



# London Grove Monthly Meeting Bulletin

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## Query for First Month: Meeting for Worship

Are our meetings for worship held in stilled, expectant waiting upon God?

As we worship is there a living silence in which we are drawn together by the power of God in our midst?

Is the spirit of our worship together one that nurtures all worshipers?

How does our Meeting respond when the vocal ministry seems inappropriate, or when the meeting for worship is consistently not gathered?

*Do I faithfully attend meeting with heart and mind prepared for worship, clear of any predetermination to speak or not to speak, and expecting that worship will be a source of strength and guidance?*

*Does worship deepen my relationship with God, increase my faithfulness, and refresh and renew my daily life, both inwardly and in my relationship with others?*

*Have I experienced in worship that direct leading to listen or to speak, and have I been faithful to my own experience?*

## Called Meeting Announced

Clerk of yearly meeting, Jada S. Jackson, has called for a Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business to discern how we, as a faith community, are being led to address racism. Elinor Thomforde and Donald LaBranche will be LGMM's representatives to the called meeting.

The called meeting will be held on Saturday, January 10, 2015 from 1:00 – 4:00 pm at the Arch Street Meeting House in Philadelphia, PA. Interim Meeting will also be held the same day, from 9:30 am – 1:00 pm at the Arch Street Meeting House. Find out more: [www.pym.org/annual-sessions/called-meeting-january-2015](http://www.pym.org/annual-sessions/called-meeting-january-2015). Please RSVP on the PYM website at [www.pym.org/annual-sessions/called-meeting-january-2015/called-meeting-rsvp](http://www.pym.org/annual-sessions/called-meeting-january-2015/called-meeting-rsvp) so we can plan well, schedule childcare and provide Accessible Parking for those who need it.

## January 2015 Calendar

Sunday 1/4	9:30 am	Meeting for Worship Children's First Day School Yoga Calm (Greta Rech)
	10:30 am	Meeting for Worship for Business
Thursday 1/8	7 pm	Care and Membership Committee
	7:30 pm	Property Committee
Sunday 1/11	8:30 am	Peace & Social Justice Committee
	9:30 am	Meeting for Worship Children's First Day School Genesis: Dinosaurs
	10:30 am	Adult Religious Education Financial "Big Picture" (Richard Wortman)
	7 pm	Worship and Ministry Committee
Sunday 1/18	8:30 am	Religious Education Committee
	9:30 am	Meeting for Worship Children's First Day School Faith and Play (Barbara Haines)
	10:30 am	Adult Religious Education Quakers' Belief: Worship (Mark Myers)
Tuesday 1/20	9:30 am	Library Committee
Sunday 1/25	9:30 am	Meeting for Worship Children's First Day School Music (Eileen Hickman)
	10:30 am	Adult Religious Education Bible Study - Book of Ruth (Donald LaBranche)
	12 pm	Soup Lunch - sponsored by Care and Membership

## January Child Care and Flowers

Date	First Hour	Second Hour	Flowers
1/4	Jill Benjamin	Alexia Vaughan Scott Rhodewalt	Margaret Walton
1/11	Kelli Trice	Pat Mooberry Doug Mooberry	Heidi Benson
1/18	Rebecca Mitchell	Margaret Walton Karen Conlan	Mariah McIntosh
1/25	Ruth Thompson	Rebecca Mitchell Michael Keith	Susanna Davison

## Annual Sessions

Please join with Friends from throughout the yearly meeting for PYM Annual Sessions 2015, Open Our Eyes That We May See, at Muhlenberg College in Allentown, PA, July 29–August 2. Plans are in the works for programs for all ages. Financial aid will be available. We look forward to gathering, guided by Spirit, for worship, fellowship, to conduct our business, share witness and have fun together! For more information visit: [www.pym.org/annual-sessions-2015](http://www.pym.org/annual-sessions-2015)

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

Bulletin deadline is usually the third Monday of each month. We make exceptions, though. Just ask.

## Clerk's Summary of Twelfth Month Seventh Day 2014 Meeting for Business

While continuing worship on the seventh day of the twelfth month, the following business was conducted with Karen–Lee Brofee serving as clerk, Bob Frye as Assistant Clerk, and Gail Newbold as Recording Clerk.

MINUTES: Minutes of the eleventh month business were read as recorded by Laura Reilly and approved with one addendum and a minor correction.

STANDING REPORTS: The Treasurer's Report, prepared by Treasurer Doug Myers showing a closing balance of \$64,456.84 was ACCEPTED as presented with the notation that we are 92% through the year and have received 75% of the budgeted contributions. An item of impact on the treasurer's work this coming month was brought forward by Sandy Reber, Clerk of the 300<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee. Upon the recommendation of the Outreach Fund Committee, Sandy's request for up to \$2400 from the Outreach Fund be made available to cover the unsold 300<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Books costs, was APPROVED by Meeting. The committee anticipates more book sales in December through next year. Meeting expressed great appreciation for the work of the committee in bringing wonderful programs and fellowship to the Meeting during this joyful year of celebration and approved the preparation of a minute of appreciation by the clerk of the meeting.

PRESENTATION OF PROPOSED 2015 BUDGET: Richard Wortmann, Clerk of Finance Committee, presented and commented on the proposed budget for 2015. One item generated discussion: a change in our budgeting commitment to Western Quarter and Philadelphia Yearly Meeting. Rather than continue with a minimum and maximum range, the committee has set a designated amount that represents 46% of the budget as London Grove's contribution. Clerk Karen–Lee reminded Meeting that Western Quarter's proposed budget with significant needs had been brought forth in the Fall. At this time, the Western Quarter Clerk requested individual meetings' discussion, comment, and feedback. The Western Quarter's budgeted need for an accounting service to assume the collection of individual meeting's PYM contributions for PYM raises concern for one, if not more, members who reason that each Meeting can easily be responsible for sending their own Meeting contribution directly to PYM. We will prepare Meeting feedback including this concern for WQ at our January Meeting for Business at which time we will also consider the approval of the London Grove 2015 Budget.

MEMBERSHIP TRANSFER: The clerk read a letter from the clerk of Lancaster Monthly Meeting releasing their member Robert A. Lowe, at his request, to London Grove Monthly Meeting. Robert (“Bob”) has been attending London Grove since this summer, has met with several members from Care and Membership expressing his appreciation of London Grove and eagerness to join our community. Meeting APPROVED and a welcoming committee was appointed.

LONDON GROVE CARES SUBCOMMITTEE: Georgia Delaney reported on the Simple Meal, thanking all participants and workers. It generated \$165 for the Kennett Food Cupboard, eight bags of groceries for families in need, and \$231 for UNICEF. The group now functions as a subcommittee of Care and Membership; but it requests consideration for being named a standalone committee at some point in the future. Leona Provinski shared her work with the Kindergarten Book Sale project in the donation of the books to various adult and childcare organizations in need of books. Letters of appreciation were read.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CLERK’S REPORT: Scott Rhodewalt shared an Interim Meeting request regarding PYM’s continuing work on anti-racism, stemming from initiatives introduced at Summer Session. An action group of designated Monthly Meeting representatives will gather in Philadelphia throughout the next year and a half to help guide and shape Friends’ work in this critical need area of our society. Elinor Thomforde will serve as one of LGMM representatives; another is needed. Leona Provinski shared her experience at Centre Meeting in attending one of the new General Secretary’s gatherings purposed to come to know the Friends of PYM. It was very well attended with folks coming from all over.

The clerk commended to Meeting Jessie Mooberry’s nonviolence talk as available on the web and suggested that other avenues for accessing and supporting her work be explored. Jessie is currently working toward creating a successful means of delivering humanitarian aid to Syria via drones. The RE Committee will be asking Jessie to present at First Day School this Spring.

With the business completed, Meeting closed in silent worship.

Summarized by,  
Karen-Lee Brofee, Clerk of LGMM

## Preliminary Agenda for First Month Meeting for Business

1. Minutes of 12th Month's Meeting with a Concern for Business
2. Response to the Query: Meeting for Worship
3. Standing Reports: Treasurer's Report; Recorder's Report; Keeper of the Calendar Report
4. Welcoming Committee for Member Transfer
5. Budget 2015 Approval
6. Composition of Concern and Appreciation Feedback for Western Quarter 2015 Budget
7. Response to London Grove Cares Subcommittee Request to be Recognized as a Stand-alone Committee
8. Representation to Anti-Racism Action Planning
9. Concerns of Meeting
10. Clerk's Items

### Religious Education Committee Report

As we look ahead into 2015, days are growing longer and the Religious Education calendar of programs for adults and children is becoming (almost) predictable! For example, monthly sessions for adults on Bible Study and Quakerism will usually be held on third and fourth First Days. Special topics are planned for second First Day and, when they occur, on fifth First Days. Please see the Bulletin Calendar page for details.

Children's First Day School continues with Yoga Calm classes on first First Days; Bible and Quaker Studies, taught by a variety of Friends on second First Days; and (usually) Faith & Play or Centerquest stories on third First Days. Various Friends will lead sessions with Quaker Games and Music on fourth First Days.

Our first Convergent First Day School, bringing together children from Western Quarter monthly meetings, was enjoyed by several adults and children from London Grove when it was hosted by West Grove Friends last fall. On March 15 it will be our turn to host the convergence! The RE Committee hopes to come up with a program that will be as interesting (and as much fun) as the one at West Grove--in time to announce details at the January 17 Western Quarterly Meeting.

The RE Committee now meets regularly at 8:15 am on third First Days. Each month a Meeting adult is on duty to greet our children at the back door entrance to the Kindergarten and First Day School Classrooms. We appreciate our Greeters' willingness to help the children find their classes and to take attendance as they arrive.