

The Daily Miracle

Pacific Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends

Wednesday, Seventh Month Twenty-Seventh, 2011

Wednesday'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 III
12:00- 1:00	Lunch
1:00 – 1:45	Free Time
1:45- 3:15	Worship Sharing
3:30- 5:00	Open Committee Meetings
5:30- 6:30	Dinner
6:45- 8:15	Interest Groups (2 nd session)
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.

Wednesday	Elizabeth Fry
Thursday	Bayard Rustin
Friday	History of Testimonies
Saturday	Henry Joel Cadbury

Lost and Found

Have you found a cloth bag with handles which says "Women to Women" on it? It belongs to Gay H. It also says "Gay H." on each side of the handles.

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 (909) 607-2000. During the day contact Pat Smith 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 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 Appleby Hall Lounge.

AFSC Bookstore

There are plenty of good, bargain-priced books left at the bookstore; Boxes of Faith & Practice can be purchased for \$90 + tax, and will be available for pickup on Friday afternoon. If interested, please contact David M. [redacted] in the bookstore before dinner on Thursday.

Community Night

Community Night sign up forms are available in a RED basket in the Plenary Hall (McKenna). Please place your completed form in the BLUE basket in a timely fashion.

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.

Amy Catlin of Orange Grove will show her film "From Africa to India" at the Museum of the African Diaspora in SF on Sept 9 at 6 PM in conjunction with their current exhibit of quilts made by African-Indian descendants of enslaved Africans. Her lecture follows on Sept 10 at MoAD on Sidi Sufism, music, dance and transformation.

Amy teaches ethnomusicology at UCLA, especially concerning non-elites of South & South-Asia. acatlin@ucla.edu, cell (818) 486-3434 website: apsara-media.com

Affinity Group: Quakers and the 9/11 Truth Movement 8:30 pm on the Patio of The Hub (just outside the Plenary hall). This affinity group is being convened by David C. [redacted] of Visalia Friends Meeting.

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.

An unofficial “interest group” for folks who like quieter meal times; take your plate(s) out to the picnic table [redacted] north side of the dining room. Claire G [redacted]

Turrell Light Installation Pomona College has a beautiful outdoor room designed by the light artist, James Turrell. Let’s meet outside the dining hall immediately after interest groups, at 8:15 tonight (Wednesday) and walk over (about five min [redacted] catch the emerging night sky. Claire G [redacted]

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

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.

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.

CPQM Directories

The 2011 edition of College Park Quarterly Meeting Directory is available in the AFSC Bookstore. [redacted] brought 50 copies; if those sell out, Eric M [redacted] can take mail orders, \$5 each including postage. The Directory is also available as a PDF (1.2 MB in size), at no charge. Eric has it on a flash drive here at PacYM, or he can [redacted] and your email address to [redacted]

Crafts from Russia, Guatemala and to support the Afghan Girls School. In The Hub-display area. Do your Xmas shopping early! We will close after dinner on Friday.

Honolulu Friend Meeting Welcomes Friends to our Meeting in Honolulu

As a meeting located far from other monthly meetings, and only occasionally able to visit others on the mainland, we are eager to meet Friends from all over. Fortunately, our meeting house has three separate guest rooms to accommodate our visitors, and we're located in a gracious old home near the University of Hawaii. Would you like to come and share your experiences, then stay for a vacation among Friends?

Reservations [redacted]
or email at [redacted]
ion, if you have a presentation,
or a spiritual journal to share
[redacted],
[redacted]

The Pay Under Protest campaign

If I promised you a life of comfort, a good family, membership in a wonderful church, meaningful work, college education for your children and energetic defense of your human rights in exchange for one small thing:

You agree to pay for the killing of one person.

Just one. Nobody you know.

And you won't be the only one. Everybody is chipping in.

You don't actually have to do it yourself, just make a small contribution.

Would you do it?

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We are invited to this Faustian bargain every day of our lives when we are asked to consent to pay for war.

The Pay Under Protest campaign is continuing. This past spring, 126 Friends wrote letters to accompany their tax returns letting the IRS know they were protesting paying taxes for war.

Join us for a topical lunch table on Friday to discuss resistance to war taxes. We'd like to have at least one contact in [redacted] meeting or work group. See Steve L [redacted], Bob or Kathy R [redacted] for more info.

If you are leaving and have a key, please find Joe Magruder, Pat Smith, or Liz Baker and give us your keys. Thank you.

JYM Community Expectations

1. Be inclusive, avoid cliques.
2. Respect the FAPs and everyone else.
3. Respect the space.
4. No sex, drugs or alcohol.
5. No means no; stop means stop.
6. Be safe. Suggested groups of 3, especially at night.
7. Dorms are for sleeping, luggage and personal items.
8. Quiet time at 11:00 PM. Separate at 1:00 AM; Lights out by 2:00 AM.
9. Make sure to talk to FAPs.
10. Snacks aren't meals.
11. Be either in the program or in the care of a parent/sponsor.
12. Think smart.

Open Committee Meetings

3:30-5:00 pm

Discipline Committee-Phillips Patio

Finance Committee-Stark Hall Lounge

Latin American Concerns Committee-Marks Hall Lounge

Peace & Social Order Committee-Hub Patio

Religious Education for Children Committee-Marks Hall Patio

Site Committee-Appleby Patio

Unity with Nature Committee-Berger Patio

Youth Coordinator Program Committee-McKenna Auditorium

Nominating and M&O

Openings:

San Francisco – Sam Cox Internship on preparing [redacted] Rustin Centennial.
Contact [redacted] (small stipend)

AFSC Middle East Peace Program Coordinator.
Apply at www.afsc.org/jobs. Closes August 15.
3/4-time with benefits. Job description at AFSC table.

Punahou in your past? We hope to take a photo for the alumni magazine, tentatively scheduled for lunch on Thursday. Contact Gary Bagwell, Stratton Jaquette or one of the Sissons.

Quaker Center is starting a new Friend in Residence program. If you'd like to spend six weeks to six months at Quaker Center, helping provide a Quaker presence, sharing responsibility for meeting for worship and a book discussion group, and helping out with hospitality, please see Bob or Kathy Runyan. Room and board are provided, along with all the Quaker Center programs you can handle.

Spanish versions of Faith and Practice and Advices and Queries are available in the bookstore. Please consider buying one for your meeting library (or your personal one) *Latin American Concerns Committee and Mexico City Monthly Meeting*

The interest group "Race and the Drug Wars" has been expanded to "Race and the Criminal Justice System." Come and hear from FCLCA and AFSC how racism drives so many aspects of prison policies - including the war on drugs and policies on long-term isolation. Hear about recent hunger strike at Pelican Bay State Prison and many others around the state and how you can help. Find out the inside story about prisoner hunger strike from Laura M. [redacted] who was involved with the negotiatio

Windows and Mirrors

Reflections on the War in Afghanistan. Next Tour stops: Sept 1-Oct 2, 2011 (called Meeting for Worship) in Palo Alto, CA; Oct 6 (Interfaith Service) – 31, 2011 in Oakland and San Francisco, CA. Windows and Mirrors is a traveling mural exhibit that makes a powerful statement on a nearly invisible reality. The forty-five unique panels created by international artists and US students help us imagine the experience of Afghan civilians – from death and destruction to hopes for peace. Drawings by Afghan students in Kabul – collected in June 2010 – provide an up close zone. Contacts: Palo Alto: [redacted],

Oakland (Islamic Cultural Center of Northern California) and [redacted] University of San Francisco); [redacted] Volunteers needed! Cal 415 [redacted] k up two posters (free) at AFSC table to take back to your Meeting!

Worship Sharing arrangements

Please remember to avoid passing through Auen and Fawcett 1st floor lounges during the Worship Sharing periods. Also, please leave the main doors to each building blocked open for access during Worship Sharing.

Eco-tip for the Day Part 1

An Eco-shopping Quiz

1. Do I need this?
2. Where was it made?
3. What was it made from?
4. How is it packaged?
5. What will I do with it when I've used/worn/eaten it?
6. Do I need this?

Eco-tip for the Day Part 2

Declare your independence from Junl Mail.

Contact www.directmail.com/junk_mail to request that your name is removed from all 3rd class mailing lists.

INTEREST GROUPS 2011

Wednesday @ 6:45 PM

Sponsored by	Interest Group	Group Leader	Location
Friends Committee on National Legislation	<i>Peaceful Prevention of Deadly Conflict</i>	Stephen McNeil	McKenna Auditorium
What bipartisan efforts are going on with FCNL supporters aid and local activists in the San Francisco Bay Area to prevent genocide or mass atrocities.			
American Friends Service Committee	<i>Peace and Justice in Hawaii - Quaker Testimonies in a Hawaiian Context</i>	Renie Wong Lindley	Fawcett Hall Study Room
To show how our unique position both geographically and culturally, has given us a chance to open our spiritual search in a new way that is both profound and enriching, and also the opportunities for the diverse constituents of the AFSC program and the Friends in Honolulu to come together in common action and purpose. How can that be accomplished? What brings us together, or apart?			
Peace and Social Order Committee	<i>Friends and Interfaith Movement</i>	Anthony Manuosos	Stark Hall Lounge
Learn about what is happening locally and globally to promote interfaith understanding and peace (including the spiritual, political and musical), and how you can take part and make a difference.			
FCLCA & AFSC	<i>Race and the Criminal Justice System.</i>	Laura Magnani and Laurel Gord	Marks Hall Patio
Come and hear from FCLCA and AFSC how racism drives so many aspects of prison policies - including the war on drugs and policies on long-term isolation. Hear about recent hunger strike at Pelican Bay State Prison and many others around the state and how you can help. Find out more about the problem and what our Quaker organizations are doing about it.			
M&O Subcommittee on Racial Justice	<i>White Privilege</i>	Steve Smith	Hub Patio
An eye-opening look at the flip side of racism: the unearned privilege that comes from being White and of being of European descent. NOT an exercise in "guilt-tripping," this Interest Group will highlight social pressures that condition Whites to take their privileged status for granted. Growing awareness of White privilege liberates White persons to become more accountable on issues of race, and to dialogue more consciously (and more helpfully) with Persons of Color.			
M&O Subcommittee on Electronic Communications	<i>Electronic Communications</i>	Sharon Gates	Japanese Garden
At our last annual gathering, Friends began an exploration of how we are using electronic communications (email, conference calling, on-line chats, etc.) to further our work at the Monthly, Quarterly, and Yearly Meeting levels. This interest group will continue the discussion, looking at promises and pitfalls and sharing our experience (good and bad) as we feel our way forward in the digital age. Results of our recent Survey will help inform our discernment.			
Latin American Concerns Committee	<i>Focus on Friends Programs in Guatemala and El Salvador</i>	Donna Smith and Barbara Babin	Marks Hall Lounge
Co-sponsored by Guatemala and Redwood Forest Meetings, Progresia provides scholarships for low-income university and secondary school students and an opportunity for volunteers to teach English to the program's students. The El Salvador Projects of Palo Alto Friends meeting also provides scholarships for university students and has sponsored service-learning tours for teens.			