

The Daily Miracle

Pacific Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends

Sunday July 14, 2019

Sunday Schedule

6:20-7:00	Outdoor Worship – in front of Pine
7:00-8:00	Breakfast – Dining Hall
7:30-8:00	Worship with Quaker Center online – plenary tent
8:00-9:00	Worship – plenary tent
9:15-10:40	Early Quaker Writings – Fireside Worship/Sharing – various
11:00-12:30	Plenary IV – plenary tent
12:45-1:30	Lunch – Dining Hall
1:30-2:55	Bible Study – Fireside Worship/Sharing – various
3:15-5:30	Meeting for Memorials – plenary tent
5:30-6:30	Dinner – Dining Hall
6:45-8:15	Interest Groups II - various
8:30-10:00	Affinity Groups - various

Check for late changes on signs outside the Dining Hall on the side facing the plenary tent.

Plenary IV

11:00-12:30

Main Agenda Items

Youth Programs Coord Committee

First Reading of Decision/Discernment Items:

- Nominating Com: Slate & New Policy
- Communications Com: Website Policies
- Finance Com: Budget & Augmentations

Treasurer's Report

Interest Groups

6:45 – 8:15 pm

Pay as Led: A Gift Economy Model for Financing Attendance at PYM Annual Session

(Plenary Tent) Sandy Farley and Shan Cretin, Sponsored by M&O and Finance

A consideration of abandoning our traditional fee-based method for paying for annual sessions in favor of a voluntary, informed pay as led plan for meeting the costs, based on the experiences of our fellow western yearly meetings and others.

Meet the New Youth Programs Coordinator

(Fireside) Rebekah Percy and Bertha Pena, Sponsored by the Youth Program Coordinating Committee

Come meet our new Youth Programs Coordinator, Javaughn Fernanders. Javaughn comes to us with experience in youth work in Illinois Yearly Meeting, experience in working with diverse intergenerational communities and as a teacher and artist. This is her first month on the job, and she is eager to get to know us! Please join us for this opportunity to get acquainted and exchange ideas. Are you wondering what the recent YPCC Program Evaluation tells us about our community? Or what has happened with the money from the Youth Programs fund? Come find out!

Helping the Unsheltered in our Communities

(Carson), Linnea Hanson, Zae Illo and members of the P&SO Community, Sponsored by P&SO

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Our committee would like to learn how various meetings are addressing unsheltered people in their communities to then network monthly meetings on this issue to lift up the voices of social justice done by multiple meetings. And we hope to foster continued collaboration of those doing similar social witness. Our discussion may include video from monthly meetings.

Poverty in California: What Friends Have Done, Are Doing and Can Do to Address Income Inequality through State Policy

(Madrone) Kevan Insko, Sponsored by Friends Committee on Legislation of California (FCLCA)

The interest group will explore facts about poverty in California, how it affects various groups, how the state legislature has responded, what policies have worked to alleviate poverty, what measures are currently under consideration or recently passed to address that California has the highest poverty rate in the nation, and how people can influence California policy. We'll talk about what Friends organizations like FCLCA have done historically to address income inequality, successes over the last several years and what measures are on the table for 2019 and beyond. We'll discuss actions that Friends can take to move public policy forward.

Spiritual Eldering: Nurturing the Life of the Meeting

(Bobcat) Carl Magruder, Mica Estrada, and Elaine Emily; Sponsored by the Faith and Practice Revision Committee

What is eldering and how does it contribute to the life of the meeting? What advices and description of eldering would be most helpful in our *Faith and Practice*? This workshop will provide time to consider how a conscious and heartfelt choice to provide spiritual accompaniment to those ministering to the body of Friends is experienced by our meetings and our yearly meeting. The workshop will include experiential activities, discussion, and worship.

Affinity Groups

8:30-10:00 pm unless otherwise noted. For lengthier descriptions refer to the Friday Daily Miracle.

Singing

Fireside – Jim Anderson

Group singing, mostly out of Rise Up Singing and Rise Again. Bring your instruments and voices, songbooks will be provided. All (and we do mean all) skill levels welcome.

12 Step

Garden Room – rotating facilitation

Being a Quaker Philanthropist: The Messy Ethics of Giving

Sunday only, in Eucalyptus Lounge – Joe Morris

We will discuss the topic on which Quakers are shyest: the personal and ethical bases of our monetary contributions. Using the testimonies of Simplicity and Equality, we will consider how our giving can serve the most good.

Friends of Color

During lunch Sunday (12:45 PM), Friends of Color will meet at the brick-colored bench (near rock formation) in front of the dining hall.

White Friends Confronting Racism

Bobcat - Laura Magnani

See Description in Saturday Daily Miracle.

Mystical Experience

Cypress Lounge – Don McCormick

Spiritual & Good Order Isolated

Sequoia – Paul Harris

YAFs (Young Adult Friends)

Muir – Contact person TBD.

The Young Adult Friends will be hanging out together in the evenings.

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If You Are Leaving Today

If you are leaving Annual Session today, here are some things you should attend to:

Annual Session Evaluations

Help make future Annual Sessions even better than this year's by filling out an evaluation form at <http://bit.ly/pym2019eval>.

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. The deadline for submitting your evaluation is August 4, but fill it out as soon as you can after you leave so the information is fresh in your memory. — Sharon Gates, Assistant to the Clerk

Linens

If you rented linens from Walker Creek, & you're leaving early, you need to bring them to the information booth. Do **not** leave them in your room!

Ride Sharing

If you can offer a ride after annual session, or if you need a ride, there are lists posted on the dining hall. Find each other, make a new friend!

Other Events Today

Online Meeting for Worship

Join Quaker Center's online meeting for worship in person this week at 7:30 am in the plenary tent.

Early Quaker Writings

Kathy Runyan will be facilitating Early Quaker Writings each morning in Fireside. An epistle from one of these women will be featured each day: Margaret Fell, Anne Gilman, Elizabeth Hendericks, and Katherine Whitton. The writings of William Penn were used last summer and will not be covered this year.

Prophetic Witness Lunch

Join us for lunch at 12:30 pm to discuss advocacy and prophetic witness among PYM Friends. Meet with the Friends Committee on National Legislation (FCNL) Advocacy Team members to explore advocating for repeal of the Authorization of the Use of Military Force (AUMF), a bill passed after 9/11 which Presidents have used to justify military interventions. We're also advocating for legislation that would prevent the President from launching a military strike against Iran without Congressional approval. How can Pacific Yearly Meeting support the work of advocates like FCNL through public statements on peace and justice (minutes of concern)? We will meet on Sunday at a table in the dining hall facing the Plenary Tent. — Anthony Manousos

Traveling Ministers Needed

Emelyn Buskirk, Co-representative to the Friends World Committee

You can help develop deep and true peace among Friends. Travel among Friends! Make new friends! Get to know Evangelical Friends and Friends Church Friends. These are the opportunities open to the Traveling Ministry Corps of the Friends World Committee for consultation (FWCC). The job of a traveling minister is to make connections across differences in worship style, belief, and culture. Some people may remember Yulieed from Ciudad Victoria Friends Church in Mexico. She came as a traveling minister.

Are you intrigued? Visit the FWCC display in Maple. There you will find a flyer. If you want to talk to a person, Hulda Muaka will be at our display between 1:30 and 2:55 on Sunday afternoon to answer any questions you may have.

You can also request a visit from a traveling minister. Request forms are also available at our display in Maple.

Mao

Mao. In Madrone. Sunday. 8:30.

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Services

In Case of Medical Emergency

During the day: go to the Information Booth 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 booth

After 10:00 pm: find Bronwen in Teacher's Lodge, Room #3

Maintenance Issues

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Opportunities

EarthLight Books

EarthLight Books is open in Maple Building 9:00 am to 10:00 pm every day, except during plenary sessions. Closes Tuesday 6:00 pm. Volunteer sales clerks are welcomed.

INVENTORY REDUCTION SALE!

Check the counter to the left as you enter the EarthLight Bookstore –there are dozens of volumes reduced for quick sale, Most are half price. WHAT A DEAL! [We don't want to just lug them back to our garage!]. —Tom and Sandy

Memory Book for Alyssa Nelson

To help us express our appreciation for her long service to the Yearly Meeting, Friends are invited to participate in creating a memory book to capture meaningful, humorous, joyous, inspirational, and/or stimulating moments that you shared with our former Youth Programs Coordinator, Alyssa Nelson. Book pages and art supplies are available at a table close to the Arrangements/Information tent. Submissions will be accepted through Sunday dinner. — Youth Programs Coordinating Committee

Ending Homelessness Lunch

Join us for lunch on Monday at 12:30 pm to discuss how to end homelessness. (Yes, it is possible!) How do we ensure a decent and affordable home for everyone? What policies can help solve our nation's housing crisis? Anthony Manousos, along with his wife Jill Shook, started a nonprofit called Making Housing and Community Happen that helps organize and educate people to advocate for affordable and homeless housing. So far this year, they have convinced the Pasadena City Council to build 69 units of homeless housing for seniors, and are working to strengthen an inclusionary ordinance that has produced and/or preserved over 1,000 units of affordable housing in our city. Learn how your Meeting and/or local community can become involved in this work. We will meet on Sunday at a table in the dining hall facing the Plenary Tent.

Monday AFSC Liaison Lunchtime Gathering

On Monday July 16, get your lunch and join AFSC staff and liaisons on the patio of the dining hall. — Contact person: Sonia Tuma (stuma@afsc.org).

YPCC Evaluation Report

Melissa Lovett-Adair

Youth programs are at the heart of PYM. Your Youth Programs Coordinating Committee Program Evaluation Report has just now been posted on the [PYM website](#) (look for it under "Recent Posts" on the right side). What are other Friends saying about the Youth Programs? What canst thou say?

The YPCC Interest Group on Sunday evening will be an opportunity to hear about the results of the evaluation, how the Youth Funds are being spent, and offer your ideas as well as meeting our new Youth Programs coordinator, Javaughn Fernanders.

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Beyond Annual Session

Quaker Oaks Farm Earns Organic Certification

Quaker Oaks Farm is dedicated to pollinator health. This year we planted over 1500 row feet of hedgerows using native plants (300 of them milkweed) to provide habitat for native pollinators, other beneficial insects and monarch butterflies.

As a diversified farm dedicated to soil and environmental health, Quaker Oaks Farm planted 6 acres of cover crops to improve soil fertility and spread over 40 tons of composted manure. We are happy to announce that, as of January 2019, Quaker Oaks Farm is now a USDA Certified Organic farm. Find us on the web at quakeroaksfarm.org. Follow us on Facebook and check our display in Maple. — Melissa Lovett-Adair

Western Friend Fundraising Dinners

Come dine in the patio of Tom and Sandy Farley in Redwood City, CA, who will cook and serve a four course meal. You pay what you would for a restaurant meal and it all goes to Western Friend.

Only 12 seats available [Very exclusive restaurant]

2 Dates: Saturday Aug 3 or 10 6:00 pm

This year's theme: Celebrating Onions!

RSVP to Tom or Sandy Farley to reserve a place.

Friends Peace Teams

Friends Peace Teams have been active in many projects around the world to promote peace and healing. Gay Howard, our PYM representative with Friends Peace Teams, shared with us reports from Latin America, the Asia West Pacific region, and the Africa Great Lakes region. These include bringing Alternatives to Violence workshops and building peace libraries for children. Read about these in Gay's report on the PYM website, or talk to Gay for more information.

Spring Camp!

Save the Date! Our 7th Spring Service Learning Camp at Quaker Oaks Farm will be April 6-10, 2020. This camp for youth in 6-12th grade is planned and run in partnership with Wukchumni Yokuts, PYM Youth Programs and Quaker Oaks Farm. See the 2019 Spring Camp report in Maple, or on the Quaker Oaks Farm and PYM websites. For more details see the Spring Camp page at quakeroaksfarm.org.

Aloha from Hawaii Friends!

You may have noticed many folks are here from Hawaii. This year, we have a record number of PYM attenders from 3 of the Hawaiian Islands, 17 of us in total.

Maui: John and Linda

Big Island: Yumi, Kalani, Yama, and Sarah

Oahu: Jim, Michele, Anthony, Ramona, Kay, Kara, Carolyn, Janet, Edgar, Maryanne, and Vivian

Because Quakers in Hawaii are far from other Quakers, we welcome visits from other Quakers. We invite visitors, especially at Honolulu Friends Meeting where we offer lodging for traveling Friends. You can contact Honolulu Friends at (808) 988-2714 or quakers@hawaii.quaker.org. — Ramona Hussey

Quaker Religious Education Collaborative

The collaborative includes volunteers from across the country, and across branches of Quakers, involved with child, teen, and adult religious education.

Website: Quakers4RE.org.

Upcoming phone discussions: see tentative dates in Maple.

Contact: Gail Thomas

Bob Barns

Please hold Bob Barns in the light. He is in Hospice care at his home in Oregon near his son. Phone: 503-521-7296. His caregiver will answer. — Sandy Kewman

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