



## London Grove Monthly Meeting

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### September 2016 Bulletin

#### Ninth Month Queries on Ministry of Outreach

##### Outreach

What are we doing as a Meeting to communicate our presence and our principles to the community around us? Does our Meeting's ministry of outreach lead Friends to share their spiritual experiences with others?

What are we doing to invite persons not in membership to attend our meetings for worship and to encourage their continued attendance? How does the Meeting welcome visitors? Are we sensitive to the needs and hesitations of each visitor?

Are we tender to the needs of isolated Friends and Meetings, and to nearby Meetings seeking support?

*How do I ground myself in the understandings of my faith? Am I clear about my beliefs? How do I prepare myself to share my faith and beliefs with others?*

*Does my manner of life as a Friend attract others to our religious society?*

*Do I seize opportunities to tell others about the Religious Society of Friends and invite them to worship with us?*

*Is my manner with visitors and attenders to our Meeting one of welcome?*

##### Collaboration

In what ways does our Meeting respond to opportunities to join with other faiths in worship, in social action, and in spiritual dialogue?

How does our Meeting encourage its members to seek opportunities to meet and work with Friends world wide?

*What opportunities have I taken to know people from different religious and cultural backgrounds, to worship with them, and to work with them on common concerns?*

*What opportunities have I taken to know, to work, and to worship with Friends outside of my own Meeting?*

## Ninth Month 2016 Calendar

<b>9/1</b>	7:30 pm	Property Committee
<b>9/4</b>	9:30 am	Meeting for Worship
	10:45 am	Meeting for Worship for Business
<b>9/8</b>	7 pm	Care & Membership Committee
<b>9/11</b>	8:30 am	Peace & Social Justice Committee
	9:30 am	Meeting for Worship; Children's First Day School (See page 5)
	10:45 am	Opening Exercises; Adult First Day School: Bible Study (See page 5)
<b>9/15</b>	9:30 am	Library Committee
	7 pm	Kindergarten Committee
<b>9/18</b>	9:30 am	Meeting for Worship; Children's First Day School
	10:45 am	Opening Exercises; A Pilgrimage to Historical Sites in Upstate NY (p.5)
<b>9/22</b>	6:30 pm	Worship & Ministry Committee
<b>9/25</b>	9:30 am	Meeting for Worship; Children's First Day School
	10:45 am	Opening Exercises; Women Ministers Among Friends (See page 5)



### Childcare and Flowers Volunteers

Date	First Hour	Second Hour	Flowers
9/4	Kelli Trice	Carolyn Muller and volunteer, if needed	Henry Pautner
9/11	Jill Benjamin	Karen Conlan and volunteer, if needed	Henry Pautner
9/18	Carolyn Muller	Sam & Lisa Cypressi	Henry Pautner
9/25	Carolyn Muller	Carolyn Muller and volunteer, if needed	Henry Pautner

## SUMMARY OF 8/7/2016 MEETING FOR WORSHIP FOR BUSINESS

Treasurer Doug Myers offered the financial report for 7<sup>th</sup> Month and year to date. Contributions in last month were \$2,005. Expenses for the month were \$33,800, due primarily to Meetinghouse repairs (attic insulation and driveway sealing) and the distribution of approximately \$17,000 in Plant Sale proceeds to our designated charities. We are over 58% through the year, but have collected only 35% of budgeted contributions.

Susanna Davison of the In-reach Committee gave their Annual Report. The committee supports London Grove members through a variety of activities - the monthly Bulletin, the annual Christmas letter, ongoing email communication distribution to members, and coordinating weekly childcare volunteers. Obtaining Childcare Clearances for volunteers has been a priority this past year (25 cleared YTD). Looking forward, we have a pressing need for volunteers to assume responsibility for the monthly Bulletin and annual Christmas letter.

Brenda Macaluso and Gail Newbold offered reports on the recent Western Quarter Meeting program. It was facilitated by George Schaeffer on the topic of *Listening Spirituality*. Both were positive about the opportunity for sharing in pairs as well as discussing the need to have eldering in a non-judgmental environment in Meetings.

Susanna Davison and Mina Johnson shared impressions of PYM's recently completed Annual Sessions. Each offered a fascinating account of the current challenges faced in bringing the Undoing Racism initiative from word to deed within PYM.

The Property Committee, through current Clerk Mark Myers, brought to the Meeting's attention the need for work on our sycamore tree - specifically to remove the large limb that potentially would severely damage our building if it came down on its own. The committee will come back to Meeting with a recommendation in the next few months.

Denis Newbold of the Library Committee recommended a transfer of \$1,800, originally donated by Francis Walton, from the Library Committee to the Kindergarten Committee with a recommendation that the funds be used for scholarship support. Meeting approved the recommendation.

The Nominating Committee has finalized the draft roster for 2017 Committee membership. Committee Clerk Sam Cypressi reviewed committee additions for the coming year and indicated that member approval would be sought during 9<sup>th</sup> Month Meeting for Worship for Business.

Submitted by Bob Frye, Clerk



## ALTERNATIVES TO VIOLENCE WORKSHOP

Registration is open for an AVP (Alternatives to Violence) Basic Workshop! It begins Friday evening, 9/30 and ends Sunday afternoon, 10/2. The location is just off Concord Pike in Wilmington. One of the organizers is Ariana Langford, one of our co-clerks in Western Quarterly Meeting. AVP is all-volunteer, "dedicated to reducing violence in ourselves and in our lives - our homes, schools, prisons, and communities. We seek to release everyone's inborn power to positively transform ourselves, and in so doing, begin to transform the world." To register: [avpnorthernde@gmail.com](mailto:avpnorthernde@gmail.com). Contact Gail Newbold for more information: [gailnewbold@verizon.net](mailto:gailnewbold@verizon.net), or phone Gail at 610-869-3455.



## REPORT FROM RELIGIOUS EDUCATION COMMITTEE

On September 11, with excitement and much to look forward to, First Day School begins for everyone! Here are some details:

Children's program starts at 9:30 am. We will focus on American Quakers. Adult programs begin at rise of meeting, with Opening Exercises. RE Committee is happy to announce that Donald LaBranche will lead Bible Study on second Sundays. His topic this month is "How shall we come to the Bible?" On 9/18 Karen-Lee Brofee and Susanna Davison will share with the adult class their recent tour, sponsored by Friends Historical Association, of 19th C. upstate New York Quaker and feminist landmarks. On fourth Sundays, beginning 9/25, Mark Myers and Elinor Thomforde will focus our Adult RE Quaker Studies class on "Women Ministers in Quakerism."

The following dates are open for individuals or committees to present an adult First Day School program: November 13 and 20; February 19, March 19 and May 21. Please contact Leona Provinski (610.347.1809) to reserve a date.

### *Enrichment suggestions:*

- 1. You might enjoy borrowing a book from the Meeting Library—or try the "Bring one or take one" recycle bookshelf in the hallway behind the kitchen.*
- 2. If you have a few minutes to spare, try perusing one of the 99+ "Quakerspeak" videos on YouTube: [www.youtube.com/QuakerSpeak](http://www.youtube.com/QuakerSpeak)*

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



## **CAN YOU HELP IDENTIFY THE MYSTERY QUILT PIECES?**

These beautifully stitched quilt tops were left in the Library, perhaps during the 300th Anniversary celebration...Are they yours?

