

Saturday 24 July 3:00-4:30 pm		
<i>Sponsored by</i>	<i>Title</i>	<i>Facilitator(s)</i>
Presiding Clerk	Further Exploration with the Keynote Speakers	Keynote Speakers Gabriela Portillo Alvarado, raised in Sacramento Friends Meeting, and Avotcja Jiltonilro of Strawberry Creek Friends Meeting, with Sandy Kewman, Presiding Clerk
Join the Keynote Speakers in conversation with our Presiding Clerk about this year's theme <i>Love and Justice: Heeding the Spirit's Power Within and Among Us</i> .		
Unity with Nature Committee	Braiding Sweetgrass: Stories of Gratitude, Reciprocity and Love	Keith Runyan and Joseph Cotham, members of the Unity with Nature Committee
This is the first of a series of 3 Interest Groups contemplating a different Parable featured in the book <i>Braiding Sweetgrass: Indigenous Wisdom, Scientific Knowledge, and the Teachings of Plants</i> by Anishnabekwe Ecologist Dr. Robin Wall Kimmerer. Theme 1: Letting Go, Being Forgiven, Being Held, Being Loved, Knowing the Gift. Friends are welcome to attend any or all of the 3 sessions.		
Racial Justice Subcommittee	Three Stepping Stones into Sacred Space: Ouch, Oops and Whoa	Members of the Racial Justice Subcommittee
The Racial Justice Subcommittee (RJSC) of PacYM Ministry Committee offers Friends this opportunity to explore a process to help us address unconscious microaggressions and implicit bias in Meetings and in our lives by deepening into sacred space. What was the genesis of this process and how can it enliven our Meetings? How can Ouch, Oops and Whoa be used by our Meetings to inform the Spirit's agenda?		
Peace & Social Order Committee	Graciela Martinez Tribute: Quaker work in the San Joaquin Valley	Daniel O'Connell, Executive Director of the Central Valley Partnership with a TBD member of Visalia Friends Meeting
Graciela Martinez (1945-2020), a member of Visalia Friends Meeting, served on PacYM's P&SO committee. She was a fierce and passionate social justice advocate, particularly for farmworkers, through AFSC's <i>Proyecto Campesino</i> which she led & directed for years. This tribute looks at her work within the broader constellation of Quaker activism for racial justice & economic equity in the San Joaquin Valley. Graciela's legacy continues today.		
Friends Committee on National Legislation	Quaker Advocacy: Where do we go from here?	Diane Randall, FCNL General Secretary, and Stephen Donahoe, FCNL Director of Development
Diane Randall, the first woman to lead the Friends Committee on National Legislation, will share reflections on her spiritual journey as head of FCNL for a decade. Named as gender champion on nuclear policy and faith leader to watch, Diane will share from her experience leading Quaker advocacy organization through unprecedented times. Dialoguing with Stephen Donahoe, Diane will share her views on future of FCNL and Religious Society of Friends.		

Sunday 25 July 7:00-8:30 pm		
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Faith and Practice Revision Committee	Vitality of the Spirit in our Experience of Zoom	Margaret Mossman, Jim Anderson and Diego Navarro, members of the Faith and Practice Revision Committee
Meetings are employing Zoom in our worship gatherings. For some this has been a frustration, but others have found an enrichment. We will explore how Zoom has enriched our Meetings, how it has helped create deeper connections and sensing the vulnerabilities of Spirit. How has the Spirit been amplified and augmented by Zoom? We will also explore the implications for membership of participation in Meeting of geographically distant Friends.		
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Eldering Subcommittee of the Ministry Committee	How Eldering can Nurture the Life of Your Meeting	Mica Estrada, Elaine Emily and Gordon Bishop, members of the Eldering Subcommittee
The early practice of eldering among Friends involved a laying down of ego to be in service to the ministry growing in another or among a community of Friends. In this spirit of humbleness, Eldering has grown at annual sessions and is starting to emerge more consciously in our meetings. To learn more about the role Eldering is playing (and can play) in nurturing the spirit of your Meetings, please join us for this interest group.		
Peace & Social Order Committee	Encountering the Homeless in Incarnational Witness	Joe and Cara Pfeiffer, Pastors, Friends Community Church, Midway City
Joe and Cara Pfeiffer share their experiences bearing witness to the humanity and dignity of poor and marginalized persons in local communities by recognizing and loving them as neighbors in both inner city Long Beach, California (where homelessness and poverty are generally acknowledged), as well as in suburban Orange County (where homelessness and poverty have tended to be suppressed).		
Latin American Concerns Committee	Sacramento Dreamers Program / Casa de los Amigos	Patricia Portillo, Director of the Dreamers Program and Bart Czyn, Casa de los Amigos Board Member
The Undocumented Student Program of Sacramento Meeting remains relevant with 10 current scholarship students. Join us to hear experiences of our Dreamers and how our efforts help them reach their dreams. Control of Casa de los Amigos in Mexico City was unjustly taken by non-Quakers in 2019. Nearly all Casa's allies have suspended their support. This Interest Group will share the Board's progress and open a space for the questions, connections, and spiritual support that made last year's Interest Group a tremendous help.		

Monday 26 July 7:00-8:30 pm		
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Youth Programs Coordinating Committee	The Joy of Movement in Nature: Intergenerational Bike Ride & Worship Sharing	Nate Secrest and Kiernan Colby, members of the Youth Programs Coordinating Committee
Take a break from Zoom and experience the joy of movement in nature on your bike when you are able. Take a picture of what you experience. Then join us in all ages worship sharing on what experienced and share your photo if you like.		
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Indigenous Concerns Subcommittee of the Ministry Committee	Toward Reparations & Justice for Indigenous Peoples & Communities: Some Steps PacYM Meetings are Taking	TBD panelists from 3-4 Monthly Meetings in PacYM, with members of the Indigenous Concerns Subcommittee Sophie Wood Brinker, Lisa Hubbell and Alyssa Nelson
Panel, Q&A, networking, visioning. A summary of our survey of meetings is on our PacYM webpage along with resources. We inform and support PacYM to uncover the history and ongoing impacts of colonization in and on both Indigenous and Quaker communities, to increase awareness of Indigenous Peoples' struggles and joys both within and outside Quaker communities, and to seek equitable and just partnerships among Indigenous and non-Indigenous Peoples.		
Communications Committee and Western Friend	Connecting Friends All Year Long	Mary Klein, Western Friend Editor, and members of the Communications Committee
PacYM's Annual Sessions provide a joyous, once-a-year connection among Friends in the Pacific region, but it has always been challenging for PacYM-ers to remain connected throughout the year. Come hear and help shape visions for strengthening the year-round PacYM community. Learn about innovations in Western Friend's online presence and the PacYM communications database and directory, then share/hear/explore these and other visions of ways to use technology to keep Friends informed and connected.		
Peace & Social Order Committee	Race & Immigration	Betty Guthrie, Member of Orange County Friends Meeting and DOJ Accredited Representative (Catholic Charities of Orange County)
Who belongs in this country? Who counts as "white?" Who counts as "American?" We will explore these questions as we consider the history of immigration in the U.S. and the contemporary laws and practices governing how we decide who should be given the legal right to live within our borders		

Tuesday 27 July 7:00-8:30 pm		
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Faith and Practice Revision Committee	Use of Faith & Practice in our Lives and in our Meetings	Jim Anderson, Ray Rischpater, members of the Faith and Practice Revision Committee
Our Faith and Practice represents a periodic statement of how we order our Quaker lives. We all have a part in the evolution of this text, and one contribution is sharing how it is a part of our meeting and personal life. As our committee examines the need for revising the text in both print and through rolling revisions, we'd like to hear how you and your meeting use it.		
American Friends Service Committee	Community & Safety Beyond Policing	Matthew Leber and Lucy Duncan, AFSC staff
We want everyone in our communities to feel safe and be treated with the dignity and respect we all deserve. But how can we make that happen? If you are interested in holding your own community conversation on how we can create safe, healthy communities without law enforcement, this online training is for you. We will provide you with tools, talking points based on research, and small group sessions to practice skills.		
Ministry Committee	Mystics and Mediators	TBD members of Ministry Committee
We sit and wait for mystical experiences—hearing the divine voice or having a vision or just having a sense of the need to get up and speak a truth in meeting for worship. But how does that happen, and how can we grow that side of ourselves? Does it have to be a bolt out of the blue? Does it have to be as clear as a bell? There are many paths to having mystical experiences. Come and share your experiences and maybe try something new. If there's interest, we may set up some ongoing sessions for further exploration.		
Latin America Concerns Committee	Empowering through Education in El Salvador & Guatemala	Robert Broz and Miguel Costop, Program Directors of the El Salvador Projects and Guatemala Friends Scholarship Program
Join PAFM-El Salvador Projects field director Robert Broz as he talks about El Salvador and his work in El Salvador. We will also hear from some of the University students sponsored by Palo Alto Friends Meeting programs. Then hear how Progresia is bringing hope, justice and development in Guatemala. Miguel Costop, executive director, and some of our Progresia students will share their stories, dreams and endeavors for a better Guatemala.		
Children's Program Committee	Two-on-Two Sharing <i>(Note that this group will meet from 7:00 to 7:45)</i>	Molly Bishop, member of the Children's Program Committee and Redwood Forest Friends Meeting
Two on Two Sharing is an opportunity to reach over generations and talk in small groups. Adults will be paired with children. After introductions, groups of four will go to break-out rooms to play an ice-breaking game and discuss open-ended questions about our lives, or simply have an unstructured conversation. After 25 minutes of sharing in the foursome, we will get back to the large group to report back about how it went.		