

# The Daily Miracle

Pacific Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends

**Sunday July 15, 2018**

## Schedule

6:20-7:00am	Outdoor Worship (in front of Pine Lodge)
7:00-8:00	Breakfast
7:30-8:00	Quaker Center's online worship group (Plenary tent)
8:00-9:00	Worship (Plenary tent)
9:15-10:40	Worship Sharing or Aging in the Light (Carson) or Early Quaker Writings (Fireside)
11:00-12:30	Plenary IV
12:45-1:30	Lunch
1:30-2:55	Worship Sharing or Bible Study (Fireside)
3:15-5:30	Meeting for Memorials (Plenary tent)
5:30-6:30	Dinner
6:45-8:15	Interest Groups II
8:30-10:00	Affinity Groups or Transformative Friends (Fireside)

## Sunday Interest Groups 6:45-8:15

**M&O. Welcoming Meetings—Revitalizing the Religious Society of Friends.** *Rachel Ernst Stahlhut, Spiritual Deepening Program Coordinator, FGC. Plenary Tent*

What are good practices for welcoming newcomers into Quaker meetings? Come join the

conversation and share ideas and support around ways we can become more welcoming, as individuals and as faith communities, to people of all ages, races, incomes, sexual orientations, political affiliations, and more. This interest group will reflect on welcoming practices and the experience of newcomers and learn about Friends General Conference's Welcoming Friend pilot program.

**P&SO. Poor People's Campaign-for Economic Justice.** *David Hartsough, San Francisco Meeting and Anthony Manousos, Orange Grove Meeting. Carson Room*

Rev. William Barber, an African American pastor from North Carolina, is leading a new Poor People's Campaign—addressing systemic injustice. Those most affected by poverty, systemic racism, the war economy and ecological devastation are calling for a government that represents the people's needs rather than corporations and the wealthy. They are organizing, demonstrating and committing civil disobedience at statehouses and our nation's capital. Come explore how Friends can play an active role in helping support and build this campaign. See [www.poorpeoplescampaign.org](http://www.poorpeoplescampaign.org).

**AFSC. Replacing Militarized Police.** *John Lindsay-Poland, AFSC Police Militarization Expert. Fireside*

How do military-grade weapons end up in our police departments? The equipment, mentality, and training for war have increasingly infiltrated local policing, which is expected to police homelessness, mental illness, behavior in schools, and drug addiction. This puts everyone at risk, especially communities of color. Find out how you can support vulnerable communities and help stop militarized police training such as Urban Shield.

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**Latin American Concerns. Sacramento Friends Meeting Undocumented Student Scholarship Program.** *Patricia Portillo, Alvaro Alvarado, and Dreamer Guests.*  
*Bobcat*

The Sacramento Friends Meeting Undocumented Student Scholarship Project has been supporting students to continue their studies at Sacramento State University since 2010. The need continues and we are led to stand by them to give what we can to make their lives a little easier. We will talk about the Spiritual process that leads us and how others can join us to give hope to student Dreamers as they pursue a college career. A scholarship recipient will speak about his experience and how you can help make a difference.

**Unity with Nature. What You Can Do About Climate Change.** *Sharon Shen, Catya de Neergaard, and Andrea Beane.*  
*Garden Room.*

Rising sea levels, higher temperatures, disappearing glaciers, the shrinking Arctic ice cap, the death of coral reefs, these are some of the anticipated changes in our world due to climate change. As CO2 levels in the atmosphere increase, the world temperature rises. Learn about Quaker Earthcare Witness' 2018 Asks, "The List of Concrete Next Steps to Address Climate Disruption", based mainly on the science in "Drawdown" edited by Paul Hawken.

Short presentations followed by discussion. Participants invited to share how they are faithful to caring for the earth.

## Other Sunday Events

### Worship Sharing Site mix-up!

Initially, the wrong maps for worship sharing sites were posted by mistake. Corrected maps and site locations are now posted on the dining hall windows. Our apologies for the confusion!

### Eldering Group

The only Worship Sharing group for the Eldering Working Group is in the afternoon 1:30-2:55 at site #1, past the tent, towards the dry creek.

### Ask about Right Sharing of World Resources (RSWR)

Join us at lunch today to hear the latest about RSWR! Look for the yellow poster, and have a conversation with Jackie Stillwell (General Secretary) and Doug Smith, who visited India projects in January.

### Meet Author Cindy Spring

This is an invitation to hear Cindy Spring talk about her new book "The Wave and The Drop - Wisdom Stories About Death and Afterlife". She will be speaking in the EarthLight Bookstore in Maple at 8 pm on Sunday the 15th. Cindy has a long association with EarthLight - she was co-editor with Anthony Manousos of the "Best of EarthLight" anthology published in 2007. In the introductory chapter, Cindy explains that the title "The Wave and The Drop" is taken from a Hindu story about a drop of water that lives independently from the wave for only a moment. "Story" is the mode in which she takes up the questions that arise when one confronts mortality.

### Meet Author David Hartsough

You are invited to hear David Hartsough at 1:30 Sunday in the EarthLight Bookstore speaking on his book "Waging Peace - Global Adventures of a Lifelong Activist". Hartsough's book "Waging Peace" is a testament to the difference one person can make. Hartsough's stories inspire, educate, and encourage readers to find ways to work for a more just and peaceful world. Inspired by the examples of Mahatma Gandhi and Martin Luther King Jr., we have asked David to mention not only his experiences as recounted in "Waging Peace", but how he came to write and publish the book and what readers' responses have been.

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### **World Cup Final**

Watch on tape delay the final game between France and Croatia played earlier Sunday. Viewing is at **8:30 PM** at the Plenary Tent. If you hear the results beforehand, please don't tell the rest of us.

## **Other Things To Do Here**

### **Earthlight Bookstore**

Open afternoon and evening except for plenary sessions. Find us next to Guatemalan textiles in Maple. The Bookstore will close Tuesday before Community Night.

### **Epistle Committee**

The Epistle Committee consists of Friends Barbara Allen (Berkeley), Gail Thomas (Santa Monica), Steve Birdlebough (Redwood Forest), and Will Rogers (Palo Alto/Berkeley). Please seek them out if you would like to share with them.

### **Carson Lounge**

Stop by Carson Lounge tonight (or any night) for conversation, maybe play a card game, or get started on a jigsaw puzzle. You will also find Quiet Room materials here, which include State of the Meeting reports and inspirational texts.

Questions? Ask Sarah or Bronwen

### **Guatemala Crafts**

More crafts arriving this morning. Your purchases help support our 75 students in university and technical school in Guatemala. We are in Maple with the bookstore.

## **General Announcements**

### **Dot Points from Friday's Ministry & Oversight Welcome + A Few More!**

If you need to talk to someone, please do not hesitate to talk to us. We are all wearing pink

name tags and are excited to say "hi" to you and provide you with support.

Please note: there is a time each day when those taking on eldering roles will meet for mutual support, prayer and reflection. If you are accompanying someone, or have signed up to hold space and did not get the email about this daily meeting, please speak to Mica Estrada the Eldering Coordinator.

Do you hear the bell? That means we're 10 minutes away from the start of plenary! Please heed the bell and come on time to the tent.

Please wait for the mic to come to you before speaking in worship or plenary so that all Friends can hear you.

### **In Case of MEDICAL EMERGENCY**

9:00 am - 5:00 pm, go first to the information tent on the patio outside the dining hall; if no one is there to assist you, go to the Walker Creek office.

5:00 pm - 10:00 pm, go to the information tent or Teacher's Lodge, Room #3

10:00 pm - 9:00 am, go to Teacher's Lodge, Room #3

Emergency contact person - Bronwen Hillman

### **Maintenance Issues**

During the day - come to the information tent or find Sarah or Bronwen

After 8:00 pm - find Bronwen in Teacher's Lodge, Room #3

### **Hearing Enhancement**

If you find it difficult to hear during plenary sessions or Meeting for Worship in the big tent, there are some headsets available beside the stage, and the sound system can support up to 4 Bluetooth devices.

Questions? See Gary Wolff at the sound table in the big tent.

### **Golf Cart**

Would you like some assistance moving luggage from a vehicle to your lodging? Would you like

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to see the Walker Creek campus without having to walk a long way? Look for Sarah or Bronwen in the big tent or come to the information tent to arrange for a ride.

### Submitting to the Daily Miracle

We welcome your submissions by email (best) or on our paper form. Paper forms can be found, filled out, and left in a box in the plenary tent or at the Secretariat itself. Look on the web for email instructions (link below). Deadline is **9:00 pm (8:15 pm if submitted on paper in the plenary tent)**. This will give us time to do our work AND get some sleep.

## Beyond PYM

### Quaker Work Tour In Guatemala

The Teaching English Experience is a soul-satisfying week of work and fun. No teaching experience necessary. The only requirements are an open heart, patience and a desire to help a Guatemalan student. Spend the mornings in a beautiful garden setting and the afternoons exploring colonial Antigua with fellow teachers and students. The fee of \$1170 covers room and board for you and your student and includes a small donation to Progresa. Dates in 2019 are January 3 to 11. An optional Highlands tour is available. For more information contact Donna Smith at [dforestvil@aol.com](mailto:dforestvil@aol.com) or 707-542-2875. [www.guatemalafriend.org](http://www.guatemalafriend.org)

### Peace Garden and Video Production Day Camp @ Quaker Oaks Farm

July 30th - August 3rd, 2018 8:30am - 4pm  
Daily

Ages 11-18

Inspired by the annual Spring Service Learning Camp, we want to offer our youth the opportunity to build their own garden and create the media that surrounds it. Storytelling, physical growth, being a part of something larger, are all sentiments we wish to instill in campers. These

young people are future leaders of Quaker Oaks Farm.

Register here:

<https://goo.gl/forms/ddXRP3PCvOipj5w03>

FMI: [gennakules@gmail.com](mailto:gennakules@gmail.com)

### Gordon Hirabayashi

What Quaker of Color resisted the internment of Japanese, Japanese Americans, eventually having the Supreme Court vacate his sentence? Who hitchhiked from Seattle to his jail in Arizona (which site has been named for him in the Coronado National Forest?) Gordon Hirabayashi!

An incredibly important and relevant work of art is "We Hold These Truths". It focuses on Gordon Hirabayashi who was one of three men who resisted being sent to the Japanese internment camps. He fought for equality and consciousness for 50 years, and was posthumously given the Presidential Medal of Freedom by President Obama. He was a Quaker. The AFSC was one of the organizations who supported his resistance, and his case made it to the Supreme Court, but lost. It was eventually reopened. Quakers are mentioned often in the play including George Fox, Rufus Jones, and Bayard Rustin. There is an article about the play in this week's Good Times, especially talking about the playwright, Jeanne Sakata, who actually grew up in Watsonville. The play is very timely given the circumstances in which we currently live.

<http://goodtimes.sc/santa-cruz-arts-entertainment/watsonville-native-jeanne-sakata-japanese-internment-hold-truths/>

The play runs July 11-Aug 5 at the Lucie Stern Theater in Palo Alto.

### News from Peace and Social Order:

**Honolulu Meeting Supports Ban on Nuclear Weapons:** Honolulu Friends Meeting supports the International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear

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Weapons (ICAN) and the Treaty on the Prohibition to Prevent Nuclear Weapons.

### **Chico Meeting Opposes US Immigration**

**Policies that Dehumanize:** Chico Friends Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends (Quakers) strongly opposes current U.S. immigration policies that dehumanize and criminalize refugees, asylum seekers, and other people attempting to enter our country.

### **Strawberry Creek Meeting supports the efforts of Indian People Organizing for**

**Change** (IPOC) to preserve and protect the West Berkeley Shellmound Site at 1900 Fourth Street, and to allow Ohlone people to protect the current use and future for this oldest sacred site in the Bay Area, recognizing it as a place of burial and sacred ceremony used by their ancestors for thousands of years.

For the entire text of the approved Minutes of Concern, please visit the PYM PSO webpage.

### **Suggestions from Quaker Earthcare Witness**

**Concrete Next Steps Friends Can Take to Address Climate Disruption** - The January 2016 Friends World Committee for Consultation [FWCC] in Pisac Peru called for all Yearly Meetings to take two concrete steps in the coming year toward living sustainably so that all may live. Quaker Earthcare Witness [QEW] promptly endorsed this and in April 2017 asked all Friends, Meetings, and Friends' organizations to take two new concrete steps, no matter how small, each year toward sustainability and reversing climate disruption. FWCC similarly continues to support taking two concrete steps yearly on all levels.

Similarly, PYM Annual Session 2015 made the following minute (2015-05) which asks for us to consult and testify with one another about lowering our carbon footprint. "We hold a deep concern for over reliance and investment in fossil fuels. We ask that monthly meetings and individuals 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."

The Interest Group this evening (Sunday) in the Garden Room will be presenting the 2018 suggestions for next steps to take to reverse global warming followed by discussion. There may be better suggestions for your area or part of the country. We'd like to hear what you're doing. A part of both the Pisac Minute, FWCC's ongoing efforts, and our intention is that we share our ideas and successes with one another. We've included suggestions for all levels - individuals, Meetings, cities, counties, and states.

A one page handout of the list of suggestions will be available at the interest group or from either of the QEW Representatives: Catya de Neergaard and Andrea Beane.

## **Personals**

### **Rides**

Do you have an empty seat in your vehicle? Please stop by the Information tent and let us know if you are able to offer a ride, when you are leaving, where you going, and how many spaces you have available. Arrangements, Sarah Tyrrell and Bronwen Hillman.

### **Aurora**

Aurora, the child who drives a pink wheelchair and talks using a computer, invites f(F)riends old and new to hang out with her. Challenge her to a game of Hangman, exchange jokes, ask her about her summer so far, or just (re) introduce yourself! Come share in her special gifts when you have a little time to spare.

### **Jeanette Norton**

Jeanette was an active member of the YM until health issues prevented her from attending. She faces major surgery on Monday at 7:00 AM. The procedure is more risky than would normally be the case due to her other health

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issues. I have promised her that I would be holding her in the Light at the time of her surgery. If you would like to join me in holding her in the Light (wherever you are at that time), please sign the "pledge" at the Info Booth on the patio. You can also write personal messages. I will convey your names and messages to her right after dinner on Sunday. Julie Harlow

### **Civilian Public Service - A Request**

Seventy-five years ago this week my father, as a conscientious objector, entered Camp Antelope, a Civilian Public Service camp in Coleville, CA, run by the AFSC. He wrote wonderful letters home which I am now preparing for publication. A few months ago I learned too late that Wes Huss, who had been the director of Camp Antelope, had passed away just this year at age 99. If only I had known earlier that he was still alive, I could have interviewed him for the book. (My father died in 1985, so it never occurred to me that others from the camp might still be living as late as 2017.) Are there any other living CPS veterans still out there? Or descendants who have letters or records? If you know of any, please connect with me. Thank you. -- George Mills, Palo Alto

### **Interested in a Quaker-Inspired Intentional community?**

For anyone who was inspired by the Keynote addresses to imagine ways it might be possible to take significant steps towards a lifestyle that reduces their use of the world's resources, living in intentional community is a way others have moved towards sustainability. Anyone who is interested in this topic generally, or who might be interested in a planning a Quaker-inspired intentional community on small acreage in Tulare County, should gather at lunch on Sunday at a table on the Plenary Tent-side of the Dining Hall.

### **From Nominating: It takes a village**

How dear and valuable our children are to us! So many Friends are missing out on the

joyous opportunity to be in community with them. The work of the Children's Program Committee is to plan for and oversee the implementation of a program which enriches their experience, imparts and strengthens Quaker values, and integrates them with the full Friends community. Saturday we heard from two women who grew up in this meeting, who were nurtured by PYM Friends. Who are the children among us today who will become the leaders of tomorrow, the builders of a new paradigm, the ones who bring their visions to life? Contact Nominating Committee if you can see yourself involved in this meaningful and fulfilling work creating the future.

### **Finding a home for your skills**

Do you have skills and experience in clerking? Sometimes a committee has lots of folks invested in the action end of the process, but needs leadership in the process of getting there. Let Nominating Committee know if you might be interested in exercising your clerking talents.

Computer savvy? There is a committee that needs your support. Fill out the pink Service Survey. Tell us what you have to offer and we can find a place for you to serve.

### **Annual Session Evaluations**

Help make future Annual Sessions even better than this year's by filling out an evaluation at <https://survey.pacificyearlymeeting.org/index.php?r=survey/index&sid=231371&newtest=Y&lang=en>. If you are unable to fill out the online form, see the Assistant to the Clerk for a paper form. If you have trouble with the on-line form, send an email to [PYMAssistanttotheClerk@gmail.com](mailto:PYMAssistanttotheClerk@gmail.com). The deadline for submitting your evaluation is August 5, but fill it out as soon as you can after you leave so the information is fresh in your memory.

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