



London Grove Monthly Meeting

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January 2017 Bulletin

1st Month Queries on 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?



January 2017 Calendar

1/1	9:30 am	Meeting for Worship (no First Day School)
	10:35 am	Coffee Hour while un-decorating from Christmas festivities
1/8	8 am	Outreach Committee
	8:30 am	Peace & Social Justice Committee
	9:30 am	Meeting for Worship; Children's First Day School
	10:35 am	Meeting for Worship for Business
1/12	7 pm	Care & Membership Committee
1/15	9:30 am	Meeting for Worship; Children's First Day School
	10:35 am	WESTERN QUARTERLY MEETING - PLEASE SEE PAGE 3 FOR DETAILS!
1/19	9:30 am	Library Committee
	6:30 pm	Committee of Clerks
	7 pm	Kindergarten Committee
1/22	9:30 am	Meeting for Worship; Children's First Day School
	10:35 am	Opening Exercises; Adult First Day School
	Noon-2 pm	Kindergarten/Preschool Open House - Please see Page 5 for details
1/29	9:30 am	Meeting for Worship; Children's First Day School
	10:35 am	Opening Exercises; Adult First Day School



Childcare and Flowers Volunteers

Date	First Hour	Second Hour	Flowers
1/1	Margaret Walton	Coffee Hour (no childcare)	L. Provinski
1/8	Margaret Walton	TBA	A. Myers
1/15	Cecelia Tang, Susanna Davison	Cecelia Tang, Susanna Davison	B. Powell
1/22	Carolyn Muller	Carolyn Muller	S. Davison
1/29	Dawn Thompson	Betsy Walker	TBA

12th MONTH MEETING FOR WORSHIP FOR BUSINESS SUMMARY

Treasurer Doug Myers presented the financial report of 11th Month / Year to Date as well as the first reading of the proposed 2017 Budget for London Grove Monthly Meeting. It was also announced that Mark Myers is assuming the role of Finance Committee Clerk in 2017.

11th Month Finances: Individual Contributions = \$8,370. 11th Month Facility Expenses = \$1,993. Year to date: We are 92% through the year and have received only 67% of contributions needed to meet our 2016 Budget.

2017 Proposed Budget: The Finance Committee has proposed a 2017 Budget with revenue and expenses equivalent to the 2016 Budget. Revenue & Expenses = \$111,000 vs. \$111,150 (2016 Budget).

The annual report of the Quakers Care Committee was offered by Committee Clerk Georgia Delaney. The purpose of the committee was expressed as one that encourages members to seek the Inner Light and ways to evoke loving hearts through acts of charity, sponsorship of the annual Simple Meal, and support of the Kennett Food Cupboard. It was also reported that this year's sponsorship of Canine Partners for Life (Cochranville) at the Simple Meal was a great success for both CPL and us.

Margaret Walton, Western Quarter Liaison, provided an update on WQM activities. She offered the encouraging news that Western Quarterly Meeting ended our fiscal year (June 2016) with an \$8,000 surplus, mostly as a result of cost reductions. Margaret also summarized plans for the upcoming First Month Quarterly Meeting (to be hosted by us), that includes featured speaker Jerry Poe, Jr. who will talk about Martin Luther King, Jr. and ongoing work in the Kennett Square area. Preparations are also underway for a Convergent First Day program for participating youth. Finally, Margaret announced that the Fourth Month 23 Quarterly Meeting will be a joint Western Quarter / Concord Quarter gathering to be held at Westtown School.

The annual report of the Outreach Committee was given by Georgia Delaney, a member of this committee. Among the various responsibilities of the committee it was noted that Outreach is assessing a partnership with the In-Reach Committee to re-establish contact with inactive members. Key activities in 2016 were the committee's sponsorship of the recent Dukes of Destiny concert (to be held again on 10th Month 21, 2017), and advertising for the annual Plant Sale event. As a result of consideration of the Queries, the committee is considering an outreach to local AME churches for participation in the Dukes of Destiny concert, and possibly collaboration on a Christmas 2017 event.

Meeting Clerk, Robert Frye, read a minute recognizing the contributions to London Grove, Philadelphia Yearly Meeting, and Friends General Conference by Jane P. Rushmore. The minute, titled a Minute of Appreciation for the life among us of Jane P. Rushmore, was the result of a leading that came out of research for our Quaker Women First Day series. London Grove members approved the minute, that now will be forwarded to Western Quarterly Meeting, and instructed Robert Frye to engage other monthly meetings whose histories were touched by Jane's work (in particular Central Philadelphia Monthly Meeting and Westfield Monthly Meeting (NJ)).

Summarized by
Robert Frye, Clerk London Grove Friends Kindergarten News

**LONDON GROVE
FRIENDS MEETING**

HOSTS

January 15, 2017

Schedule:

9:00 - 9:25 - Registration and coffee
9:30 - 10:30 - Worship
10:45 - 11:45 - Program: Time to Wake
Up & Stand Up
12:00 - 1:00 - Lunch
1:00 - 3:00 - WQM Business Meeting

After some shared Worship the children will enjoy their own program centered in our community & equality testimonies.

Childcare for the very young can also be available. Contact: youth@westernquarterquakers.org

**London Grove
Friends Meeting
500 W Street Road
Kennett Square, PA 19348**

**COMING TOGETHER
WITH LOVE AS ONE**



FEATURED SPEAKER:

JERRY FRANKLIN POE

TOPIC:

**TIME TO WAKE UP & STAND UP
FIGHTING FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE IN THE 21ST CENTURY**

*"In the end we will remember not the words of our enemies, but the silence of our friends."
- Martin Luther King, Jr.*

Jerry Franklin Poe Jr. is the Vice President of the Martin Luther King Jr. COMMUNITY of Greater Kennett Square and an active member of the MLK Advocates. He has been a leader in the struggle for social justice for many years. Jerry believes in confronting injustice by speaking the truth in love.

Jerry will speak to us about the MLK COMMUNITY of GKA's function in Southern Chester County. Their work and mission are directly aligned with Friends' testimonies of community, equality and peace, and several Friends in our Quarter have been (and continue to be) involved.



**January Quarterly Meeting Gathering
Western Quarter Friends Meetings**

NEWS FROM LONDON GROVE FRIENDS KINDERGARTEN

The London Grove Friends Kindergarten and "Little Acorns" Preschool will be holding an Open House on Sunday January 22 from 12-2pm.

Come see the classrooms, meet the teachers, and learn about our programs. The preschool class is for three and four year olds. Both a half day and full day kindergarten is offered.

Registration forms and more information can be found on the kindergarten website www.londongrovefriendskindergarten.com



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