

The Daily Miracle

Pacific Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends

Wednesday, July 16, 2014

Tuesday's Schedule

- 6:00-7:00 Outdoor Worship
7:00-8:00 Breakfast
8:00-8:35 Worship
8:45-10:00 Plenary IV
10:15-11:45 Bible Study or AM Worship
Sharing
12:00-12:30 Listening Session in
preparation for Plenary VI

12:30-1:30 Lunch
1:30-3:00 Transformative Quakers or
PM Worship Sharing
3:15-4:30 Plenary V (young adult
Friends)
4:45-5:30 Workshop (on process)

5:30-6:30 Dinner
6:45-8:15 Interest Groups 2, see below
8:30-10:00 Affinity Groups/
Intergenerational Singing

Wednesday Interest Groups, 6:45-8:15 pm

Unpacking White Privilege Sponsored by
Ministry and Oversight. Led by Racial Justice
Sub-Committee. Muir Room.

Friendly Connections Online Sponsored by
Western Friend Board. Led by Don Bean and
Mary Klein. Pine Lodge.

**Midwifing Ministry and Leadings for
Meetings** Sponsored by Ministry and Oversight.
Led by Judith Favor and Sue Torrey. Sequoia
Garden Room.

Casa de los Amigos Sponsored by Latin
American Concerns. Led by Hayley Hataway.
Cypress Lodge.

Transformative Quakers

Transformative Quakers meet this week at 1:30
pm on Wednesday and Thursday in Plenary
room.

Wednesday – Bob Vogel

Thursday – Josephine Duvenceck

12-Step Program

The 12-Step Program will meet at 8:30 pm to
10:00 pm in Sequoia Garden on Wednesday and
Thursday.

Registrar Hours

Registrar hours for Wednesday, July 16 are at
7:45 to 8:15, 12:00 to 12:30, and 5:15 to 5:40 in
Maple.

Daily Miracle Online

You can view editions of the Daily Miracle every day by going to www.pacificyearlymeeting.org.

You may submit articles to the Daily Miracle by email to Tom Yamaguchi.
tomyamaguchi@mac.com

Bible Study

Bible Study meets at 10:15 am in Sequoia Garden Room instead of Fireside.

Earthlight Bookstore is in the Carson room

Wed 10:15-3:00, 4:45-10:00

Thu 10:15-3:00, 6:00-10:00

Fri 10:15-4:00, pack up 4-6

Volunteer Cashiers are welcomed – Tom, Sandy, and Eric

Three Additional Items Regarding Good Order:

Plenary Minutes and Recording Clerks:

Oversight of plenary minutes is one of the chief duties of the Presiding Clerk, in conjunction with the Recording Clerks. With the strong approval of PYM Committee on Ministry and Oversight, I have asked our Recording Clerks to record *briefly and succinctly*, and to avoid lengthy, point-by-point summaries of our discussions.

An important caveat is a “minute of exercise.” When we address a topic in one session and by the end of that session are still in discernment, a minute of exercise is a brief summary that allows us to resume later where we left off. In the words of *Faith and Practice*, “A minute of exercise is especially useful to avoid unnecessary repetition and strengthen the basis for further discussion. It is the prerogative of the clerk to discern why the Meeting could not unite.” (p. 139) If your concerns are not

reflected in a minute of exercise, you are free to bring those concerns to the following session.

Punctuality: Good order in plenary sessions begins with arriving on time, if possible. Recognizing that there are unavoidable circumstances for arriving late (especially for parents!), I hope that we will make every effort to gather at the announced time.

Doing Quaker Business is a spiritual exercise. I hope we will treat our “Business Meetings” as genuine “Meetings for Worship on the Occasion of Business.”

Steve Smith

Listening to the Light Wednesday Affinity Group

Listening to the Light: an Experiential Experiment in Intuitive Induction

This is a step by step way of tuning into divine knowing /seeing /prophecy pioneered by British Friend Rex Ambler.

A group of Friends at Berkeley Meeting and now also Strawberry Creek have been working with this and similar material for over two years.

We'll be doing the basic process tonight which many find to be deeply relaxing.

offered by Catya de Neergaard

8:30 -9:30 PM

Place: Marilee E. will let you know the place

MEETINGS FOR MEMORIALS

Below is the current list for **Meeting for Memorials** during the Thursday afternoon Plenary VII.

Please give any **additions** or **corrections** to Shayne Lightner on behalf of Ministry & Oversight Committee as soon as you can.

Thank you! - Shayne Lightner, Santa Monica
Meeting on behalf of Ministry and Oversight
Committee

MEETING FOR MEMORIALS LIST 2014

Cole, Edith	Claremont
Davis, Jonathan	Fresno
Davis, Thomas Alvin	Santa Cruz
Edwards, Thelma Jean	Apple Seed
Elsbree, Langdon	Claremont
Foster, Herb	Santa Cruz
Franko, Joe	Orange Grove
Grizzard Cutler, Emily	Santa Cruz
King, Jean Sadako	Honolulu
Loch, John	La Jolla
Lohans, Mildred	Fresno
Madrone, Robert	Apple Seed
Malo, Eve	Central Coast
Martínez Garza, Jorge	Mexico City
McCabe, Kay	Redwood Forest
McCoy, Ella	Central Coast
Neptune, Rocky	San Diego
Parker, Maude	Berkeley
Penery, John	San Diego
Salzman, Karin	Humboldt
Tozer, Lowell	San Diego
Wyatt, Dennie	Redwood Forest
Zimmerman, Elizabeth	San Jose

Quaker Response to Central American Refugee Children

What is the immediate Quakerly response to the crisis of refugee kids at our border?
Join us at dinner tomorrow to explore.

An urgent conversation surfaced among more than 10 Friends at dinner last night concerned with how we can help Central American refugee children who are fleeing violence in Honduras, El Salvador, and Guatemala. It seems to us that this is a situation much like when Jewish mothers in WWII had to put their children on trains unaccompanied to escape Germany. We feel called to accompany these unaccompanied refugee children. As Quakers we feel a responsibility and opportunity to respond with love and compassion in the light. If you are moved to explore this further, join us Wednesday at dinner at the peace pole in front of the dining area. For more information on this issue, you can go to FCNL.org and click on the immigration banner at

top, where you will find action alerts and letter writing guides.

Lynnette Arnold, lynnettearnold@gmail.com
Marion Holzwarth, mrmangis@gmail.com
Jim Mangis, cell 805-207-4234

Family Night - Friday, 7:00 p.m.

Fun! Amazing Talent! Don't Miss It! Save the Date!

Our Friendly Quaker Family Night happens on Friday evening again this year. 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. See Linda Rowell for details.

Quaker House of Fayetteville/Ft. Bragg, North Carolina, provides military-related domestic violence and sexual assault therapy, G.I. Rights counseling, AVP training and many peace and social justice educational programs. Please come to our Interest Group to hear more about it and/or visit our table. – Lynn and Steve Newsom, Co-Directors Quaker House

Message Boards

There are two message boards available for Friends to leave messages for other Friends, such as rides needed and rides offered. Please include when, where, and necessary information.

The message boards are located in Maple Room (on the left as you enter) and in front of the dining hall.

Listening Sessions

Please come to the listening sessions on upcoming plenary agenda items every day from 12:00-12:30 pm in the main tent. On Wednesday the listening session topic will be the Discipline committee agenda item for Thursday Plenary VI. Here is an excerpt from the report, which can be found on the pacificyearlymeeting.org website (click "Start here" and then the Discipline committee report):

"With the approval of Representative Committee, Discipline Committee asks that Pacific Yearly Meeting approve the following minute: Pacific Yearly Meeting approves beginning on the next revision of our Faith and Practice."

Listening sessions will start and end promptly and are intended to provide space for question and concerns about upcoming plenary agenda items. All

are welcome. – Shayne Lightner, Santa Monica Meeting, on behalf of Ministry and Oversight Committee.

FUM, FGC, WFCC, Huh?!?

Pacific Yearly Meeting (PYM) sends representatives, delegates, or observers to a variety of Quaker organizations: American Friends Service Committee (AFSC); Friends Committee on Legislation of California (FCLCA); Friends Committee on National Legislation (FCNL); Friends General Conference (FGC) Central Committee; Friends United Meeting (FUM); Friends World Committee for Consultation (FWCC), Section of the Americas; Evangelical Friends Church Southwest; Friends Peace Team Project Board of Directors; Reunion General del los Amigos en Mexico; and William Penn House Board.

Finance Committee

Finance Committee will meet at 4:45 p.m. today in the Teachers' Lodge. We invite all Friends to bring concerns about proposed changes to the "support of Friends organizations" portion of the budget.

Outreach: is Your Meeting Growing? Or Shrinking? Have you noticed a change in our Sunday Mornings? Is it more difficult to fill committee slots these days? Has your Meeting aged significantly?

Come share your concerns and ideas. Some items to share might be:

- ~ Does your Meeting do "Outreach"?
- ~ If so, what do you do?
- ~ What works/what hasn't?
- ~ What resources are out there?

Join us to share your ideas & experience. Wednesday evening, Eucalyptus Lodge at 8:30

Questions? Ramona Hussey, Honolulu Monthly Meeting

Workshop on Process

A 45-minute workshop on process (listed as drafting minutes in the printed schedule) will be offered at 4:45 in the plenary tent, examining how we address challenges in the world.

It will be based on the experience of one of the workshop facilitators that led to the publication of an important Quaker pamphlet.

Contact person: David Lederman, Ministry & Oversight Committee

Thoughts from Keith Wedmore about this workshop

For an interest group on process, to discuss the subject of Process itself.

We can talk about major hot topics, such as Guns in America, where we might argue process might help. We only have forty five minutes. We will discuss the process, that is how to deal with confronting those disasters.

PYM, PROCESS and PATIENCE

1. At Yearly meetings, we do not propose solutions to really major problems, crises such as guns, or the Middle East, since that that sort of process cannot take just one yearly meeting. Maybe we should take the time. I propose that we do.

2. Two examples come to mind where Friends have or had to write something that has to last. Firstly the experience of the Towards a Quaker View of Sex group, which met every other week for seven years (1957-1963). It sold a half million copies. Its views, rewriting sexual morality, were subsequently accepted by most Friends.

I think this a good example of what can be accomplished.

4. Nearer home, our Discipline committees revising Books of Discipline commonly take 5-10 years. Their drafts are seldom torn apart by PYM, or in other YM's to which such committees report. We might take this, "the time that it takes" approach, when confronted with really major problems where we have failed to persuade the public in the past. And we have, haven't we, totally failed? People do not respond to pious hand wringing. They do respond to convincing careful evidence.

5. Some issues are big. Changing the shameful gun culture of America. Confining Israel to its borders. World over population. To deal with the big issues, we might appoint some Friends to meet at frequent intervals for seven years, or for whatever time it takes, until done. The huge time needed is proportional to the gravity of the question. These problems do not yield to a PYM week, however hard we work.

6 FCNL. Friends should not expect more of FCNL than it can offer. When congressmen and FCNL meet they do so privately, and they deal with issues of the moment. Friends are carrying out their duty to change public opinion, and by doing that, change society, to change the world we live in.

– Keith Wedmore

Meet a lobbyist

Ruth Flower from FCNL is with us this PYM session. Join her at lunch Wednesday to learn what FCNL is doing on Capitol Hill, and also on Friday to learn about Quaker concerns for Native Americans. We will have a table outside along the dining hall, the side nearest to the plenary tent. Note that the Thursday evening Peace and Social Order interest group will focus on mass incarceration, solitary confinement, and prison issues.

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Registrar hours

Registration in Maple will be open 7:45-8:15 am; noon-12.30pm; 5:15-5.45pm. - Sarah Tyrrell

Girls school and UN refugee camp

There are shawls and bookmarks available for donation in Maple room all day Wednesday through Friday. These items will benefit the Afghan Girls School in the United Nations Refugee Camp in Pakistan. Jewelry will also be displayed Wednesday 8 AM to 10 AM and 3PM to 6 PM, on Thursday 10 AM to 12 PM and 1:30 PM to 3 PM. If these times don't suit you, and you would like to view these at another time, please see Holly Anderson, or leave a note at the display. Please leave your name, and room, and I will find you at another time. Thanks.

The quiet reading room

is located in Quail. You will find State of Meeting reports, Ministry and Oversight reports, and several excellent books on Quaker topics. Come in, and sit down for a read.

On the problem of nuclear waste

Henriette Groot and Eric Sabelman convened a small but engaged affinity group on the topic of nuclear waste. How many generations of our children will have to cope with the nuclear waste we are leaving them today? Our discussion revealed that we cannot completely separate civilian and military uses of nuclear power, nor can we confine the issue only to this country. The problem we are trying to focus on is that the nuclear industry today creates long-lasting waste products which need to be cared for to avoid a serious danger. How do we transmit to the future the message of where waste is stored and what has to be done to keep it safe? Let's discuss how to solve this problem. Should we adopt the attitude of the Long Now Foundation? It thinks 10,000 years is a short length of time but does not concern itself with nuclear waste. We need to encourage people to educate themselves, and at least some to commit to being watchdogs, observe local nuclear reactors and waste storage sites to insure these hazards are managed to minimize risk of escape of radiation and that accidents are reported and not covered up. We can encourage FNCL to influence national policy on solving the problem of nuclear waste. Could the long-term care of nuclear waste become a task of religious bodies, as being more capable than political organizations at communicating this ethical responsibility to their communities? [see Henriette's article "Nuclear waste, one million years from now" in May/June, 2014, Western Friend]

Join in the singing

miriam berg would like to put together a few singers to do a couple of rounds for the talent show – and just to sing some of the rounds from her newly-published book "A Collection of Rounds." Meet at 6:45pm in the Maple room.

Interested in finding out how Friends could play a role in ending war the way we did in ending legalized slavery? Free handouts about this exciting new initiative are on a table at the entrance to plenary tent along with a petition. For more info contact Anthony Manousos or David Hartsough. See worldbeyonddwar.com.

Unpacking White Privilege Interest Group

Unpacking these issues is lifetime work. Please come journey with us.

We will be viewing a video to help uncover these hidden social norms.

We will utilize queries to facilitate self-reflection and sharing.

Join us in Muir at 6:46pm

White Privilege Conference

"White Privilege is a racist blanket that covers our society; it keeps and heats ideas of bias, racism and prejudice but most importantly, it masks and covers them so the average, unaided eye, will never see them or know they exist. In conversations about White Privilege, we must discuss issues of saturation, unearned benefits, advantages, privileges and opportunities that whites possess but are rarely cognitively aware of."

White Privilege 101 from White Privilege Conference

People of Color Affinity Group: Eucalyptus at 8:30pm

People of European ancestry Affinity Group: Cypress at 8:30pm

– Racial Justice Subcommittee

Meeting Reps from Southern California

Quarterly Meeting:

Please check in with Laura Kohl, La Jolla MM or Sandy Kewman, Grass Valley MM sometime this week. We want to make sure we have your contact info.

– Rep Support Subcommittee

Interest Group 4 (Friday, 10:15 - 11:45; in Pines) will offer a session on links to other Quakers groups. If you are a representative, delegate, or observer come and share your experiences. If you are not a rep, delegate, or observer, this is your chance to learn about other Quaker groups and their relevance to PYM. The session should be informative and fun!