

The Daily Miracle

2019

Pacific Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends

This document combines all six issues of the Daily Miracle for the 2019 Annual Session of Pacific Yearly Meeting, July 12-17, 2019.

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WELCOME TO Pacific Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends

Friday July 12, 2019

Friday Schedule

2:00-5:00	Check-in/Registration - <i>Plenary Tent</i> Snacks in the <i>Patio till 4:30</i>
3:15-4:00	Meeting for Parents of Children in Children's Program – <i>Discovery Center</i>
4:00-4:45	JYM (teen) Parents Meeting - <i>Buckeye</i>
4:45-5:30	Monthly Meetings' Reps Meeting - <i>Fireside</i>
5:30-6:30	Dinner - <i>Dining Hall</i>
6:45-8:15	Opening Plenary - <i>Plenary Tent</i>
8:30-10:00	Check-in/Registration - <i>Plenary Tent</i> Social time - <i>Carson Lounge</i> Singing - <i>Fireside</i> Affinity Groups: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 12-Step - <i>Garden Room</i>• Friends of Color - <i>Quail</i>• Mystical Experience - <i>Cypress Lounge</i>• Singing - <i>Fireside</i>• Spiritual and Good Order Isolated - <i>Pine Lounge</i>• YAFs - <i>Muir</i>

Opening Plenary

6:45-8:15

The opening plenary is a joyful kickoff for our time together and not to be missed. The Clerk and others will share the vision for the gathering. Roll call of Meetings and Worship Groups is always a wonderful re-affirmation of our connection. And of course, important (often late-breaking) announcements will prepare us for the program ahead.

Affinity Groups

Starting Friday 8:30-10:00 unless otherwise noted

There is a long tradition in Pacific Yearly Meeting of convening affinity groups around a common concern or a common identity. These groups create safe spaces for sharing. There is no sign-up for these: just show up.

If you are **convening** a new affinity group, **sign up for a space** on the room charts outside the dining hall and be sure to **submit a description** of the group to the Daily Miracle. The following groups were known at the time this Daily Miracle went to press:

12 Step

Garden Room – rotating facilitation

There will be a 12 Step group every night in the Garden Room. Members of all 12 step groups are welcome. Those who attend will facilitate the meeting and determine the chair for the following evening.

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Friends of Color

Quail on Friday at 8:30, different times and locations on other days – Zae Illo

Friends of Color formed an affinity group thanks to Vanessa Julye's ministry with Pacific Yearly Meeting.

It is often the case that there is only one Friend of Color at a monthly meeting or worship group. This affinity group is the place to share worship, build community and discuss the joys and concerns of our faith walk.

In April 2019, Friends of Color held their first regional retreat - led by Vanessa Julye - at Ben Lomond which resulted in the publication of an epistle in the current edition of the Western Friend. The epistle will be shared - in part - in forthcoming editions of the Daily Miracle.

Be aware that the annual session schedule reflects meeting times for Friends of Color which are different from the late-evening "affinity group" block of time.

Questions? Comments? Contact Zae Illo
(██████████), (██████████)

Mystical Experience

Cypress Lounge – Don McCormick

Friday night, and perhaps continuing depending on interest, there will be an affinity group for people who have had mystical experiences or who are interested in them. The meeting will mostly consist of people sharing their experiences. Faith and Practice says that mystical experience has “always been at the heart of the Quaker experience.” Most people who have mystical experiences don’t talk about them with anyone, including their spouses. Since mystical experience is so central to Quakerism, it is important that we have opportunities to share our experiences or hear and learn from others’ experiences.

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.

Spiritual & Good Order Isolated

Pine Lounge – Paul Harris

Do you have a deep spiritual practice and feel isolated in your Meeting? And/or do you hold “good order” close to your heart and feel isolated in your Meeting? Then come and be gathered Friday & Saturday 8:30pm-10pm in Pine Lounge.

This is not a place to air criticisms of your Meeting, do that with your Meeting. This is a place to share your spiritual journey and love of 'good order'.

YAFs (Young Adult Friends)

Muir – Contact person TBD.

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

White Friends Confronting Racism

Bobcat – Laura Magnani

Starts Saturday (no meeting Friday). Further description forthcoming.

Being a Quaker Philanthropist: The Messy Ethics of Giving

Sunday only, in Pine 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.

Places

Information Booth

The information booth is set up on the patio outside the dining hall. Here you will find answers for many of your questions about where to find things, what's going on, different activities during Annual Session ... and, of course, a friendly smile.

Carson Lounge

Stop by Carson Lounge after Opening Plenary tonight for conversation.

Quiet Room - Quail

Beginning on Saturday morning, Quail will be available for those seeking quiet time. You will find Quiet Room materials here, including State of the Meeting reports, memorial minutes, a copy of the Advance Materials and inspirational texts.

Bookstore & Guatemala Craft Sales - Maple

The Earthlight Bookstore and Guatemala Craft Sales are setting up in Maple. Stop by during the week to peruse and purchase.

Organization Displays - Maple

Did you bring a display, print information or other items to share about an organization?

Please set up your display on the marked tables in Maple.

Secretariat – Jack Rabbit

Come to the Secretariat to find office supplies in a pinch, or to use the printer/scanner/copier for PYM-related jobs, or to make in-person submissions for the Daily Miracle. But it's also the workplace for assembling the Daily Miracle, not a general hangout unless you are a volunteer helper.

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
Password: 4theKids (case sensitive)

The information booth has a map with the locations and ranges of the WiFi hubs around Walker Creek Ranch.

Online Information

Most of the documents and information you have on paper can also be found electronically on the PYM 2019 Annual Session webpage:
<https://www.pacificyearlymeeting.org/annual-session-minutes-reports/2019-annual-session>.

The Daily Miracle

Submissions to The Daily Miracle can be made either on a paper form in the plenary tent or by email (preferred). Instructions are at <https://www.pacificyearlymeeting.org/daily-miracle>.

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

Look for an announcement in tomorrow's Daily Miracle about using the golf cart during the week.

Meals

This year there will be two lines at the buffet at every meal - one with a vegetarian entree and one with a meat entree. Allergens will be listed on a white board at the back of the dining room. Special diet requests not available on the buffet will be filled in the kitchen - this is only for Friends who indicated their needs at registration. Questions? See Jan Turner, who will be wearing her signature flowered head-dress during meals and flowered leis during non-meal times.

Opportunities

Snacks

On Friday there will be a light snack on the patio in front of the Dining Hall between 2:00 and 4:30. Tea can be obtained in the dining room during that time.

Volunteering at Annual Session

A great way to meet people and help out at the same time is to volunteer for a task. Stop by the

information booth to find out where you can help out today and every day during Annual Session. There's something for everyone!

Worship/Sharing

Sign-up cards will be distributed Friday at the beginning of the check-in/registration line and collected at the end. If you are late, there will be cards and a place to turn them in at the back of the tent after Opening Plenary and also at the Information Booth on the patio.

Group assignments will be made Friday night and posted before breakfast Saturday morning. There will be two alphabetical lists posted on the outside of the windows of the Dining Hall for you to find your assignment. There will also be lists by group number showing location, participants and facilitator. Members of the Logistics Committee (Julie Harlow, Claudia Kirkpatrick and Kylin Navarro-Burger) will be by the lists to answer questions.

A packet containing instructions for the facilitator, guidelines for Worship Sharing, evaluation forms and the Queries can be found at each of the group locations.

If there are 2 drop-in groups, they will be located near Maple, within eye-sight of each other so they can split or combine depending on the numbers who show up.

Leave messages or questions at the Information Booth. — Julie Harlow

Meeting for Memorials List – A Request

Please review the following list of names to be remembered Sunday at Meeting for Memorials and see or email Valerie Nuttman

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 Charles "Chuck" Freidel (Inland Valley)
 Curtis Haugeborg (Sacramento)
 Ralene Hearn (Appleseed)
 Ann Henry (San Jose)
 Burton Housman (La Jolla)
 Guy Johnson (San Francisco)
 Joyce Kraus (Berkeley)
 Elizabeth "Beth" Borton Sanger Lovett (Visalia)
 Lois Roberta MacDonald (Palo Alto)
 John Mackinney (Berkeley)
 May Lou Moses (Palo Alto)
 Nancy Nelson (Central Coast)
 Larry Pettit (San Francisco)
 Delbert Reynolds (Grass Valley)
 Peter Rothaug (San Francisco)
 Ann Herbert Scott (Redwood Forest)
 James "Jim" Gill Updegraff III (Sacramento)
 Walter George Wilson (Monterey Peninsula)

Beyond Annual Session

Welcome the New Quaker Center Co-directors

Ben Lomond Quaker Center is delighted to announce that Susan Wilson and Bob Fisher, from Plainfield Meeting in Vermont, will be starting their work as the incoming Co-directors of Quaker Center at the end of August! They will overlap with the current Co-directors, Kathy and Bob Runyan, through September 1, 2019. You can find out more about Susan Wilson and Bob Fisher at <http://www.quakercenter.org/about-us/staff/>.

Quaker Center's board will be hosting a potluck gathering **on Saturday afternoon, August 3rd**, from 2PM to 5PM, to say **farewell to Kathy and Bob Runyan**. More details will be available on our website soon.

Memorial for Mary Lou Moses

Mary Lou Moses and her husband Lincoln were much loved and very active for many decades at Palo Alto Meeting and with other Quaker organizations including AFSC. We will be remembering Mary Lou in a memorial meeting for worship on **Saturday, July 27, 2019**, at 2:00 p.m. at the Palo Alto Meeting House, 957 Colorado Avenue, Palo Alto, CA.

Breathe Deeply

Does the heart have a narrow door?

Does the heart have a narrow door?
 Will it allow in just one more
 of every beast and flower and bird
 and every song it has ever heard?

Just one more child, just one more flower,
 one more relinquishing of power
 to that sane and sacred foolishness
 of living by inclusiveness?

Does the heart have a supple, elastic latch
 that makes it easy to dispatch
 all pettiness and bigotry
 and opens it to what makes us free?

...
 You who can heal all wounds and hate
 make my heart open, free, and great.

—Carol Bialock in **Coral Castles**

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Saturday July 13, 2019

Saturday 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 Aging in the Light – Carson Lounge Worship/Sharing – various
11:00-12:30	Keynote Address Plenary II – plenary tent
12:45-1:30	Lunch – Dining Hall
1:30-2:55	Bible Study – Fireside Worship/Sharing – various
3:15-4:45	Plenary III – plenary tent
4:45-5:30	Friends of Color Affinity Group – Bobcat
5:30-6:30	Dinner – Dining Hall
6:45-8:15	Interest Groups I – various
6:45-9:00	Campfire hosted by Children’s Program – campfire circle
8:30-10:00	Affinity Groups - various

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

Saturday Interest Groups

6:45-8:15 p.m.

Dwelling in the Truth. (*Plenary Tent*)
David Johnson, Sponsored by the Presiding Clerk

This will be a time for David to answer questions that came up for Friends during his keynote on the theme of Dwelling in the Truth and trusting Spirit as well as how Christ is working within us in order for us to dwell in the Truth. David will be able to delve a little deeper into this message. Join in this Interest Group to deeply harvest the fruits of his message.

Immigration and Social Witness at the Border – How Friends Can and Are Making a Difference. (*Fireside*) *Donna Smith, Sponsored by Latin American Concerns Committee*

PYM participants, Friends and Young Friends, in School of the Americas Watch Nogales and Love Has No Boundary will be presenting their experiences at the border. There will also be opportunity for monthly meetings to share their immigration activities with other meetings. Come and share. Learn and be inspired to action.

CANCELLED Income Inequality, its Role in Social Ills, its Cause and Potential Remedies. *Tim Vreeland, Sponsored by Peace and Social Order (P&SO)*

Past & Future of the PYM Unity with Nature Committee. (*Madrone*) *Eric Sabelman and Julie Harlow, For the Unity with Nature Committee*

As part of discernment regarding the mission and future of the UWN Committee, we will hear

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personal recollections of the Committee's history and its successes and failures. From these stories, a sense of the Committee's work as building upon the past will emerge. Friends who served on UwN at any time since its 1985 inception are invited, as well as any who envision a renewed mission for UwN within PYM.

Building Beloved Community. (*Bobcat*)
*Laura Magnani and Sue Scott, Sponsored by
 the Racial Justice Sub-Committee*

Friends are increasingly aware that our meetings are predominantly "white space" and that if we want to truly be inclusive of all races, ethnicities and cultures, we have work to do. Come help us identify some of the messages and practices that may be exclusionary and the ways we can change and grow to overcome blind spots and address systemic racism.

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White Friends Confronting Racism

Bobcat - Laura Magnani

White Friends Confronting Racism will meet as an affinity group every evening, beginning Saturday evening, in Bobcat, 8:30 p.m. It is a

place to talk about how to show up in the racist waters we inhabit, and to support each other in making the personal choices that will help us to heal and help the Society of Friends to create a more welcoming culture. It is sponsored by the Racial Justice Subcommittee of M&O. If you have questions, Laura Magnani is the contact person.

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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.

Lunch: Chaplains Past, Present, Future

Quaker chaplains past, present, and future will meet for fellowship at lunch on Saturday outside on the patio. Look for Carl Magruder and Stanley Chagala.

Lunch: Presenters for Immigration and Social Witness at the Border Interest Group

Donna Smith, Co-Clerk Latin American Concerns, asks that presenters please meet at Saturday dinner in the corner to the left, as you enter, from dining hall main entry.

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EarthLight Bookstore Guest Speaker

Saturday, July 13, 1:15 pm, in Maple

Charles Martin is editor and publisher of Inner Light Books in San Francisco. Inner Light publishes new editions of traditional Quaker Writings dating from the 1600s, and new works by contemporary Quakers. Charles will talk about why republishing old Quaker books is important, what the state of the publishing industry is today, and biographical notes on why and how he came to be in this business.

Tom Farley, Earthlight Books

Breathe Deeply**Love Shines a Light**

"Your greatest test is whether you can still see the humanity of the people who disagree with you and people who hurt you. For when you are hurt, you will want to hate. But when you hate the ones who hurt you, you become the darkness that haunts your dreams. Love shines a light; love returns us to the path; love makes us brave."

—Valerie Kaur, Sikh lawyer, civil rights activist, Californian

Revolutionary Love

Services**Golf Cart**

Anne Fuller, Arrangements committee

If you'd like to use the golf cart, please sign up at the information booth. If you're camping, please fill out a slip with your location so we can find you. Use Carson lounge for work, conversation. There will be refreshments there. If people want a meeting space, come by the information tent.

Meals

Jan Turner, Arrangements

Both vegetarian and meat entrees will be on each Buffet. Check the white board in the back to for allergens. Special diet requests not on the buffet will be filled in the kitchen for Friends who indicated their needs on their registration. There is a clipboard in the kitchen with ingredients, including for salad dressings. Questions? See Jan Turner, who will be wearing her flowered headdress during meal times.

Snacks and Tea may be available in the Carson Lounge near the Bath house, while supplies last.

Opportunities

CHOOSE JOY!

A Friend in Meeting recently shared in vocal ministry:

There is the opportunity for the work
To be a source of joy if
I am operating out of a sense
Of abundance and celebration

Your nominating committee is dedicated to seeing abundance rather than scarcity. We invite you to look for where you might find joy in the ministry of service to the yearly meeting. In our report, we shared that we do not see our work as one of “filling slots” but rather looking worshipfully at gifts that may be celebrated and shared.

Positions on which we have spent much time in worship are Children’s Program Committee Clerk, Registrar, and Treasurer. If you or someone you know has gifts in those areas and would be spiritually blessed in the sharing of those gifts, please let those of us on Nominating Committee know by filling out a pink sheet which can be found in the back of the plenary tent or at the Information area outside the Dining Hall.

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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

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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.

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Friends of Color

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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 [REDACTED]. 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.

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Mao. In Madrone. Sunday. 8:30.

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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 (██████████).

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: [REDACTED]. His caregiver will answer. — Sandy Kewman

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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

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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

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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

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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.

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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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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 (██████████)

Sonia Tuma (██████████)

Matthew Leber (██████████)

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).

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, [REDACTED].

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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3:15-4:45	Plenary VIII - plenary tent
4:45-5:30	Monthly Meeting Representatives Meeting - Fireside
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6:45-8:15	Community Night (see below) - plenary tent
8:30-10:00	Affinity Groups - various

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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

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Worship Sharing Evaluations

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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 [REDACTED]. The deadline for submitting your evaluation is August 4, but fill it out as soon as you can after

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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 (██████████). 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.

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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>.

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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 [REDACTED]

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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 — 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

The Daily Miracle

FAREWELL TO Pacific Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends

Wednesday July 17, 2019

Wednesday Schedule

6:00-7:00	No Bible Study
7:00-8:00	Breakfast – Dining Hall
7:30-8:00	Worship with Quaker Center online – plenary tent
8:00-9:30	Interest Groups – various
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 – Dining Hall
1:30-3:30	Evaluation Meeting for PYM Clerks and Officers – Maple

Interest Groups

8:00-9:30 a.m.

Speak the Truth We See and Listen to the Truth Others Bring: Quaker Advocacy in a Tumultuous Time

(Plenary Tent) Stephen Donahoe, sponsored by FCNL (Friends Committee on National Legislation)

FCNL, our Quaker lobby in Washington D.C. works on a daily basis to empower Friends with the tools to be effective advocates, which requires both listening and truth-telling. We will share strategies about how to communicate effectively with people from diverse backgrounds and differing perspectives. Then we will put these strategies into effect, taking action on a timely peace and justice issue.

El Salvador Projects – Making a Difference

(Fireside) Robert Broz, sponsored by Latin American Concerns Committee

El Salvador Projects of Palo Alto Meeting will present a look at the current social, political, and economic situation in El Salvador: recent elections, gangs, crime, and the northern migration. You will hear how El Salvador Projects makes a difference in the lives of students and their communities.

Committing to Anti-Racism Work

(Carson) Zae Illo, sponsored by Peace and Social Order (P&SO)

Learning from those most impacted by systemic racism is a way to refine our understanding of what actions we can take to counter racism and systemic injustice. Please join us for a session of listening to the experiences of PYM Friends of Color, followed by discussion in small groups, focusing on forming individual commitments, small and large, to further anti-racism work.

It Takes a Village to Raise a Child; It Takes a Meeting to Raise a Quaker: What's Working for Our Families and Their Children?

(Bobcat) Suellen Lowry and Gail Eastwood, sponsored by Religious Education Subcommittee of M&O

What's working for religious education of children in Quaker meetings and Quaker families? How do we nurture the spiritual development of our children? This interest group provides a forum to facilitate sharing and connections among parents, teachers and interested community members about intentions and strategies for a Quaker children's religious education. We'll listen to some people with

creative experience in their meetings and families, have a chance to engage in informal “shop talk” about what’s working well for our children and their parents, and share thinking about the challenges the meetings are facing.

Closing Plenary

10:00-11:15 a.m.

Main Agenda

- PYM Epistles - all age groups
- Nominating Committee
- Naming Committee
- JYM new officers/committees

Other Events Today

No Bible Study this Morning

The 6:00 am Bible study shown on the printed schedule will (or did) NOT happen on Wednesday.

Evaluation Meeting for PYM Officers and Committee Clerks

If you are an Officer or Committee Clerk (outgoing or incoming), please attend the Annual Session Evaluation Meeting at **1:30-3:30 PM in Maple**. This session is your opportunity to provide critical feedback regarding how this Annual Session went from your perspective in service to the Yearly Meeting. If you cannot attend, please ask another member of your committee to bring your feedback. See Sharon Gates, Assistant to the Clerk, if you have questions.

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.

Before You Leave

Clear Rooms by 10:00

All sleeping spaces must be empty by 10:00am.

Linens - Leave in Room

In contrast to instructions for those who left earlier in the week, today just leave your rented linens in your room.

Name Badges to Info Booth

Please leave your name badge holders in the boxes in the information tent. Reusing our eclectic collection of name badge holders saves us a substantial amount of money. — Your Registrars

Check Lost and Found

Please check the Lost and Found box at the Information booth. We will only hold over items that are – in our judgement – valuable; this will not include water bottles.

Worship Sharing Evaluations

We ask all Worship/Sharing participants to fill out an evaluation (if you haven’t already done so) and place it directly in the bright yellow box at the Information Booth on the patio. — Julie Harlow

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 [REDACTED].

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

Feedback on Accessibility

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

[REDACTED]

Other Things

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

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. — Peni Hall and Julia Bazar

Good Neighbor Signs for Sale

\$10.00 after closing plenary in the tent, to benefit the Guatemala Scholarship Program. "No matter where you are from, we're glad you're our neighbor" In Spanish, English and Arabic. — Donna Higgins Smith

Prayers for Pakistan

Please hold Pakistan and its leadership in the light as it seeks its way to become a peaceful and prosperous nation, and that the long time suffering of its people might be alleviated. — Saima Farrukh and Dia Farrukh

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.

Maintenance issues

During the day, go to the information booth.

Beyond Annual Session

Overdose Awareness Day

Did you know that accidental overdose is the leading cause of death in Americans under age 50? It is a main cause of reduced life expectancy in this country. More people are lost to overdose than to gun violence or auto accidents. Central Coast Friends Meeting (CCFM) is sponsoring an event to bring attention to ending the overdose crisis. It will be held on August 29 at 6:00 pm at the San Luis Obispo Library Community Room

This will be an evening tabling fair and will include a Narcan training (opioid antidote). A local hospice will close the evening with a candlelight memorial. This work is led by the ministry of a meeting member, in recognition of international Overdose Awareness Day (Aug. 31st). If you have questions or just want to learn more, see Kim Lacey / Central Coast Friends Meeting.

World Quaker Day: October 6, 2019

Emelyn Buskirk, Co-representative for Friends World Committee for Consultation

Celebrate our worldwide, multicultural Quaker family. The day will start in New Zealand, Japan, Taiwan, and Australia. Evangelical Friends in Africa and Bolivia will be celebrating, along with Conservative Friends in Ohio and Iowa. It's a great opportunity to learn about our whole community. You can find more information and lots of ideas on the website worldquakerday.org. I, Emelyn, look forward to hearing how your meeting celebrated.

Quaker Work Tour In Guatemala

For the 11th year, Progresa is offering the Teaching English Experience, a fun and rewarding week where you get to know some of our exceptional students and visit the colonial town of Antigua. We had 22 teachers last year from all over North America paired with 22 students participating in our new, fun-filled curriculum. We expect to have our maximum of 25 teachers this year, so reserve a space early. For more information about Teaching English, tours, and Guatemala Friends Scholarship Program (Progresa) visit www.guatemalafriends.org or contact Donna Smith, [REDACTED].

Progresa is currently supporting 8 secondary students and 76 university students studying in Guatemala. Through education and leadership classes, we are providing opportunities to eager and talented students, mostly Mayan, who would not otherwise be able to afford higher education. We thus address root causes of migration in Guatemala.

Sign up to receive our Update and see our display in Maple. Your purchases of Guatemalan textiles, donations, and sponsoring a student are other ways to support our students. Mil gracias.
— Donna Smith

Breathe Deeply

From Ministry in Meeting for Worship:

Silence connects us in Meeting like trees are connected in a forest.

Silence is:

Nothing/everything
Calming/awakening
Peaceful/exciting
Comforting/uncomfortable
Restful/energizing
Expectant/reflective

From Elementary Children's Program

“When will we also teach them what they are?”

We should say to each of them:

Do you know what you are?

You are a marvel. You are unique.

In all the years that have passed,
there has never been another child like you.

Your legs, your arms, your clever fingers,
the way you move.

You may become a Shakespeare,
a Michelangelo, a Beethoven.

You have the capacity for anything.

Yes, you are a marvel.

And when you grow up, can you then harm
another who is, like you, a marvel?

You must work; we must all work,
to make the world worthy of its children.

— *Pablo Casals*

PYM at Walker Creek Again in 2020

It was announced in Plenary session yesterday that the next PYM Annual Session will once again be held at Walker Creek Ranch, July 10-15, 2020.