



Bulletin  
London Grove Monthly Meeting  
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**July 2012**

The Seventh Query: **Social Responsibility and Witness**

How does our Meeting work:

- to overcome social, legal, economic, and political injustices, locally and in the wider world?
- for the funding of community services that does not rely on gaming income?

Does our Meeting serve the community through action on concerns for civic improvement? What actions are we taking to assure everyone equal access to education, health care, legal services, housing, and employment as well as equal opportunities in business and in the professions?

When a member has lifted up a concern, how does our Meeting respond?

Does our Meeting encourage those seeking clearness for their convictions of conscience to hold up such convictions with prayerful openness to the Light?

*Am I mindful of how my lifestyle and my investments can contribute to the improvement of the human condition, or to the exploitation of others?*

*Am I open to seeking clearness on matters of conscience and to assisting others in doing so?  
How do I respond and support one who acts out of a clear leading when I am under the weight of another?*

*What am I doing to work for the betterment of my community to assure the maintenance of effective public services which do not rely on funding from gaming?*

*Do I fulfill my civic responsibilities when they do not conflict with divine leadings?*

**From the Worship & Ministry Committee**

- It is our practice to suspend Opening Exercises during the summer months. We would also ask that Friends allow the silence to linger at the rise of Meeting so as to easily move into welcoming any guests and sharing any announcements.
  - We will hold our **meetings for worship outdoors under the Penn Oak on both July 15 and August 19** (as the weather allows). We could use help setting up the chairs if anyone would like to help.
  - We would offer a gentle reminder that our Meeting for Worship begins at 9:30. Please try to be settled in by 9:30 AM so that we can all fully enter into worship together.
- Please contact Pamela Leland or Ginny Green, Committee Co-Clerks, if you have any questions.

# July 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
9:30 AM Meeting for Worship  10:30 AM Meeting for Worship for Business				Property Committee 7:30 PM		2:00 PM Memorial Meeting to Remember Alice Gilbert
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
9:30 AM Meeting for Worship  10:30 AM Worship & Ministry Committee				Care & Membership Committee 7:00 PM		
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
9:30 AM Meeting for Worship  Western Quarterly Meeting- West Grove (see p. 8)	Religious Education Committee 7:15 PM	Library Committee 9:30 AM	Peace and Social Justice Committee 7:30 PM			
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
9:30 AM Meeting for Worship	<i>Deadline for August Bulletin, send to <a href="mailto:londongrove@verizon.net">londongrove@verizon.net</a></i>		3:30 PM PYM's 331st Annual Sessions (continuing through 7/29)	Committee of Clerks 7:30 PM		
29	30	31				
9:30 AM Meeting for Worship						

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Philadelphia Yearly Meeting [www.pym.org](http://www.pym.org)

[London Grove Monthly Meeting](#), [Philadelphia Yearly Meeting](#) , [Friends General Conference](#) and [London Grove Friends Kindergarten](#) each have Facebook pages also.

**Childcare for July 2012**

Date	During Meeting for Worship
7/1/2012	Jane Brosius, Mary L. Dugan <b>During Business Meeting:</b> Peggy Sue Fernandes
7/8/2012	Pamela Leland, Renna Van Oot
7/15/2012	Pamela Leland, Renna Van Oot
7/22/2012	Karen Conlan, Ruth S. Thompson
7/29/2012	Kelli Trice, Margaret Walton

In July and August, Meeting committees will provide refreshments following worship, introductions and announcements. Please plan to stay and mingle.



## Clerk's Message and Treasurer's Report

### Decisions by Meeting – June 2012

The following decisions were made during Meeting for Business held on June 3, 2012:

- Meeting approved the Minutes of our May 6, 2012 Meeting for Business with certain corrections.
- Meeting approved additional use of the meeting house for Chester County Day for distribution of box lunches and setup of related facilities by the organizer. (Note: Meeting approved opening the meeting house to the public on Chester County Day, Saturday Oct. 6, 2012, during our April 2012 Meeting for Business.) The Outreach Committee will be asked to organize greeters and other functions as necessary for the open house.
- Meeting approved a Minute of Appreciation for Barbara and Rick Draper; the Clerk will draft a minute for consideration at our next Meeting for Business.
- Meeting approved a Minute of Appreciation for teachers Cynthia Leahan and Jan Slough as they retire from service to our Kindergarten; the Clerk will draft minutes for consideration at our next Meeting for Business.

### Treasurer's Report – May 31, 2012

The beginning balance was \$45,724.99. Our total income and expenses for this month include plant sale income and expenses, so they are higher than normal. Total income for the month of April was \$37,628.71 (\$7,339.24 without plant sale income). Total expenses were \$17,289.11 (\$6,970.16 without plant sale expenses). The net ordinary income *for the month* was \$20,339.60 (\$369.08 without plant sale net income). The ending balance was \$66,064.59 including plant sale proceeds.

Contributions received to date are \$31,668.75 (29% of budget, while 42% of the year has passed). May we provide a "Friendly Reminder" to everyone that making contributions regularly throughout the year makes it easier for us to manage our cash flow needs.

### Preliminary Agenda – Meeting for Business – July 1, 2012

- Minutes of June 2012 Meeting for Business
- Response to the Seventh Query – Peace & Social Justice Committee
- Treasurer's Report
- Annual Reports – Western Quarter

The following letter and commentary come from Gail Newbold:

## The Journey

Dear Friends,

Did you ever see a spiritual lesson coming toward you, and you wanted to run away? I sat in the witness chair in court June 7 and read the first three words from my prepared notes. The prosecutor said, “She’s reading; is she reading?” Witnesses are to testify directly, not read. “Yes,” my mind said. “Quiet. Fear not. Reach in. Testify, Friend.”

Defending my own actions of “trespass” was the next installment toward changing the PNC Bank policy regarding mountaintop removal coal mining. Vint Deming, Central Philadelphia Meeting and I were up for trial, three weeks after the 200-mile “Green Walk” concluded (see the June Bulletin). This trial of conscience brought us a structured examination of *Where is the Justice, in this coal mining practice?* At the end Vint and I were fined \$76 each and \$424.50 court costs, for misdemeanor “defiant trespass” and misdemeanor conspiracy. To recall, on Dec. 6 we “Windmill 5” (of Earth Quaker Action Team) were arrested when we asked to dialogue with PNC Bank officials and stayed in the bank lobby after being invited to leave.

During the past 6-7 months, the spiritual support from many London Grove Friends has been a blessing. A big thanks, from my heart. I have gone around the circle: pray – act – learn – pray... a few more times than usual, during these months of the Green Walk, legal preparation, and legal proceedings.

In the 1670 trial of William Penn and William Mead, in England, the jurors were jailed by the judge in order to coerce the jury to decide against Penn and Mead. The jury members answered to a higher calling: Justice based in truth rather than justice based in the “customary” practice in which jury members were expected to obey all directives placed on juries by the judges – a practice that delivered total control of verdicts to the top rulers of Britain.

Our attorney Larry Krasner asked Judge Dugan to look at truths, too: Truths deeper than the trespass statute’s focus. Judge Dugan was asked to give recognition to the bitter results in Mountaintop Removal. These bitter results will become known by greater numbers of people. Thus, witness will keep growing. We look for the end of the numerous, tragic deaths and birth defects from mountaintop removal. If you are moved to act, there is a place for each of us, account holders or not, in the “Green Your Money” strategy (see [www.GreenPNC.org](http://www.GreenPNC.org)). Over \$2 million has been removed by account holders, beginning June 1. - Gail

In Marianne Whitlock’s words, after observing at the June 7 trial:

“Here is the beautiful thing that Gail explained when she was on the witness stand. Quakers believe that there is that of God in everyone. If EQAT members had been allowed to speak with a PNC executive, she believes that they would have learned from

each other. Each would have seen the other's point of view, and all involved would have grown from the conversation. They did not succeed in getting that conversation, but the belief, so different from the frequent hostility in politics, uplifts the spirit."

In Zach Hershman's June 8 report (for EQAT, abridged here.):

"Sadly, despite an engaging and excellent defense by our lawyer Larry Krasner, our two defendants Gail Newbold and Vint Deming were found guilty in court yesterday. But there is much more to this story.

First, Judge Patrick Dugan allowed all of our testimony and evidence to be entered and explained. We heard testimony on the effects of mountaintop removal from Ingrid Lakey and then exceptionally thoughtful, well written and spoken personal stories from Vint and Gail – I hope we can get transcripts to share later on.

Second, the courtroom was absolutely full – every seat was taken by Quakers, supporters and allies, which was a stunning demonstration of the love and compassion of our community. I know Vint and Gail were grateful, and it was a sight to see so many of us filling the halls of the Criminal Justice Center.

Our lawyer took an interesting route. Among other things, he argued a "Justification" defense: that, even if the court found the defendants did commit a misdemeanor, the law holds that if the inconvenience we caused was necessary to *prevent an immediate, greater harm*, then the defendants could be found not guilty. Referencing the fact that the cancer rate in the coal fields is more than double the norm in surrounding counties, Larry pointed out that it will amount to about one added cancer death per hour. Putting that side by side with our Windmill action in December, he asked the court to consider the harm of our hour-long action, compared with the harm of one hour of mountaintop removal, and whether our actions did in fact have "Justification" to prevent these tragedies.

In closing the trial, Judge Dugan called it "a learning experience," adding, "You are both to be admired for the cause you've been involved in," and "If it were in my power to compel PNC to sit down with you here and have a dialogue, I would." Yesterday was in many ways still quite a big success. It's a shame that Gail and Vint were found guilty, but it's also part of what we can expect as we carry our courageous work forward.

I'm reminded of an apocryphal story when, during his time in jail for tax resistance, Henry David Thoreau was visited in his cell by the poet Ralph Waldo Emerson. Emerson asked, "Henry, what are you doing in there?" to which Thoreau replied, "Waldo, the question is, what are you doing out there?"

My thanks today go to Vint and Gail for their bravery and dedication, every member of the Windmill 5 for their sacrifice, and to every Friend who held us in the Light. Thank you."

Spring's first outdoor worship:

As the children arrived, a minor miracle happened. A Friend was led to observe that we had just experienced the "seating of the multitudes."



June 10 Children's Day:



Costumed children recapped what they had learned in First Day School during the past year.



...Children's Day continued with a hand-cranked ice cream social...

...and coincided with Barb and Rick Draper's farewell lunch in the Meetinghouse.



## News from Philadelphia Yearly Meeting

Western Quarterly Meeting at West Grove Friends Meeting

JULY 15, 2012

**RED**, WHITE, **BLUE** & QUAKER GRAY

Chris Densmore, Curator, Friends Historical Library, Swarthmore College will speak on Quakers & Patriotism

### **Peace Potluck Picnic at Taylor Farm**

Sun, 07/22/2012 - 4:00pm - 7:00pm

Potluck for Peace & Justice Witness & Conscientious Objection at Taylor's Lane Farm in Cinnaminson, NJ. This year we highlight the Center on Conscience and War (CCW of D.C.) which assists Conscientious Objectors to military service.

Come prepared to meet others who share your concerns, bring a dish to share, come with curiosity and open-mindedness. Beverages provided. Rain or shine, on bank of the Delaware River under cooling shade trees. Come at 4, we will eat about 5, exchange past experiences with witness, learn of current needs and help for C.O.s, hopes and plans for future.

Hosts: Nick Kakaroukas and Suzanne Day [Suzanne@riverfarm.org](mailto:Suzanne@riverfarm.org) - 856 829-7034 - #5 and #3 Taylors Lane Cinnaminson 08077

### **Young Friends Camp Onas Gathering**

Sun, 08/19/2012 - 3:00pm - Sat, 08/25/2012 - 12:00pm

**Sunday, August 19 at 3pm until Saturday, August 25 at 12 noon.**

For Young Friends 9th grade (or age 14 by September 1) through entering college

**QUESTIONS?** Email Maggie Harrison and Hannah Mayer at [YoungFriends@pym.org](mailto:YoungFriends@pym.org)

## *Do You Seek a Deeper Spiritual Experience?*

PYM offers a program that enables participants to deepen their spiritual lives and to build a more intimate covenant community.

<http://pym.org/sites/pym.org/files/SFbrochure120126.pdf>