

# The Daily Miracle

Pacific Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends

**Tuesday July 16, 2019**

## Tuesday 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 hosted by JYM – plenary tent
9:15-10:40	Early Quaker Writings – Fireside Worship/Sharing – various
11:00-12:30	Plenary VII – plenary tent
12:45-1:30	Lunch – Dining Hall
1:30-2:55	Bible Study – Fireside Worship/Sharing – various
3:15-4:45	Plenary VIII - plenary tent
4:45-5:30	Monthly Meeting Representatives Meeting - Fireside
5:30-6:30	Dinner – Dining Hall
6:45-8:15	Community Night (see below) - plenary tent
8:30-10:00	Affinity Groups - various

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

## Plenaries

### 11:00 – Plenary VII Main Agenda

- Intro to Quaker Business Practices
- Peace & Social Order Com
- Latin Am. Concerns Com

- Immigration: Separation of Children & Parents
- Further Spirit Rising: How do we support youth / young adults in witnessing to the world?

### 3:15 – Plenary VIII Main Agenda

- Draft PYM Epistle
- Nominating Committee
- Naming Committee
- Outstanding Decisions Needing Approval (if needed)
- Statistical Report
- Registrar's Report
- (additional items arising from earlier Plenaries)

## Interest Groups

Not Today

## Affinity Groups

*8:30-10:00 pm unless noted. Once again, we haven't gotten a lot of information about what AG's are actually meeting.*

**Friends of Color-** At **12:45 PM (lunch)**, meet at the long tables next to the dining hall on the plenary tent side of the dining hall.

**12-step-** Garden Room

**Singing-** Fireside

**Other Affinity Groups who intend to meet again, check in at the Information Booth to reserve a (possibly new) location. Locations will then be posted on the Dining Hall window nearest the Information Booth.**

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Submit by 9:00 pm: To: [PYMSecretariat@gmail.com](mailto:PYMSecretariat@gmail.com), Subject: For Daily Miracle:... ←don't forget this)

## Tuesday is the Last Day of Worship/Sharing, EarthLight Bookstore, and Reimbursement Requests

### Worship Sharing Evaluations

Tuesday is the last day of Worship/Sharing. We request that all participants fill out an evaluation and give it to the facilitator of your group or place it directly in the bright yellow box at the Information Booth on the patio. — Julie Harlow

### EarthLight Bookstore

Tuesday is the last day for the bookstore: 9:00 am to 6:00 pm except for plenary sessions.

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

### Reimbursement Requests

Are you your Meeting's representative to PYM, or a PYM officer or committee clerk? If so, you need to record your request for reimbursement for travel expense! You'll find the reimbursement request form on the orange clipboard on the table at the back of the Plenary tent. Do it now! The clipboard will go away Tuesday after lunch. — Roy Allen

## If You Are Leaving Today

### Annual Session Evaluations

Help make future Annual Sessions even better than this year's by filling out an [evaluation on the PYM website](#).

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 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, then you need to bring them to the information booth, if you're leaving early. Don't leave them in your room.

### Transportation Requests

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, so please check the board.

## Other Events Today

### Community Night This Year

*Abbreviated Announcement from Ministry & Oversight Committee. See Monday's Daily Miracle for the full explanation.*

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.

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.

### Disabled in the Light

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.** — Winnie Sunshine

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## Games!

Sarah Tyrrell has a few games (suitable for kids) and would love to play. Find her in Carson or possibly Madrone **after Community Night**.

## Lunar Eclipse

There is a lunar eclipse Tuesday, 65% coverage and the last of 2019, which though not be visible from this area, some Friends plan to have an observance. This is a good time for prayer and meditation. Meet at the gazebo by the cypress tree **at 9:00 pm**. — Saima Farrukh

## Packing Assistance Needed

We are two disabled women staying in Willow. We need help when rooms are cleared out, helping to finish packing and carry out many suitcases and bags and medical equipment. Two or three people would make short work of it. Please look for us. — PeniHall and Julia Bazar

## Wednesday: Children's Religious Ed Shop Talk!

Does your meeting want more families and children? Are you looking for things that work – stories, songs, activities, curricula – for your meeting? Willing to share with others what's worked for you? Come to **Wednesday** morning's "It Takes a Meeting" 8AM interest group. Winnie Sunshine will share thoughts and useful tidbits from her shining decades of working with children in religious education, including Faith and Play, and we'll hear about what's working in CPQM and San Francisco Friends Meeting programs. We'll think about what's important in religious ed for children, and share practical tips with each other about attracting those families we yearn for and providing them with what they need.

If you can't come to this interest group, but are interested in the work of the subcommittee, contact convenor Gail Eastwood (eastwood@asis.com). The committee is concerned with religious education for all ages. — Gail Eastwood

## Other Stuff to Do

### Memory Book for Alyssa Nelson

*Time Period has been extended.*

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 at the back of the patio near the Arrangements/Information tent. Materials will be available through the end of Annual Session. If you can't find them, please look for Melissa Lovett-Adair or Bertha Peña. — Youth Programs Coordinating Committee

### Help Unity With Nature

See the Unity with Nature Table in Maple to make a commitment: liaison for your meeting, find a liaison for your meeting, offer your gifts or skills for the committee to draw on as needed. Fill out a paper with your name and contact info and put it securely on the Commitment portion of the display board. — Julie Harlow

### Unity with Nature - Resources

Documents related to the past Unity with Nature Committee description and proposed testimonies through 2002 are available on the legacy "Quakernature" website:  
<http://quakernature.quaker.org>.

A short description of Quaker Earthcare Witness is at: <http://www.quakersintheworld.org/quakers-in-action/290/Quaker-Earthcare-Witness>.

The Quaker Earthcare Witness website is:  
<http://www.quakerearthcare.org>.

California Interfaith Power and Light (CIPL) is a network of religious communities committed to addressing global warming:  
<http://www.interfaithpower.org/>.

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Look for links to other Friends' organizations and testimonies on Unity with Nature since 2002 in tomorrow's Miracle. You may sign up for future information on a clipboard at the Unity with Nature table in Maple. — Eric Sabelman

### **Request to Supervise Children's Dessert Intake**

Parents: the kitchen staff asks that you supervise your children and limit their dessert intake. Children, who eat first, are taking more than their share of dessert, leaving insufficient dessert for adults.

### **Thank the cooks**

Wednesday breakfast, toward the end, someone will call for silence (probably Julie Harlow since this is her idea), we will ask the kitchen staff to come out and we will give them three cheers of gratitude.

### **Request for Feedback on Accessibility**

Can you give us some feedback? The arrangements committee would like to ask any friend with a disability or mobility problem how your experience of accessibility at Walker Creek Ranch has been for you. Where did you stay? How did it work for you? Any problems? We would also like to hear any suggestions you may have. Send to [pym.arrangements@gmail.com](mailto:pym.arrangements@gmail.com).

## **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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### **WiFi**

The wifi network is WCAir with password "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.

## **Beyond Annual Session**

### **Brian Mailman**

Stephen McNeil of Strawberry Creek Meeting lost his husband of 30 years, Brian Mailman, to a heart attack on July 11. There is a funeral service planned in San Francisco on Thursday 7/18. Stephen Matchett has more information.

### **Quaker Oaks Farm**

To fulfill our desire to be good stewards of the land, Quaker Oaks Farm began an 8-acre riparian wetland restoration project on the Tule Tract area of the farm. This year we have removed 3 acres of exotic and invasive species and planted around 400 native plants and trees in the Tule Tract. This project is improving wildlife habitat corridors, water quality and ground water recharge. In addition, this project provides opportunities for hands-on educational programming for community members of all generations. See our display in Maple. Follow us on Facebook, Instagram and the web at [quakeroaksfarm.org](http://quakeroaksfarm.org) — Melissa Lovett-Adair for Quaker Oaks Farm

**Report from Pacific Yearly Meeting's  
Ad Hoc Committee on the Children's Program Coordinator Position  
Monday, July 15, 2019**

**The full proposal was posted at Rep Com but it was not in the advanced packet for the Annual Session. It was developed at a time when the Children's Program Committee was not functioning. What was presented to the plenary Monday was greatly abbreviated from the full proposal because of the shortness of time. Since its reading, several Friends have come to us with serious questions about how our recommendation would be implemented. Therefore, we propose the following:**

**Minute: The Children's Program Committee (CPC)** continues to carry overall management responsibility for the children's program at PYM Annual Sessions, including the program design, staffing, pre-session planning, program execution, and program evaluation. The committee will discern and implement the parts of the following which they find appropriate process and practice for the PYM Children's Program and the Committee:

The Committee will

1. appoint an Administrative Coordinator to assist with pre-session tasks related to teaching staff, and the supervision of the onsite coordinators,
2. appoint two On Site Coordinators who will split the work formerly done by the one coordinator.
3. arrange for the waiver of registration and housing fees for the three coordinators and the teachers as their full compensation,
4. develop curriculum, possibly forming an ad hoc curriculum committee that brings in the M&O Subcommittee on Religious Education of Children or other Friends with skills or expertise that would assist the CPC,
5. work with the Youth Program Coordinator incorporating her new duties related to the staffing and support of the children's program
6. take into consideration other details of the Recommendations of the Ad Hoc Committee on the Children's Program Coordinator Job.

Respectfully submitted,

*Ad hoc* Committee on the Children's Program Coordinator Position:

Roy Allen  
Chamba Cooke  
Julie Harlow  
Sally Kingsland