



Bulletin
London Grove Monthly Meeting
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August 2013

Query for August: Peace

How does our Meeting act to advance peace, to oppose violence, and to support the constructive use of authority in our community, our nation, and the world?

What are we doing as a Meeting:

— to free our nation from militarization, so evident in our society and in its economy?

— to understand the causes of war and violence and to work for the development of the attitudes and institutions of peace?

— to recognize and correct the causes of violence within our communities, and to work toward overcoming separations and restoring wholeness?

— to increase the understanding and use of nonviolent approaches for the resolution of conflicts?

*Do I live in the power of that Life and Spirit that takes away the occasion of all wars?
How do I maintain Friends' testimony that military training and all participation in war
and its preparation are inconsistent with the teaching and the spirit of Christ?*

*Do I work for the establishment of alternative ways of settling disputes? Am I aware that
to build a world community requires that we all face our differences honestly, openly,
and in trust?*

*Do I treat conflict as an opportunity for growth, and address it with careful attention?
Do I seek to recognize and respect the Divine in those with whom I have a basic
disagreement? Do I look for ways to reaffirm in action and attitude my love for the one
with whom I am in conflict?*

August 2013 Calendar

Thursday 8/1 7:30 pm Property Committee

Sunday 8/4 9:30 am Meeting for Worship
 10:30 pm Meeting for Worship for Business
 Noon Refreshments outside

Thursday 8/8 7 pm Care and Membership Committee

Saturday 8/10 10 am 300th Anniversary Committee

Sunday 8/11 9:30 am Meeting for Worship
 10:30 am Refreshments outside

Thursday 8/15 9:30 am Library Committee

Sunday 8/18 8:30 am Peace and Social Justice Committee
 9:30 am Outdoor Meeting for Worship (weather permitting)
 10:30 am Refreshments outside
 *See important message from Kindergarten Committee, below!

Monday 8/19 7 pm Religious Education

Wednesday 8/21 6 pm **Kindergarten Potluck Family Picnic - See below...

Sunday 8/25 9:30 am Meeting for Worship
 10:30 am Refreshments outside

*Kindergarten Playground Workday! Following Meeting for Worship on 8/18, everyone is invited to help clean up and prepare the playground for Kindergarten opening. Please consider helping out: Bring work-gloves. Many hands make light work!

**London Grove Community is welcome to join the event and meet Kindergarten families. Please r.s.v.p. to: Peggysue.Fernandes@AstraZeneca.com

Child Care for August

Date	First Hour
August 4	Carolyn Muller
August 11	Michael Keith
August 18	Dawn Thompson
August 25	Marianne Whitlock

Clerk's Report - July 2013

Dear Friends,

I am delighted to provide the following report about our Meeting for Business held on July 7, 2013.

Meeting approved the Minutes of our June 2, 2013 Meeting for Business with minor corrections.

The Clerk read a draft **Minute of Appreciation** for **Betsy Walker** thanking her for her many years of service and support to the Meeting and the Plant Sale. Meeting approved the Minute as read.

We received and accepted the **Treasurer's report**, given by **Doug Myers**. The beginning balance was \$86,233.48. Contributions to the budget were \$3,755.00 for the month of June. Gratitude was expressed to all who have made contributions so far this year. We are 50% through the year and have received 40% of budgeted contributions. We are slightly behind budget and everyone is reminded that our income needs to balance against our expenses throughout the year. The total income for the month was \$4,937.83 including certain designated contributions. Total expenses were \$4,385.83. Net Income for the month was \$552.00. The ending balance was \$86,785.48.

Denis Newbold provided the Library Committee's annual report to Meeting. The committee thanked Meeting for the designation of contributions made in memory of Artie Yeatman to the Library Committee to help fund the purchase of a new computer. Denis shared information about the number of books for adults and children that are held in our Library and the cataloging methods currently in use. Meeting accepted the report.

Karen Conlan provided an update about the Kindergarten. The Kindergarten ended the current school year with a small surplus of about \$7,000 and projects a small surplus for next year also. The Kindergarten is currently 76% enrolled for next year – 13 students in the half-day program, 13 students in the full-day program. This is one more student than last year. Enrollment is still open and there are some possibilities additional students will be enrolled. Meeting accepted Karen's report with gratitude to everyone who has helped our Kindergarten function efficiently.

Anna Myers, Keeper of the Calendar, presented one request for use of the meetinghouse for the Paschall family reunion to be held on Sunday, August 25, 12:00 – 5:00 pm. Meeting approved this request.

Patrick Chase provided an update about the **Helen Corson Peace Awards** sponsored by the Peace & Social Justice Committee. There was lively discussion about how the recipients are determined and the manner in which the awards are presented by each of the six local high schools where the awards are made. The award is \$300 and includes a certificate describing the award. Meeting requested that the Peace & Social Justice Committee publish the parameters for the awards and ensure that information about Helen Corson and the award is read during the high school graduation ceremonies where the recipients are announced. A

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request was also made that the Committee follow up with each student receiving an award and that a thank you note is expected from each recipient.

Note: After business meeting we received the following information from **Patrick Chase** and **David Watkins** about this year's Helen Corson Award recipients:

Through the Peace & Social Justice Committee, London Grove Friends Meeting recently made Helen Corson Peace Awards to graduating seniors at six local high schools. Four of the checks and certificates were presented at end-of-year award ceremonies by members of the Peace & Social Justice Committee; the other two schools have faculty award presentations. The six recipients of the 2013 awards to commemorate London Grove peace & social justice activist Helen Corson are:

- *Avon Grove High School - **Amy Mellinger***
- *Coatesville Area High School - **Charles Leathers***
- *Kennett High School - **Natalie Benn***
- *Octorara High School - **Maurice Bowers***
- *Oxford High School - **Mayrene Arroyo***
- *Unionville High School - **Jacqueline Xu***

The Clerk read a proposed Letter of Introduction requested by **Phil Gilbert** in support of his planned trip to Israel this fall with the Alumni College of Swarthmore College. Meeting approved the proposed letter as read.

The Clerk called for volunteers to attend Western Quarterly Meeting on July 21 to share London Grove's response to the 4th Query (Care for the Meeting Community) and provide a brief report to Meeting during our August meeting for business. **Louise Price, Patrick Chase and Ruth Thompson** volunteered.

The Clerk also called for volunteers to attend some or all of Philadelphia Yearly Meeting Annual Sessions and be willing to provide brief reports about Worship, Business Sessions and Childrens' Sessions to Meeting during our August meeting for business. (Annual Sessions will be held July 24-28 at Muhlenberg College, Allentown, PA.) No one volunteered. The Clerk hopes that members will develop a greater sense of relationship with our yearly meeting. We are not just members of London Grove; we are also members of Western Quarterly Meeting and Philadelphia Yearly Meeting and bear responsibility to be actively engaged in the life of our greater faith community.

With all business concluded, we closed with a period of silent worship together.

Preliminary Agenda – Meeting for Business – August 4, 2013

- Minutes of July 7, 2013 Meeting for Business
- Response to the Eighth Query – Peace (Peace & Social Justice Committee)
- Treasurer's Report
- Report on Western Quarterly Meeting
- Nominating Committee – first presentation of nominees for 2013-2014
- Report on Philadelphia Yearly Meeting Annual Sessions

MARK YOUR CALENDARS for the workshop coming up **Saturday October 26** at London Grove from 9-4, sponsored by the Worship & Ministry Committee. "Deepening Our Spiritual Listening" will be led by Connie Lezenby and Ruth Kinsey of Gwynedd Meeting.

News from PYM

At this year's Annual Sessions the **Long Range Planning Group** brought preliminary results of what we have been hearing as Friends' concerns and hopes for our corporate life as Quakers of Philadelphia Yearly Meeting.

The dozen Friends appointed to prepare a written plan have been learning the discipline of considering what is most longed for, what is feasible given our human and financial resources, what we need right away and what we could expect to accomplish within the next few years.

We have listened to what planners call "Big Questions" and we invite you to contemplate your responses to some of them: How committed am I as a Friend, and how committed is my Monthly Meeting:

- to deepening spiritual life?
- to creating a vital, growing, diverse, multigenerational community?
- to nurturing gifts including leadership and witness?
- Could our yearly meeting's structure be more simple, agile, and better understood?
- What central work needs to be done by Philadelphia Yearly Meeting, what is the work of our local meetings, and how may our interaction be improved?

Read more about the work of the Long Range Planning Group on our website at www.pym.org/long-range-planning-group

The PYM Library is open every Tuesday & Thursday afternoon from 12:30 to 5:00 pm; and on first Thursdays from 12:00 - 8:00 pm.

Every member of Philadelphia Yearly Meeting is a potential member of the library. Once you have registered (which you may do by telephone) start borrowing books! The PYM Library [Catalog](#) is available 24/7 on the web, and books are deliverable and returnable by mail or by Interim Meeting courier from your meeting. Check us out at www.pym.org/library or call 215-241-7000 during afternoon hours to register.

Upcoming Events

"Follow Me," the 5th Annual Northeastern Christ-Centered Friends Gathering, August 30-September 2, 2013, Powell House, Old Chatham, NY. This gathering is sponsored by Powell House, New York Yearly Meeting's retreat and conference center. The gathering of Christ-centered Friends will explore the radical discipleship among those early "friends" and how we might live better as disciples of Jesus. For more information, contact Connie Bair-Thompson at NortheastFriendsInChrist@gmail.com or see the Powell House website at www.powellhouse.org

New Directory

PYM Spiritual Nurturers & Directors



Spiritual Nurturers and Directors are those who have the gift to listen to the story of an individual's search, ask useful questions, encourage the other to go deeper, and hold that person in the Light and in Love.

The Spiritual Formation Working Group is pleased to share the new ***PYM Directory of Spiritual Nurturers & Directors.***

Spiritual Nurturers and Directors are known to have a regular prayer life, cultivate their own spiritual growth, especially through meeting with a nurturer/director or other spiritual guide themselves. They have undergone training and are certified as a Spiritual Director in a recognized program. Nurturers in the Directory have a spiritual support committee and a Minute from the Worship and Ministry Committee or the Clerk of their monthly meeting endorsing their ministry. [Find out more about Spiritual Nurturers and Directors.](#)

PYM Meeting on Worship & Ministry

Facilitating Group Volunteers are Needed



Meeting on Worship and Ministry is the body within PYM specifically charged with the nurture of worship, ministry, and the spiritual life of the Yearly Meeting.

Since 2008, PYM Friends have gathered twice each year to worship and share in a Meeting on Worship and Ministry. This semiannual gathering to share our joys and concerns relating to worship and ministry is the successor to a continuous tradition of PYM Meetings for this purpose going back a century or more. The Spirit of Worship at these gatherings has lifted us up and inspired us to live our faith.

The Meeting on Worship & Ministry invites Friends called to strengthen the life of the Spirit in our yearly meeting to join the facilitating group. [Learn more about the Meeting on Worship & Ministry and how you can help nourish worship in our yearly meeting.](#)