

The Daily Miracle

Pacific Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends

Wednesday July 19, 2017

Schedule

6:00–7:00 Bible Study (*Fireside Room*)
7:00–8:00 Breakfast
8:00–9:30 Interest Groups
9:30–10:00 Clear Rooms
10:00–11:15 Closing Plenary (*Plenary Tent*)
11:30–12:30 Closing Worship (*Plenary Tent*)
12:45–1:30 Lunch
1:30–3:30 Evaluation Meeting
for Yearly Meeting
Clerks & Officers (*Maple*)

Interest Groups 8:00-9:30 AM

Friends Helping Communities

David Brietzmann and Linnea Hanson
Peace & Social Order — Fireside

David Brietzmann, San Francisco Meeting, and Linnea Hanson, Chico Meeting, plan to continue their work on supporting social work that Friends Meetings and Worship Groups are undertaking in Pacific Yearly Meeting (PYM). Our goal is to link those that are working on similar kinds of social work to be able to learn from each other. We also would like the social work that Friends Meetings are doing to be known by others in Pacific Yearly Meeting so that their experiences can be shared with other meetings that may want to start a similar work.

Thanatology and Final Affairs

Dr. Marco Antonio López Galicia
Latin American Concerns — Maple

An experience of Light from Casa de los Amigos. A reflection of thanatology, Quakerism/Faith and Practice, and Yoga.

FGC's Spiritual Deepening Program

Traci Hjelt Sullivan

Ministry & Oversight — Plenary Tent

In these challenging times, Friends yearn for a more just, fair and sharing society where all are valued. We hunger to know one another more deeply in that which is eternal and want to be part of an embracing spiritual community that supports our actions in the world. Many people are seeking to grow the blessed community. Together, we will explore the FGC Spiritual Deepening Program, which has been created in response to these yearnings. We will look at how it is structured, try out some of the materials and do a few of the exercises to see how these tools can contribute to our work. Strengthening and deepening our connections with one another and with Spirit helps bring faith into action and action to faith. Let's see how this program can help to support our seeking, and address our yearnings.

Friends Earthcare Consultation

Catya de Neergaard & Unity with Nature Friends
Unity with Nature — Eucalyptus (East side kitchen)

What are your concerns about the environment in these challenging times? What Witness to these concerns are you living or advancing? With reference to PYM's 2015 minute calling for us to share our answers, and with special interest on what monthly meetings are doing, there will be short presentations and general sharing. See elsewhere in this Miracle for text of the 2015 PYM minute.

RIDES NEEDED

Please check the Rides Needed list posted next to Dining Room entrance. **We have 7 people needing rides on Wednesday from morning on—to BART or elsewhere!**

— *Laura Johnston Kohl*

Wednesday Happenings

— Sharon Gates, Assistant to the Clerk

Help Needed Wednesday Morning!

Peni and Julia Bazar need 2 healthy bodies on Wednesday morning to help pack up and load sleeping gear, bags, and medical stuff into their van, which is parked outside. Time negotiable, but we have to be out by 10:00 am.

— Thanks. Peni Hall

Reimbursement

If you're eligible to be reimbursed for your travel to and from this Annual Session, but you haven't yet signed in on the clipboard at the back of the plenary tent, **WAKE UP! The clipboard will be removed at noon Wednesday.**

Officers & Committee Clerks Evaluations

If you are a PYM Officer or Clerk of a Committee, please come to the Officers' and Committee Clerks' Evaluation Session on **Wednesday from 1:30 to 3 PM in Maple**. While your travel arrangements may prevent you from attending, this is an opportunity to collect thoughts and reflections on the Annual Session while they are still fresh in our minds. This is not a personal reflection of your experience, but a time to speak out of your committee or officer role. Co-Clerks are asked to collaborate on their committee's response and identify one person to provide their committee's input. Clerks may designate a committee member to bring their input. We will all be anxious to get on the road, so please come on time and prepared.

We will respond to the following queries:

- What helped center our gathering in the Presence? What hindered it?
- What worked well this AS?
- What can we do to improve the work of the Coordinating Teams?
- What do you see as the work needing to be done?

Unity with Nature

The Liaison with Unity with Nature Contact List is to the LEFT of the dining hall doors. We still need your help in confirming of who the liaison is from several meetings. Plus add you name if you would like to receive occasional mailings from Unity with Nature Committee. — Catya de Neergaard

Environmental and Earthcare Consultation

Invitation to Wednesday 8 AM interest group in Eucalyptus on "Environmental and Earthcare Consultation," presented by Unity with Nature Committee.

At our annual session 2015, PYM made a Minute of Accountability 2015 for reducing use of and divested from fossil fuels. It reads:

“We hold a deep concern for over-reliance and investment in fossil fuels. We ask monthly meetings and individuals to engage in discernment on how to reduce their dependence and investment in fossil fuels. Meetings and individuals are asked to share their efforts with the greater community.” (Minute 2015-5)

How are we living our minute on fossil fuel reduction and divestment?

Correction

Sarah Rose House-Lightner's email address was printed with a typo in previous editions of the Daily Miracle this week. Friend Sarah Rose's correct email address is sarahrosehouse@hotmail.com.

Annual Session Evaluations

The online Annual Session evaluation form is live and **will be available until Sunday, August 6** on www.pacificyearlymeeting.org under “Announcements and Quick Links.” Paper surveys are available on the Clerk's table in the Plenary Tent. Paper evaluation forms will be entered into the online survey by the Assistant to the Clerk in order to capture feedback for analysis. Please use the online survey if you are able to save us this task.

Message Board

The message board on the end wall of the dining hall facing the Tent is a place to leave a note for someone at the Annual Session.

Golf Cart

If you need assistance in getting from one location to another on the site, you may sign up at the Information Tent for a ride in the golf cart.

Thank You

Friends, I am overwhelmed with gratitude for the many of you who have stepped forward to connect with Aurora, assist with her care, and facilitate her participation in activities at PYM - thus making it possible for me, too, to participate. She and I have both grown spiritually so much this week because of your generosity of spirit. We have felt welcomed, supported, included: truly part of this community. We look forward to deepening our connection with you at future meetings large and small!

— *Katherine MacKinnon*

Hold in the Light

Please hold Carolyn Wardship in the Light. She is in the hospital with pneumonia, expected to recover.

— *Jen Mahal*

Request for Light

Please remember Joann Taylor of Santa Monica Meeting and hold her in the Light.

— *Mike Paul Michaels*

Working Class and Poor Friends

Dear Working Class and Poor Friends,
Would you like to form an affinity group at future gatherings? To stay or get in contact in between gatherings? I invite you to email me and introduce yourself: mnfischer@mail.csuchico.edu

— *Meagan Fischer*



Bitsy and Harriet at Meeting for Memorials — Photo J. Carr

Friends in the Wider World

Ben Pink Dandelion to Give Keynote at SCQM Fall Fellowship

We are delighted to announce that Quaker author and theologian Ben Pink Dandelion will be the keynote speaker at Southern California Quarterly Meeting Fall Fellowship, November 4th and 5th, 2017 at Temescal Canyon Retreat and Conference Center in Pacific Palisades, CA. He will be accompanied by his elder Deborah Shaw. All are welcome to join us. Please save the date and check the SCQM website closer to the date for registration details. We invite individual Friends and monthly meetings and worship groups to get to know Ben Pink Dandelion's work in advance of his visit. If you have any questions, or would like an electronic copy of a selected bibliography of his work, **please email sarahrosehouse@hotmail.com**.

— *In Peace, Sarah Rose House-Lightner, SCQM Presiding Clerk*

Guatemala Friends Work Tour

Mayan students in Guatemala need your help. They are trying to break out of the cycle of poverty and improve conditions in their home communities by gaining a college education. You can help by volunteering for The Teaching English Experience,

a soul-satisfying week of one-on-one conversational instruction (curriculum provided, no Spanish required) in Antigua, Guatemala from January 3-11, 2018. Antigua is a beautiful colonial town and the accommodations are in a former convent with lush gardens and great food. The fee of \$1150 covers room and board for you and your student as well as a small donation to the Friends Guatemalan Scholarship Program. Most costs are tax-deductible. An optional tour afterwards is being arranged.

For more information contact Donna Smith (707) 542-2875, dforestvil@aol.com or go to www.guatemalafriends.org. Fair Warning: If you come once, you will want to return.

— Donna Smith, Co-Clerk, Guatemala Friends Scholarship Program

Spring Service Learning Camp

at Quaker Oaks Farm

Spring Camp is a fun and challenging time to look at our place in history and think about how we can heal ourselves and the world. The loving community we create with local Native Americans supports us as we explore new ways of being together: young and older; from different socioeconomic classes, cultures, ethnic groups and religions, all working together to find a new way forward that respects all creation and the land we share. **Save the date: March 26-30, 2018.**

— Contact Melissa Lovett-Adair or Alyssa Nelson.

Undocumented Students Need Your Support!

This project has been under the care of Sacramento Friends Meeting since 2010. We began with two students. Each year the number of applicants has increased. Currently, we are assisting 13 graduate and undergraduate students at Sacramento State University in different major areas. Your financial support is needed to continue this work. You can help by making a donation to Sacramento Friends Meeting, earmarked to Undocumented Student Project. Checks should be mailed to:

Treasurer
Sacramento Friends Meeting
PO Box 163677
Sacramento CA 95816

You can also donate online at <http://www.quakerundocumentedstudentscholarship.org/donate.html>

If you would like more information please contact Patricia Portillo pportill@temple.edu

— Thank you, Patricia Portillo, Clerk of Undocumented Student Scholarship Project at Sacramento Friends Meeting

Western Young Friends NEW YEAR'S GATHERING

This year the New Year's Gathering will be held at Sierra Friends Center in northern California. The Western Young Friends have set an intention to create intergenerational space as a service to the community. Friends of all ages are encouraged to join us for five days of worship, nature, and community as we ring in the new year together.

More information: www.newyearsgathering.org

Peace & Justice through Learning & Service

This mission continues to carry the work of the College Park Friends Educational Association, stewarding Sierra Friends Center, Camp Woolman and the newly piloted Woolman Outdoor School. If you are called to this mission, prospective Board members are invited to contact us at info@woolman.org.

P.S. Sierra Friends Center and the Woolman programs value the support of donors like you. Visit our website at <https://woolman.org/> to support our important work and give the gift of sustainability.

— Amy Cooke, Director

Harvest Festival - Benefit for FCLCA

Save the date, Saturday, Sept 30, 2017. It's the 51st annual Quaker Harvest Festival hosted by Palo Alto Friends Meeting. It's a benefit for Friends Committee on Legislation of California, an advocacy and lobbying group for social justice in California. Visit the festival website: FriendsHarvestFestival.org and the FCLCA website: fclca.org. If you can help, email HarvestFestivalFriends@gmail.com.

Got Truth? Share your Light

<https://discuss.quaker.life>

With gratitude, — Brylie Christopher Oxley