergency, call Campus Safety at (909) 621-8170. They need to know what campus their family is on (Claremont McKenna campus), what group (Pacific Yearly Meeting or PYM) and what dorm (make sure dorm and room # is known). These calls should be made only for emergency purposes.
- Faxes can be received at 909-621-8542. Please note there is a \$1 per page fee that PYM is charged. Include "Attention: PYM" and the recipient's name. Pick up faxes at Storey House between 8:30 AM – 4:30 PM.
- To send your Reports and Daily Miracle items via email to Don Bean, use ddbean@me.com
- Visit www.pacificyearlymeeting.org to find all the reports, forms, schedules, etc needed for getting the most from PYM. Copies of schedules and agendas are available in Registration Lounge as well.

INTEREST GROUPS 2011

Tuesday @ 6:45 PM

Sponsored by	Interest Group	Group Leader	Location
Friends House, Santa Rosa	<i>How Do We Feel About Aging and What Are We Going To Do About It</i>	Claire Gorfinkel	Fawcett Hall Study Room
<p>Friends House – the Quaker-Inspired Elder Community in Santa Rosa, California – recently received a grant from Friends Foundation for the Aging to do outreach among Friends in PYM on the subject of "Enlarging the Community of Caring; Aging and Age-related Decision-Making." Claire has recently completed a course of training as a Chaplain (with a focus on aging issues), and plans to offer workshops for Meetings to explore enhancing the adventure of aging, making decisions and planning ahead, and how Meetings can better support their older members. This interest group will enable Claire to introduce some of the workshop ideas and gauge the level of interest in this topic among Meetings.</p>			
Unity with Nature Committee	<i>Do Friends have an Earthcare Testimony?</i>	Sandra Lewis and Joe Morris	McKenna Auditorium
<p>Is it timely to consider a written Earthcare Testimony as an expression of our faith and practice? In April 2010, Strawberry Creek Meeting approved such a testimony, subsequently adopted by Visalia Meeting, and La Jolla Meeting has approved another version. We will consider ways Friends today are embracing Earthcare as part of Quaker spirituality and what living such a testimony might mean.</p>			
Quaker Organization	<i>The Afghan Girls School in Pakistan</i>	Betsy Emerick	Bauer 23
<p>"The project is small, but the cause is great." In April 2002 due to the efforts of Quakers, Edith Cole and Joe Franko, a school for 200 Afghan refugee girls opened in a refugee camp near Peshawar, NW Pakistan. Now, we have two schools which serve about 600 girls. Come and see a documentary film about this project and hear about the changes and challenges in keeping the schools going through political turmoil, earthquake, and flood.</p>			
Latin American Concerns Committee	<i>Migration and Immigration</i>	Barbara Babin	Stark Hall Lounge
<p>Most of us have a general idea of the most publicized migration and immigration issues, ranging from the recent murders of migrants as they travel through Mexico and the dangers of crossing the border to the United States, to the difficulties of finding housing and employment once in the U.S.. However, did you know that Casa de los Amigos works with refugees from around the world, assisting them in learning Spanish and finding services? In this interest group we will look at what are some of the specific issues facing migrants throughout Central America, Mexico, and the United States and how Quakers and Quaker organizations in Latin America and the U.S. are providing assistance and support. Come to an informative and interactive session organized by representatives of these Quaker concerns.</p>			
M&O Subcommittee on Racial Justice	<i>The Class-Race Exercise: Step Forward, Step Back</i>	Carl Magruder	Hub Patio
<p>An intergenerational exercise that highlights often-hidden disparities in power and status—also known as the POWER WALK. Entertaining, provocative, and perhaps shocking. Youths and adults of all ages are encouraged to attend.</p>			
Religious Education for Children Committee	<i>Confirmation Class/Bar Mitzvah</i>	Tom Farley	Marks Hall Lounge
<p>What could or should Quakers do for our 11 - 13 year olds to bring them into Friendship?</p>			

Pacific Yearly Meeting 2011 - Young Friends Daily Schedule

Time:	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
8:00-9:00	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast
9:00-10:00	9:15 – 10:15 Worship	9:15 – 10:15 Worship	9:15 – 10:15 Worship	9:15 – 10:15 Worship	9:15 – 10:15 Plenary VII
10:00-11:00	10:30 – 12:00 Plenary II	Chat Boxes with JYM	10:30 – 12:00 AYF Check-In	10:45 – 11:15 AYF Check-In	10:30 – 12:00 Worship
11:00-Noon				11:15 -12:00 Plenary VI	
12:00-1:00	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch
1:00-2:00	AYF Check-In	Free Time	Worship Sharing	Free Time	Clean-Up :)
2:00-3:00	1:45 – 3:15 Worship Sharing	1:45 – 5:30 Worship Sharing / Pool	2:30 – 4:30 Meeting for Memorials	1:45 -3:15 Worship Sharing	Goodbyes :(
3:00-4:00	3:30 – 5:00 All-Ages Games			4:30 – 6:30 AYF Outing (shopping)	
4:00-5:00			5:30 – 6:30 Dinner		
5:00-6:00	6:30 – 8:00 Free Time	6:45 – 8:15 Crash JYM Massage Interest Group		6:45 – 10:00 All-ages Dance	Community Night
6:00-7:00			8:30-9:30 Mens' & Womens' Groups		
7:00-8:00	9:30 – Capture-the-Flag with JYM	Respectful Relationships		Mens' & Womens' Groups	
8:00-9:00			10:00-whatever		