

The Daily Miracle

FAREWELL TO THE 2022 ANNUAL SESSION OF PACIFIC YEARLY MEETING!

Wednesday July 27, 2022

Wednesday Schedule

7:30-8:00	Outdoor Worship
8:00-9:00	Breakfast
9:00-10:30	Plenary VI (<i>Main Hall</i>)
10:45-12:15	Worship (<i>Main Hall</i>)
12:30-1:30	Lunch

Checking Out Today

Check-Out Times

Indoor lodging rooms (Conference Center, Seminar House, Ram Cottages, Oaks Cabins) need to be vacated by 12:00 pm (noon). If you can, prop the door to the room open so housekeeping knows which rooms are ready for cleaning.

Campsites should be vacated by the end of lunch. Please leave your campsite as you found it.

Meeting spaces (Conference Center, Seminar House, Orchard House) need to be cleared and ready for cleaning before 12:00 pm (noon).

Lanyards & Keys

Please leave your Mount Madonna lanyard and key in the basket on the table at the Information Desk. Thank you! Safe travels home.

COVID Follow Up

Your Safety Committee has not been made aware of any additional COVID-positive Friends as of Tuesday evening. CDC recommendations suggest quarantining for five days after possible COVID exposure and then retesting. We ask you to assess your own personal level of risk and act appropriately. We would very much appreciate having at least one person per family unit test again on Saturday or earlier if you are symptomatic. Please notify Bronwen Hillman

arrangementsclerk@pacificyearlymeeting.org if you test positive. All in-person attenders of annual session will be notified in the event that other attenders test positive between now and Saturday. Thank you all for your tender and compassionate care of each other and of our beloved community.

Annual Session Reflections

PacYM Yearly Meeting Evaluations We Want to Hear from You

The PacYM evaluations will be ready for distribution very shortly, and we will be sending them to the email address you listed on your registration form. We would really appreciate your responding with your positive and negative impressions of this annual session so that we can take action on your ideas and improve our session next year. Please send questions or concerns to: assistanttotheclerk@pacificyearlymeeting.org.

Announcements

Lost and Found

Please stop by the Information Desk and take a look in the Lost & Found box before you leave. You may find something of yours in there that you didn't think you'd lost. Items left in the Lost & Found box at the rise of Annual Session will be disposed of at Mount Madonna.

Dress for Plenary Session and Worship

You may want to bring a sweater or jacket to Today's Plenary and Worship, as the doors and windows to the main meeting room will be OPEN to improve the air circulation. Ministry Committee has made this decision with the health and safety of all attendees in mind. Thank you for understanding.

Attenders List

The 2022 Annual Session Attenders List will include everyone who registered for and attended Annual Session, online and in person. If you did not register in advance and you participated in Annual Session *and* you would like to be included in the Attenders List, please contact Bronwen at arrangementsclerk@pacifyearlymeeting.org. The Attenders List will be distributed by email on Saturday, July 30.

Travel Reimbursement Reminder

As mentioned in the Treasurer's Report, PacYM provides travel reimbursements for officers of the Yearly Meeting, clerks of PacYM standing committees, and one official representative from each of PacYM's monthly meetings. If you are one of these, please add your name to the Travel Reimbursement sheets. Available at the Info Desk or from Sarah Tyrrell. Please do this even if you wish to donate back your reimbursement, so we can track the expense.

EarthLight Bookstore Now Closed

The on-site physical EarthLight Bookstore is now closed. But you can still look for and buy recommended books from our partner bookstore, Reach and Teach, in San Mateo CA. See the links at the bottom of the bookstore schedule on the Annual Session information webpage.

Contribute Your Memories of Friends

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 pages. These pages are accessed through the [Meeting for Memorials Guestbook 2022](#). The guestbook pages will remain open for entries for at least a month after the end of annual session.

After Annual Session

Interest Groups

The last three interest groups of this year's Annual Session will be held on Sunday, July 31, from 2-3:30 pm, and will be available using the Annual Session Zoom link.

The three groups are:

- Guatemala Friends Scholarship Program
- As Way Opens – Creating a PacYM Climate Strategy
- Spirituality and Creativity

See [After Annual Session Interest Groups](#) on the PacYM website for descriptions, Hope to see you on Zoom!

Quaker Family Field Trips

Mark Your Calendar for these upcoming Quaker field trips:

- **Aug 13**, La Brea Tar Pits, in LA, led by Keenan Lorenzato
- **Aug 20**, Marin Headlands, near SF, led by Nate Secrest and Sarah Ludwig
- **Aug 21**, Art in the Garden, in Santa Rosa led by Molly Bishop and Mary Miche
- **Sept 24-25**, Family Fall Fest Weekend at Sierra Friends Center, Grass Valley, led by Max Paris and Keenan Lorenzato
- **Oct 22**, Pacifica Beach and Grace's House, led by Nate Secrest and Sarah Ludwig

More exciting events in Southern California are being planned You can 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 soon after Annual Session.

—Mary Miche, marymiche@jps.net

Wisdom Jesus One-Time Book Discussion

You are welcome to join a one-time discussion of "Wisdom Jesus" by Cynthia Bourgeault. It will be via Zoom on Friday, August 26 at 6:30 pm Pacific Time. This book discussion will be facilitated by Humboldt Monthly Meeting.

From an HMM member who's read the book: "The main thesis of the book is that Jesus did not come to

earth to save us from our sins and offer a bunch of new rules to live by, but instead was primarily a teacher to guide us to a higher level of consciousness (and union with Spirit) and serve as a model. (Bourgeault is part of the reawakening of the Christian contemplative tradition that included Thomas Keating and Thomas Merton.) The book contains both (1) theory about the teachings and mysteries of Jesus (including possible influences from Buddhist and Persian mysticism); and (2) contemplative practices (practical tips)."

Humboldt Monthly Meeting welcomes people to its book discussions even if they have not read the book. If you are interested, please contact Margaret Kelso, with a subject line that references "Wisdom Jesus", at Margaret.Kelso@humboldt.edu.

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

Celebrate World Quaker Day

On Sunday, October 2, Friends around the globe will observe World Quaker Day. This is an opportunity to learn more about Friends from many different nations and cultures. The theme is "Becoming the Quakers the World Needs." You can find more information on the worldquakerday.org website.

Friends General Conference Gathering 2023

The 2023 Gathering will be under the care of the Pacific Yearly Meeting and will be held at Western Oregon University in Monmouth Oregon July 2-8, 2023! The last time this Gathering was held in the West was in 2006. Plan to attend! And if you're interested in being involved, talk to Mico Sorrel. Would you like to present a workshop at the

Gathering? Mico has information and submissions will be due in September. For more information, see [2023 FGC flyer](#).

—Mico Sorrel
margaretsorrel@gmail.com

Yarn from Friendly Sheep

Are you interested in Lopi Icelandic yarn from Maia's Friendly sheep? Maia and Erik run Dusk to Dawn Farm, a small family farm in Poulsbo, WA, using regenerative agriculture practices for our small flock of mixed Icelandic, Finn, East Friesian and Gotland sheep. Maia (she/her) is Shepherdess and manages the flock. Crafting with natural colored Lopi Icelandic wool is rewarding. Find Maia, she has the yarn. maia.wolff@gmail.com

FCNL Materials

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!

Ministry from an anonymous Yearly Meeting in 1900

Friends: We are on the verge of a great and beneficial change in our Meetings. For all of our lives, Friends have been limited in number by the time it takes to travel the distance from our homes to our Meetinghouses. Rarely has anyone arrived for Meeting for Worship from more than 10 miles away. That is a long way to walk, so most of us have traveled on horseback or in a horse-drawn buggy. But better times are coming! We have accommodated to equine transportation for so long it seems to have been written into our Book of Discipline. We have had to raise horses or buy them at great cost, then feed and maintain them in barns and pastures. If they sicken, we are obliged to care for them, and veterinarians do not charge paltry rates. Before leaving for Meeting, we hitch the horse to our buggy (which itself requires care and frequent repair). At the end of the journey, we tie the horse to the Meetinghouse fence, making sure

we are not too near another horse of a difficult temper. The horses' whinnying may rise to a level of noise that interferes with quiet worship, or the horse may even pull its reins loose and run off. After a few hours' worship, we have to repeat the process in reverse, then feed and water the horse. Clearly, we have suffered from a primitive level of transportation technology. But, Lo! Liberation from dependence on the horse is at hand! Soon, Friends will be able to travel great distances in comfort to come to the Meetinghouse, nor will they have to pay huge sums to feed and maintain a lowly animal. Yes, Friends, the automobile is coming, and our enlarged and no-longer-backward community will drive its automobiles smoothly and gracefully into a Twentieth Century of unending progress!

Celebrating Our 75 Years

To end our journey through the history of our Pacific Yearly Meeting, we share a few items that we hope you find as interesting as we did:

- from 1965-1968, there was a “Committee to Explore Ways of Bringing Friends Together in Meetings”
- the largest committee was the “Peace Committee” with 34 members in 1960-1961 (*imagine what it must have been like for Harriet Schaffran of Berkeley Meeting to clerk that committee without the internet!*)
- Religious Education has been a longstanding concern in our Yearly Meeting. A “Religious Education” committee was formed in 1981, then in 1995 it became a subcommittee of the then Ministry & Oversight as “Adult Religious Education”. Three years later, a “Religious Education for Children” committee was added. While the Adult Religious Education subcommittee of Ministry & Oversight was laid down in 2006, the Religious Education for Children committee continued until 2017. Lastly, there was a Religious Education subcommittee of Ministry committee 2018-2021.

Nominating Committee Revised Minute

Proposed Minute

The following steps will be taken to assure that changes in service descriptions are current and accessible and that necessary or intended tasks (as indicated in prior service descriptions) are not revised or removed without attention and deliberate cause.

1. The Administrative Assistant or appropriate committee or officer will post the service descriptions where they can be easily found.
2. The Nominating Committee will point out the Service Description to the relevant committee or officer at the beginning of their term.
3. The service description will be reviewed by the relevant friend or committee for accuracy of intent and probability of achievement.
4. The relevant person or committee will recommend to the nominating committee revisions to provide a useful guide to new appointees and an instrument of expectation and accountability to the yearly meeting.
5. The Nominating Committee will review these recommendations to assure continuity of the services expected by the yearly meeting and to inform nominees of the expectations.
6. The Nominating Committee will report to the administrative assistant or appropriate committee/officer any changes for updating on the Pacific Yearly Meeting website.
7. The updates will include the date of the revisions and who was on the recommending committee or in that office when it was revised.

If the Nominating Committee feels that the recommended revisions do not maintain a service that is expected by the Yearly Meeting, the changes may be brought to the Yearly Meeting for discernment and action.