

## **Response to the 1<sup>st</sup> Query: *Meeting for Worship***

Worship & Ministry Committee

January 6, 2013

The Meeting for Worship at London Grove Monthly Meeting is one of our greatest treasures. Although the underlying tone may vary from week to week, ranging from an excited festive feel at Christmas to a deep-felt sadness when one of our cherished members has passed, or a feeling of shock as a result of global news or global weather, there is consistently a gathered experience – a gathering of a faith community with each other and with the Divine. The Silence is rich, welcoming, and soothing, with a deep sense of peace that is needed in the hectic lives we are living.

The combination of our wonderful meeting house, our beautiful Penn oak, the many people that have come before us at London Grove, as well as each one of us who is here on any Sunday morning, help to create the opportunity to open ourselves to each other and to the Divine Presence. There is often a strong sense of a Living Silence and a sense of Sacred Space. At times the Presence is made known through messages we share with each other, sometimes someone speaks our mind, and sometimes the messages have a similar thread. We are blessed to have access to this opportunity to be in the heart of God.

We come together in the spirit of community. There is a gladness as people are greeted in the foyer, people light up when they see each other. Guests are welcomed as they enter and after the Meeting for Worship breaks.

The Worship & Ministry committee recognizes its charge of overseeing and nurturing the Meeting for Worship and the spiritual life of London Grove Meeting. Our committee has recently lost longtime members and has acquired several new members. We are currently working on deepening the spiritual life and connections of our committee, as we also look at the meeting at large. We agree that we need to take care of ourselves spiritually, as well as each other, that we can learn to be spiritual friends, find ways to share our spiritual journeys, that everyone of us is on a journey and is growing, and that it is helpful if we can check in with each other.

The Worship & Ministry Committee has a desire, as well as an intention, to hold the Sacred Space for the larger community, to teach by example, to be a resource - for meeting members to know that we are here with a very deep caring, with a love. We are looking at a variety of ways that we might come to know each other better, and to develop deeper connections with each other and the Divine. We aspire to manifest God's Love for everyone as we go about our daily lives, and nurture the Oneness that is so apparent during Meeting for Worship at London Grove on Sunday mornings.

Respectfully submitted,

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