



London Grove Monthly Meeting

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April Bulletin

4th Month Queries

Nurturing Our Community: Care for the Meeting

- Do we help each other to live with integrity and contribute that integrity to the life of our meeting?
- How does our meeting learn of members' needs and offer its assistance?
- How does our meeting nurture members in all stages of life?
- How does our meeting welcome those new to Friends and integrate them into our community?
- When a member's conduct or manner of living gives cause for concern, how does the meeting respond?
- *Am I ready both to offer and to accept meeting assistance when needed?*
- *Do I treat adults and children alike with respect and without condescension?*
- *What opportunities have I taken to know, work and worship with Friends in the larger spiritual communities we share?*

Editor's Note:

The Queries offered above comprise the fourth in a set of twelve from the newly-approved Faith and Practice. These Queries may differ from those seen in previous years.*

Philadelphia Yearly Meeting's Faith and Practice is the source of Queries used by our Monthly Meeting. During last summer's PYM Annual Sessions, a revised version of Faith and Practice was approved.

Queries have been regrouped under broad headings (Deepening Our Faith; Nurturing Our Community; Grounding for Transformed Lives; Witnessing in the World). In some (but not all) cases, Queries have been renumbered.

*PYM has now removed the "outdated" queries. If curious, compare to LGFM's **previous bulletins** online. One may find the complete list of updated queries on **PYM's Website**

April 2018 Calendar

4/1	Happy Easter! Welcome Home Reunion--Friends, Neighbors, Guests are invited.	
	8:30 AM	Easter Chorus Rehearsal
	9:30 AM	Meeting for Worship; Children's First Day School & Easter egg hunt, led by the Newbold family. Also, a beautiful pansy for each of us.
	1030 AM	Family Easter Celebration with our choir, Bible reading, and Easter story.
4/5	7:30 PM	Property Committee
4/8	8:30 AM	Peace and Social Concerns Committee
	9:30 AM	Meeting for Worship; Children's First Day School
	10:30 AM	Meeting for Worship for Business
4/12	7:00 PM	Care and Membership Committee
4/14	Response Due to Nominating Committee--see pages 4, 5, & 6 for information regarding committee membership	
4/15	9 AM-3 PM	Quarterly Meeting at Mill Creek Meeting (1140 Doe Run Rd Newark,DE) Program for children and adults; followed by covered dish luncheon. (Please see pages for more detail).
	9:30 AM	Meeting for Worship; No Children's First Day School
4/19	9:30 AM	Library Committee
	6:30 PM	Committee of Clerks
4/22	9:30 AM	Meeting for Worship; Children's Program: Earth Day stroll, Scavenger Hunt, History of Our Outside, Buildings, and Grounds--L. Provinsky
	10:30 AM	Adult First Day School: 200 Years of Quaker Separation--M.Myers
4/29	9:30 AM	Meeting for Worship; Children's First Day School: Disciples--M.Walton
	10:30 AM	Adult First Day School: Judaism--Maury Hoberman

Childcare and Flowers Volunteers

Date	Volunteer bringing Flowers	Childcare Volunteers FIRST HOUR	Childcare Volunteers SECOND HOUR
4/1	Baz Powell	No Child Care	No Child Care
4/8	Anna Myers	Chris Hinks	Karen Conlan
4/15	Eleanor Carnes	Dawn Thompson	Gail and Denis Newbold
4/22	Grace Pfeifer	Terry Anderson	Carolyn Muller
4/29	Don LaBranche	Grace Pfeifer	Sam Cypressi

3rd Month Meeting for Worship for Business Summary

Following responses to this month's Queries on spiritual nurture, 33 Friends gathered in Worship with attention to business on 3/4/2018 and approved last month's Minutes. Keeper of the Calendar Anna Myers brought forward "a happy request" from Tom, Tammy and Tori Brosius to use our property for Tori's wedding to Steve Coler on 9/22/2018, following their wedding rehearsal on 8/21. Friends approved with pleasure.

Clerk of Trustees Tom Brosius gave their Annual Report. Recalling significant losses in the difficult year 2008, Tom shared that this past year Friends Fiduciary Corporation returned more than 17.5% on funds they manage on behalf of our general fund and three other funds associated with our burial grounds. Total values increased from \$1.309 million on 12/31/2016 to \$1.566 million on 12/31/2017. We accepted the report with thanks.

Treasurer Doug Myers reported the additional good news that we are 16.7% through the year and 27% of budgeted contributions have come in. Report accepted. Doug read a proposal from Finance Committee that recommends that Western Quarterly Meeting (WQM) hold an operating reserve of 50% of its current operating budget and that it establish a separate capital reserve fund "against expenses that may arise with historical meetinghouses given over to WQM's care." Friends approved the proposal and returned it to Finance Committee to transmit to the Quarter.

Peace & Social Justice Committee took turns sharing their work in preparation for Friends Committee on National Legislation's priority-setting for the next Congress. A minute asking FCNL to place Gun Reform at high legislative priority was approved for immediate release. Friends united with the minute. P&SJ will take additional suggestions about mental health reform and Alternatives to Violence under advisement as they prepare a FCNL priority list for consideration at next month's business meeting.

Clerk Carolyn Muller reported that Meeting InReach Committee is planning to pilot the engagement of a paid, part-time, Youth Coordinator and will seek funding of \$60/ month from the Leadership Fund to pilot the project. Friends approved this, and the Treasurer will assist with appropriate details. Peter Weygandt reported that there have been no requests to the Leadership Fund (LF) Committee this year. He reviewed the criteria for applications and reminded Friends that the former Conference Fund is now part of the LF. The Clerk added that sending people to conferences is likely to enrich the meeting.

After speaking with Leslie Shadd, Care & Membership Committee recommends releasing her and sons Josh and Evan Kaplan from membership. Friends approved Clerk Denis Newbold's report and the Recorder will take note.

Summarized by Susanna Davison,
Clerk of London Grove Monthly Meeting of the Society of Friends

WESTERN QUARTERLY MEETING 4/15/18

As is our usual practice, there will be no Religious Education programs offered for children or adults here at London Grove when Western Quarterly Meeting is held on 4/15/2018.

Mill Creek Friends will host the meeting at 1140 Doe run rd. Newark, DE. Friends from around the Quarter will gather at Mill Creek Meeting at 9AM for coffee, tea, and registration.

At 9:30 AM, a participatory program, suitable for all ages, will feature *Tai Chi Chuan*. Come in comfortable clothing and be prepared to learn about the physical, mental, and spiritual benefits of *Tai Chi*. Another option will be an excellent Children's Program, facilitated by Claire Brandenburg, a member of Kennett Monthly Meeting.

Meeting for Worship will be held from 10:30-11:30 AM.

Mill Creek Friends will host a potluck lunch at rise of worship. Friends who are able are invited to bring an item from the suggested categories: sides, salads, desserts, or beverages. WQM will provide coolers of water. There will be a porta-potty with a hand washing station.

Western Quarterly Meeting for Worship will follow the luncheon.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The work of our meeting includes a variety of activities that benefit all of us individually and as a community. The committees that do this work rely on your participation. To all of you who currently serve--your efforts are greatly appreciated.

If you are not currently serving on a committee, or if you would like to join another committee, please look over the descriptions of committees on the next pages and pick the one(s) that interest you.

We would call attention of all Meeting members to two committees in particular--Care & Membership, and Worship and Ministry--two committees perhaps most vital to the functioning of our Meeting, which are both in need of more members.

The Nominating Committee will make every effort to match your skills and wishes with the committee of your choice. Please make your choices known to Peter Weygandt, Co-Clerk Nominating Committee by 4/14/18. Email: maria@weygandtmetzler.com. Phone: 610-486-0165

Auditors

Provide independent assessment and validation that the Meeting's financial operations and reporting are correct and conducted according to proper accounting procedures.

Burial Grounds

Responsible management, care and maintenance of our two graveyards and surrounding grounds. Considers requests for gravesite deeds, makes arrangements for burials and maintains burial ground records.

Care & Membership

Offers pastoral care and counseling to the Meeting family. With discretion, confidentiality, and tact, initiates clearness for marriage, membership, and life decisions. Maintains contact with those confined to home.

Care Committee

Offers emotional, material and spiritual support to individuals and groups in our community, collects food for Kennett Cupboard, supervises UNICEF collection, plans Simple Meal, answers calls to those in need.

Community Outreach

Expands the presence and principles of Friends in the larger community. We inform and invite others who may be searching to join our spiritual community in hopes of finding something for themselves.

Finance

Prepares the Monthly Meeting budget, solicits and collects contributions and oversees payment of the Meeting's expenses in coordination with the Treasurer. Reports to the Meeting our progress in meeting the budget.

Hospitality

Organizes the provision of flowers for each First Day, refreshments for the Christmas Evening Program, lunch for Western Quarterly Meeting, pansies for Easter, and other events as requested. Ensures certification by ChesCo Health Department.

Kindergarten

Administers the London Grove Friends Kindergarten. It is comprised of nine Meeting Members willing to make a serious commitment of time and energy to the continuation of our excellent kindergarten for Meeting and community children.

Leadership Fund

Manages the Leadership Fund. Evaluates requests and awards grants for education, workshops, conferences and service projects. Encourages leadership, service and outreach through personal development.

Library

Maintains the adult and children's libraries. Members review the appropriateness of new books, catalog and maintain the collections.

Meeting Inreach

Prepares and distributes our Monthly Bulletin, Christmas Newsletter, name tags and the child care schedule.

Memorials

Provides care and oversight of memorial services, offering assistance to the family in planning details and carrying out the service.

Nominating

Is responsible for selecting members for each Committee as well as filling individual positions of leadership within the Meeting.

Peace and Social Justice

Works to advance our Peace Testimony and non-violence in settling disputes on all levels, local to international, through letter writing, draft counseling and Peace Awards. Through FCNL, helps set Friends' peace policies.

Plant Sale

Organizes the annual Plant Sale, our major annual fundraising activity for Outreach. Responsibilities include ordering, transporting, pricing, advertising, display and sales of the many plants, trees & shrubs.

Property Committee

Is responsible for the management, maintenance and care of the Meeting House, Caretaker's House, other buildings, the driveways and tending all trees on the property.

Religious Education

Organizes First Day School programs for children and adults. This includes finding teachers and helping them to make curriculum choices and acquire lesson materials. The committee also organizes Children's Day and the Christmas Evening Program. Committee members need only be interested in helping to define and organize First Day School programs.

Trustees

Is comprised of Meeting Members and is responsible for the overall legal and financial matters of the Meeting and the Education Loan Fund.

Worship and Ministry

Is concerned with the spiritual life and nurture of individual members and attenders as well as the Meeting as a community. During our meetings, we include time for worship sharing related to the spiritual life of the Meeting including concerns such as spiritual care and formation, ministry among Friends, and ways to deepen and strengthen our meetings for worship and our life as a spiritual community.

WQM Liaison

Manages our relationship with WQM. Reports on Quarter issues and activities. Suggests ways to better support and serve the needs of WQM. Encourages a broader view of our Quaker community.

PYM Liaison

Manages our relationship with PYM. Reports on issues and activities of PYM. Suggests ways to better support and serve the needs of PYM. Encourages a broader view of our Quaker community.

A STORY WORTH SHARING

The recent Adult Religious Education class on Buddhism brought forth the ideas of lovingkindness and "paying it forward." Betsy Walker shared a recent experience she had while dining with friends in a restaurant. When her party asked for their bill, the server said it had been taken care of by another diner, who had paid the check for their table and left without taking credit for the kindness.

After hearing the anecdote from Betsy, Chris Manning suggested we might want to stay attuned to such little events that might otherwise go unreported. London Grove Bulletin staff welcome short reports of such "random acts of kindness." The third Monday is the deadline for articles to appear in the next month's issue.

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