

The Daily Miracles

2021

Pacific Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends

*This document combines all six issues of the **Daily Miracle** for the 2021 Annual Session of Pacific Yearly Meeting, July 23-28, 2021.*

*The Daily Miracle is the bulletin that “**miraculously**” appears **each morning** at [PYM Annual Sessions](#) with the day’s schedules, announcements and other late-breaking news and information pertinent to attenders as well as to Friends generally. Each Daily Miracle is published electronically and, normally, on paper as well, though in 2021 the Annual Session was held online over Zoom, so there was no paper edition.*

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WELCOME TO THE 2021 ANNUAL SESSION OF PACIFIC YEARLY MEETING!

Friday July 23, 2021

Friday Schedule

5:00-5:30	Parents Meeting for Children's Program (<i>Maple 6</i>)
5:30-7:00	Dinner Break
7:00-8:30	Opening Plenary (<i>Maple 8</i>)
8:30-10:00	Intergenerational Music (until 9:15) (<i>Maple 6</i>) Visiting Opportunities (<i>Maple 9-12</i>)

Welcome to the Daily Miracle

The Daily Miracle will appear in your email inbox each morning during Annual Session, as if by magic. Here you will find information about the day's activities, upcoming events, articles of interest — and much more! To submit an announcement or article for the Daily Miracle, follow the instructions on AS LIVE.

Opening Plenary

7:00-8:30 Maple 8

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 this is a first opportunity to see who you will be sharing Annual Session with, building community together.

Finding Your Way Around Annual Session

Using the Website

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Events and Activities

Worship Sharing Groups

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— Worship Sharing Logistics Team

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Daily Smile

All committees are important and serve our Meetings in a meaningful way, right? Would you feel led, Friend, to serve on the "*Teaspoon Tidying Committee*"? Or how about the "*Quaker Concern for Antarctic Quakers Committee*"?

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Clerk's Call to Annual Session

Love and Justice: Heeding the Spirit's Power Within and Among Us

“God, who made all, pours out his spirit upon all [people] in the world, in the days of his new covenant, yea, upon blacks and whites, Moors, and Turks, and Indians, Christians, Jews, and Gentiles, that all with the spirit of God, might know God and the things of God, and serve and worship him in his spirit and truth.”

George Fox

“Here we have a prospect of one common interest from which our own is inseparable, that to turn all the treasure we possess into the channel of universal love becomes the business of our lives.”

John Woolman, “A Plea for the Poor”

As this is being written, we are holding a deep concern for the epidemic of racism—systemic and overt white supremacy in our country. The COVID 19 epidemic and global climate crisis have also greatly impacted Friends this year and many in our community have experienced loss, uncertainty and ongoing grief. And yet we know that these affect Friends in our Yearly Meeting in markedly different ways. Both COVID 19 and the climate crisis disproportionately affect Friends in the Black, Indigenous, People of Color (BIPOC) communities. We are called to move toward love and justice.

Our keynote speakers are **Avotcja Jiltonilro**, a poet, storyteller and multi-instrumentalist from Strawberry Creek Friends Meeting and **Gabriela Portillo Alvarado**, a second year college student at the University of Pennsylvania and a Young Adult Friend from Sacramento Friends Meeting. These two women will share their poetry and will engage in a dialogue on the theme.

Together we will take the time to connect with the Power of the Spirit within us. The indwelling Spirit connects us to one another and to all of creation.

This interconnectedness requires us to re-evaluate how we relate to one another. The dominant culture within our country and our Religious Society of Friends of the Truth has centered whiteness for too long. What acts of love and justice are necessary for us to re-center our Society to a place of justice, of love, for all? How do we begin to move from entitlement to humbly giving our energy to a different way of being? How do we grow our abilities to cherish one another and develop a culture of dignity within our Yearly Meeting and beyond? Ongoing learning, truth telling, and willingness to repair are needed to break the bonds of racism. Each of us can see a portion of Light, but we need all of us to see the way forward, guided by Spirit.

Sandy Kewman
Presiding clerk

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Saturday July 24, 2021

Saturday Schedule

8:30-10:00	Meeting for Worship (<i>Maple 8</i>)
10:30-12:00	Plenary II: Keynote (<i>Maple 8</i>)
12:00-1:00	Lunch Affinity Groups (<i>Maple</i>) Introduction to the EarthLight Bookstore (<i>Maple 15</i>)
1:00-2:30	Bible Study (<i>Bobcat</i>) Worship Sharing (<i>Maple</i>)
3:00-4:30	Interest Groups (<i>see below</i>)
4:45-5:30	Open Committee Meetings (<i>see below</i>)
5:30-7:00	Dinner EarthLight Author Talk (6:00-7:00) (<i>Maple 9</i>) Debriefing Sacred Spaces (6:15-7:00) (<i>Maple 8</i>)
7:00-8:30	Games (<i>Maple 10-12</i>)
8:30-10:00	Worship Sharing (<i>Maple</i>) Affinity Groups (<i>Maple</i>)

Keynote Address

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Interest Groups Today

3:00 - 4:30

Further Exploration with the Keynote Speakers
(*Maple 9*) sponsored by Presiding Clerk

Join the Keynote Speakers in conversation with our Presiding Clerk about this year's theme *Love and Justice: Heeding the Spirit's Power Within and Among Us*.

Braiding Sweetgrass: Stories of Gratitude, Reciprocity and Love

(*Bobcat*) sponsored by Unity with Nature

This is the first of a series of 3 Interest Groups contemplating different Parables featured in the book *Braiding Sweetgrass: Indigenous Wisdom, Scientific Knowledge, and the Teachings of Plants* by Anishnabekwe Ecologist Dr. Robin Wall Kimmerer. Today's theme: What is the Gift? - Introducing Sweetgrass.

For this session, please come with a single passage from the book that you would like to share with our community of practice.

Three Stepping Stones into Sacred Space: Ouch, Oops and Whoa

(*Antelope*) sponsored by Racial Justice Subcommittee

The Racial Justice Subcommittee (RJSC) of Pacific Yearly Meeting 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?

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Graciela Martinez Tribute: Quaker work in the San Joaquin Valley

(Maple 8) sponsored by Peace & Social Order

Graciela Martinez (1945-2020), a member of Visalia Friends Meeting, served on Pacific Yearly Meeting Peace & Social Order Committee. She was a fierce and passionate social justice advocate, particularly for farmworkers, through the *Proyecto Campesino* of American Friends Service Committee, which she led and directed for years. This tribute looks at Graciela's work within the broader constellation of Quaker activism for racial justice and economic equity in the San Joaquin Valley. Graciela's legacy continues today.

The Peace & Social Order Committee wishes to acknowledge the following presenters:

Myrna Martinez Nateras, Program Director, AFSC Pan Valley Institute

Eduardo Stanley, Community Alliance Editor, Host and Producer, Nuestro Foro

joining listed presenter Daniel O'Connell, Ph.D., Executive Director, Central Valley Partnership

Quaker Advocacy: Where do we go from here?

(Maple 10) sponsored by Friends Committee on National Legislation

Diane Randall, the first woman to lead the Friends Committee on National Legislation (FCNL), 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 the Religious Society of Friends.

Open Committee Meetings

This is a time to meet with Pacific Yearly Meeting committees about their work or the decisions and recommendations they are bringing to our plenary meetings. 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.

Today (4:45-5:30 p.m.):

Communications (*Maple 11*)

Faith & Practice Revision (*Maple 12*)

Indigenous Concerns Subcommittee (*Maple 15*)

Latin American Concerns (*Maple 13*)

Ministry (*Maple 5*)

Nominating (*Maple 6*)

Peace & Social Order (*Maple 14*)

From your Nominating Committee

Please see the updated slate of nominations on the [Reports page](#) as well as a supplement to the Nominating Committee report that revises the request to broaden the scope of interim appointments and requests that Pacific Yearly Meeting re-examine the 2016 Minute on funding representatives to outside organizations.

—Julie Harlow, Clerk, Nominating Committee
NominatingClerk@pacificyearlymeeting.org

Events and Activities

EarthLight Bookstore Events Today

Introduction to the EarthLight Bookstore and open mike: What is the best book you read while sheltering in place? If there is interest, we can delve into the history of EarthLight as a project of Pacific Yearly Meeting Unity with Nature. 12:00-1:00 p.m. (*Maple 15*)

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Author Talk: Marty Grundy in [*A Call to Friends: Faithful Living in Desperate Times*](#) addresses the question, "What does faithful action look like in these challenging, disruptive, discouraging times?" Charlene Weir, who reviewed Marty's book in the January 2021 issue of Western Friend, will be the interviewer/discussant. 6:00-7:00 p.m. (*Maple 9*)

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— Worship Sharing Logistics Team

Worship Sharing Facilitators

The Logistics Team reached out to many Friends to be sure that we would have enough facilitators for all the groups. It turned out that we did not need all of those we contacted. We appreciate the generosity of heart that led you to volunteer and apologize for any confusion or disappointment you experienced.

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White Allies Working Against Racism

12:00 - 1:00 (*Maple 11*)

The White Allies Affinity Group will meet at 12:00 p.m. today, and on each of the next three days, to provide space for White Friends working against racism to talk about their journeys and how to continue to learn and grow. Join us if you identify as a White Friend working on these issues. The group may also meet each day at 8:30 p.m., if Friends want more time and are willing to facilitate themselves.

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Braiding Sweetgrass Updates

Great consideration and intent have gone into weaving the narrative arc of the three sessions such that they might lead us, as Friends, to deepen and enliven our relationship with the Earth. You are welcome to join us at any point throughout, but we encourage you to attend all three sessions if you can!

Today: What is the Gift? - Introducing Sweetgrass. Join us to find out what all the buzz is about! Hear and share how *Braiding Sweetgrass* has been at work as a force for transformation in the Quaker community!

Find the updated descriptions for the Sunday and Monday sessions on AS LIVE.

—Keith Runyan, Co-Clerk, Unity with Nature
krrunyan10@gmail.com

Gathering in Nature Interest Group

Gather in the glory of the natural world f/Friends! Look at the [Activity Sheet](#) to see where others are gathering. If there isn't already a hike, bike, walk, or other nature experience near you on this sheet, please consider adding your name and details about your activity so that others may join you in community.

Also, remember to take a picture that encapsulates your experience and submit it to the form at [Photo Submission Form](#) to upload your picture to our shared drive.

The YPCC interest group will be meeting from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. on Monday, so be sure to get outdoors before then! We will gather with worship, followed by picture story time, and closing with discussion on any emergent topics that others would like to delve into further.

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After Annual Session

Opportunities to Serve the Yearly Meeting

Which of the following is calling to you? Do you know of someone with the skills and interests for the roles listed below? Let Nominating Committee know!

NominatingClerk@pacificyearlymeeting.org

- Technical Assistant to the Clerk
- Assistant to the Treasurer
- Arrangements Committee
- Children's Program Committee
- Communications Committee
- Youth Programs Coordinating Committee (YPCC)
- Representative to the American Friends Service Committee (AFSC) or to the Friends World Committee on Consultation (FWCC)
- Website manager or Facebook development

Children's Program Field Trips!

We have a number of wonderful field trips coming up in August. We need more families or grandparents or aunts and uncles to bring children to our events.

For the dates and locations of these field trips, visit the children's page on the Yearly Meeting website. You can find that under the Youth Programs tab.

Sign up [HERE](#)

—Keenan Lorenzato, Youth Programs
Coordinator

YouthProgramsCoordinator@pacificyearlymeeting.org

Miscellaneous

Resident Friend Opportunity

Honolulu Friends Meeting seeks 2 seasoned Friends as Resident Couple for a 2-year term starting August 2022. The role of the Resident Couple is to support the spiritual and social life of the Meeting. Duties include maintaining a welcoming presence for Friends and guests, and ensuring the upkeep, cleanliness, safety and security of the Meetinghouse and grounds, including a few guest rooms. Find more information [HERE](#)

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Indigenous Concerns Land Acknowledgment

The new Indigenous Concerns Subcommittee (of Ministry Committee) prepared and gave the land acknowledgement at the beginning of the opening plenary on Friday.

Friends are invited to join us during Open Committee Meeting time today (4:45-5:30 p.m.) to reflect on this land acknowledgement and the practice of land acknowledgements. We will also share about our subcommittee work so far. (*Maple 15*)

On Monday evening we will be hosting a panel during our Interest Group that will share about a variety of actions meetings are (or could be) taking.

For more information about the subcommittee and its work, please see our [webpage](#) and our [report](#).

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT:

Here is the text as it was given aloud last night:

“Pacific Yearly Meeting takes its name from the ocean that connects us, into which rivers and streams flow through the lands where we live and worship, and from which rains come.

“In our lifetimes, we have stepped into, bathed in, drunk from, and received power from this cycle of water.

“The lands touched by these waters have been and are cared for by hundreds of groups of Indigenous Peoples.

“Let us acknowledge the elders of the past and present, the emerging youth, and the Indigenous Friends among us today.

“Acknowledging the land and Peoples whose ancestral lands these are, is just a first step in naming the ways that colonization has shaped and continues to shape our lives, and in beginning to remember the roles Quakers have played and continue to play in that colonization.

“Taking action to address the many impacts of colonization is also part of the work before us.

“Thanks for inspiration, and some of this wording, to Three Rivers Meeting (New England Yearly Meeting), and to Friend David Carline, who was a Kooma/Gwamu Aboriginal elder in Australia.

“As the Indigenous Concerns Subcommittee, we see land acknowledgments as a growing and changing practice. And we hope that you’ll interact with and transform what we’ve brought you today.”

RESOURCES:

One way to find out whose land you’re on and about giving land acknowledgements is to use <https://native-land.ca/>. Two other resources are [Decolonizing Quakers](#) and [Canadian Friends Service Committee](#)

Alyssa Nelson & Lisa Hubbell

Co-Convenors, Indigenous Concerns Subcommittee of Ministry Committee

IndigenousConcernsClerk@pacificyearlymeeting.org

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1:00-2:30	Bible Study (<i>Bobcat</i>) Worship Sharing (<i>Maple</i>)
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Interest Groups Today

7:00 - 8:30 p.m.

How Eldering can Nurture the Life of Your Meeting

(*Antelope*) sponsored by 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.

Braiding Sweetgrass: Stories of Gratitude, Reciprocity and Love

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Explore how we can express and embody our sense of gratitude towards the more-than-human world in our actions and our lives.

Encountering the Homeless in Incarnational Witness

(*Maple 8*) sponsored by Peace & Social Order

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).

Sacramento Dreamers Program / Casa de los Amigos

(*Maple 11*) sponsored by Latin American Concerns Committee

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

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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.

Vitality of the Spirit in our Experience of Zoom

(Maple 12) sponsored by Faith & 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.

Meeting for Memorials

The names of 50 Friends who have died in the last year will be read so that remembrances of them can be spoken during this meeting for worship. 3:00-5:30 p.m. (Maple 8 Plenary)

When speaking in Meeting for Memorials, please observe these courtesies:

- Use the “raise hand” button in “reactions” on your Zoom window.
- Remain muted until you are called on.
- Try to speak briefly and as few times as you can. For long stories, we recommend the Guestbook.
- You may combine remembrances of more than one Friend in your message.

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Events and Activities

EarthLight Bookstore Events Today

Open discussion for readers and writers: What is the role of Quakers as publishers [of Truth]? Is posting on social media the same as “publishing?” If we want our words to last, where shall we publish them? 12:00-1:00 p.m. (Maple 15)

Author Talk: Drew Lawson in [*Movings of Divine Love: The Love of God in the Letters of John Woolman*](#) offers his reflections on brokenness, abandonment to God, being led through God’s love. Drew is a Catholic Quaker, practices the ministry of spiritual direction and lives with his family in a mud brick house in the Whipstick Forest in rural Victoria, Australia. 6:00-7:00 p.m. (Maple 9)

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Affinity Groups meeting today:

- LGBTQ+ 12:00-1:00 p.m. *Maple 10* 8:30-10:00 p.m. *Maple 9*
- White Allies 12:00-1:00 p.m. *Maple 11*
Friends may also meet for open conversation 8:30-10:00 p.m. *Maple 22*
- 12-Step 12:00-1:00 p.m. *Maple 9* 8:30-10:00 p.m. *Maple 8*

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— Worship Sharing Logistics Team

Worship Sharing Facilitators

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Gathering in Nature Interest Group

Gather in the glory of the natural world f/Friends! Look at the [Activity Sheet](#) to see where others are gathering. If there isn't already a hike, bike, walk, or other nature experience near you on this sheet, please consider adding your name and details about your activity so that others may join you in community.

Also, remember to take a picture that encapsulates your experience and submit it to the form at [Photo Submission Form](#) to upload your picture to our shared drive.

The YPCC interest group will be meeting from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. on Monday, so be sure to get outdoors before then! We will gather with worship, followed by picture story time, and

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Comments for Nominating Committee

Please see the updated slate of nominations on the [Reports page](#) as well as a supplement to the Nominating Committee report that revises the request to broaden the scope of interim appointments and requests that Pacific Yearly Meeting re-examine the 2016 Minute on funding representatives to outside organizations.

Comments will not be taken during Plenary. Contact Julie Harlow, committee clerk at NominatingClerk@pacificyearlymeeting.org to be heard by the committee.

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Miscellaneous

Survey on Indigenous Concerns: Due by July 31st

Have you filled out the [survey](#) from the Indigenous Concerns Subcommittee yet? Well, there's still time! We extended the deadline to July 31st.

It is designed to be filled out by a designee from all our local Meetings & Worship Groups, Pacific Yearly Meeting committees, Quarterly Meetings, and related Quaker organizations in our region. Individuals may also fill it out. (And everyone is welcome to just look and see what it's all about!)

Thank you to the groups that have already participated.

Our intention is to compile a summary of the actions that Friends are taking and keep a living list linked from our [webpage](#) to promote sharing, networking, learning, and action.

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The survey also includes space for recommendations and self-nominations of Friends –Indigenous and non-Indigenous– who might like to participate in any way, and of Indigenous Friends who may prefer being an advisor or accountability partner. We are grateful for the Friends who have already shown interest!

We have been looking forward to this Annual Session for building relationships, learning/unlearning, and figuring out what actions to take next, together.

—Sophie Wood Brinker, Lisa Hubbell, Alyssa Nelson, Indigenous Concerns Subcommittee members

IndigenousConcernsClerk@pacificyearlymeeting.org

Early 20th century Boarding School story

During Meeting for Worship yesterday, a Friend delivered ministry from an online article about a member of the Yankton Dakota tribe who suffered the trauma of being forced to attend an 'Indian school' in Indiana. That article is shared [HERE](#)

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Virtual Book Launch Party August 1

Brent Bill is hosting a virtual book launch party on August 1 for *"Hope and Witness in Dangerous Times."* His latest book grew out of a presentation to College Park Quarterly Meeting a couple of years ago. Pour your favorite beverage and grab a snack and log on. Brent will talk (briefly!!) about the book, take any questions, and then we'll just visit.

For information about the launch party, contact Brent at brentbil@sbcglobal.net.

You can order the book [HERE](#) and read a review of the book [HERE](#)

Daily Smile

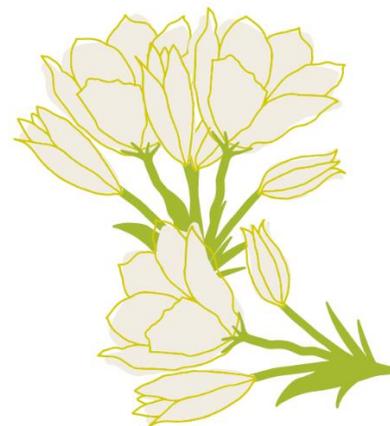
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Consoling Words of Compassion

Sorrow cannot be fought and overcome; it cannot be evaded or escaped; it must be lived with. Whether it be sorrow for our own loss, or sorrow for the world's pain, we must learn to shoulder the burden of it, to carry it so that it does not break our stride or sap the strength of those about us through pity or woe... Somehow we must learn not only to meet it with courage, which is comparatively easy, but to bear it with serenity, which is more difficult, being not a single act but a way of living.

Elizabeth Gray Vining



In bereavement, give yourself time to grieve. When others mourn, let your love embrace them.

Britain Yearly Meeting, 1995

Mis pies querrán caminar hacia dónde estás durmiendo, pero seguiré viviendo.

Pablo Neruda, 1952

Don't shut them, your loved ones, out of your life as if they were gone indeed. They are still of the home party, though unseen. Welcome them, speak of them freely, practice their presence. Make them your spiritual companions; think of them deliberately, as they are, with their clearer vision, their deep purity, their perfected love, their affectionate interest in you and longing to help you, for which they need your cooperation. By an open-hearted faith like this we lose them from their grave-clothes, and our dead, like Lazarus, are with us again, to bring new peace and joy and devotion to our lives.

William Littleboy, 1917

There are lives so rounded and crowned that death seems to have appeared in the fulness of their prime only to consecrate them forever; others stand apart from human ties in a solitude which makes time seem of little consequence, and the grave a not unfamiliar country . . . We do not know to what unfathomable necessities the times and seasons of life and death may correspond; and as little do we know, in looking at each other's lives, what may be unfolding or what may be concluded, as seen from within. That which seems to others a cutting short of activity, may be to ourselves the laying down of arms no longer needed; our eyes may see the haven, where our friends can see only the storm; or if we cannot see a fitness in the time of our death, is that a strange thing in such a life as this?

Caroline E. Stephen, 1908

The Daily Miracle

Pacific Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends

Monday July 26, 2021

Monday Schedule

8:30-10:00	Meeting for Worship (<i>Maple 8</i>)
10:30-12:00	Plenary IV (<i>Maple 8</i>)
12:00-1:00	Lunch Affinity Groups (<i>Maple</i>) Author Talk (<i>Maple 15</i>)
1:00-2:30	Early Quaker Writings (<i>Bobcat</i>) Worship Sharing (<i>Maple</i>)
3:00-4:30	Plenary IVb (<i>Maple 8</i>)
4:45-5:30	Open Committee Meetings (<i>see below</i>)
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Interest Groups Today

7:00 - 8:30 p.m.

Race & Immigration

(*Antelope*) sponsored by *Peace & Social Order*

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 US and the contemporary laws and practices governing how we decide who should be given the legal right to live within our borders.

Braiding Sweetgrass: Stories of Gratitude, Reciprocity and Love

(*Bobcat*) sponsored by *Unity with Nature*

This is the third of a series of 3 Interest Groups contemplating different Parables featured in the book *Braiding Sweetgrass: Indigenous Wisdom, Scientific Knowledge, and the Teachings of Plants* by Anishnabekwe Ecologist Dr. Robin Wall Kimmerer. Today's theme: The Seventh Fire - The Power to Shift the World is in our Midst. A "Heart Experiment" into what is possible when we surrender "our lives" to the Future of Life.

Connecting Friends All Year Long

(*Maple 10*) sponsored by *Communications Committee and Western Friend*

The Annual Sessions of Pacific Yearly Meeting provide a joyous, once-a-year connection among Friends in the Pacific region, but it has always been challenging for us to remain connected throughout the year. Come hear and help shape visions for strengthening the year-round Pacific Yearly Meeting community. Learn about innovations in Western Friend's online presence and the Pacific Yearly Meeting communications database and directory, then share/hear/explore these and other visions of ways to use technology to keep Friends informed and connected.

The Joy of Movement in Nature: Intergenerational Bike Ride & Worship Sharing

(*Maple 11*) sponsored by *Youth Programs Coordinating Committee*

Take a break from Zoom and experience the joy of movement in nature. Take a picture of what you experience, then join us in all ages worship sharing on what you experienced. We will gather

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Some Steps Meetings are Taking Toward Reparations & Justice for Indigenous Peoples & Communities

(Condor) sponsored by Indigenous Concerns Subcommittee of Ministry Committee

Panelists, invited from the subcommittee's [survey](#) respondents will share about their own and their meetings' experiences:

- Wiyot Honor Tax, *Leslie Zondervan-Droz, Humboldt*
- Environmental Justice, *Yumi T R Kawano and Leonard Kalani Tinay, Volcano Friends for Truth & Peace, HI*
- New York Yearly Meeting's "Indian [sic] Affairs Committee", *Tom Rothschild, Strawberry Creek*
- Land Acknowledgement, *Roena Oesting, La Jolla*

Open Committee Meetings

Take this opportunity to meet with Pacific Yearly Meeting committees about their work or the decisions and recommendations they are bringing to our plenary meetings.

Today (4:45-5:30 p.m.):

Arrangements (*Maple 9*)
 Faith & Practice Revision (*Discipline*) (*Maple 14*)
 Finance (*Maple 10*)
 Ministry (*Maple 5*)
 Nominating (*Maple 6*)
 Peace & Social Order (*Maple 11*)
 Unity with Nature (*Maple 12*)
 Youth Programs Coordinating Committee (*Maple 13*)

Events and Activities

Praying in Color

Intergenerational Worship with the Children's Program, using art as visualization aids to share our Worship. Please have paper and colored markers/pens/pencils available for a simple art project. All are welcome: adults, teens, and children. 9:30-10:00 a.m. (*Maple 9*)

EarthLight Bookstore Events Today

Author talk: Brian Drayton's new book [Messages to Meetings](#) explores themes such as love and unity, prayer, true worship, gospel ministry, spiritual hunger, faithfulness, spiritual gifts... 12:00-1:00 p.m. (*Maple 15*)

Bedtime Story Night

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Special thanks to the Debriefing Sacred Space and Earthlight participants for their patience with the interruption.

After speaking with Zoom, this may continue to happen, and the only known solution is to close the rooms and reset the spaces. We wanted to make sure everyone knew about this possibility. Thanks for your patience and understanding.

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...all my experiences have taught me a lot and shake my inner being and they do not allow me to feel comfortable. Yet I know by personal experience, and I'm sure many of you can testify to this, too, that in the midst of the inner and outer darkness, over and over, when we open ourselves to the Spirit in worship, we are transformed and redeemed by the miraculous grace of God, whether through silence or by spoken ministry.

Loida E. Fernández González
Variations on a Theme by Fox, 1994

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Tuesday July 27, 2021

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Open Space with the Racial Justice Subcommittee

The Racial Justice Subcommittee wants and needs to hear back from Friends about the ouch/oops/whoa stepping stones to sacred space that has been engaged in this Annual Session.

What could be improved about the Sacred Space process? What did you learn about yourself? What surprised you? What would you need to utilize this process in your Meeting?

Interest Groups Today

7:00 - 8:30 p.m.

Use of Faith & Practice in our Lives and in Our Meetings

(Antelope) sponsored by Faith & 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.

Community & Safety Beyond Policing

(Bobcat) sponsored by American Friends Service Committee

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.

Two-On-Two Sharing

(Maple 12) sponsored by Children's Program

Join us for an opportunity to socialize with someone you might never get to know at Annual Session: persons younger than 13. This time is designed to bring young people and adults together in a playful and personal way. We have suggestions for a game, questions that start with the words "I wonder"...and more!

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Mystics & Mediators

(Condor) sponsored by 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.

Empowering through Education in El Salvador & Guatemala

(Maple 10) sponsored by Latin American Concerns Committee

Join Palo Alto Friends Meeting El Salvador Projects field director Robert Broz as he talks about El Salvador and his work there. We will also hear from some of the university students sponsored by Palo Alto Friends Meeting programs.

Then hear how Progresa is bringing hope, justice and development in Guatemala. Miguel Costop, executive director, and some of our Progresa students will share their stories, dreams and endeavors for a better Guatemala.

Events and Activities

EarthLight Bookstore Events Today

Author talk: Terri Givens, author of *Radical Empathy*, an autobiographical exploration of our need to take action to recognize and remedy racial injustice. Of special interest to Friends desiring a first-person viewpoint. See <http://www.terrigivens.com> 12:00-1:00 p.m. (Maple 15)

Author talk: Trudy Reagan of Palo Alto Meeting (known as Myrrh) will talk about her new book of artwork *Essential Mysteries in Art and*

Science, a joyous overview of where we are in the cosmos. All our other authors gave spoken presentations; Trudy's is full of exquisite visual images. See <https://www.myrrh-art.com> 5:30-6:30 p.m. (Maple 9)

Open discussion: comments on author talks and recommendations of authors to invite next time. This is our last event of this annual session. We hope to have real books for you to pick up and read and take home next year. For the rest of this year, please visit [Reach-and-Teach](#). 6:30-7:00 p.m. (Maple 9)

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Who Takes Care of the Children?

If you had the wealth, would you hire a Nanny? It seems that many Friends would answer, "Yes. I have many other important things to do." For whom do you do those important things? For whom do you try to save the rainforests, end war, eliminate racism and poverty? There are two spaces open on our Children's Program Committee, one space on the JYM (Junior Yearly Meeting) Committee, and two spaces on the Youth Programs Coordinating Committee.

—Julie Harlow

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Earth Overshoot Day

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Please join in a discussion on Earth Overshoot Day. Topics include: how to earn environmental credit that you can redeem for gear, credentials, land, regenerative medicine, etc.; how to use blockchain, radios, codes, chips, and soft robots in emergency reporting and responding, and how to get reimbursed for healing people and the planet.

You are welcome to bring slides and video clips to share. After the sharing, we will have an open discussion. July 29, 2021 at 2 p.m. PDT
Contact info@green247.org for more information.

Quaker Religious Education Collaborative 2021 Virtual Conference

Hearing God's Call: Lessons Learned and
Leadings that Light the Way

13–15 August 2021

Join us for worship, fellowship, practical skill building, and listening for our call. We'll share what is rising now. Are new priorities coming into focus? Are you exploring new approaches to our ministry? Do you feel a fresh sense of Call?

Come away inspired, with insight and resources for effective ministry, vital faith formation, and fully multi-generational community.

For more information, contact Gail Thomas at quakergail@gmail.com

"Expectations" A guideline that was used in the Racial Justice Subcommittee Workshops

Guidelines for Cultivating Alternative Values
(Cultivating a spirit of humility, inquiry, and generosity)

1. Be aware of the behaviors often triggered by shame:

- a. denial, defensiveness, over-responsibility, under-responsibility, self-absorption, absolution-seeking, paralysis, image management, and
- b. take responsibility for remembering grace when shame arises

2. Share the space (WAIT-Why Am I Talking?)
3. Speak from your own experience
4. Cultivate curiosity
5. Assume good intentions AND address impact

** From the 2020 Stanford Religious Studies
Class Sitting with the Trouble: Spiritual Tools
for Ending the Racial Terror*

Connecting with Friends on Indigenous Concerns

The subcommittee's outreach list. Send us your contact info via our [survey](#) or email it to IndigenousConcernsClerk@PacificYearlyMeeting.org

"Friends for Right Relationship Google Group" under the care of [Decolonizing Quakers](#). This active listserv currently includes nearly 200 f/Friends across the US and Canada (and beyond as it may grow). It's a place for asking questions; sharing news, resources, and relevant Quaker information on Indigenous justice matters; and building connections for action. Complete the "Join Request Form" at <https://groups.google.com/g/FriendsRR?pli=1>.

Please let other Friends know about these resources!

Daily Smile

All committees are important and serve our Meetings in a meaningful way, right? Would you feel led, Friend, to serve on the "*Birdwatching During Worship Subcommittee of the Window Watching During Worship Committee?*" (*Earn points for each bird you recognize without turning your head during Meeting for Worship.*)

Submissions: Go to [AS LIVE / Daily Miracle](#). **Deadline 8:30 pm** for next day publication.

The Daily Miracle / El Milagro Matutino

FAREWELL TO THE 2021 ANNUAL SESSION OF PACIFIC YEARLY MEETING!

¡ADIÓS A LA SESIÓN ANUAL DE LA JUNTA ANUAL DEL PACÍFICO!

Wednesday July 28, 2021 / Miércoles el 28 de julio de 2021

Wednesday Schedule

8:30-10:00	Meeting for Worship (<i>Maple 8</i>)
10:30-12:00	Plenary VI (<i>Maple 8</i>)
	Farewells

El Programa de Hoy

8:30-10:00	Reunión de Adoración (<i>Maple 8</i>)
10:30-12:00	Sesión Plenaria VI (<i>Maple 8</i>)
	Hora de despedirnos

Annual Session Reflections

Help plan next year's Annual Session by sharing your feedback, including your thoughts on a potential "hybrid" or "blended" session next year!

<https://forms.gle/u36GKFT5Y7bXQCD48>

Click the link above or visit the Before You Leave section on AS LIVE.

We invite you to complete the evaluation form while your Annual Session experience is still fresh in your mind.

(The Worship Sharing evaluation is included in the overall Annual Session evaluation form)

Service Survey

Your Nominating Committee wants to know what is calling to you, what you want to know more about, what are your areas of interest.

Please fill out the Service Survey online: Go to AS LIVE, then Table of Contents, #6 "Before you Leave", Get Involved. Find "Service Survey", click on the blue words.

Only 7 clicks got you there - now fill in the blanks.

Reflexiones sobre la Sesión Anual

Ayúdanos con la planeación de la próxima Sesión Anual al compartir tus comentarios y reflexiones, así como cómo te sentirías acerca de una sesión "híbrida".

<https://forms.gle/u36GKFT5Y7bXQCD48>

Da click en la liga o visita la sección "Before You Leave" (Antes de Irte) en la página AS LIVE.

Te invitamos a llenar el formulario en los próximos días, mientras reflexionas sobre tus experiencias en este espacio.

(La evaluación de la Adoración Compartida se incluye como parte de la evaluación general de la Sesión Anual)

Servicio con la Junta Anual

Tu Comité de Nominaciones quiere saber qué es lo que te llama a hacer, qué es lo que quieres saber y cuáles son tus áreas de interés en el servicio a la Junta Anual.

Favor de llenar la encuesta que encontrarás en la siguiente ruta: Visita la página AS LIVE, *Table of Contents* (tabla de contenido), *Before You Leave* (antes de irte), *Get Involved* (participar), *Service Survey* (encuesta sobre el servicio).

Llegaste a la encuesta ... ahora ¡te toca a ti!

An Invitation to Brave Space

Together we will create brave space
 Because there is no such thing as "safe space"
 We exist in the real world
 We all carry scars and we have all caused
 wounds.
 In this space
 We seek to turn down the volume of the outside
 world,
 We amplify voices that fight to be heard
 elsewhere,
 We call each other to more truth and love
 We have the right to start somewhere and
 continue to grow.
 We have the responsibility to examine what we
 think we know.
 We will not be perfect.
 This space will not be perfect.
 It will not always be what we wish it to be
 But
 It will be our brave space together,
 And
 We will work on it side by side.

Micky ScottBey

*Adapted from Beth Strano's original
 poem, "An Invitation to Brave Space."*

Sacred Space Augmented Worship Sharing Process

When a hurt is identified through an ouch or
 whoa, impacting a person not fitting the
 dominant society's expectations (LGBTQ+,
 Person of Color, Gender Fluid, Neuro-Divergent,
 etc.):

- Focus on Educating – The burden of
 educating is not the responsibility of the
 person hurt or the oppressed people.

If you are a person with anti-racist or other
 consciousness-raising practices, your role is
 to educate other people in the group to
 question their own centrality and listen to
 another's pain without defensiveness,
 judgment, or white fragility getting in the
 way.

Una Invitación al Espacio Valiente

Juntos crearemos un espacio valiente
 Porque no existe el "espacio seguro"
 Existimos en el mundo real
 Todos llevamos cicatrices y todos hemos
 causado heridas.
 En este espacio
 Buscamos bajar el volumen del mundo exterior,
 Amplificamos las voces que luchan por ser
 escuchadas en otros lugares,
 Nos llamamos unos a otros a más verdad y amor
 Tenemos derecho a empezar por algún lado y
 seguir creciendo.
 Tenemos la responsabilidad de examinar lo que
 creemos saber.
 No seremos perfectos.
 Este espacio no será perfecto.
 No siempre será lo que deseamos que sea
 Pero
 Será nuestro valiente espacio juntos,
 Y
 Trabajaremos en ello codo con codo.

Micky ScottBey

*Adaptado del poema original "Una Invitación al
 Espacio Valiente" de Beth Strano.*

Proceso de la Adoración Compartida del Espacio Sagrado

Cuando se identifica una herida a través de un
 ouch o whoa, impactando a una persona que no
 se ajusta a las expectativas de la sociedad
 dominante (LGBTQ +, Persona de color, Género
 fluido, Neuro-Divergente, etc.):

- Concéntrate en educar: la carga de educar no
 es responsabilidad de la persona herida o de
 las personas oprimidas.

Si eres una persona con prácticas
 antirracistas o de concienciación, tu función
 es educar a otras personas del grupo para
 que cuestionen su propia centralidad y
 escuchen el dolor de los demás sin que se
 interpongan en el camino a la defensiva, el
 juicio o la fragilidad blanca.

- Be in worship together holding the space and ambiguity. Trust that Spirit is here guiding us and that those who say “ouch, oops or whoa” are led to speak.
- The person who experiences the hurt has the right to decide whether or not to address the issue.
- When someone is led to speak about a hurt, slow down the dialogue, center around the ouch or whoa.
- If you are confused or don’t understand the hurt, sit in silence and hold the sacred space.
- Go into sacred listening about the hurt by focusing on the needs and concerns expressed.
- Pay attention to and speak about what’s happening in your body. Be willing to expose your vulnerability and reach for healing the wounds.
- Don’t create more pain for people already in pain. Our goal is to stop the harm that has been committed by becoming conscious of it and repairing the hurt by seeking healing through Quaker Truth being revealed.

—Diego Navarro
submitted on behalf of the Racial Justice
Subcommittee of the Pacific Yearly Meeting
Ministry Committee

- Estén juntos en adoración manteniendo el espacio y la ambigüedad. Confía en que el Espíritu está aquí guiándonos y que aquellos que dicen “ay, ay o ay” son llevados a hablar.
- La persona que sufre el dolor tiene derecho a decidir si aborda o no el problema.
- Cuando alguien se sienta obligado a hablar sobre una herida, reduce la velocidad del diálogo, céntrate en el ouch o whoa.
- Si estás confundido o no comprendes el dolor, siéntate en silencio y mantén el espacio sagrado.
- Ve a la Escucha Sagrada sobre el dolor enfocado en las necesidades y preocupaciones expresadas.
- Presta atención y habla sobre lo que está sucediendo en tu cuerpo. Mantente dispuesto a exponer tu vulnerabilidad y tratar de curar las heridas.
- No generes más dolor para las personas que ya lo padecen. Nuestro objetivo es detener el daño que se ha cometido al tomar conciencia de él y reparar el daño buscando la curación a través de la revelación de Nuestra Verdad.

—Diego Navarro
presentado en nombre del Subcomité de Justicia
Racial del Comité Ministerial de la Reunión
Anual del Pacífico

After Annual Session

Children's Program Field Trips!

Visit the children's page on the Pacific Yearly Meeting website (under the Youth Programs tab) for information about the wonderful field trips coming up in August. We need more families or grandparents or aunts and uncles to bring children to our events.

—Keenan Lorenzato, Youth Programs
Coordinator
YouthProgramsCoordinator@pacificyearlymeeting.org

Después de la Sesión Anual

¡Excursiones para Niños!

Encontrarás en la sección de programas para niños y jóvenes en el sitio de la Junta Anual del Pacífico más información acerca de las excursiones que estamos organizando para nuestros niños durante el mes de agosto. Invitamos la participación de nuestras familias, abuelos y tíos ... ¡todo en familia!

—Keenan Lorenzato,
Coordinador de Programas para Jóvenes
YouthProgramsCoordinator@pacificyearlymeeting.org

Other Events

Earth Overshoot Day

On July 29, [Earth Overshoot Day](#), humanity will have consumed all the resources that Earth can renew in 2021. Emergencies are the new normal. Be prepared.

Join a discussion on Earth Overshoot Day. Topics include: earning environmental credit that you can redeem for gear, credentials, land, regenerative medicine, etc.; using blockchain, radios, codes, chips, and soft robots in emergency reporting and responding, and how to get reimbursed for healing people and the planet.

Bring slides and video clips to share. After the sharing, we will have an open discussion. July 29, 2021 at 2 p.m. PDT. Contact info@green247.org for more information.

Hiroshima – Nagasaki – Livermore

As many Friends know, the Livermore Laboratory is one of the world's most important developers of nuclear weapons. For several decades, people have witnessed against what the lab does. The anniversaries of the A-bombings (August 6 and 9, 1945) are annual occasions to remember.

This year's theme is "Shine a Light, Stop the Hate, Lower the Heat." The "heat" refers to the climate crisis; our event opposes other evils in addition to nuclear weapons.

For August 6, 2021, the occasion will be largely virtual, and visible via YouTube at 9 AM Pacific Time. There will be a "rebroadcast" on Aug. 9, same time.

For more information and the links to connect to the event: <http://www.wslfweb.org/docs/8-6-21-livermore.pdf> or write to Carl Anderson at cna462@fastmail.fm.

Otros Eventos

Día de la Sobrecarga de la Tierra

El 29 de julio, el Día de la Sobrecarga de la Tierra, la humanidad habrá consumido todos los recursos que la Tierra puede renovar en 2021. Las emergencias son la nueva normalidad. Estar preparado.

Únete a una discusión sobre el Día de la Sobrecarga de la Tierra. Los temas incluyen: obtener crédito ambiental canjeable por equipo, credenciales, terrenos, medicina regenerativa, etc.; el uso de cadenas de bloques, radios, códigos, chips y robots blandos para informar y responder a emergencias, y cómo obtener un reembolso para curar a las personas y al planeta.

Trae diapositivas y videoclips para compartir. Después de compartir, tendremos una discusión abierta. 29 de julio de 2021 a las 4 p.m. (hora de Ciudad de México). Contacta a info@green247.org para más información.

Hiroshima - Nagasaki - Livermore

Como muchos Amigos saben, el Laboratorio de Livermore es uno de los desarrolladores de armas nucleares más importantes del mundo. Durante varias décadas, hemos organizado manifestaciones contra lo que hace el laboratorio. Los aniversarios de los bombardeos atómicos (6 y 9 de agosto de 1945) son ocasiones anuales para recordar.

El tema de este año es "Brilla la luz, detén el odio, baja el calor". El "calor" se refiere a la crisis climática; nuestro evento se opone a otros males además de las armas nucleares.

Este 6 de agosto de 2021, el evento será transmitido por YouTube a las 11 a.m., hora de la Ciudad de México. Para más información y los enlaces para conectarse al evento:

<http://www.wslfweb.org/docs/8-6-21-livermore.pdf> o envía un correo a Carl Anderson a cna462@fastmail.fm.

Quaker Religious Education Collaborative 2021 Virtual Conference

Hearing God's Call: Lessons Learned and
Leadings that Light the Way

13–15 August 2021

Join us for worship, fellowship, practical skill building, and listening for our call. We'll share what is rising now. Are new priorities coming into focus? Are you exploring new approaches to our ministry? Do you feel a fresh sense of Call?

Come away inspired, with insight and resources for effective ministry, vital faith formation, and fully multi-generational community.

For more information, contact Gail Thomas at quakergail@gmail.com

Conferencia Virtual Colaborativa de Educación Religiosa Cuáquera 2021

Escuchar el llamado de Dios: Lecciones
Aprendidas y Orientaciones que Iluminan el
Camino (13-15 de agosto de 2021)

Únete a nosotros para la adoración, el compañerismo, el desarrollo de habilidades prácticas y la escucha de nuestro llamado. Compartiremos lo que está aumentando ahora. ¿Se están enfocando nuevas prioridades? ¿Estás explorando nuevos enfoques para nuestro ministerio? ¿Sientes una nueva sensación de llamada?

El evento te dejará inspirado, con conocimientos y recursos para un ministerio eficaz, una formación vital en la fe y una comunidad totalmente multigeneracional.

Para más información, comunícate con Gail Thomas en quakergail@gmail.com

Miscellaneous

Indian Boarding Schools Proposed Minute from Toward Right Relationship with Indigenous Peoples

Toward Right Relationship with Indigenous Peoples (TRR) calls on churches and organizations to support legislation for a Truth and Healing Commission.

TRR helped draft and submit several Minutes that have been approved and adopted by Quaker yearly meetings. See one such text below, and please consider taking similar actions with your faith community or civic organization.

A Minute in Support of a Truth and Healing Commission for Native Peoples

Approved by Intermountain Yearly Meeting,
June 20, 2021

The Intermountain Yearly Meeting supports the "Truth and Healing Commission on Indian Boarding School Policy Act" (HR 8420) that was considered by the U.S. House of Representatives in 2019-2020. Although HR

Varios

Minuta Propuesta sobre los Internados Indígenas de Toward Right Relationship with Indigenous Peoples

Toward Right Relationship with Indigenous Peoples (TRR) hace un llamado a apoyar a la aprobación de la legislación (en EUA) para una Comisión de la Verdad y Sanación.

TRR ayudó a redactar y presentar varias Minutas que han sido aprobadas y adoptadas por varias juntas anuales. Ve un ejemplo a continuación y considera tomar acciones similares con tu comunidad religiosa u organización cívica.

Una minuta en Apoyo a una Comisión de la Verdad y Sanación para los Pueblos Indígenas

Aprobado por la Junta Anual de Entre-Montaña el 20 de junio de 2021

La Junta Anual de Entre-Montaña apoya a la "Comisión de la Verdad y Sanación para los

8420 did not become law, IMYM continues to support the establishment of a Truth and Healing Commission. The bill's purpose was to set up a Truth and Healing Commission to address the historical trauma experienced by Native American and Alaska Native children who were forcibly removed from their homes between 1869 and the 1960's and placed in Indian Boarding schools. The children were taught to reject their Native languages, cultures, and spiritual practices and adopt Euro-American culture. Native Americans continue to suffer multigenerational trauma caused by this policy of forced assimilation and cultural genocide. Quakers were among the strongest supporters of the Indian boarding school policy and operated some 30 Indian schools (some in collaboration with the federal government) for varying periods of time. We recognize that the history of the Indian schools is more complex than can be described in this brief minute.

Senator Elizabeth Warren is working with U.S. Secretary of the Interior, Deb Haaland, and plans to reintroduce the bill this year. Senator Warren will consult with the National Native American Boarding School Healing Coalition for wording for the bill. It is expected to be introduced before the August Congressional recess, with wording very similar to last year's bill.

IMYM urges individual Friends and monthly meetings to watch for this bill and to urge their congressional representatives to support it. IMYM further urges Friends to learn the history of the Quaker Indian schools and consider ways to support Native-managed healing processes, including programs to teach Native languages and prevent youth suicide.

For more information, visit the Toward Right Relationship with Native Peoples website, <https://friendspeacetams.org/trr> or contact Stephen McNeil, Pacific Yearly Meeting Representative to Friends Peace Teams, mcneilstephen2@gmail.com

Pueblos Indígenas" la cual fue considerada por la Cámara de Representantes (de EUA) en 2019-2020. Aunque HR 8420 no se convirtió en ley, IMYM continúa apoyando el establecimiento de una Comisión de Verdad y Sanación. El propósito del proyecto de ley era establecer una Comisión de Verdad y Sanación para abordar el trauma histórico experimentado por los niños indígenas y de Alaska que fueron sacados a la fuerza de sus hogares entre 1869 y 1960 y colocados en internados indígenas. A los niños se les enseñó a rechazar sus lenguas, culturas y prácticas espirituales indígenas y adoptar la cultura euroamericana. Los pueblos indígenas en los Estados Unidos continúan sufriendo un trauma multigeneracional causado por esta política de asimilación forzada y genocidio cultural. Los cuáqueros se encontraban entre los más firmes partidarios de la política de los internados indígenas y operó unas 30 escuelas indias (algunas en colaboración con el gobierno federal) durante distintos períodos de tiempo. Reconocemos que la historia de las escuelas indígenas es más compleja de lo que se puede describir en este breve minuto.

La senadora Elizabeth Warren está trabajando con la secretaria del Interior de los Estados Unidos, Deb Haaland, y planea volver a presentar el proyecto de ley este año. El senador Warren consultará con la Coalición Nacional de Sanación en Escuelas de Internado de Pueblos Indígenas para la redacción del proyecto de ley. Se espera que se introduzca antes del receso del Congreso de agosto, con una redacción muy similar a la del proyecto de ley del año pasado.

El IMYM invita a los Amigos a conocer la historia de las escuelas cuáqueras para indígenas y a considerar formas de apoyar los procesos de curación administrados por los indígenas, incluidos programas para enseñar idiomas indígenas y prevenir el suicidio de los jóvenes.

Para más información, visite el sitio web Toward Right Relationship with Native Peoples, <https://friendspeacetams.org/trr>

Resident Friend Opportunity

Honolulu Friends Meeting seeks a Resident Couple for a 2-year term starting August 2022. The role of the Resident Couple is to support the spiritual and social life of the Meeting. Find more information [HERE](#)

Thank you!

Thank you to the support staff that helped all of us to navigate Annual Session this year.

The technical support team was in the background at all our sessions, ready to share a screen, organize us into breakout groups, and to mute the occasional background noise.

From early morning to late at night, Andrea greeted us all with a smile and a helping hand.

Although the Help Desk received few visitors, thanks to our volunteers, those that did stop by found the answers to all their questions, and also engaging and lively conversations.

Your Daily Miracle was produced with the invaluable assistance and patience of Nick Wright and Natasha Herrera, with the loving support and gentle guidance of George Mills.

It has been an absolute pleasure working and sharing this space with you all!

—Bronwen
Arrangements, clerk

Daily Smile

All committees are important and serve our Meetings in a meaningful way, right? Would you feel led, Friend, to serve on the "Children's Seat Warming Committee?" (It's your turn to sit in the 'little chairs') or how about the "Committee for Discernment on Squeaky Chairs?" (Does your Meetinghouse produce enough squeaks?)

Oportunidad de amigo residente

La reunión de amigos de Honolulu busca 2 amigos experimentados como pareja residente por un período de 2 años a partir de agosto de 2022. Busca más información en el sitio web de la Junta Mensual de Honolulu.

¡Gracias!

Gracias al personal de apoyo que nos ayudó a todos a navegar la Sesión Anual de este año.

El equipo de soporte técnico estuvo en el fondo en todas nuestras sesiones, listo para compartir una pantalla, organizarnos en grupos de trabajo y silenciar el ruido de fondo ocasional.

Desde temprano en la mañana hasta tarde en la noche, Andrea nos saludó a todos con una sonrisa y una mano de apoyo.

Aunque la mesa de ayuda recibió pocos visitantes, gracias a nuestros voluntarios, aquellos que nos visitaron encontraron las respuestas a todas sus preguntas, y también conversaciones interesantes.

Su boletín diario se produjo con la ayuda y la paciencia invaluable de Nick Wright y Natasha Herrera, con el apoyo amoroso y la guía gentil de George Mills.

¡Ha sido todo un placer trabajar y compartir este espacio con todos ustedes!

—Bronwen
Arreglos y Logística

Daily Smile

Son importantes todos los comités, ¿verdad? ¿Te sentirías llamado a entrar al servicio del "Comité de Calienta-Asientos?" o ¿qué tal el "Comité para el Discernimiento de Sillas Chillantes?" (chilla lo suficiente tu lugar de reuniones?)

Reflections on Love and Justice / Reflexiones sobre el Amor y la Justicia

*i don't know what justice looks like i don't think
 i've ever even heard of it
 i cry systemically sometimes
 the erasure is too
 much the violence is too
 much the death is too
 much for me to continue to push against &
 i cry from exhaustion & also
 grief because you can feel that
 for someone you've never met &
 for a mass of people &
 i am aware that some
 people won't ever understand that
 profound sorrow & i think this
 sorrow may be necessary for change but
 i hope they never feel it
 i hope they remain oblivious
 i feel like im swimming underwater at
 a level below the rest &
 if i reached out to them by
 shouting to help
 i would drown
 it feels ungraspable
 a constant weight on my chest
 of unknown origin &
 maybe writing the weight will
 release me from it but
 maybe that will take ten thousand
 notebooks & how can i make it
 even to the end of this page how
 can i even make it through the night?
 how can i even make it through
 to the end of this line & my
 hands start to shake so
 i find a way inside me
 to steady the pen*



Gabriela Portillo Alvarado

*quisiera tener alas pero no querer usarlas
 quisiera que todos tuviéramos alas
 quisiera que los antepasados en sótanos
 de museos en cajas o en estantes de vidrio
 tuvieran alas
 quisiera que las niñas en secundaria atacadas
 por no ser blancas en parques de patinar
 tuvieran alas
 quisiera que los hombres afrodescendientes y
 morenos
 tuvieran alas al ser enfrentados con pistolas
 con barras que encarcelan
 wishing does not make it so
 words from non-White people
 do not make anything so
 in this country in this world
 i have no clue what makes it so
 so i don't write because i want to
 or because it makes everything go away
 i don't write hoping for change
 i write because i must
 if i do not write the
 weight adds up & i start to drown
 i write because i love my
 brown self enough to
 survive*