

The Daily Miracles

2022

Pacific Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends

*This document combines all six issues of the **Daily Miracle** for the 2022 Annual Session of Pacific Yearly Meeting, July 22-27, 2022.*

*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.*

In 2022 each issue of the Daily Miracle was emailed to all registered participants (whether attending in person or via Zoom). For those attending in person there was also an option to sign up to receive a paper copy, but the number of paper copies was limited.

The Daily Miracle

WELCOME TO THE 2022 ANNUAL SESSION OF
PACIFIC YEARLY MEETING!

Friday July 22, 2022

Friday Schedule

3:00-5:15	Check-In
4:00-4:45	Parent Orientation – JYM (Orchard)
4:45-5:30	Parent Orientation – Children’s Program (Orchard)
5:00-5:30	Orientation for First Time Attendees (Maple/Conference Center)
5:30-6:15	Dinner (Dining Hall/Community Building)
6:30-8:00	Plenary I: Welcoming (Main Hall/Conference Center)
8:30-10:00	Affinity Groups Social Time (Lounge/Community Building)

Welcome to the Daily Miracle

The “Daily Miracle” is the bulletin that will miraculously appear each morning of the Annual Session, in the email inbox of each registered participant, as if by magic. Here you will find information about the day’s activities, upcoming events, articles of interest — and much more! The Daily Miracle will also be available on the [AS2022 Information Website](#). Friends attending in person at Mount Madonna can sign up at the Information Desk to receive a print copy. To submit an

announcement or article for the Daily Miracle, follow the instructions on the website [HERE](#).

Opening Plenary

6:30-8:00 Main Hall

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 reaffirmation of our connection. And this is the first opportunity to see who you will be sharing Annual Session with, building community together.

Finding Your Way Around Annual Session

This year PacYM celebrates 75 years!

Remember to Please Mask Up!

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.

Using the Website

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Information Desk

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place for answers to all your questions! Can I get a site map to help me get around? Do you know where my worship-sharing group is meeting? Can I sign up for a ride down to the Seminar? May I borrow a pencil and paper? I need some first aid supplies, do you have band-aids? The answer to them all is “Yes.” The Information Desk will be in the Conference Center just inside the doors.

Phones and Internet

Wifi is available in our meeting spaces, in the dining room areas, and in most guest rooms. Campsites and cabins do not have wifi. Cell phone reception can be spotty, though texting works well. Verizon works best, AT&T is decent, and Sprint and T-Mobile are limited.

Meals and Snacks

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

Golf Carts

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Hearing Enhancement

There will be headsets in the plenary room, but not in the meeting rooms in Seminar and Maple. However, these spaces are much smaller and will have microphones and speakers.

Events and Activities

Worship Sharing Groups

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If you know of anyone whose name has been left off the list, or other corrections, please tell me.

Eric Sabelman, Ministry Committee member,
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Affinity Groups

Affinity Groups gather Friends around a common concern or a common identity. These groups create safe spaces for sharing and meeting at different times during the Annual Session (often in the evenings). In the past, there have been Affinity groups for 12-Step programs, Friends of Color, LGBTQIA+, White Allies, and others. Since Mount Madonna's technical equipment will not be available for Affinity Groups, these conversations will not be able to be hybrid/blended unless Friends provides their own laptop.

For groups meeting in person at Mount Madonna, go to the Master Schedule chart (near the Information Desk) to select a time and place and make a welcoming sign to help Friends find the group. If this is an online meeting, ask the Zoom host to assign your group a breakout room. In either case, write up a welcoming message for the Daily Miracle to add to the basic information on name, time and place. Friends wishing to host a one-time conversation about a specific topic should also select a space or request a breakout room, announce it at a plenary and in the Daily Miracle and if in-person, make a sign for the location.

Friends of Color Affinity Group

Dear Friends of Color, the Friends of Color Affinity Group will be meeting on Friday night (and every other night) at 8:30pm following "Plenary I Welcoming and Worship." We will be meeting in a hybrid fashion in the Lower Orchard 1 and gathering on-line in the Friends of Color Lobby. We look forward to seeing you there.

Diego Navarro
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Interest Groups

These sessions will be held both in-person and online (hybrid). In the event of technical or connectivity issues, the onsite and online tech support teams will make every effort to correct the situation. However, if a solution cannot be found within 10 minutes, the session will continue in the modality where the presenter is located (in person or online). For a current listing of Interest Groups, visit the [AS2022 Interest Groups](#).

Services

In case of medical emergency or maintenance issues

During the day, go to the Information Desk. After dinner, find Bronwen in the "Lounge," at the end of the dining hall.

Opportunities

Volunteers Needed

Our Annual Session this year is all about bringing our Beloved Community together ... and what better way to build community than to help out at Annual Session and engage with your fellow Friends? We have numerous opportunities for you to volunteer here at Annual Session. Please stop by the Information Desk to get more information and hopefully sign up?

JYM Service Project

Please join us on Sunday morning, 9:30-12:30 to work on a Junior Yearly Meeting (JYM) service project. We'll meet in the garden. Everyone is welcome! Contact: Keenan Lorenzato, JYM & YPC Coordinator, youth@pacificyearlymeeting.org

Did You Know?

Here's an interesting statistic...

We have nominated 12,500 in our 75 year history, benefiting from the service of 1,710 Friends.

Guidelines for Worship at Annual Session

Dear Friends:

As we prepare to gather in person and on Zoom for the annual session of Pacific Yearly Meeting, 2022, with the theme of Beloved Community, the Ministry Committee, working with the Racial Justice Subcommittee, is presenting augmented guidelines for worship and other spaces where two or more are gathered. We know that harm has been done to people of color in our meetings for worship and other spaces. What can we do to stop harm from being done amongst us?

Faith and Practice tells us: Meeting for Worship is different from solitary prayer. In the embrace of the Meeting, an individual may be more willing to be searched by the Light that exposes weaknesses and shortcomings, and challenges the worshiper to transformation. Together, we can more clearly see Truth; we can better receive and understand continuing revelation.

Our entire gathering is intended to be an experiment in discovering truth together. The Ministry Committee will devote its plenary session on Sunday morning to consideration of our central practice of meeting for worship, to see where we are led and how we might live into new ways of being the beloved community. Do we leave room for prophetic speech? Are we willing to be shaken? What kind of speech do our cultural norms forbid? Are we choking off the voice of Spirit? Please read the guidelines carefully, as often as you can, between now and our gathering, to help insure that our discernment is deep and Spirit-led. A copy is attached here and also available on the website in both written and audio versions. We look forward to learning and growing with you.

Gail Eastwood, Clerk, Ministry Committee Laura Magnani, Presiding Clerk

Worship Guidelines (Excerpts from Pacific Yearly Meeting (PacYM) Faith & Practice's section on Meeting for Worship)

Meeting for Worship is at the core of Quaker practice. There, Friends gather together in expectant silence, waiting upon God. Friends come to worship to receive and to give, to speak when led, to be silent when that is what obedience requires. Vocal ministry is a vital part of the Meeting for Worship. It is a form of service in which a person (stands to) share a message from God delivered through the individual. During worship, all share responsibility for vocal ministry. No one is excluded from the possibility of such service just as no one is appointed in advance to preach or pray at a particular Meeting for Worship. When someone does offer vocal ministry, Friends seek to be open, notwithstanding any hesitations or imperfection in the speaker's words. The quality of each person's participation affects the entire community.

Regular and punctual attendance is helpful, as are attentive listening to the vocal ministry of others and the exercise of careful discernment in offering vocal ministry. As one sits in silence, a message may arise out of the depth of the soul that seems intended not simply for the worshiper, but for the gathering as a whole. Some Friends feel burdened with a sense of omission if a message is not expressed, but once it is faithfully uttered, a sense of inward peace may follow. Experience in Meeting helps to discriminate between private words and those that arise as true leadings of the Spirit that should not be silenced. Some worshipers called to speak feel an internal or external quaking, deep emotion, tears, an increased heart rate, or other agitation. Some have felt grabbed by the hand of God and held until after delivering the message. One person feels a profound stillness accompanied by a clear voice that is not her own.

Friends hope that all spoken messages during worship are in fact vocal ministry. The responsibility rests on each member of the group to be ready and willing to offer such ministry when called to do so. Meeting for Worship is different from solitary prayer. In the embrace of the Meeting, an individual may be more willing to be searched by the Light that exposes weaknesses and shortcomings, and challenges the worshiper to

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Guidelines for Meeting for Worship

(and other PacYM Meeting spaces where two or more are gathered)*

As Friends, we believe that Spirit calls us to love one another and to help one another up “with a tender hand.” The spirit we seek is inclusive, not divisive. If we are divided, we are in a process that has not yet come to its spiritually inclusive conclusion. The unity we seek is a radical inclusivity that embraces all of us.

We recognize that none of us has the whole Truth at any given time, only part of it at best. We understand that ***together we can more clearly see Truth and its continuing revelation.*** This is our vision of the Beloved Community, and we will get there if we don’t let go of each other’s hands. If we remain open and are ***willing to be searched by the Light***, we will discover our disorderly walking and learn how our assimilation into the dominant society affects our ministry, including in Meeting for Worship.

In Quaker worship, we center on the Spirit, trusting it to wake us up by lifting the veil to our blind spots and behaviors that are out of integrity with Truth, so that Truth can be revealed. However, we need to acknowledge that ministries delivered during Meeting for Worship are not immune from inflicting harm on those present, even as we strive to be faithful vessels of God’s messages. Therefore, to deepen our worship and create an environment conducive to becoming a Beloved Community, we propose that Friends use these guidelines during the 2022 Pacific Yearly Meetings’ Annual Session:

1. We treat all our meeting spaces as places of worship, where we are led by the Spirit to come together as a Beloved Community. We gather ***to receive and to give, to speak when led, to be silent when that is what obedience requires.***
2. When we feel led to speak, we hold the message close to our heart and discern whether we have a ***true leading of the Spirit*** by asking these questions:
 - a. Did this message ***arise out of the depth of the soul?***
 - b. What am I feeling in my body? Am I feeling a fight, flight, freeze or appease response? ***Do I feel grabbed by the hand of God and held? Do I feel a profound stillness accompanied by a clear voice that is not my own? Do I feel burdened with a sense of omission when this message is not expressed?***
 - c. ***Is this message intended not simply for me, but for the gathering as a whole?***
 - d. The ways of Truth may reveal to us our attachments to our own ideas, inspirations and leadings that keep us from the emergent Truth. Am I open to learning from our Gathered discernment of Truth?
 - e. Have I considered the language that I would use to express the meaning of my message? Are there words or phrases in my head that come from dominant culture norms that I have internalized? Examples of cultural dominance include: being white in a racist culture, being strong and healthy in an able-body culture, being male in a sexist culture, being heterosexual in a homophobic culture, being young in an agist culture, being of settler ancestry in a colonizing culture, and being the species with dominion over the earth.
 - f. Each one of us has implicit biases and blind spots accumulated from our own lived experiences and assimilation into the dominant society. So we ask ourselves: will hearing the words that I intend to use in sharing my message bring harm to someone who is oppressed by the dominant culture?
3. Even after we have done this careful discernment, we know our words coming from the implicit biases that we have internalized from the dominant culture may still cause harm. For this reason, we seek the guidance of “ouch” and “whoa” spoken in love by anyone in our gathered community to help lift the veil and heighten our awareness of a greater Truth. We are willing to risk the discomfort of having our blind spots revealed in public

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both for our own edification and to understand what the Spirit is asking of us at this moment as we seek to learn and grow together as we practice the radical inclusion of the Beloved Community.

4. ***When we hear vocal ministry, we seek to be open***, to listen to Truth revealed. If we believe that a spoken message has delivered harm from cultural dominance, internalized assimilation, and/or implicit biases, then we speak up, with love, in order to let Truth be revealed. Through “ouch” and “whoa”, we are not creating shame, we are calling each other in with loving kindness.

5. When we hear a vocal ministry alerting us of harm being done, we treat it as any other vocal ministry, i.e, it is ***a message from God delivered through the individual***. We receive it with an open heart and with gratitude, seeking to follow the Spirit’s emergent agenda, to understand what just happened.

We call on Friends to embrace these guidelines for ministry that ***challenge us to transformation***, so that the emergent Truth may be revealed.

* *Words in Bold and Italic are quoted from Pacific Yearly Meeting’s Faith and Practice Worship Guidelines*

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Saturday July 23, 2022

Saturday Schedule

7:30-8:00	Outdoor Worship
8:00-9:00	Breakfast
9:00-10:15	Worship (Main Hall)
10:30-12:15	Plenary II: Keynote Panel (Main Hall)
12:30-1:30	Lunch
1:30-2:45	Bible Study (Seminar) Worship Sharing
3:00-4:30	Interest Groups (see below)
4:30-5:30	Community Sharing: Tie-Dying + Singing (Orchard Hours)
5:30-6:15	Dinner
6:45-8:15	Committee Listening Time (Courtyard)
8:30-10:00	Worship Sharing Affinity Groups

Keynote Address

Three Friends will speak to our theme of *Beloved Community* as our keynote speakers, Marlene Coach-Eisenstein, Honolulu Meeting, Peni Hall, Strawberry Creek Meeting, and Keith Runyan, Santa Cruz Meeting. Diego Navarro will moderate this panel, available both in person and on Zoom.

Interest Groups Today

3:00 - 4:30

Panel with Keynote Participants

(Main Hall) sponsored by Presiding Clerk

This morning's conversations with the keynote presenters will continue.

Exploring Religious Educational Practices

(Maple) sponsored by Ministry Committee

What are some of the vital, dynamic Quaker religious educational practices that motivate Friends in our monthly meetings? What does your monthly meeting long for as practices that really lead Friends deeper into the Spirit in your meetings? How can we support one another in Quaker educational practices that move us, adding depth and even spiritual transformation within our monthly meetings?

Beyond Land Acknowledgements

(Seminar) sponsored by Indigenous Concerns Subcommittee of Ministry Committee

Many meetings have become familiar with or participated in the custom of acknowledging the traditional peoples of the lands we now inhabit and worship on. After confessing that we inhabit stolen ground, what comes next? How do we build right relationship with our indigenous neighbors and their tribes? This interest group provides a forum to present and share what meetings and individuals are doing and could be doing.

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EarthLight Bookstore Events Today

Introduction to the EarthLight Bookstore and open discussion for readers and writers. What is the role of Quakers as publishers of Truth? 12:30-1:30 pm, (*Willow*).

Tie-Dying!

Remember the first time you tie-dyed a t-shirt or a headband? Join the teens on the deck outside Orchard House today 4:30-5:30pm to share this creative activity.

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Unity with Nature

Please join the Unity with Nature on Sunday, July 24, 6:45 - 8:15 pm, as we host "All Our Relations: Living with a Radically Changed Planet." Leanne Nurse – former senior policy analyst reporting to the Obama White House on climate adaptation, as well as a Buddhist, an African American, and an activist – will dialogue with Keith Runyan, an enthusiastic young Quaker eco-activist, on how they understand these times, their own place in them, and where they turn for the wisdom, they need and the power to so act. This dialogue will then be turned outward to the group and into journaling activities on our spiritual journeys through these times. How to join: This interest group is both for people at Mount Madonna and those attending Annual Session via Zoom.

—Suellen Lowry
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Events and Activities

Guatemalan Friends Scholarship Program

Look for the colorful tables of traditional, beautiful hand-made crafts from Guatemala on display during the annual session. Tables will be in the Conference Center lobby, and outside. The proceeds support more than 90 rural Mayan students to attend university and secondary schools and receive training in leadership and community development. Accepted payment methods include cash or check.

—Donna Smith
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JYM Service Project

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youth@pacificyearlymeeting.org

Opportunities

Driver's Needed for JYM Excursion

JYM needs a few drivers 21+ to help us get to the pool Monday afternoon. We'll head out at 1:45 and be back around 4:30. The drive is 25 minutes and your ticket into the pool will be on us. Contact Keenan, youth@pacificyearlymeeting.org, if interested.

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Celebrating our 75 years

Quakers are known for our committees, right? Pacific Yearly Meeting has had 71 committees. We have also sent representatives to more than 45 Quaker-related organizations and one-time conferences.

Names to be Remembered at Meeting for Memorials Sunday, July 24th, 2022

Deborah Aufdenspring, Grass Valley
Linda Bailey-Theders, Claremont
Lois M. Bender, Honolulu
Joanne Burns, Orange County
Linda Callaway, Claremont
Vashek Cervinka, Davis
Patrick Crowley, Davis
Fran Feeney, Claremont
Marie Fredell, Berkeley
Virginia Gilmore
Ingrid Hvalso Peterson
Judith Kafka, Berkeley

Sanjiv Kamath, Santa Barbara
David Levering, Claremont
Betty Mallett Smith, Santa Monica
William "Bill" Oliver, Redding
Arden Pierce, Palo Alto
Joan Rawles, Davis
Julia Reynolds, Grass Valley
Dorothy Sewell, Santa Barbara
David Slocum, Honolulu
Beth Thompson, Redding
Ellen Weis, Orange Grove

Reminder: The Zoom link to join all Annual Session events available online is:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89450711843?pwd=N2hlenU4djlhZW55LzZtZ0E0MXJ1Zz09>

Meeting ID: 894 5071 1843

Passcode: 1945

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Interest Groups Today

6:45 - 8:15 p.m.

Beloved Community & the World We Seek: Living Quaker Faith at Friends Committee on National Legislation (FCNL)

*(Main Hall) sponsored by Peace & Social Order
Committee*

What are the links between Quaker faith, public policy, and work to build beloved communities with each other? Join Bridget Moix, FCNL's new General Secretary, to discuss Friends' role in healing the divides in our country, strengthening democracy, and engaging with communities as leaders of change. She'll be joined by Jameelah

Lewis to discuss how FCNL Advocacy Teams are manifesting that vision in the grassroots, followed by Q&A.

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How Can Our Beloved Community Heal?

*(Seminar) sponsored by Racial Justice
Subcommittee of the Ministry Committee*

A discussion exploring questions such as: What is healing? What does healing look like? What healing practices do we have in our community? The idea is to provide a space for reflection and to bring the community into the healing process.

Meeting for Memorials

3:00-5:30 p.m. (Main Hall)

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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 pages. These pages are accessed through a [cover page HERE](#) (see the *Meeting for Memorials* section on the *AS2022 Information page*).

Note that the list of names in the Saturday Miracle was out-of-date; the list at the guestbook link is complete (as far as Ministry Committee knows.) The 2022 guestbook pages will remain open for entries for at least a month after the end of Annual Session.

Events and Activities

EarthLight Bookstore Events Today

The Bookstore is in the Willow Conference Room, and is open at 12:30 for lunchtime events and after 1:30 for browsing and buying books (closed Sunday during Meeting for Memorials). Sunday's lunchtime event (in-person and Zoom) is an author talk by Kathleen Maia Tapp on her book "Prayer of the World: A Rainbow Psalm." "Prayer of the World" brings forth the voices of stone, star, sea and the beings of creation, pleading with us to join the ongoing prayer of life that is all around us." There will be an open discussion on books and the future of publishing, over dinner starting at 5:30. To attend by Zoom, ask the host for the Bookstore breakout room. See the Annual Session information webpage for a complete schedule of events and a link to our partner bookstore, Reach and Teach.

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White Allies Affinity Group

The White Allies Affinity Group will be meeting both in-person and online (but not combined!), Sat, Sun, Mon at 8:30-10 pm, also Mon and Tues at 3-4:30 pm. For the location at Mount Madonna look on the master chart at the information desk. Meetings are drop-in; Friends identifying as white are welcome to attend one or all meetings.

—Deborah Marks
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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.

Worship Guidelines Lunch Table

Do you have questions about the worship guidelines shared in the advance packet and to be 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-Oops-Whoa table outdoors at lunchtime Sunday through Wednesday.

—Gail Eastwood
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—Keenan
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Craft Sales (In-Person)

Guatemalan Friends Scholarship Program

Guatemalan crafts are for sale in the Conference Center lobby. All proceeds benefit our 90 university scholarship students. Of special note this year – 73% of our students are women.

—Donna Smith
forestvil@aol.com

Russian Crafts

The Russian Crafts for sale on the patio and in the Conference Center lobby at Mount Madonna are sold to benefit Friends House Moscow. The YELLOW list of sale prices only applies to the Russian crafts, not those items from Guatemala. The tables are pretty clearly marked. Any Questions about the Russian crafts or to pay for them with cash, text me (Julie Harlow) at 530-220-2993 and I will meet you.

Opportunities

Driver's Needed for JYM Excursion

JYM needs a few drivers 21+ to help us get to the pool Monday afternoon. We'll head out at 1:45 and be back around 4:30. The drive is 25 minutes and your ticket into the pool will be on us.

—Keenan
youth@pacificyearlymeeting.org

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Finding Your Way Around Annual Session

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Using the Website

Much of the information that you may be looking for about this year's session can be found on the [Annual Session 2022 Website Information](#) page. Specifics for attending Annual Session online can be found here [Attending Annual Session Online](#).

Information Desk

Please feel free to stop by the Information Desk in the Conference Center (CC) Breezeway. This is your go-to place for answers to all your questions! Can I get a site map to help me get around? Do you know where my worship-sharing group is meeting? Can I sign up for a ride down to the Seminar? May I borrow a pencil and paper? I need some first aid supplies, do you have band-aids? The answer to them all is "Yes." The Information Desk is in the Conference Center.

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Daily Miracle

Copies of this publication are sent to your email every morning during this Annual Session. You can also find it on the [AS2022 Information Page](#), as well as in the Dining Hall and at the Information Desk.

Zoom Link to Annual Session

The Zoom link to join all Annual Session events online is the following:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89450711843?pwd=N2hlenU4djlhZW55LzZtZ0E0MXJlZz09>

Meeting ID: 894 5071

1843 Passcode: 1945

Golf Carts

You may appreciate getting a ride between the Conference Center, Community Center, and Seminar House from one of our friendly golf cart drivers. Visit the Information Desk to schedule a ride.

Children Fill up Bookstore

Saturday morning, before it opened to the whole yearly meeting the children's program came to the EarthLight bookstore. Eleven children found books of interest and their teacher Laura Adair and Tom Farley read a few aloud. Some kids lay on the floor under the tables to read their finds to themselves.

Children as well as adults are welcome to browse EarthLight Books any time. We will be around to process sales when plenary is not in session. Online purchases can be made through Reach and Teach.

—Tom, Sandy and Eric

After Annual Session

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Quaker Family Field Trips Near You!

We already had a fabulous field trip in Redwood City, at Himmel Garten with Tom & Sandy Farley on June 26. We met at their garden and had a great tour and then garden meditation time. They served us fresh apricots, just freshly picked off their tree!!

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, and many more trips are being planned!

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—Keenan and Mary Miche
youth@pacificyearlymeeting.org

Celebrating Our 75 Years

Service to our Yearly Meeting is a deep and enriching experience. Throughout our history, a dozen Friends have given over 35 years of service to Pacific Yearly Meeting ... and 5 of the six Friends who have given more than 40 years of service are still active in the Yearly Meeting today.

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

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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)

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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
diego.james.navarro@gmail.com

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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
deborahmarks@gmail.com

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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
forestvil@aol.com

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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.

The Daily Miracle

Pacific Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends

Tuesday July 26, 2021

Tuesday Schedule

7:30-8:00	Outdoor Worship
8:00-9:00	Breakfast
9:00-10:15	Worship (<i>Main Hall</i>)
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Community Cheers

Join Andrea on Zoom for an hour of online fun and games as we begin to close out Annual Session. 4:30-5:30 pm on the Annual Session Zoom link.

Community Sharing: Storytelling + Skits

Join Keenan for community time at the Conference Center 4:30-5:30 pm (*in-person event*). We'll be pairing and sharing in community story time.

Community Campfire

For our last night at Mount Madonna, we will celebrate our community with a closing ceremony at the amphitheater 7pm - 8 ish. There will be song, dance, silence and light, don't you want to know more...

Be outside the Conference Center 6:30-6:45 pm to get a ride up to the amphitheater, located near the Oaks campground and cabins. It might get chilly as the sun goes down, bring a jacket or a blanket.

Dance – Tie-Dye!

The dining room will come alive tonight at 8:30 pm as we clear out the tables, turn up the music and strut our stuff in our fabulous tie-dye! Hosted by the teens (JYM), the dance is a longstanding tradition of Annual Session. This all ages event is sure to be fun ... and colorful!

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together to find practical solutions to social issues. I want a future where caring for the earth and its people is our highest priority." Another author talk will be at 3:30 pm, by Jennifer Bailey on "To My Beloveds: Letters on Faith, Race, Loss, and Radical Hope", which considers three central questions—what is dying, what wants to emerge, and what is already blooming beautifully.

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Guatemala Crafts

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Take a look at our Spring Update 2022 on the round table to see the list of students and the many careers they are studying. You just might find one you would like to sponsor. You can sign up there to receive our semi-annual Update which is always full of uplifting stories. Mil Gracias for your support.

—Donna Smith
dforestvil@aol.com

Other things happening today

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—Deborah Marks
deborahmarks@gmail.com

Meeting for Healing

Join us in the Seminar House from 4:30 to 5:30 pm for a Meeting for Healing, where we will seek to offer and receive healing of body, mind, heart, and soul.

—Allison Kirkegaard
amkd2015@mymail.pomona.edu

Woolman TODAY!

Come find out what is happening at Woolman today, 3:00 to 4:00 PM, in the 'Lounge' (deck outside the Dining Hall).

—Coleen Hedglin
coleenh@woolman.org

COVID Announcement

COVID Positive Friend

Our Friend, Roena Oesting, tested positive for Covid at dinner time on Monday. She had been having mild symptoms for less than a half day at the time of her test. She is aware that she spoke to a fair number of Friends throughout the course of the day in her role as a member of the Epistle Committee, albeit masked. She also attended the Monday Interest group in the Seminar Room. She is now quarantined in her single room with a private bath.

Please continue to mask, to physically distance and if you feel the need to test, please do so. If you need a test, go to the Information Desk. If you have a test or more to spare please label them with your name and leave them at the Information Desk should another Friend need one. Reclaim any unused tests on Wednesday.

Don't panic, we're all in this together. Keep loving your time and your connections here at Annual Session.

Contact Mico Sorrel, Jeff Richman, or Sandy Kewman if you test positive, or just wish to consult with any of us.

—Mico Sorrel
margaretsorrel@gmail.com

Announcements

Dress for Plenary Session

You may want to bring a sweater or jacket to Worship and Plenaries for the rest of Annual Session. The doors and windows to the main meeting room will be OPEN to improve air circulation. Ministry Committee has made this decision with the health and safety of all attendees in mind. Thank you for understanding.

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 Information Desk or from Sarah Tyrrell. Please do this even if you wish to donate back your reimbursement, so we can track the expense.

—Sarah Tyrrell
sarahtyrrell@alumnae.mills.edu

PacYM Epistle 2022

Please submit your suggestions/edits for the 2022 epistle to epistleclerk@pacificyearlymeeting.org or send a text to (213) 220-6113.

Leaving Today?

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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 (*see description below*)
- As Way Opens – Creating a PacYM Climate Strategy
- Spirituality and Creativity

They are described on the PacYM website under [Interest Groups](#). Please send any questions to assistanttotheclerk@pacificyearlymeeting.org.

Guatemala Friends Scholarship Program - PROGRESA

What has happened in PROGRESA and Guatemala during the pandemic? Come to the PROGRESA Interest Group next Sunday, July 31, 2-3:30 pm to hear from Miguel Costop-Director; Hector Canto-PROGRESA alum, board member, and former Vice Minister of Education in Guatemala; and two of our current students. You will enjoy hearing how challenges were met and how based on Quaker principles PROGRESA became even more of a supportive family with our students and their families and communities. Hope to see you there (same zoom as the one used for Annual Session).

—Donna Smith
dforestvil@aol.com

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- **Aug 21**, Art in the Garden, 2-5 pm, 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, 10 am to 4 pm, 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.

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Visit Honolulu Friends

Our meetinghouse is open for visitors again! Honolulu Friends Meeting (HFM) offers simple lodging for traveling Friends. A modest contribution includes breakfast, WiFi, and morning conversation with our Residents and other visiting Friends from the continental US and Pacific Islands. Located in green and cool Manoa Valley, we are near the University of Hawai'i, and on the city bus line. Find us at www.hawaiiquaker.org.

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

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.

Evaluating Annual Session

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.

Miscellaneous

Simple [Diversity] Gifts Song Collaboration

We need alternative verses for "Simple Gifts" that relate to various kinds of diversity, such as sexual orientation, disability, people of color, etc. Write a verse for an identity that you have, and start it, "Tis the gift to be [of color, queer, etc.] Send your renderings to Carl Magruder (theearthquaker@gmail.com) and watch this space for a new instant classic!

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

Congratulations!

The co-clerks of the board of the Ben Lomond Quaker Center want to announce that Nico Wright has accepted a position as the new Quaker Center Director. Welcome, Nico!

Paying as Led

During registration, we were given guidelines based on what Pacific Yearly Meeting will pay Mount Madonna for lodging and meals.

It is wonderful to have such great attendance (including 1/3 of us under 35). A few Friends have asked if more funds are needed. To support youth attendance again next year, additional funds would help offset the Annual Session deficit from 2022. If you are "led to pay" more, Martha Hunkins and Doug Smith are the people to talk with. Look for them in the dining room at meals or email Doug at financeclerk@pacificyearlymeeting.org

Memorial Names

To improve the ventilation in the Conference Center at Mount Madonna, the names remembered at Meeting for Memorials have been removed and the windows opened. If you would like to take one of the names home, please ask at the information desk.

Apology

We apologize to our online Friends that due to technical issues, we were unable to share the film "The Movement and the 'Madman'" via Zoom.

Zoom Link for Annual Session

Zoom link to join all Annual Session events:
<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89450711843?pwd=N2hlenU4djIhZW55LzZtZ0E0MXJlZz09>
 Meeting ID: 894 5071 1843, Passcode: 1945

Lost and Found

Van key

Last night, at some time around the evening interest group in the Conference Center, the key to the van we rented for Annual Session decided to settle into a hiding place. It must be a very good hiding place because we haven't been able to find it. When found, please return the van key to Keenan or Bronwen.

Annual Session Lost and Found

Before you leave today or tomorrow, please stop by the Information Desk and take a look in the Lost & Found box. You may find something of yours in there that you didn't think you'd lost.

Celebrating Our 75 Years

Like any organization, our Pacific Yearly Meeting has ebbed and flowed in its membership and in the numbers of Friends in service.

In 1962-1963, 5.8% of our 1,364 members were in service to the Yearly Meeting. That's 79 Friends (*23 from SCQM, 23 from CPQM and 33 from Meetings not affiliated with PacYM as it is configured today*).

That percentage jumps to 10.4% in 2015-2016 when the membership was reported at 1,285 members. Of the 133 Friends in service to the Yearly Meeting that year, 86 were from CPQM, 37 from SCQM and 9 from Meetings not affiliated with a Quarterly Meeting.

From the Racial Justice Subcommittee

Harm Repair –Stepping Stones to Sacred

Creating Sacred Space Processing “Ouch, Oops and Whoas”

- The burden of educating is not the responsibility of the people harmed in the group. If you are a white person with anti-racist practices, your role is to educate other white 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. If you are a non-disabled person you have a role to play to educate other able bodied people about the needs of people with disabilities. (These are intended as examples, not a comprehensive list of targeted groups).
- 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 harm has the right to decide whether or not to address the issue.
- When someone is led to speak about a harm, slow down the dialogue, center around the ouch, oops or whoa.
- If you are confused or don't understand the harm, sit in silence and hold the sacred space.
- Go into sacred listening about the harm 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 harm by seeking healing through Quaker Truth being revealed.

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.

After Annual Session

Attendees List

The 2022 Annual Session Attendees 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 Attendees List, please contact Bronwen at arrangementsclerk@pacifyearlymeeting.org. The Attendees 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.

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.