

Interest Groups**Saturday 7/11/2020 3:00 – 4:30 PM**

<i>Sponsored by</i>	<i>Title</i>	<i>Facilitator(s)</i>
Presiding Clerk	Further Exploration with the Keynote Speaker	Mica Estrada, Keynote Speaker and member of Strawberry Creek Meeting, and Sandy Kewman, Presiding Clerk
Can we practice radical inclusivity through staying awake to the spirit of love and kindness within each of us? When we come together, we can sink down into Divine Presence and begin to let go of our wills, our ideas, and our wants. Let us step into that river of living water and practice the simple act of listening and the divine experience of being truly heard, which together can transform us and our community.		
M&O Religious Education Subcommittee	Parents Conversation Circle	Gail Eastwood and Jim Summers
What are the challenges you face as a parent in this time? What are the gifts? How does your Quaker faith and practice support you and your family? In what ways does (or could) your Quaker community support you? How does your family bring Quaker faith and practice into your family life? Share with other parents and grandparents your experiences and thoughts; listen to the experiences of others.		
Unity with Nature & Nominating Committees	The future of the PacYM Unity with Nature Committee	Eric Sabelman, Facilitator of Unity with Nature Discernment
As part of discernment regarding the function of the UwN Committee, we will review efforts since 2018 annual session to re-vision and revive the Committee. Plans for the next year will be presented and discussed; attendees are invited to contribute ideas. Friends who served on UwN at any time since its 1985 inception are welcome, as well as any who envision a renewed mission for UwN within PYM		
Latin America Concerns Committee	Love, Education and Creativity: the gifts that the Friends Scholarship Program is providing to Guatemalans among these challenging times,	Miguel Costop-Bala, Director, PROGRESA (Gautemala Scholarship Program)
The Guatemala Friends Scholarship Program (PROGRESA) has stepped forward with creative initiatives filled with love to support students and their families during these difficult times. Come and be inspired with the ideas and actions our students and staff are pursuing in order to strengthen our community and give hope during this time of crisis. Discover ideas for your own community. See ways education continues to transform a country.		
Friends Committee on National Legislation	Progress toward Peace—You Can Help Advance Peacebuilding with FCNL	Ursala Knudsen-Latta, FCNL Legislative Representative for Peacebuilding, Stephen Donahoe, FCNL Director of Development
Ursala and Stephen will present FCNL's peacebuilding priorities, including supporting young people as leaders for peace globally, banning the use of landmines by the U.S., and holding the administration accountable for the full implementation of the Elie Wiesel Genocide and Atrocity Prevention Act. This will be followed by an open discussion with Friends and an invitation to witness with FCNL in different ways to advance the peace testimony.		

Interest Groups**Sunday 7/12/2020 7:00-8:30 PM**

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Racial Justice Subcommittee	White Fragility	Maryanne Michaels and Kylin Navarro Burger, Members of Racial Justice Subcommittee
Using Robin DiAngelo's definition of white fragility, this interest group will focus on the ways that white fragility has arisen among us during the first two days of Annual Session. We will be using an interactive format that includes breaking into small groups. Please come with a pencil or pen and paper for your own notes.		
Faith and Practice Revision Committee	Walking in the Light of Screens: Worship, Discernment & Community Online	Mary Klein, <i>Western Friend</i> Editor, & Others Working to Support Friends Meetings Online
Faith and Practice Revision Committee offers Friends this opportunity to share and distill our collective wisdom and experience gained recently from conducting our Quaker practices online. What is gained and what is lost when we worship via Zoom? Is a "gathered meeting" even possible online? How can Spirit be nurtured and sense of the meeting be discerned over the internet? How can we care for one another remotely, and who is left out?		
Youth Programs Coordinating Committee	Building Networks and Bringing F/friends Together	Rebekah Percy, Interim Youth Programs Coordinator, and members of the YPCC
Join the Youth Programs Coordinating Committee (YPCC) to learn more about our ongoing mutual aid project, how it might be connected to larger past campaigns of Friends and how you might get involved in building this network of support across our communities		
Latin America Concerns Committee	Scholarships for Undocumented Students at Sacramento State University	Alvaro Alvarado & Patricia Portillo of Sacramento Friends Meeting & a Student Guest
Since 2010, Sacramento Friends Meeting has been helping students achieve their college education dream awarding renewable \$1,000 renewable scholarships to undocumented undergraduate and graduate students at Sacramento State University. College students already face challenges dealing with living expenses and college fees. Dreamers have the additional burden of an uncertain future. Join us to see what we can do to continue supporting their dreams.		

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Monday 7/13/2020 7:00-8:30 PM

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Peace & Social Order Committee	Discussion on Racism (Session 1)	Zae Illo, member of P&SO Committee
This Interest Group will continue the work of the 2019 annual session of PacYM. The central purpose last year was to form a “friend” system where each participant exchanged phone numbers with another. Since the 2019 annual session, many pairs continue to call and have conversations regarding race. We’ve heard reports that some of these discussions have been very difficult but spoken to the needs of those involved. Come not for a lecture but, rather, to meet a friend.		
Peace and Social Order Committee & AFSC	Restorative Justice Through A Diversity of Lenses	Fatimeh Khan, Healing Justice Coordinator, American Friends Service Committee
Exploring models of restorative justice in various settings in the U.S. and around the world. Discussing how our communities can build these programs here.		
Communications Committee	Becoming the Community We Yearn to Be: Strengthening the Bonds Among Friends with a Communications Database	Members of Communications Committee
What kind of community do we long to be? How does our ability to communicate with each other either strengthen or weaken our ministry? ComCom is implementing a new communications database, which we hope will strengthen the bonds among Friends. However, while technology can be a tool to help us conduct our Quaker ministry, it is only as strong as we make it. Come and envision with us how this work can strengthen your ministry. Come and be part of envisioning how to grow our beloved community.		
Unity with Nature	Forging Synergies in Intergenerational Climate Activism	Shelley Tanenbaum, Quaker EarthCare Witness General Secretary, Keith Runyan, and Nancy Glock-Grueneich
This is an exploratory dialogue, building on the young Friends speakout, a recent intergenerational climate workshop at Quaker Center and College Park Quarterly sessions on Earthcare. Expanding the circle (all are welcome, participation in previous sessions is not required), we will explore our spiritual calling for taking climate action, with a particular emphasis on mutual support.		
Latin America Concerns Committee	Casa de los Amigos: Generating New Ideas and Affirming Connections	Bart Czyz, Portland (Maine) Friends Meeting, Casa Board of Directors, former Casa Volunteer Coordinator
The Casa de los Amigos in Mexico City was taken in December 2018 when the outgoing director eliminated the majority of the board of directors and named a new director unfamiliar with Quaker Work. Nearly all of the Casa’s allies have suspended their support. This interest group will share the legitimate board’s efforts to right the situation as well as, hopefully, spark new ideas and useful connections.		

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Tuesday 7/14/2020 7:00-8:30 PM

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Peace & Social Order Committee	Discussion on Racism (Session 2)	Zae Illo, member of P&SO Committee
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Right Sharing of World Resources	The Power of Enough	Jackie Stillwell, General Secretary, RSWR
What is essential? How is my use of time, energy, and “things” in right balance, to free me to do God’s work and contribute to right order in our world? How does a micro-enterprise grant empower women in Africa and India to provide basic needs for their families? Right Sharing of World Resources works for equity through partnership. Explore these queries to discover your power of enough and how you can make a difference. www.rswr.org		
American Friends Service Committee	Engaging with AFSC in the time of COVID, Repression and Rebellion	Matt Leber, Assistant Regional Director for the AFSC US West
This will be an interactive session. What is your Meeting up to in the realm of social justice? Matt will share about how AFSC is working with Monthly Meetings & Churches in the West, our AFSC Liaison program, and how we can work together to create the change we want to see in the world. If your Monthly Meeting doesn’t have an AFSC Liaison, this session is particularly designed for you.		
Unity with Nature	Friends’ Concern for the Environment Outside PacYM	Emelyn Buskirk, FWCC Rep, & Eric Sabelman UwN Discernment Facilitator
This interest group will convey to attenders information on current status and near-future plans of other Quaker bodies related to Earthcare and climate change. Organizations will include FWCC’s document entitled “Superintendents and Secretaries Discernment on the Environment” and recent “How does God call us to act: Online Sustainability Conference”, FCNL (in its “Inside the Greenhouse” newsletter) and Quaker Earthcare Witness.		
Ben Lomond Quaker Center	Way Will Open: Quaker Center in Transition	Bob Fisher and Susan Wilson, Quaker Center Co-Directors
Quaker Center is embarking on a 10 to 12-week discernment process. We invite you to join this process in the spirit of worship, to reflect on the following queries:		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How can Quaker Center best live our mission in these times? • What does that look like? 		
Co-Directors will share the financial, health and safety concerns Quaker Center is facing as general guidance for our sharing and discussion.		