

BYM Daily Minute – Friday, August 4

Today's Plenary Speaker **Carey Lecture: Shan Cretin**

Race, Poverty and Privilege:

Working for Justice in Divisive Times

Shan Cretin has served as General Secretary for the American Friends Service Committee since September 2010, with responsibility for AFSC's worldwide peace, social justice and humanitarian assistance programs. She had previously served seven years as a Regional Director supervising AFSC's programs in Southern California, Hawai'i, Arizona, and New Mexico.

Before coming to AFSC, Shan worked for 28 years in public health, serving on the faculties of Harvard, Yale, West China Medical University, Shanghai Medical University, and University of California at Los Angeles. Shan has lived, worked and traveled throughout the United States and many locations in Africa, Asia, Europe, the Middle East, Latin America, and Canada.

A member of the Religious Society of Friends (Quakers), Shan is a former clerk of Pacific Yearly Meeting. She co-founded the Los Angeles chapter of Alternatives to Violence Project and has facilitated conflict resolution workshops at the Chino Youth Correctional Facility and in the Los Angeles community.

Development Luncheon Location Change

The location of the Development Luncheon has changed to the room downstairs (Trustees room) in the dining hall (Coblentz) instead of in the Athletic building. Instead of going up the stairs enter the building to the right of the stairs and turn left. The room is to your right. There will be people to assist you. Thank you.

Workshop Leaders: 2 Important Notices

- 1) If you are using technology (PowerPoint or video) please come to your Rosenstock classroom by 1:45 so that we (Program Committee) can assist you in turning it on.
2. We will provide workshop evaluation forms and request that you allow five minutes at the end of your workshop for Friends to complete them. We will collect them after your workshop. Thanks!

Friday Workshops

Code	Title	Room
CLMF	Lowering Barriers to Greater Ethnic Diversity in our Meetings	Rosenstock 215
F1	Joyful Transformation	Rosenstock 30
F2	Sustaining Our Spirits	Rosenstock 31
F3	Changing the Cycle of Dysfunctional Communication	Marx Center
F4	Quakers and the Sanctuary Tradition	Rosenstock 305
F5	Teach-in on Environmental Justice Movement	Rosenstock 306
F6	Acting in Faith in Not-So-Friendly Places	Rosenstock 123
F7	Who Is/Was Jesus?	Rosenstock 101
F8	Deepening Meeting for Worship	Rosenstock 223
F9	How to Keep All Your Money and ...	Rosenstock 218

NOTE: Friday Workshops

Some Friday workshops are *full*. Please respect the leaders and your fellow Friends and don't "crash" the workshop if you did not sign up for it. Thank You!

Rosenstock Accessible Entrance Directions

From Whitaker ground floor by the bookstore, exit right and walk along the side of Rosenstock by the parking lot. The long entrance ramp is at the back of the building on your left. Classrooms 30 and 31 (for workshops, committees, interest groups) are on the ground level. For plenary sessions (in the auditorium) and other classrooms on the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd floors, follow the signs to the elevator and take it up.

Healing Center

The Healing Center in the basement of Coblenz dining hall will be open on Friday from 2:00-4:30 and from 7:00-9:00 pm. Sign up on the schedule on the Healing Center door for a time slot.

Today's Registration Hours

8:45-9:15am

1:15-1:45 pm

4:30-7:00 pm

Interest Groups and Committee Meetings

Friends are reminded that "Request for Space" forms are available on the BYM Information Table on the main floor of the Whitaker Center. You must complete and return a "Request for Space" form to have a space assigned for your Interest Group or Committee Meeting. Interest group sponsors should also provide a short (one-sentence) description of the event for the *Daily Minute*. Space assignments will be listed in the *Daily Minute* and posted on the Information Table.

Hymn Singing

Sing your favorites from the Quaker Hymnal from 6:15–7:15pm every evening in the Whitaker Commons Room. All are welcome.

Grassroots Advocacy

Seventy grassroots advocacy teams are up and running around the country, supported by FCNL. Want to lift up the Quaker Message to Congress? Here's what we're telling them: "People, not Pentagon Spending!" Safety-net programs for our most vulnerable, not party politics." Join Quaker advocates and learn more at lunch on Friday. Look for the #Love thy neighbor (No exceptions) sign on the table.

Produce Department

This intergenerational series of games and discussions will take place on the lobby of Whitaker beginning at 9:15pm. It's great fun, and younger and older Friends will learn surprising things about each other.

Committee Meetings (4:15 – 5:15pm)

- Friends Committee on National Legislation – Rosenstock 30
- Indian Affairs Committee – Rosenstock 223
- Intervisitation Working Group – Rosenstock 31
- Manual of Procedure Committee – Rosenstock 305
- Ministry and Pastoral Care Committee – Rosenstock 215
- Nominating Committee – Rosenstock 306
- Peace and Social Concerns – room to be assigned
- Religious Education Committee – Rosenstock 123
- Stewardship and Finance Committee/Trustees – Rosenstock 212
- Unity with Nature Committee – Rosenstock 218

Special Request Interest Group (6:15 – 7:15pm)

Forgiving Others as a Spiritual Practice – Jerry Knutson – **Rosenstock 101.**

Intervisitation Lounge

It's not too late to visit the Intervisitation lounge. Tonight is the final night, and the lounge opens around 9:15pm. If you are visiting from outside of BYM, or if you are from BYM and would like to welcome our visitors – in other words, ALL OF YOU, are invited to join us for fellowship and refreshment in the Shriner basement lounge. Arrive and leave any time. Come with questions, comments, or simply a wish to be present with us. This year we even have chairs!!

Howard Fullerton Memorial Fund

Flossie Fullerton and the entire Fullerton family invites you to share their pleasure of establishing a memorial fund to remember Howard. Look for the flyer on the FCNL display table.

Unity with Nature Plastic Facts

Nearly two dozen National Parks have banned sales of disposable plastic water bottles. (National Park Traveler). Sea World Parks and Entertainment is the largest theme park operator to ban plastic bags at all of their locations.

It's (Almost) Show Time!

Entertain meeting-weary Friends with your best efforts at the Coffee House program on Saturday night! The audience will be *very* appreciative of your talents. So sign up on the sheet next to the elevator on the ground floor of Whitaker.

More from Tuesday's-Plenary

Interested in learning more about the Harlem Children's Zone and "Baby College" mentioned by Phil Caroom during Tuesday evening's plenary? Learn about this in the book *Whatever It Takes* by Paul Tough.

Where is Your Worship Sharing Group?

Sign-up sheets for 8:15am worship sharing and Bible study are in the Whitaker Campus Center. The leaders and room locations are below. Please sign up for your choice!

NOTE that *Song and Chant* has moved from the Bookstore to Rosenstock 123

- *Bible Study* – Sabrina McCarthy and David Ethridge – **Rosenstock 212**
- *Song and Chant* – Ruth Fitz – **Rosenstock 123**
- *Family-friendly Session* – sit on the floor or move about – Joanna Fitzick – **Marx Center**
- *‘Experiment with Light’* – Sarah Bur and Susan Russell Walters – **Rosenstock 223**
- *Worship Sharing* – Dave Fitz – **Rosenstock 305**
- *Worship Sharing* – Meg Meyer – **Rosenstock 306**
- *Outdoor Worship Sharing with Friends in Unity with Nature* – Kathy Fox – **Rosenstock 101 (in event of rain)**

Important Campus Information

On behalf of Hood College, welcome Friends! Our Security desk is open 24 hours a day in Whitaker Center to serve BYM guests.

Internet Access: Search for summer2017@Hood in the Wi-Fi list on your internet device. There is no password. Or select Secure@Hood, log in as quakers@hood.edu and the password is hood2017.

If you have locked yourself out of your room, go to the 24-hour desk at Whitaker Center.

Fragrance: There are Friends present on campus who have sensitivities to chemicals in fragrances that can result in health problems. Fragrance-free shampoo and soaps are available at some nearby stores.

MISSING

My beloved (and banged up) "Ithaca Farmers Market" water bottle has decided to tour the Hood campus on its own. Tall, dark teal, and stainless steel. If found, please give me a holler, thanks, Barb Platt, 240-876-9336.

Junior Yearly Meeting Information

JYM Program locations: Nursery meets in Smith 001. Afternoon & evening programs meet in the Smith ground-floor lounge, JYFs meet in Coblenz game room, the ground-floor dining room. Morning classes for grades K-5 meet in Smith 002, 003 and 005. If your family is commuting to Hood, please be sure to obtain a building access card from the Registration Desk so you will be able to enter Smith.

A parent-staffed, co-op aftercare (rising K to rising 5th) will be offered immediately after the JYM afternoon program (in the Smith Lounge) from 4–5pm on Thursday, Friday and Saturday. This will help parents attend interest groups and committee meetings, but... Parents who want their children to participate *must work one shift*.

JYM closing worship: On Saturday, we'll close the JYM morning classes with an all-JYM meeting for worship. If weather permits, we'll be outside in the Pergola. Last year we had a lovely Meeting for Worship in that beautiful space. Parents are welcome to join us for worship at 11:30. All children should be picked up at noon from the meeting for worship, rather than from their regular classrooms.

Please remember: All children – infant through rising 5th grade – should always be with an adult. This is important for their safety.

Dining Hall Information

Food Concerns: Deborah Legowski is the Food Coordinator. She will be in the dining hall during all meals. Please see her with food questions or complaints. If Friends have special dietary needs, and have not already done so, they need to contact Deborah. With an accurate count, Deborah will be able to let staff know how many people are likely to request such options. The Program Committee requests that Friends *not* approach the dining hall staff with food complaints or suggestions.

Opportunities for Action

BYM's Peace & Social Concerns Committee offers this list of almost-immediate opportunities for action by Monthly Meetings and/or individual Friends:

- 1) Fresh, organic **olive oil & tapenade are available for sale** in the BYM Bookstore! Grown and bottled in the Bethlehem area of Palestine, proceeds benefit a Palestinian farmers' coop whose motto is "We refuse to be enemies" and whose community projects include a summer camp bringing together Israeli and Palestinian youth. The olive oil can be sold at Monthly Meetings and would make excellent Christmas gifts.
- 2) Friends Meeting of Washington Sanctuary Task Force invites you to a presentation and discussion on the **legal issues of providing sanctuary to undocumented immigrants facing deportation** on Sunday, August 20, at noon. Matt Handley, Director of Litigation, Washington Lawyers Committee on Civil Rights and Urban Affairs (WLC) will be the principal speaker. The presentation and discussion will be held at Friends Meeting of Washington (FMW). **Please RSVP** to Jim Bell at kellybell21@comcast.net or by telephone: [240 413 1229](tel:2404131229). Questions are welcome.
- 3) **To commemorate Martin Luther King's March on Washington**, an interfaith group will seek to bring **"1,000 ministers [or other religious leaders]"** to march from the MLK memorial to the US Dept. of Justice (1.7 mi.) on **Monday, 8/28/17 at 11am**. All Quakers are invited. If you can attend, please RSVP-register at <http://bit.ly/1000MM4J>. Questions?: email isabel.zeitmoskin@gmail.com.
- 4) Please join us for an Interest Group on specific logistics and plans to implement our **new BYM Working Group on Refugees, Immigrants and Sanctuary - Sat., 4:15pm**.
- 5) Senator Lindsay Graham stated on NBC's Today Show that Pres. Trump told him "There is a military option...If thousands die, it will be in Korea." Trump's U.N. representative Nikki Haley has stated, "The time for talk is over." BYM will consider a minute urging continued diplomacy and economic sanctions instead of a preemptive military strike. Recall that the Korean War in the 1950s killed over 35,000 Americans, involved 16 nations, and nearly two million Korean & Chinese people. Please support this minute and share it with your representatives in Congress and the Senate.
- 6) The Obama administration acknowledged, in 2016, that, despite the absence of any declaration of war, its drone strikes had caused over 2,500 deaths including many civilian casualties. The Trump administration reportedly has loosened drone attack policies to permit higher rates of civilian casualties -- all according to the New York Times. An ongoing anti-drone vigil is held at Lafayette Park, in Washington, D.C., on the 2nd Sat. every month at 10am. It is supported by many different organizations including Langley Hill Friends Meeting, the Catholic organization Pax Christi, Code Pink and more. Are you moved to support them?

Indian Affairs Fun Quiz

Q. Do any tribes in the BYM region have reservations?

A. Trick question! "Reservation" usually means lands that the federal government reserved for one or more tribes—usually by confining them to those lands. In that sense, no tribes in our area have reservations. But there are two reservations in Virginia recognized by the state: They are remnants of lands granted to the Pamunkeys in 1646, with a remnant of the remnant given to the Mattaponis in 1849. The Monacans, Chickahominy, Rappahannocks, Eastern Chickahominy, Upper Mattaponi, and Cheroenhaka (Nottoway) have purchased land.

Free Resource from Quaker Religious Education Collaborative (OREC)

The Quaker Religious Education Collaborative (QREC), is a recently-formed 501(c)3 that is an international, theologically diverse, religious education organization. It received a Shoemaker grant to publish in English and Spanish a children's booklet describing Meeting for Worship. Copies are in our Bookstore. Would someone from each local Meeting **please pick up your free children's booklets to take back to your Religious Education Committee?** Even if your Meeting does not have a First Day School, these booklets could be helpful when an occasional child shows up. Thanks!

Annual Session Evaluations

Your feedback is valuable! Make sure to complete and return your Evaluation Form or use the online form.

www.bym-rsf.org/events/annualsession/evaluation.html