

The Daily Miracle

Pacific Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends

Monday July 15, 2019

Monday 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 V – plenary tent
12:45-1:30	Lunch – Dining Hall
1:30-2:55	Bible Study – Fireside Worship/Sharing – various
3:15-4:45	Interest Groups III – various
4:45-5:30	Committee Listening Time – Dining Hall patio
5:30-6:30	Dinner – Dining Hall
6:45-8:15	Plenary VI - plenary tent
8:00-10:00	Intergenerational Dance – Boogie Barn
8:30-10:00	Some Affinity Groups - various

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

Plenaries

11:00 Plenary V –Main Agenda

- **Listening to Spirit:** To what are we being called within our Meetings, within PacYM, within our wider world?

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- M&O + Peace & Social Order Com.: State of the YM
- M&O Report
- Unity with Nature
- FCLCA

6:45 Plenary VI – Main Agenda

- M&O: FGC Affiliation
- Budget Approval
- Communication policies
- Nominating update
- Naming update

Interest Groups

3:15-4:45 p.m.



Conscientious Objection and the Selective Service System

(Madrone) Arianna Standish, Callum Standish, Kate Connell and Edward Hasbrouck.
Sponsored by Junior Yearly Meeting

A decision will be made in 2020 by the U.S. Congress on the future of the Selective Service System (SSS) – mandatory registration for military conscription for men/people identified male at birth, ages 18-26 years old. What changes is Congress contemplating? Will women/people identified female at birth be

required to register or will the SSS be eliminated?

Hear from teens Arianna and Callum Standish, who were sponsored by the PYM Youth Programs Bob Vogel Fund to travel to Washington DC in April 2019, where they testified before the National Commission on Military, National, and Public Service. Find out how Friends can support legislation to end draft registration, help limit the ability of the US to wage war, and be allies to youth.

Quakers and Native America: Toward Right Relationship

(Plenary Tent) Jim Summers and Barbara Babin, Sponsored by Ministry and Oversight (M&O)

Panel presentation of current projects involving Quakers and Native America, including Spring Service Camp in Visalia, the newly formed steering committee for seeking truth and healing in Quaker/Native relations (Decolonizing Quakers), meeting efforts to acknowledge traditional custodianship of the land where they meet and an opportunity to bring other efforts to the attention of PYM.

Using Your White Privilege for Justice

(Fireside) Matthew Leber, Sponsored by the American Friends Service Committee (AFSC)

Got White Privilege? This workshop is for you! Matt will facilitate an interactive workshop that allows you to explore whiteness and white privilege. We will explore how to be a thoughtful force for peace and justice as you support people of color in your life and people of color-led social change organizations as part of your own liberation path.

A Web of Relationships

(Carson) Eric Sabelman and Shelley Tanenbaum, for the Unity with Nature Committee

As part of the discernment regarding the mission and function of the UwN Committee, we will

examine how the committee serves the Yearly and Monthly Meetings. We will compare PYM UwN to Quaker Earthcare Witness, to equivalent organizations, in other religious denominations and interfaith collaborations. Friends' contributions to this interest group will inform deliberations about PYM's expectations of the UwN Committee.

Friendly Tech Show, Listen & Share

(Bobcat) Communications Committee Members, Sponsored by the Communications Committee

Members of the Communications Committee will share the latest developments on our website and technology projects and host an interactive session with participants.

Affinity Groups

8:30-10:00 unless noted. We haven't gotten a lot of information about what AG's are actually meeting on Monday. Our best guess follows:

Friends of Color - At **12:45 PM (lunch)**, meet at the worship group area behind the (big, white) plenary tent.

12-step - Garden Room

Singing - Fireside

Mystical Experience? – Cypress Lounge

Spiritual and Good Order Isolated? - Sequoia

White Friends Confronting Racism? - Bobcat

YAF's? - at the dance probably, or Muir

Other Events Today

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

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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.

AFSC Liaison Lunch

Please get your lunch and join AFSC staff and liaisons for lunch on the patio of the dining hall on Monday, July 16th. — Sonia Tuma

The Ranch Store - lunch time

The Ranch Store will be open today at lunch time. It's at the rear right of the dining hall.

Disabled in the Light – 3:30

Both visible and invisible disabilities are part of the truth for many Friends. “Disabled in the Light” is open for those who would like to explore this topic in a worship-sharing format. We meet at 3:30 by the Peace Pole.

Committee Listening Time – 4:45

This occurs in the patio in front of the Dining Hall. For committee clerks, come by the information tent to collect your sign and choose your own space in the patio.

Intergenerational Dance - 8:00

In the Boogie Barn. We believe the theme is Through the Decades.

EarthLight Books - all day

The bookstore is open in Maple 9:00 am to 10:00 pm every day except during plenary sessions. The bookstore closes for good Tuesday at 6:00 pm.

Volunteer sales clerks are welcomed.

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!]

Community Night Special Announcement

About Community Night This Year

An Announcement from Ministry & Oversight Committee

Community Night is a long-standing and much-loved part of Annual Session. However, M&O has noticed the following problems that have developed over the years related to program: Often the night goes on too long and it has been difficult for families with young children to attend; some acts are unfocused and hard to understand; and other acts and elements of the program have caused offense to some members of our community.

Thus this year Ministry & Oversight committee is taking a sabbatical from the normal Community Night format. This year Community Night on Tuesday evening will welcome babies and children attending for the first time and have performances from the children's program and JYM. We will then have unstructured time during which Friends are invited to bring instruments to the plenary tent for group playing and sing alongs.

In the interim, M&O welcomes and solicits suggestions and input from all members of our community about how the program can improve in the future. Over the next year, our committee will discern how Community Night can serve all members of our community and be a safe space for everyone.

Please contact Shan Cretin & Jim Summers, Co-clerks of M&O, Shayne Lightner and/or any other members of your Ministry & Oversight committee with questions and feedback.

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If You Are Leaving Today

Linens and Rides

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!

If you can offer a ride home from annual session, or if you need a ride, there are lists posted on the dining hall. Not everybody will be leaving Wednesday (for example, Cody Lawry needs a ride to SF or Novato Tuesday morning), so please check the board.

Services

WiFi

The wifi network is WCAir is "4theKids". There is no cell service, so try wifi calling, and if that doesn't work (people have had trouble), use an online calling service.

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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Secretariat Miracles

The Secretariat in Jack Rabbit gets rather chaotic in the evening, especially after 8:30 when we are working on the next morning's Daily Miracle.

To help us do our jobs more reliably and quickly, please:

- Try to do printing jobs during the day, not after 8:30 pm.
- Read and follow the submission instructions on the web.
- Submit as early in the day as possible. 8:15/9:00 is just the final cutoff.
- Put "For Daily Miracle" in the email subject line (← don't forget).
- Submit the exact text for publication, don't just write "Please say something about basket weaving in Fireside".

Opportunities

Racial Justice Resources

The resource sheet from the Saturday Racial Justice Subcommittee/Faith & Practice interest group "Building Beloved Community" can be found on the PYM website on the Racial Justice Subcommittee webpage. Paper copies of this resource sheet can be found at the back of the plenary tent. — Kylin Navarro Burger

Monthly Meeting Representatives to AFSC

Friends: Does your Meeting designate a representative or liaison to AFSC? If so, can you let us know who you are? There will be three AFSC staff people here this week, Laura Magnani, Sonia Tuma (regional director and member of Orange Grove Meeting) and Matthew Leber (assistant regional director) Please let us know you are a rep so we can start connecting with you officially. Thanks,

Laura Magnani (lmagnani@afsc.org)

Sonia Tuma (stuma@afsc.org)

Matthew Leber (Mleber@afsc.org)

LACC Interest Group Resources

A number of the photos, videos, and other resources from Saturday's Latin American

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Concern Committee interest group are available on my website,

<https://quaker.destinymanifestation.com> under “immigration” and “photos.” These include the young adult trip, Adult Ed Advocacy Action List, and a report on the SCQM Border tour. Many past annual session photos and Community Night videos are available there as well.— Arthur Kegerreis

Privacy and Data Policies

The Communications Committee has developed policies for the handling of personal data for the Yearly Meeting community. The Personal Data Privacy Policy and associated Data Breach Policy and Plan have been developed to inform and guide how we handle data across the many roles within the Yearly Meeting that need access to our personal data to carry out their work, including registration, coordination of the Children’s Program, arrangements and providing financial assistance grants.

As these are new policies addressing important concerns to our community, the Communications Committee labored over nine months in researching, drafting, revising and approving these as working policies, now in effect as we seek approval from the Yearly Meeting body. Both policies can be found on the 2019 Annual Session page under the Communications Committee (see

[https://www.pacificyearlymeeting.org/annual-session-minutes-reports/2019-annual-session/#Communications Committee](https://www.pacificyearlymeeting.org/annual-session-minutes-reports/2019-annual-session/#Communications_Committee)).

We invite anyone with questions, concerns or feedback to join us during the 4:45 Committee Listening time today. We will also briefly discuss these policies at the 3:15 Interest Group on “Friendly Tech Show, Listen & Share”, in Bobcat.— Lawrence Alderson

Beyond Annual Session

Quaker Oaks Farm

Quaker Oaks Farm believes that farming can be a solution to global climate change by integrating practices such as cover cropping, compost application, mulching and hedgerow planting. These practices help sequester atmospheric carbon in the soil, therefore reducing the carbon in our atmosphere. This year QOF will sequester 22.4 CO2 equivalents of carbon dioxide. See our display in Maple. Follow us on Facebook, Instagram and the web at quakeroaksfarm.org.

What if Woolman....?

There are many possibilities for how Woolman can carry forward Quaker education at its 236-acre site. What if Woolman hosted inner city students for weeklong programs? What if Woolman had a program to train youth activists? What if Woolman had vibrant camping programs modeled on BYM camps? What if Woolman retired its debt and nurtured sustainability?

All these things and more are actually happening. Talk to Amy Cooke to find out more, or send your own “What if Woolman...?” question with a vision of how Woolman can nurture Quaker education on the West Coast! — Amy Cooke, amyc@woolman.org.

Breathe Deeply

Spirit of the Song

Between the words and lines we make, there is a secret holy gate, and perhaps a way it can be found is using our power of *sound*. Thy song is thy power, thy feelings expressed, no words are required, just give it thy best. — Cody Lawry

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