



London Grove Monthly Meeting Bulletin

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Query for November: Stewardship of Resources

Does our Meeting serve social and economic justice in its uses of property and money?
How does our Meeting engage its members in the support of the Meeting's work, its ministry, and the upkeep of its property?

How does our Meeting engage its members in the support of the quarterly and yearly meetings and other Quaker organizations?

To what extent does our Meeting rely on current members for financial support, and what role does endowment income serve? Does the Meeting consider carefully the appropriate role of invested funds?

Am I clear that I am the steward, not the owner, of property in my care?

Do I simplify my needs, making choices that balance self-sufficiency (to avoid unnecessary dependence on others) and fair sharing of resources? Do I make choices as a consumer that support the equitable distribution of income?

Do my employment and other activities allow for use of time and energy in spiritual growth and in service to the Religious Society of Friends?

Do I contribute generously within my means to the funding of the work of Friends in my Meeting, in the yearly meeting, and in the wider world of Friends?

London Grove Friends Kindergarten Open House Sunday November 10 Noon - 2 pm

Please come meet our teachers and tour our school!

The London Grove curriculum is built upon hands-on nature based experiences. Children learn to work together as a peaceful community and appreciate individual differences.



November 2013 Calendar

- Sunday 10/27 9:30 am Meeting for Worship
 Children's First Day School
10:30 am Adult Religious Education
After Adults' FDS: Simple Meal hosted by Peace & Social Justice
 Committee-Donations to UNICEF and AFSC
6:00 pm Adult supper at Inverbrook Farm on Lamborntown Road
 Hosted by Ginny Green and Cintra Murray. To RSVP or to get directions,
 contact Ginny at 302-245-8203 or ginnyblackie@aol.com
- Sunday 11/03 9:30 am Meeting for Worship
 Children's First Day School* (**see important note below!**)
10:30 am Meeting for Worship for Business
- Saturday 11/09 10 am 300th Anniversary Committee
- Sunday 11/10 9:30 am Meeting for Worship
 Children's First Day School
10:30 am Adult Religious Education-"Peace-Making: A World of Creative
Responses-Overview and Sampling"
7 pm Worship & Ministry Committee
- Monday 11/11 7 pm Religious Education Committee
- Wednesday 11/13 7 pm Forum: "Peacemaking After Deadly Conflict"
 Sponsored by Community Outreach and Peace &
 Social Justice Committees (**see page 9**)
- Thursday 11/14 7 pm Care & Membership Committee
- Sunday 11/17 8:30 am Peace & Social Justice Committee
 9:30 am Meeting for Worship
 Children's First Day School
10:30 am Adult Religious Education: Bible Study
- Wednesday 11/20 7 pm Community Outreach Committee
- Thursday 11/21 9:30 am Library Committee
- Sunday 11/24 9:30 am Meeting for Worship
 Children's First Day School
10:30 am Adult First Day School: Quaker Studies

First Day School Field Trip 11/3/2013!

Centre Meeting has invited Western Quarter's children to see the newest Faith & Play story, "Elizabeth Fry and the Women of Newgate Prison." It will be presented at 11 am, during Centre Meeting's First Day School. We plan to carpool, leaving London Grove Meeting at 10:15 am. Parents, please contact Leona Provinski at 388-347-1809, no later than Saturday 11/2, if your child will be coming to this exciting storytelling event.

Kindergarten News

Our friends in Kindergarten will be busy this fall. We have enjoyed learning about the changes we see around us! Trees are changing, animals are preparing, and we are excited for the holidays that are just around the corner. We will celebrate Halloween with our families with our annual Halloween Party. The Used Book Sale will be held on November 16th and 17th. We would love your gently used books to help raise money for our school. Finally, we will share a Thanksgiving Feast with both classes the week of Thanksgiving. The Full-day friends and Half-day friends will come as Pilgrims and Native Americans. Each class will make a gift for the other and prepare yummy dishes to enjoy! This is a wonderful celebration of friendship!

Looking ahead, we will be busy getting ready for our Holiday Program. This year, the program will be on December 18th at 10:00am. We invite you to share this tradition with us. This program is all about the children. The hard work and effort put forth by all of our little friends is very special and a wonderful way to begin the holiday season.

London Grove Friends Kindergarten Used Book Sale



Saturday Nov 16 9 am to 3pm and Sunday Nov 17 Noon to 3 pm
Donations of gently used children's and adult books, movies, and music gratefully appreciated. Please leave your donated books at the meetinghouse, in the first classroom on the right in the back hallway.

From the Religious Education Committee

Attendance has been good since First Day School reopened, with two classes meeting most Sundays. The "Yoga Calm" class has been especially popular! New members are joining the committee. We continue to wish for more teachers, and a new volunteer recently came forward. Please consider whether you have a crafting talent to share at the traditional intergenerational ornament-making event on 12/15. Plans are underway for the traditional two Christmas programs on 12/22. We are seeking the smallest baby to play the Christ Child in the evening program.

From the Worship & Ministry Committee!

Greetings! For the last twenty years (except for one cancellation due to snow), the Greater Works Ministry has come to London Grove on the first Saturday of December to share in a potluck dinner, followed by their group gifting us with their music and healing ministry. We are sorry to say they are not able to be with us this year.

In the past, the Worship & Ministry Committee has helped to host this event. We would like to carry on the tradition, in our own way, of beginning the Christmas season at London Grove with food, fellowship and music. There will be a potluck dinner on Saturday, December 7 at the Meeting House beginning at 6:00, followed by a musical gathering. Bring your favorite dish, your singing voice, and musical instruments!

Clerk's Report for October 6, 2013

Dear Friends,

Gathered members and attenders continued worship on the 6th day of the 10th month, moving into the business of London Grove Monthly Meeting. Rising from the silence, Clerk **Karen-Lee Brofee** noted her appreciation of the Meeting's trust in asking her to assume this role and asked for everyone's help so that she might keenly listen, know the sense of the Meeting, and be a humble part of spirit-led decisions.

Announcements included a request for cookies from the Memorial Committee for the October 12th memorial celebration of Harold Miller's life and an invitation to the Religious Education Committee's and Kindergarten Committee's Parenting Program on Friday evening, which includes a pizza supper and talk by Dr. John Scardina followed by discussion. In addition, two letters were received, one from Friends Journal and one from FCNL (Friends Committee on National Legislation) of sincere appreciation for London Grove Monthly Meeting's donation. These donations were from the Plant Sale-raised funds. Treasurer **Doug Myers** commented that he frequently receives letters from the supported organizations, as does Betsy Walker, but they are not usually read. Meeting suggested that these letters be collected by the Plant Sale Committee for documentation and future reference.

Recording Clerk **Becky Matos** read the minutes of 9th Month business, followed by **Patrick Chase** noting the upcoming October Simple Meal as a response to the Tenth Query, "Stewardship of the Environment."

Doug Myers reported an opening balance of \$27,643.75 as of September 1, 2013 and a closing balance of \$28,188.34. September expenses included lawn care for August and September, the repair of a storm window, stone for the driveway, the quarterly payment for trash removal, and overhead costs totaling \$2,928.58 . **We are 75% through the fiscal year and have received 46% of our contributions.**

In the absence of Recorder **Betsy Walker**, the Clerk read her entries for the past month: the death of William T. Wickersham, 9/22/13 at age 93; the death of Judith A. Montague, 9/26/13 at age 63; the death of Harold E. Miller, 10/4/13 at age 84; the marriage in the Manner of Friends of Emma K. Podolin (granddaughter of Ruth Harrison) and Joshua Gould in Warwick, Vermont on 9/14/13.

Anna Myers stood in for **Margaret Walton**, reading Margaret's report of the Business Meeting of Western Quarter. A Friend noted that Quarterly Meeting's new practice of having a separate Business Meeting, independent of the Quarterly Meeting gathering, makes these reports very important. They are filled with information of which everyone should be aware. She asked that copies of the report be made available. After much discussion, Meeting agreed to have the report, and each Quarterly Business Meeting report that follows, published in the Bulletin, including the link to the Quarter's web site for more in-depth information.

Three Minutes of Appreciation (appearing on pages 7 and 8) were read by the Clerk: for **Martin Reber's** clerkship, for **Anna and Mark Myers'** contributions and support of our Meetinghouse and grounds; and for **Rick Hearne's** contribution of the supporting joist for the Kindergarten floor repair.

Sandy Reber presented an update on the 300th Anniversary Committee's planning for the coming year. As she began her description of the planned monthly activities, she noted that the William Penn Oak is now the Pennsylvania Champion Tree. Sandy will present a written schedule of activities and a budget at the next Business Meeting.

Peggy Sue Fernandes, Clerk of the Kindergarten Committee, presented the Annual Report of the Kindergarten Committee. The report was extremely informative and comprehensive. It detailed the extensive work of the committee this year to support and assure an excellent Quaker educational experience for beginning learners that is well structured, carefully managed, and fiscally sound. Meeting expressed gratitude for the caring and focused work of the committee, affirmed the continuation of the Kindergarten under the care of the Meeting, and accepted the report with appreciation.

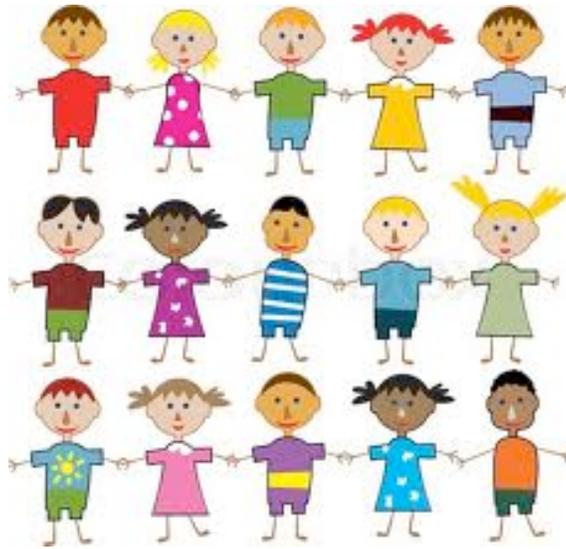
Grace Pfeifer presented the annual report of the Memorial Committee describing their work, recent memorial receptions, and the members of the committee. Special note was made of the committee's deep appreciation of Anna Myers' service on the committee.

The morning concluded with a reminder of the upcoming October 26th workshop, "Learning and Practicing Spiritual Skills, Deepening Our Worship Experience," followed by Meeting's settling in silent worship.

Karen-Lee N. Brofee, Clerk

Preliminary Agenda – Meeting for Business – November 3, 2013

- Minutes of October 6, 2013 Meeting for Business
- Response to the Eleventh Query – Stewardship of Resources” the Environment
- Treasurer’s Report
- 300th Celebration Committee Report and Budget Proposal
- Finance Committee – Budget Proposal
- Scheduled Reports from:
 - 1) The Property Committee
 - 2) Burial Grounds Committee
 - 3) Committee of Clerks Report



Important Message from the Inreach Committee

Inreach is in the process of filling the 2014 Child Care roster for the first and second hours of Sunday worship. We join their families in missing Judy Montague and Mary Dugan, who were on last year’s Child Care roster but who have since died. In their memory, we hope many meeting members and attenders will consider stepping up to take on the pleasant duty of spending time with the First Day School children.

During first hour, while First Day School is in session, one person is needed to assist the teachers with their planned lessons and activities, including snacks. Second hour, requiring two adults, is unstructured play time, with a snack provided by the Religious Education Committee.

This service is a wonderful way to “let your life speak” by being a Friendly Adult Presence among the Meeting’s treasured future, our children! The clipboard, where you may sign up as you feel led, is available in the foyer of the meetinghouse. If you can fill one of the needs for November below, or if you have questions, please contact Carolyn Muller or Marianne Whitlock.

Child Care for November

Date	First Hour	Second Hour
November 3	Scott Rhodewalt	Grace Pfeifer, Tammy Brosius
November 10	Georgia Delaney	Gail Newbold, Denis Newbold
November 17	Marianne Whitlock	We need two caregivers.
November 24	We need a helper,	Margaret Walton, James Yeatman

The PYM Library



LONDON GROVE MONTHLY MEETING

Three Minutes Approved on Sixth Day, Tenth Month, 2013

To: Martin Reber, Former Clerk of London Grove Monthly Meeting, 2011-2013
From: London Grove Monthly Meeting, Karen-Lee N. Brofee, Clerk
Subject: A Minute of Appreciation

I am pleased to have the opportunity, at the specific request and full approval of London Grove Monthly Meeting on September 1, 2013, to minute the Meeting's appreciation and gratitude for the tender care and vigilant attention you have freely given to the London Grove Quaker community throughout your clerkship.

Scripture (1 Peter 4:10) suggests:

“Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms.”

Truly this speaks of the service you have given. Your gifts of vigilant listening, quiet discernment, and thoughtful summarizing have marked your clerkship with clarity and progress. As a Meeting we have felt both God's grace and love in your work with us. We shall remember the stories you have shared, tucking them into our hearts, weighing them with our spirits, and calling them forth in the Light as needed.

Along with you, we--as individuals and as a Meeting--have learned and are the stronger for your clerkship. Thank you, Martin. London Grove is fortunate to count you among its own.

To: Mark and Anna Myers
From: London Grove Monthly Meeting, Karen-Lee N. Brofee, Clerk
Subject: A Minute of Appreciation

During the business portion of London Grove Monthly Meeting's September 1, 2013 Meeting for Worship, Treasurer Douglas Myers presented the Treasurer's Report which included the expenses for the driveway and parking pavement as well as the repairs to the Kindergarten classroom floor. One member questioned the cost of the project, commenting at that time that the figures seemed extraordinarily low for the scope of the required work. Meeting then learned that the burden of the expenses was significantly lightened by your personal contributions.

We are grateful for the care and concern that you, Mark and Anna, vest in London Grove Meeting's property. Without a doubt, the Kindergarten is an important outreach of our Meeting. We appreciate its continuing operation and know it must be a safe and well maintained facility for our children, their parents, and staff. Thank you for your continued help.

Likewise, each First Day morning or week time committee gathering we are reminded that it is truly a gift to pull up to the Meeting on a safe and attractive entrance, walk into the meetinghouse across beautiful grounds, and settle into worship in a well-cared for house. This could not be accomplished without the significant behind the scenes support and attention large needs and small details that you both provide.

Thank you both for all that you continually do in behalf of London Grove Monthly Meeting.

To: Rick Hearne
From: London Grove Monthly Meeting, Karen-Lee N. Brofee, Clerk
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We are very grateful for many reasons. Foremost, we want the children who learn and play at London Grove to always be safe in a well-cared for and maintained facility. Secondly, we want our meetinghouse to continue to stand and welcome many generations for the years to come. If that is to happen, then projects of restoration and maintenance must occur with diligence. Lastly, if London Grove is to remain a strong gathering, we must all work together and contribute as we can. We sincerely thank you for your role in modeling and living each of these commitments.

**Forum: Presentation by David Zarembka, Coordinator
African Great Lakes Initiative of the Friends Peace
Teams**

**“From Wringing Hands to Healing Hands:
Tools that Can Work Both in the U.S. and Overseas”
Peacemaking after Deadly Conflict:
Healing and Reconciliation in Rwanda, Burundi, Eastern
Congo, and Kenya.**

Wednesday, November 13, 2013 7:00 PM

**London Grove Friends Meeting
500 West Street Road, Kennett Square, Pa. 19348**

Are revenge, hatred, and another round of violence the only possibilities after deadly conflict? Can healing and reconciliation between enemies occur? This talk will describe how the Alternatives to Violence Project (AVP) is used to bring all sides of a conflict back together. From the AVP program the Rwandans and Burundians have developed another program, Healing and Rebuilding Our Communities (HROC), to deal specifically with personal and community trauma. This program, together with listening workshops, mediation, and inter-community dialogue, will also be described. What are the difficulties? How successful are they? Can they be used elsewhere? These programs are all supported by the African Great Lakes Initiative of the Friends Peace Teams.



David Zarembka

PYM News

"Hicksite Friends and Civil War"

Saturday, November 2, 2013, Arch Street Meeting House. Lecture at the Friends Historical Association annual meeting.

As the nation observes the 150th anniversary of the War Between the States, Friends Historical Association is presenting a free public lecture on the topic "Hicksite Friends and the Civil War." Earlham College history professor Thomas Hamm will give the lecture as part of FHA's annual meeting.

Thomas intends to look at the varied ways that Hicksite Friends responded to the crisis of the Union 1860-1865: where they placed blame for the outbreak of war; how they balanced their staunch Unionism with the Peace Testimony; how they dealt with members who felt it right to enlist in the Union army or otherwise support the war effort; how Friends found a new cause in work among the freedpeople; how Friends supported, and criticized, President Lincoln; and how the experiences of Friends during the war helped shape the course of Hicksite Quakerism for the rest of the 19th century.

Reserved seating at the luncheon before the lecture is available through the FHA website at www.haverford.edu/library/fha

General Secretary Search - Listening Sessions Announced

The General Secretary Search Committee wants to hear from you! We are holding four regional listening sessions to hear your hopes, thoughts and concerns. At each session, members of the General Secretary Search Committee will be present. We will discuss the committee's process and progress to date. The gathered group will then break into smaller groups to discuss two questions:

- What does Philadelphia Yearly Meeting need to be able to grow and thrive in the future?
- What characteristics, experience and skills make a good General Secretary?

Please join us at any of the following listening sessions:

- **Wednesday, October 30, 2013, 6:00 pm**-Wilmington Friends Meeting, Wilmington, DE
- **Sunday, November 3, 2013, 1:00 pm**-Harrisburg Monthly Meeting, Harrisburg, PA
- **Saturday, November 9, 2013, 1:00 pm**-Arch Street Meeting House, Philadelphia, PA
- **Sunday, November 10, 2013, 12:20 pm**-Richland Monthly Meeting, Quakertown, PA

Although we have done our best to select times and locations that will reach as many people as possible, we can't go everywhere. If you cannot join us in person, please share your thoughts with us either by taking our short on-line survey at <http://tinyurl.com/PYMSurvey2> or by sending an email to gssearch@pym.org

For more information about these listening sessions, see the PYM website at <http://www.pym.org/2013/10/10/listening-sessions-scheduled-for-general-secretary-search/>