

The Daily Miracle

Pacific Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends

Tuesday, Seventh Month Twenty-Eight, 2009

Tuesday's Schedule

6:30-8:00	Bible Study
6:30-8:00	Transforming Quakers
7:00-8:00	Outdoor Worship
7:30- 8:30	Breakfast
8:45-10:15	Worship
10:30-11:45	Worship Sharing
12:00- 1:00	Lunch
1:15- 2:15	Plenary II
2:30- 5:00	Plenary III Youth Coordinator
5:00- 6:00	Dinner
6:45- 8:15	Rolene Walker speaking about Walk with Earth
8:30	Open time and 12-Step

Tuesday's Menu

Breakfast

Scrambled Eggs
Potatoes
Oatmeal, Fruit, Cantaloupe
Cold cereal: Variety
Yogurt, brown sugar, raisins
Fruit: Sliced Cantaloupe
OJ, Tea, Coffee, Milk

Lunch

Burrito Bar
Turkey and Vegetarian
Rice and beans
Salad: salad bar
Dressings: Lemon & Olive Oil
Fruit and dessert: Cookies

Beverage: Lemonade, Ice tea

Dinner

Roasted Salmon
Baked Sweet Potatoes
Veg: Stir Fry
Starch: Brown Rice
Salad: Mixed Greens w/3 dressings
Bread: Veg option
Fruit & Dessert: Vegan Ginger Cookie
Beverage: Ice Tea, water @ tables

Bible Study

Bible Study will meet before breakfast each morning in Maple.

6:30-7:00 am: gather for quiet worship and reading.

7:00-8:00 am: facilitated group reading and reflection-(This could change if the group decides on a different schedule.)

Everyone is welcome, whatever your experience and comfort (or lack of either) with the Bible. Come be a part of Friends' 350-year engagement with the Bible. For more information, talk with Stephen Matchett, San Francisco Meeting.

Choral Singing

People interested in doing some choral singing and rounds and maybe preparing something for the talent show (Community Night) are invited to come to the piano in Maple Lodge tomorrow at 4:45 pm (and we hope on Wednesday and Thursday, as well,

and Friday, too—see or contact miriam berg for more information. (She is in Redtail Cabin but probably never there.)

The Wordshop

The Wordshop—an interactive interest group. Keith Wedmore conducts a hilarious exercise—

- 1) Get heard from the other side of the room
- 2) What do you hear me say?
- 3) Repeat this in written English. Explain why this does not work.

Persuading a hostile audience. This gets very interesting since we put to them their case, better than they have ever heard it put, and then refute it.

8:35-10 pm, Big Tent, Wednesday

AFSC Bookstore

The AFSC Bookstore is conveniently located in the Visitors Center. The Bookstore will be open for business from 1 pm to 5 pm and 6 pm to 9 pm, Tuesday through Friday, but will be closed during the memorials Plenary.

The Bookstore accepts cash, checks, and credit cards. All proceeds support the work of AFSC.

Stop by and restock your libraries with books on Quakerism, spirituality, peace and social justice, and a wide selection of books for children and young readers.

Vanessa Julye will be signing her new book Fit for Freedom, Not for Friendship on Wednesday at 3:30 pm in the bookstore.

Fueling our Future by QIF

Concern for climate change leads Friends directly to the question of what energy choices we should make. Will alternative energy sources, such as solar and wind, be adequate for global demand? What about nuclear? Is there such a thing as "clean" coal? Why not conservation? Population control? Friends grapple with these questions in the booklet, "Fueling our Future: A Dialogue about Technology, Ethics, Public Policy, and

Remedial Action," published by the Quaker Institute for the Future. Find it for sale at the PYM-AFSC bookstore.

PYM Youth Coordinator

The PYM M&O Youth Coordinator Subcommittee would like to let Friends know copies of the Youth Coordinator proposal are available in the back of the plenary tent. There are 10 bound copies of the proposal including appendices and 20 copies of the proposal without appendices.

Also, the proposal and appendices are still available online at pacificyearlymeeting.org. A large print version is available in a binder. Friends are encouraged to read the proposal before plenary. Thank you.

Special Thanks

The Unity with Nature Committee and Young Friends would like to thank Cody Lowry for help writing the skit "Quaker Spice" presented in Monday Night's Plenary.

Witness at Livermore Labs

Thursday, August 6 is Hiroshima Day, the day the United States dropped an atomic bomb on Hiroshima Japan and killed over 100,000 people. Livermore Laboratory in the East Bay is developing a new generation of nuclear weapons. Please join us for an interfaith worship service at Livermore Labs at 7:30am on August 6 to remember those we have killed and to recommit ourselves to work to help assure nuclear weapons are NEVER again used and to help abolish nuclear weapons from the face of the earth. The worship service will be followed by nonviolent civil disobedience for those who are so led.

This will take place in Livermore at Vasco and Patterson Road - off Highway 580. Contact David Hartsough for carpooling from San Francisco 415 751 5708.

**North Pacific Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends
Minute on the Abolition of Torture**

We condemn the use of torture. An act of torture is an act of evil. No exceptional circumstance whatsoever, whether a state of war or a threat of war, internal political instability or any other public emergency, may be invoked as a justification for torture. Torture by any means, whether directly or by proxy, is immoral. Torture degrades the humanity of the tortured, the torturer and those who have knowledge of it.

We are shocked, revolted and saddened by our government's use of torture in violation of the U.S. Constitution and Supreme Court precedents that have historically denounced physical and psychological cruelty. We do not accept use of language to redefine torture as "enhanced interrogation" or any other attempt to obscure the truth.

The Geneva Conventions and the United Nations Convention Against Torture are the standards of moral conduct for nations that respect human dignity. We call upon the United States of America to abide by these internationally accepted norms and definitions of torture.

We call for an impartial, nonpartisan and independent Commission of Inquiry. Understanding the causes, nature and scope of U.S. sponsored torture is essential for preventing future torture. U.S. law determines the extent of any criminal culpability.

As people of faith, we know that brokenness can be healed in both individual lives and the life of the nation. Learning the truth can set us on a path to national healing and renewal.

Action Requested of the Yearly Meeting:

Adopt the Minute on the Abolition of Torture evidencing unequivocal opposition to torture under any circumstances.

Recommend Monthly Meetings, Preparative Meetings and Worship Groups review and support the 12-point Program for the Prevention of Torture by Agents of the State issued by FCNL on 11/17/2004 (http://www.fcnl.org/issues/item.php?item_id=1154&issue_id=70)

Recommend Monthly Meetings, Preparative Meetings and Worship Groups send copies of the Minute and FCNL's 12 points with a cover letter to their Congressional Representatives.

Implementation Statement:

The Clerk of NPYM will ensure the distribution of the Minute on the Abolition of Torture to all Monthly Meetings, Preparative Meetings and Worship Groups along with action steps adopted at the Annual Session.

The Peace and Social Concerns Committee shall contact all Monthly Meetings, Preparative Meetings and Worship Groups to determine any assistance and encouragement needed relevant to the Minute on the Abolition of Torture.

Latin American Concerns

Latin American Concerns Committee will meet at lunch at an outdoor shady table today, Dottie Vura-Weis, Clerk

Lost and Found

FOUND at Monday Night Plenary – A Peace Symbol – If it’s yours, catch Peni Hall, Willow 4, or around in a blue powered wheelchair.

Arrangements

Forget to Bring Something? Missing Something from last year?
Many useful items are available at the Arrangements Table in Maple, including earplugs. Browse through the “Forgot Something?” box and take what your need. There are pillowcases and a few mini-blankets. There is also a PINK Lost & Found box already full of items left here last year. Come and browse.
Carol Mosher, Arrangements

Non-theist Friends

Friends who consider themselves non-theist will gather at lunch Tuesday in the Dining Hall to discuss affinity for the week. Look for a sign at a table. Klare East.

Looking for Artists

Are there artists among us? Let’s meet each other! Thursday at lunch. Look for a red sign near the door to the dining room. Gather with Trudy “Myrrh” Reagan and we will find a table where we can eat together. If you have examples of your work with you, or notebooks, examples of writing, web site addresses and so on, please bring them to share. Trudy “Myrrh” can sometimes be found at the El Salvador table in Maple Hall.