

# *The Daily Miracle*

Pacific Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends

## *Friday, August 2, 2013*

### Friday's Schedule

6:30-8:00 Bible study (Willow Room);  
Transformative Quakers (Plenary room); outdoor  
worship (Redwood Grove, up stairs across from Café)  
8:15-9:00 Breakfast  
9:15-10:00 Worship  
10:15-11:30 Plenary VIII  
11:45-12:15 Intergenerational activity

12:30-1:30 Lunch  
1:45-3:00 Interest Groups NOTE TIME SLOT  
3:15-4:30 Worship sharing  
4:30-5:00 Free time; open Committee meetings  
Faith & Practice Revision Committee, Willow Room

5:30-6:30 Dinner NOTE DIFFERENT TIME  
7:00-9:00 Family Night  
9:00-10:00 12-step group; affinity groups

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#### Friday Interest Groups, 1:45-3:00 pm

“A First-Day School of Two or Three,” led by  
Sandy Farley, sponsored by Religious Education for  
Children Committee, in Seminar.

“Community and Equality in Action: PYM  
Programs in Latin America,” led by Nick Wright,  
Donna Smith, Barbara Babin, and Alicia Lucas,  
sponsored by Latin American Concerns Committee,  
in Willow Room (across hall from plenary).

“What is Meeting’s Role in Naming, Nurturing,  
Supporting, and Providing Accountability for  
Ministry and Leadings,” led by Sue Torrey,  
sponsored by M&O Subcommittee on Leadings, in  
Plenary room.

“Drones and Targeted Assassination: The World as  
Battlefield,” led by Anthony Manousos, sponsored  
by Peace & Social Order Committee, in Dining  
Auxiliary Room.

**FUN !!**

**AMAZING TALENT !!**

### *...Family Night...*

Friday, 7 to 9 pm

Our Friendly Quaker Family Night happens  
tonight!! You will marvel and giggle, watching very  
talented artists perform before your eyes – or if you  
have an amazing talent or skill to share, look for the  
sign-up clipboard on the registration table, and  
**SIGN UP BEFORE 10 AM.** See Linda Rowell for  
info.

Don't miss it !!

PYM's hot ticket !!

**Registrars** are available at their table, today  
from noon to 12:30 and from 4:30 to 5 pm – for  
check-ins and other adjustments and  
clarifications.

And...also from our registrars, this important info:

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#### Checkout Procedure

1. Checkout time is **no later than 1:00 pm Saturday.**
2. Leave your card key or metal key in the room as you leave.
3. If you are in an **indoor** room (CC, SH, or Ram), prop your room door open as you leave, so that Mount Madonna staff can begin cleaning.
4. Leave your plastic name tag holder in the box in the Conference Center hallway as you leave -- they can be re-used. You may keep the paper name tag as a memento if you like.

## AFFINITY GROUPS – 9 to 10 pm tonight

- 12-Step Group: in Willow Room
- Unity with Nature: in East Dining Room
- European Allies of People of Color: in West Wing Dining hall
- Healing and Wellness – Alternatives: in Seminar (for those with chronic health problems, or an interest in healing, or practice in healthcare, especially alternative medicine)

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## Minute of Concern regarding Drone Warfare

(approved by Southern California Quarterly Meeting, April 27, 2013)

As Friends (Quakers) who believe there is “that of God” in everyone and therefore every life is sacred, we are deeply concerned about the proliferation of lethal unmanned aerial vehicles, commonly known as drones. The United States is leading the way in this new form of warfare where pilots in U.S. bases kill people, by remote control, thousands of miles away. Drones have become the preferred weapons to conduct war due to the lack of direct risk to the lives of U.S. soldiers, but these drone strikes have led to the death of hundreds of innocent civilians (including American citizens) in countries where we are not at war, including Pakistan, Yemen and Somalia.

We urge our government to put an end to this secretive, remote-controlled killing and instead promote foreign policies that are consistent with the values of a democratic and humane society. We call on the United Nations to ban the international use of lethal drones.

### Recommended actions

We recommend that the Clerk of our monthly Meeting send this minute to the elected officials and encourage Friends to do likewise. A copy of this minute will be sent to Quarterly and Yearly Meeting for its consideration.

Friends are also encouraged to read Medea Benjamin book *Drone Warfare: Killing by Remote Control* and to engage in study on how to address this concern.

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...AND...AFSC has just published a 32-page resource on **drones** downloadable at <http://tinyurl.com/1dbtoht>

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*Interest Group, 1:45-3:00 pm today*

## Midwifing Ministry and Leadings

How can our meetings name, nurture, and provide support for ministry and leadings? Join us in a worshipful exploration.

The M&O Subcommittee on Ministry and Leadings  
Judith Favor, Elaine Emily, Sue Torrey

*Interest Group, 1:45-3:00 pm today*

Latin American concerns Committee invites you to **“Community and Equality in Action: PYM Programs in Latin America.”** Using lenses of Quaker testimonies on equality and community, we will hear about well-established programs in Mexico City (about 65 years old), Guatemala (40 years old), and El Salvador (about 25 years) – and also about a newer, independent program, the Bolivian Quaker Education Fund (10 years old). Come learn how these programs express our Quaker values in action.

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## New Year’s Gathering 40th Anniversary

Friends from PYM, NPYM, and beyond have been gathering to bring in each New Year with worship, songs, and laughter for almost 40 years. To find out more about this young adult (all ages welcome) gathering, or to get involved with planning our anniversary, meet us for lunch Friday in the patio at the east end of the dining room. Alternatively, email Michael [gocarfree@gmail.com](mailto:gocarfree@gmail.com)

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Save the date!

**Friends World Committee**, Section of the Americas, will meet at Sacramento Friends Church March 14-16, 2014. This is a chance to experience the rich diversity of Quakerism.

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## PYM Annual Session Online

Each day’s *Daily Miracle* is available online at <http://www.pacificyearlymeeting.org/2013/pym-docs/2013-annual-session>

You may also read the text of FCNL Executive Secretary Diane Randall’s address at <http://www.pacificyearlymeeting.org/wordpress/wp-content/uploads/2013/07/DianeRandall.pdf>

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Multiracial families and individuals are invited to dine together on the east porch (closest to plenary building) for fellowship. Latinos, African Americans, and other people of color are invited to join us. Look for Carl Magruder...

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...from Ben Lomond Quaker Center...

New Quaker Center 2014 Program Schedule is now available. Pick up yours at the Quaker Center table or download (next week) from the Quaker Center website. [www.quakercenter.org](http://www.quakercenter.org)

AND...join us for Family Work Camp at Quaker Center, this coming Sunday through Friday. Come for a day or two or all week. See Bob or Kathy Runyan or David Forbes, here at PYM, for more info.

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**Nominating Committee proposed minute**  
(first heard in Thursday in Plenary VI, to be taken up in Plenary VIII)

The Youth Program Coordinator Supervisory Committee (YPCSC) shall consist of six members with overlapping three-year terms, nominated by Nominating Committee, and approved by Yearly Meeting. Each year, one person shall be nominated to serve as clerk of the committee.

In addition, the Nominating Committee, in consultation with the YPCSC, shall nominate four youth members for renewable one-year terms to be approved by yearly meeting.

The YPCSC shall choose one person from among its members to serve as the Direct Supervisor of the Youth Program Coordinator (YPC).

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**Notes from M&O: Friendly Reminders**

about meetings for worship and plenaries...

please endeavor to:

- \* Arrive and settle into Meeting for Worship and Plenary about 5 minutes early.
- \* Limit multiple entries and exits into the main room during these meetings.
- \* Don't enter or exit the room while someone is giving vocal ministry.
- \* Speak from your own personal experience.
- \* Avoid responding to other individuals.
- \* Wait for the microphone before ministering, no matter how loud you think you can speak.
- \* Limit conversations to the foyer.

**Humboldt Friends** invite you to join us at our **retreat** September 13-15, 2013 at Blue Slide Camp in Maple Creek. Blue Slide Camp is about an hour from of Eureka on the Mad River. We will explore our core spiritual beliefs, where they came from, and where we find commonality as a community. There will be worship sharing, bible study, soul collages and free time for swimming and hiking. No childcare is currently planned. Teens and older children will be asked to participate in the program.

The cost will be approximately \$60, and people are asked to bring a potluck item which will cover a lunch and a dinner. We will try to accommodate special food needs. If you wish to bring children, and are concerned about childcare, please contact us.

If you are interested in attending, please contact us right away. We would love to have you join us. Call Jan Turner, (707) 845-0896 for more information.

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**Santa Monica Meeting** is now searching for a new Friend-in-Residence, with the term of service to begin September 15, or sooner. Their Friend-in-Residence prepares the Meetinghouse for worship and works to insure the facility is tidy, fully functioning, and welcoming. S/he also serves as liaison with neighbors and rental groups and participates in the life of Santa Monica Meeting.

As compensation for 10-15 hours a week in these tasks, a single apartment is provided, with utilities (except phone).

Please contact Curtis Raynor at (310) 954-7783, or at [curtisraynor@yahoo.com](mailto:curtisraynor@yahoo.com)

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**Guatemalan crafts** are available for sale in bookstore, sales support scholarships in Guatemala.

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Please check and make needed corrections to your name, address, etc., as they will appear on the **Attendees List** for PYM. Draft list is taped down onto table on patio... If your listing is correct, make a "check" mark by your name. If corrections needed, either write those in, legibly, or talk to Eric Moon.

Copies of the Attendees List will be available as you check out on Saturday.