

The Daily Miracle

Pacific Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends

Monday July 25, 2022

Monday Schedule

7:30-8:00	Outdoor Worship
8:00-9:00	Breakfast
9:00-10:15	Worship (<i>Main Hall</i>)
10:30-12:15	Plenary IV (<i>Main Hall</i>)
12:30-1:30	Lunch
1:30-2:45	Early Quaker Writings (<i>Main Hall</i>) Worship Sharing
3:00-4:30	Affinity Groups Personal or Recreational Time
4:30-5:30	Community Sharing: AVP Games (<i>Main Hall</i>)
5:30-6:15	Dinner
6:45-8:15	Interest Groups (<i>see below</i>)
8:30-10:00	Worship Sharing Affinity Groups

Interest Groups Today

6:45-8:15 p.m.

The Future of Pacific Yearly Meeting

(*Main Hall*) sponsored by Ministry Committee

What are the purposes of the yearly meeting? How has our yearly meeting been changing? What changes do we foresee? What changes do we need and long for? What do we envision for our yearly meeting in the next five years, and how can we get there? What staffing might we need to make the changes we long for? Let's explore these questions together in worship.

What Are We as Quakers Called to Do? Answering the Crisis of Faith

(*Maple*) sponsored by Unity with Nature Committee

Few in our world now doubt that there is a climate crisis; *what we doubt is our power to do anything meaningful about it.* How then can we, as members of the "Religious Society of the Friends of Truth," deal honestly with what the climate crisis demands of us? In this session, we invite Friends to share how your Meetings are responding to the climate crisis, supporting the climate leadings of individuals, serving their local communities, and finding a deeper spiritual community around these urgencies.

We will also walk through handouts with sources on key solutions and effective actions, organized around different aspects of the crisis. We will end by sharing with each other how our Meetings are helping each other and how PacYM may best serve Meetings and Friends by working with individual Meetings, between Meetings and in their communities and networks.

Love Knows No Borders

(*Seminar*) sponsored by American Friends Service Committee (AFSC)

Policymakers commonly portray the border region as one that is out of control and lawless. In this session, you will learn how policies sustain this misinformed viewpoint and are detrimental to border residents and migrants. The presenters will review the history of border agencies as well as efforts to try to challenge the misguided narrative through non-violent direct action and documentation of civil and human rights.

Shaping our Faith and Practice

(Lounge) sponsored by Faith and Practice Revision Committee

In the plenary today, our committee will propose a new format for our Faith and Practice. Our follow-up interest group presents the opportunity for Friends to learn more details, ask questions, make proposals or offer advice regarding our approach, to express concerns, and join in our work.

(For Friends attending in-person, the Lounge is the large deck outside the Dining Room)

Events and Activities

Early Quaker Writings

Early Quakers were different in many ways from any branch of Quakerism today. Some of the ideas expressed in their writings seem strange to us. Some things ring just as true for us today. We'll explore together a work that was popular among early Friends and try to find the timeless truth expressed therein.

You will find the reading, [The Light Upon the Candlestick](#) on the 2022 Annual Session Information page on the website. Print copies will be available for Friends attending in-person. *(Main Hall) 1:30-2:45pm*

EarthLight Bookstore Events Today

The Bookstore is in the Willow Conference Room, and is open at 12:30 pm for lunchtime events and at 1:30 pm for browsing and buying books. Monday's lunchtime event (in-person and on Zoom) is a talk by author Mary Conrow Coelho on her book "The Depth of Our Belonging: Mysticism, Physics and Healing." Friends speak to the spiritual longings of people that—together with the natural world—find a remarkable spiritual identity as a sacred whole. At dinnertime (starting at 6:15 pm) join the Farleys and the Children's Program for "Bedtime stories for all ages." To attend by Zoom, ask the host for the Bookstore breakout room.

Worship Sharing Groups (In-Person)

Worship sharing groups are listed on the wall next to the Information Desk. If you would like to join a "drop-in" group, please go to the Information Desk for assistance.

AVP Games—Fun For All Ages

This afternoon everyone is invited to join in group games led by Tom and Sandy Farley. Some games will be new to you, some may be versions of games you've played at summer camp or in an AVP workshop. The activities adapt to a wide range of abilities, so come to the Main Hall (plenary room) for a little before-dinner fun. Alternatives to Violence uses "light and lively" activities between serious learning, but the games also teach cooperation, trust, and flexibility. Similar games have found their way into the cooperative games movement and into the compendium of theatre games used to create community within a cast of players and encourage creativity in improvisation. Tom and Sandy are Teaching Artists with the Palo Alto Children's Theatre. They've trained with New Games, Improvisation Inc., and Alternatives to Violence Project.

Friends of Color Affinity Group

The Friends of Color Affinity Group will be meeting every night during the affinity group time as well as on Monday and Tuesday afternoons during the affinity group times. It will meet in a hybrid fashion in the Lower Orchard 1 and gather online in the Friends of Color Lobby. We look forward to seeing you there.

—Diego Navarro
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White Allies Affinity Group

The White Allies Affinity Group will be meeting in separate in-person and online groups on Monday from 3-4:30 and 8:30-10 pm, and on Tuesday from 3-4:30 pm. See the master chart at the Information Desk for location. Meetings are drop-in; Friends identifying as white are welcome to attend one or all meetings.

—Deborah Marks
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Worship Guidelines Lunch Table

Do you have questions about the worship guidelines shared in the advance packet and presented and discussed at Sunday's plenary? Want to learn more? Rita Comes Whitney and Deborah Marks invite in-person attendees to join the "Ouch-OopsWhoa" table outdoors at lunchtime every day.

Russia, Ukraine and Friends House Moscow

Look for the red flag at a table during lunchtime. Julie Harlow will be answering questions about the current situation in Ukraine and how it affects Friends in Russia.

Anti-Vietnam War Film Screening

A 36-minute clip from the new documentary, "The Movement and the 'Madman'," will be shown at 3:00 pm today in Seminar. The film tells a little-known story of how two major antiwar demonstrations in the fall of 1969 helped avert a planned escalation of the Vietnam war including the possible use of nuclear weapons. Quakers played a major role in these demonstrations. David Hartsough of SF Meeting is interviewed in the film. The film's Executive Producer, Robert Levering (relevering@aol.com) of Santa Cruz Meeting, will be available for a Q&A after the screening of the film, which will be shown on PBS next year.

Craft Sales (In-Person)

Guatemalan Friends Scholarship Program

Guatemalan crafts are for sale in the Conference Center lobby. Where do the crafts come from? The huipiles (handwoven/embroidered blouses) are purchased from street vendors with attention to what is a fair price for them and also benefits the program. Bamboo and other woven articles come from co-ops run by women in Solola and San Juan la Laguna. Cortes (skirt lengths) are purchased from street vendors and we contract with a woman whose usual job is selling tortillas, to make them into shirts and blouses. Your purchases benefit many besides our scholarship students. Mil Gracias.

—Donna Smith
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Russian Crafts for Sale to Benefit Friends House Moscow

Russian crafts are being sold to benefit Friends House Moscow. Look for the tables displayed on the patio and in the Conference Center lobby. For any questions about the Russian crafts or to pay for purchases, text Julie Harlow at (530) 220-2993. Sale ends Tuesday, 10:00 pm.

Finding Your Way Around Annual Session

Let's Continue to Keep Annual Session 2022 Safe

For in-person folks, please remember to wear a mask at all times, except when actively eating. Please feel free to choose outdoor seating for meals and other outdoor locations for conversations and fellowship. There are plenty of KN95 masks available at the Information Desk.

Check the Website

The website continues to be a great resource! Check out the [Annual Session 2022 Information page](#)

Information Desk

Have a question? Please feel free to stop by the Information Desk in the Conference Center (CC) to get your questions answered.

Meals and Snacks

Breakfast is 8:00-9:00 am, lunch 12:30-1:30 pm, and dinner 5:30-6:15 pm. A snack will be served in the Conference Center at 3:00 pm and again at about 7:30 pm. Drop by the Tea Bars in the Community Building (Dining Hall) and Conference Center any time for teas, instant coffee, and hot chocolate. Baskets of oranges and bananas are always available.

Zoom Link for Annual Session

Zoom link to join all Annual Session events:
<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89450711843?pwd=N2hlenU4djlhZW55LzZtZ0E0MXJlZz09>

Meeting ID: 894 5071 1843
Passcode: 1945

After Annual Session

Resident Friend Position Available

Redwood Forest Friends Meeting, in Santa Rosa, is looking for a new Resident Friend (or Friends) starting January 16, 2023. Private living quarters (two rooms, wi-fi, and a bath) with a shared kitchen, living room, library, landscaped courtyard, vegetable garden, and off-street parking. Outdoor dog run available. All are provided at the meetinghouse which is located 60 miles north of San Francisco and 25 miles from the Pacific Ocean. One-year position with the option to renew. If you are interested, please write to: Resident Friend Liaison 1647 Guerneville Road Santa Rosa, CA 95403 or email: avboone@sonic.net.

Quaker Family Field Trips Near You!

Upcoming Quaker field trips include:

August 13- La Brea Tar Pits in LA led by Keenan Lorenzato

August 20- Marin Headlands near SF led by Nate Secrest and Sarah Ludwig

August 21- Art in the Garden in Santa Rosa led by Molly Bishop and Mary Miche

Many more trips are being planned! Register for these trips on the PacYM website in early August. Look for the Youth Programs tab and find the Children's Program in the drop-down menu. The form will be there after we recover from Annual Session.

—Keenan and Mary Miche
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Miscellaneous

Leaving Today?

Please stop by the Information Desk before you go and leave your key in the basket.

Help a Friend Get Home on Wednesday

Friends, do you need a ride to an airport or other location after Annual Session? Can you offer a ride to a Friend in need? Sign up at the Information Desk. Be sure to include your name, contact information, and times needed.

Interested in Friends Couple Enrichment?

Speak with Kathy and Jeff Richman about how to bring a Friends Couple Enrichment event to your community or how to participate in an online workshop from wherever you are. Monday between 4:30 and 5:30 pm at the Courtyard.

Memorial Names and Guest Book

You are invited to contribute your memories of Friends who have died in the past year by posting text and photos on each individual's Guestbook page. These pages are accessed through a cover page [HERE](#) (see the Meeting for Memorials section on the AS2022 Information page). Both 2021 and 2022 Guestbook pages will remain open for entries for at least a month after the end of the Annual Session.

Extra FCNL Materials Available for Your Meetings

Please help FCNL spread the word! Extra FCNL materials are available to take home to your meetings from the display table by the dining hall. Everything must go! Take whatever speaks to you or information that might help others in your community. Thank you!

Celebrating Our 75 Years

When Pacific Yearly Meeting was formed in 1945, there were 43 names on the first roster (38 people in 1 role, 4 in 2 roles, and 1 person in 4 roles!).

The largest roster was for 1987-1988 and listed 239 roles (*including ex officio roles*); 151 people gave service to our Yearly Meeting that year.