



# Bulletin

## London Grove Monthly Meeting

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### January 2013

### **Query for January: Meeting for Worship** (see related table on page 6)

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?*

### **Clerk's Report**

The following decisions were made during Meeting for Business held on December 2, 2012.

- Meeting approved the Minutes of our November 4, 2012 Meeting for Business with minor corrections.
- We received reports from the Treasurer, Recorder and the Peace and Social Justice Committee. For more information about the Treasurer's report, see below.
- Meeting approved the membership of Donald LaBranche, as recommended by the Care & Membership committee. Brenda Macaluso, Bob Frye and Patrick Chase volunteered to be the Welcoming Committee for Donald.
- The Finance Committee presented the second draft of our budget for 2013. Final consideration of our budget for 2013 will be held at our January meeting for business.
- Meeting approved a Minute regarding human slavery; the draft Minute was prepared by Western Quarterly Meeting and circulated to all monthly meetings in the Quarter for consideration. A copy of the Minute is included on page 5 in this issue of the Bulletin.

## **Treasurer's Report – November 30, 2012**

The beginning balance was \$14,963.85. Total income for the month was \$18,656.05. Total expenses were \$3,449.45. The net ordinary income *for the month* was \$15,206.60. The ending balance was \$30,170.45.

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**Contributions received to date are \$66,321.00 (60% of budget, while we are 92% through the year). This is significantly below our contribution rate of last year and earlier years.**

*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. At this point we are running well behind where we were at this time last year.*

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## **Preliminary Agenda – Meeting for Business – January 6, 2012**

- Minutes of December 2012 Meeting for Business
- Response to the First Query – Meeting for Worship
- Treasurer's Report
- Finance Committee – budget for 2013

## **Adult Religious Education for January 2013**

January 13, 2013 - Coffeehouse Poetry, continued - “The Nayler Sonnets,” Part 2  
All are welcome, whether or not you attended Part 1. “Fair-use” copies of Kenneth Boulding's 1945 meditation, *There Is a Spirit*, will be shared.

January 20, 2013 - Bible Study - Luke 13 - “What on earth was Jesus thinking?”

January 27, 2013 - “Preparing Responsibly for Death...No Matter What Your Age”  
Heather Sowers leads a discussion on the importance of advance directives. Friends will discuss the practicalities of this legal document as well as the emotional and spiritual aspects of discerning your own preferences and discussing this sensitive issue with loved ones.

## **London Grove Book Club Resumes Meeting**

The first meeting of the Book Club in the New Year will be held at 7:30 pm on Wednesday Jan. 9, 2013. We will discuss "Spiritual Discernment, the Context and Goal of Clearness Committees," Pendle Hill pamphlet # 305, by Patricia Loring.

## January 2013 Calendar

**Thursday 1/03** 7:30 p.m.: Property Committee

**Saturday 1/05** 10 a.m.: 300th Anniversary Committee

**Sunday 1/06** 9:30 a.m.: Meeting for Worship & Children's First Day School;  
10:30 am: Meeting for Worship with attention to Business

**Wednesday 1/09** 7:30 p.m.: Book Club (details on page 2)

**Thursday 1/10** 7 p.m.: Care & Membership Committee

**Sunday 1/13** 9:30 a.m.: Meeting for Worship & Children's First Day School;  
10:30 am: Adult First Day School Coffeehouse – Nayler Sonnets Part 2 (see  
page 2 for more information); noon: Worship & Ministry Committee

**Tuesday 1/15** 9:30 a.m.: Library Committee

**Thursday 1/17** 9:30 a.m.: Library Committee  
7:30 p.m.: Peace & Social Justice Committee

**Saturday 1/19** 9 a.m.–lunch: Western Quarterly Meeting, Kendal Meeting (See  
page 4 for details.)

**Sunday 1/20** 9:30 a.m.: Meeting for Worship & Children's First Day School;  
10:30 am: Adult First Day School, Bible Study: Luke 13, "What on earth was  
Jesus thinking?"; Noon: Religious Education Committee

**Monday 1/21:** Deadline for February issue of London Grove Bulletin

**Thursday 1/24** 7 p.m.: Committee of Clerks

**Sunday 1/27** 9:30 a.m.: Meeting for Worship, 10:30 am Adult First Day  
School: "Preparing Responsibly for Death...No Matter What your Age." (See  
page 2 for details.)

### **From June Yeatman:**

Such a wonderful Memorial event for Artie, I feel I want to thank so many people. Our families felt uplifted and helped by so many wonderful tributes: the Memorial Committee, and Care and Membership, and all the people involved in moving the partitions and setting out hundreds of chairs, then providing those great refreshments and the people helping to park cars. And the important clean-up crew. Especially, thanks to Artie's sister Betsy, and my daughter Linda Flegal, during Artie's last months, and my son Kevin Arnold for officiating on the day, and so many others who brought us food and flowers and many hugs and kind words during Artie's declining time with us. We both appreciated all your help and encouragement; also the Willow Tree Hospice help was tremendous. In the form of emails and cards and visits and phone calls – practical help from friends and neighbors too, we were and are so fortunate to have help from so many people.

I do hope that Artie was there with us, knowing how much we loved and appreciated learning and sharing in his life. He lived his beliefs.

With love and appreciation,

June Yeatman and our families

### **Quarterly Meeting Will Be on January 19 at Kendal Meeting**

The Western Quarterly Meeting will be at Kendal on January 19 from 9 am to lunch. At this very significant event, you will be able to learn more about FCNL work. Featured speakers are Tim Barner of FCNL, who has worked to strengthen and reform the United Nations, and Kate Gould, who is FCNL's lead lobbyist on Middle East policy. Kate is one of only a handful of registered lobbyists in Washington, D.C. advocating to prevent war with Iran and support Israeli-Palestinian peace. Child care with swimming will be available.

#### **London Grove Monthly Meeting**

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Western Quarter [www.localquakers.org](http://www.localquakers.org) There is a link to London Grove at this site.

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

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

## **Minute on Human Slavery**

The following Minute on human slavery was approved by London Grove Meeting during our Meeting for Business on December 2, 2012:

“London Grove Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends shares in the pain and suffering of those trapped as victims of human slavery in this country and throughout the world. Slavery is an affront to our Quaker testimonies and to human dignity. We decry this abomination that has been allowed to spread across the world. We share a moral outrage at human trafficking that leads to slavery and to human bondage through violence and the threat of violence.

We encourage the members of our Quarter and Friends everywhere to be mindful that our faith is reflected in our everyday lives, and to consider how they might alter their consumer and lifestyle decisions to avoid purchasing products that have come from sources that promote slavery.

Above all, we hold in the light the millions of human souls who today are suffering under the yoke of enslavement and those survivors who have been rescued but will work for a lifetime to recover. We support the work of individual Friends and the work of the End Modern Slavery (EMS) Working Group of Philadelphia Yearly Meeting in their leading to witness to the reality of this evil.”

### **Background:**

Virtually every nation on earth has laws abolishing slavery, but today an estimated 27 million people are in bondage. They are victims of illegal human trafficking, which the United Nations defines as a crime against humanity. Slavery is no longer race-specific. Every race, ethnic group, nation, and city has its share of slaves. They are invisible to us because the holding of human beings as slaves is illegal, and thus kept in the recesses of society. But the trafficking in human beings is now the fastest growing criminal enterprise in the world, surpassing the illegal arms trade in 2010. Over 80% of enslaved people are female, over 50% are children. They may have sewn the garments we are wearing, or grown the beans for the coffee we are drinking. They produce much of the cocoa for the candy bars that we pack with our lunch. Slaves can be found in the massage parlors and street corners in our cities. And they are even held captive as domestic servants in the most affluent neighborhoods of the major cities of this nation. It is a global and local crisis – from the brick kilns of Pakistan to the tobacco fields of North Carolina. They are trapped, subjected to violence and fear of imprisonment, and exploited.

The proposed Minute on human slavery was prepared by Western Quarterly Meeting during its meeting for business held on November 13, 2012 and circulated to all monthly meetings for their consideration and discernment.

- Robert Frye, Peace & Justice Committee London Grove Monthly Meeting

## Looking Ahead at Query Responses and Reports

Month	Query	Query Response	Annual/Other Report
January	Meeting for Worship	Worship & Ministry	Recorder
February	Meeting for Business	Committee of Clerks	PYM Interim Meeting Kindergarten
March	Spiritual Nurture, Ministry and Religious Education	Religious Education	Auditors Trustees
April	Care for the Meeting Community Care for one another Care in my home	Care & Membership	Meeting Inreach Hospitality
May	Education	Kindergarten	Library Conference Fund
June	Equality	Peace & Social Justice *	Plant Sale Kindergarten
July	Social Responsibility and Witness	Peace & Social Justice *	Western Quarter
August	Peace	Peace & Social Justice *	Nominating Committee (proposed slate)
September	Ministry of Outreach Outreach & Collaboration	Community Outreach	Nominating Committee Kindergarten
October	Stewardship of the Environment	Peace & Social Justice *	Burial Grounds Memorials
November	Stewardship of Resources	Property	Finance – Budget proposal
December	Integrity and Simplicity	Peace & Social Justice *	Finance – Budget

**Notes:**

Queries are from PYM Faith and Practice, 2002

Committees should discuss their Query in committee during the month prior to the Reading of the Query

(\*) Peace & Social Justice should choose one of the indicated months to respond to a Query.

“Whether you turn to the right or to the left, your ears will hear a voice behind you, saying, ‘This is the way; walk in it.’ ” Isaiah 30:21