

The Schedule Explained 2021

Unless noted otherwise, contact AssistantToTheClerk@pacifyearlymeeting.org for more information.

Affinity Groups

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. Affinity groups have included 12-Step, Friends of Color, Friends of European Descent, among others. If you wish to organize an Affinity Group yourself, or simply for more information, *contact: Bronwen Hillman, Arrangements Committee (ArrangementsClerk@pacifyearlymeeting.org).*

Bible Study

The Bible Study group meets to read selected Bible passages and consider these together in the Spirit.
Contact: Regina Renee Ward, Ujima Friends Peace Center (regina.renee@gmail.com)

Children's Program (ages 4-12 at time of Annual Session)

Parents are encouraged to attend either of the Parents' Meetings being held Thursday 7/22 at 7:00 PM or Friday 7/23 at 5:00 PM. Zoom links will be posted on [AS Live 2021](#). Children's Program will provide intergenerational activities appropriate for children ages 4-12 during the Opening Plenary, during the Visiting Opportunities after the Opening Plenary, Games Night on Saturday, a Praying in Color exercise during Meeting for Worship on Monday, and an Interest Group on Tuesday.
Contact: Suellen Lowry and Rhea Farley, Children's Program Committee (suellenquaker@gmail.com, jrf8@humboldt.edu).

Debriefing Sacred Space (Racial Justice Spaces)

Daily Saturday through Tuesday there will be a debrief session from 6:15PM-7PM, all Friends to gather and reflect on sacred space witnessed that day during Plenary.

Early Friends Writings

Early Friends Writings will explore *Adventures from the Journals of Early Friends*. *Contact: Bob & Kathy Runyan, Chico FM (bobrunyan@hotmail.com and krunyan87@gmail.com).*

Earthlight Discussions & Author Talks

Book discussions and talks by a number of authors will be presented by EarthLight Books during meals. See the EarthLight section under Schedules and Agendas on the Annual Session 2021 Information page for specifics of topics and authors.
Contact: Eric Sabelman (eesabelman@gmail.com).

Game Night

Online games hosted by JYM and Young Adult Friends (YAFs) including Jack-box games and Dominion. *Contact: Santiago Myers (eliassantiagomyers@gmail.com) and Callum Standish (callumstandish577@gmail.com).*

Interest Groups

A variety of sessions sponsored by the standing committees of the Yearly Meeting and by our representatives to Friends' organizations are held on topics of interest. *Find the Interest Group Schedule [here](#) for more information.*

Keynote Address

Gabriela Portillo Alvarado, a Friend raised in Pacific Yearly Meeting, Sacramento Friends Meeting, is now a junior at the University of Pennsylvania studying political science, Latinx studies, and Spanish. Avotcja (Avacha) Jiltonilro, a Friend in Strawberry Creek Friends Meeting, is a poet, musician, and playwright. They will share their reflections on the theme of Annual Session.

The session will be live and recorded for future reference and the recording will be posted to the PacYM website.

Meeting for Memorials

The names of Friends who have passed away since last Annual Session are read and Friends share from the gathered silence. Look on [AS LIVE 2021](#) for a "guest book" where you will be able to write memories of recently departed Friends. You will have the option to designate your post as temporary (to be deleted at the end of Annual Session), to be saved for

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family only, or default to be retained after Annual Session. *Contact: Eric Sabelman, Ministry Committee (eesabelman@gmail.com).*

Meeting for Monthly Meeting Representatives

Monthly Meeting Representatives are asked to participate in a 45-minute meeting on Tuesday afternoon at 4:45 to touch base with other Reps about how they intend to report on the Annual Session to their Meetings. Please send a substitute if you cannot attend. *Contact: Sandy Kewman (pymclerk@gmail.com).*

Open Committee Meetings

This is a time to meet with PacYM committees about their work or decisions that they are bringing to our plenary meetings, e.g., the annual budget (Finance Committee) or the nominating slate (Nominating Committee). Please meet with these committees if you have questions or concerns about the recommendations they are bringing to our business sessions or their work. It is understood that any issues regarding the work of these committees will be discussed with the committees for resolution rather than raising the issue for the first time in the plenary. If an issue cannot be resolved then it is appropriate to raise it in our plenary sessions.

Plenary Sessions

During the Welcoming & Worship Plenary on Friday evening, the Presiding Clerk will welcome Friends to the Annual Session. We will honor the lands on which we meet, introduce visitors, meet our Zoom Coordinator and review the basic mechanics of the 2021 Annual Session. Items of business such as the annual budget, nominations, etc. will be brought to other plenaries during Annual Session. Plenary agendas will be posted on the PacYM website. In the Closing Plenary on Wednesday morning, epistles from the Junior Yearly Meeting, Young Adult Friends, and the general Yearly Meeting will be read. In addition, we will complete any business that remains pending. *Contact: Sandy Kewman, Presiding Clerk (pymclerk@gmail.com)*

First Reading of Decision / Discernment Items

The first reading of proposed minutes of action will take place during the Sunday morning plenary. Friends with questions or concerns about proposed minutes are strongly encouraged to talk with the committee proposing the minute during Open Committee Meetings on Saturday afternoon and Monday afternoon by talking with an individual member of the committee. It will not be good order to raise issues during the Tuesday plenary that were not discussed with the committee beforehand.

Teen Program (ages 13-18 at time of Annual Session)

The teen program, or Junior Yearly Meeting (JYM) will be held the week of Annual Session. JYM is a super-inclusive space dedicated to growth through community. We'll have JYM Business Meetings, an AVP workshop, Respectful Relations, games, and overall fun. For more information on how you can participate as either a youth or a Friendly Responsible Adult Presence (FRAP), please contact *Dan Strickland, JYM Committee (danstrickland2001@yahoo.com)* or *Keenan Lorenzato, Youth Programs Coordinator (YouthProgramsCoordinator@pacificyearlymeeting.org).*

Visiting Opportunities

No formal activities are planned for this time. Break out rooms will be available for visiting and conversations.

Worship Sharing

Worship Sharing groups consist of 6 to 9 Friends who meet Saturday through Tuesday of Annual Session in open worship, speaking to prepared queries as they are led. For many, Worship Sharing is a deeply enriching experience. Note that the same queries will be offered for both the afternoon and evening Worship Sharing sessions. Worship Sharing groups will be assigned in advance and will take place in breakout rooms off of the main Zoom room. Drop-in groups will also be available during both the afternoon and evening time slots. *Contact: Julie Harlow (fhus@sbcglobal.net), Claudia Kirkpatrick (kirkmusic@hotmail.com).*

Evaluation Meeting for Yearly Meeting Clerks and Officers

Yearly Meeting Officers and Clerks of all PYM Committees who are able are asked to attend this 2-hour meeting on Saturday, July 31 at 10am to 12noon by Zoom to evaluate how the Annual Session went and make suggestions for future improvement. Information about the meeting, including the Zoom link and queries to consider in advance, will be emailed to Officers and Clerks.