



## London Grove Monthly Meeting

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### March Bulletin

### 3rd Month Queries on Spiritual Nurture, Ministry, and Religious Education

Does our Meeting encourage the ministry of both word and deed? How does our Meeting recognize, develop, and nurture the gifts of our members and attenders of all ages?

Does our Meeting prepare all its members and children for worship and for a way of life consistent with the principles of the Religious Society of Friends? How do we teach about Quaker practices in business and worship and their importance to the functioning of our Meeting community?

In what ways do we support each other in order to seek God's will and act upon our understanding of truth? Is there opportunity in our Meeting to share the excitement of religious discovery and the possibility of religious transformation?

Does our Meeting provide opportunities for all in the Meeting to learn about:

- the Inner Light, the living Christ within, the Bible, the writings of Friends, our Christian heritage, other religious traditions and their respective roles in the history and formation of Friends' principles?
- the common testimonies Friends declare?
- the variety of expression Quaker faith takes today?

*Do I maintain as part of my personal and family life those daily practices that focus on continued spiritual growth, with disciplined worship, inward retirement, and communion with the divine spirit?*

*Do I frequently read the Bible and other religious literature, including the records of the lives and experiences of Friends? Do I take the time to explore these resources with others, and likewise encourage my children?*

*Do I share my own faith and spiritual journey, and encourage such sharing within my family?*



### March 2017 Calendar

<b>3/2</b>	7:30 pm	Property Committee
<b>3/5</b>	8:15 am	Religious Education Committee
	9:30 am	Meeting for Worship; Children's First Day School
	10:35 am	Meeting for Worship for Business
<b>3/9</b>	7 pm	Care & Membership Committee
<b>3/12</b>	8:30 am	Peace & Social Justice Committee
	9:30 am	Meeting for Worship; Children's First Day School
	10:35 am	Opening Exercises; Adult First Day School, Bible Study
<b>3/16</b>	9:30 am	Library Committee
	7 pm	Kindergarten Committee
<b>3/19</b>	9:30 am	Meeting for Worship; Children's First Day School
	10:35 am	Opening Exercises; Adult First Day School, George Schaefer on Grief (See page 4)
	Noon	Soup Lunch and Farewell (for now) to Rebecca Mitchell (Please see page 4 for details)
<b>3/26</b>	9:30 am	Meeting for Worship; Children's First Day School
	10:35 am	Opening Exercises; Adult First Day School, Women in Ministry (See page 4)



### Childcare and Flowers Volunteers

<b>Date</b>	<b>First Hour</b>	<b>Second Hour</b>	<b>Flowers</b>
3/5	Chris Hinks	Chris Hinks	Henry Pautler
3/12	Cecelia Tang	Cecelia Tang	Henry Pautler
3/19	Sam Cypressi	Susanna Davison	Mina Johnson
3/26	Rebecca Mitchell	Rebecca Mitchell	Jill Benjamin

## 2nd MONTH MEETING FOR WORSHIP FOR BUSINESS SUMMARY

After the reading and thoughtful consideration of the Second Month Queries on Meeting for Business, Friends spoke to the leadership and sensitivity to the Spirit of our meeting's clerks over the years. Friends shared that elements of Quaker process and arriving at unity are valued and have been helpful to others in the outside world.

Following a break, Assistant Clerk Susanna Davison invited reports on the very successful Western Quarterly Meeting (WQM) London Grove had hosted on 1/15/2017. Barbara Pusey thanked all whose soup and other donated lunch items fed 75 people for the modest expenditure of \$77. David Williamson recapped guest speaker Jerry Franklin Poe's talk, "Coming Together With Love As One." Leona Provinski reported that 14 children attended the Young Friends program. She thanked adults who helped with Friendly games and teaching the testimonies of Equality and Community through acting out Dr. Seuss' story, "The Sneeches." Margaret Walton reported on the afternoon business session: WQM is on budget and is updating its bylaws.

Treasurer Doug Myers reported an opening balance on 1/1/17 of \$97,863. Total income for the month was \$2,524. We are 8% into the budget year and have received 2.4% of the budgeted contributions. Expenses for the month were \$4,637, leaving a closing balance of \$95,750. The Treasurer's report was accepted.

Denis Newbold, Clerk of Care & Membership Committee, brought forward the committee's recommendation that the request for marriage of Rebecca Yerkes and Sarah Gregg under the care of the meeting be approved. Friends approved and also approved naming the Oversight Committee for the marriage. A second marriage clearness committee has been named, but has not yet met with Kimberly Lloyd and Jeffery Russell. Henry Pautler has requested membership and has met with his clearness committee. C&M will host soup lunches on 2/19 and 3/19.

Denis also presented the Annual Report of the Library Committee. Catalogs for all books are online at the LibraryThing.com website and on a printout kept on the Library windowsill. Suggestions for new books are welcomed by the committee.

Rebecca Mitchell presented Meeting Outreach Committee's proposal for a concert by Charlie Zahm to be held outside (weather permitting) on 5/21 from 3-5 pm. Friends approved with enthusiasm. The Myers family agreed that their field could be used for parking and offered to pay for a fiddler to be added to the concert program. Further details will be forthcoming.

Susanna Davison announced that she, Barbara Pusey and Denis Newbold will sit on the facing bench at a celebration of the life of Dave Mooberry on 3/11/17, in the Kendal Auditorium, beginning with a live musical prelude at 1:30 and worship at 2 pm. Carpool, if possible.

Susanna reported that she and Ruth Thompson are assisting a student at Wilmington Friends School who seeks information about London Grove's part in the 1828 Orthodox-Hicksite schism. Mark Myers suggested the student might also consult meeting minutes housed in Friends Library at Swarthmore College.

Peace & Social Justice Committee shared a handout with contact information for FCNL and AFSC, who are responding to the recent ban on immigration from certain Muslim countries. Before closing with silent worship, the Assistant Clerk expressed her sense of having been lifted up during today's worship with concern for business: "It takes a meeting to raise a clerk."

Summarized by Susanna Davison, Assistant Clerk

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## THIS MONTH IN RELIGIOUS EDUCATION AT LONDON GROVE MEETING

- 3/5 RE Committee meeting at 8:15 am  
Youth First Day School topic: John Greenleaf Whittier with Margaret Walton  
Second hour: Meeting for Worship with a concern for business
- 3/12 Youth First Day School class will be baking scones with Grace Pfeifer  
Adult Religious Education: Bible Study with Donald LaBranche
- 3/19 Youth First Day School continues learning about American Quakers  
Care & Membership Committee presents PYM's George Schaefer: **“The Ways We Grieve: Finding Your Personal Path to Healing After the Loss of a Loved One”** A special soup luncheon will follow, during which we will wish Rebecca Mitchell the best as she prepares for a new life in New Hampshire!
- 3/26 Youth First Day School continues learning about American Quakers  
Adult Religious Education: Women Ministers: Margaret Thomforde presented by Elinor Thomford





## NEWS FROM EARTH QUAKER ACTION TEAM!

**George Lakey**, Peace Activist, Author, *Viking Economics—How the Scandinavians Got It Right—and How We Can Too*.

Co-founder of Training for Change and Earth Quaker Action Team.

Along with college teaching he has led 1,500 workshops on five continents and led activist projects on local, national, and

international levels. His first arrest was for a civil rights sit-in and

most recent was with Earth Quaker Action Team while protesting mountain top removal coal mining. While Professor for Issues in Social Change at Swarthmore College he managed the Global Nonviolent Action Database.

**There are two trainings** for inquiry into Nonviolent Direct Action Skills/What to do Currently:

These trainings, to increase our Skills for Action, are led by Earth Quaker Action Team, Training for Change, and POWER (an interfaith group in Philadelphia with participation from over 40 congregations, dedicated to seeking improvements in civic sphere). Visit [www.eqat.org/trainings](http://www.eqat.org/trainings) for more information. For a personal contact, Gail Newbold 610-869-3455 or [gailnewbold@verizon.net](mailto:gailnewbold@verizon.net).

**March 19**, 4 hours: Beyond Marches and Rallies. Tired of the same tactics? Practice designing inventive actions, and share ideas for creative, strategic tactics. **Friends Center**, 15th & Cherry St. Streets, Philadelphia (1501 Cherry St., 19102), 2 p.m. – 6 p.m.

**April 2**, 4 hours: Grounding for Civil Disobedience. The struggle for justice is not a sprint. Learn more about what grounds us for the long-haul, and how to keep your power in civil disobedience. **Friends Center**, 15th & Cherry St. Streets, Philadelphia (1501 Cherry St., 19102), 2 p.m. – 6 p.m.

## REPORTS FROM 2/21/17 WOMEN'S MARCHES IN DC AND NEWARK, DE :

*Kim Brosnan-Myers* reported the slogan “Love Army” characterized the huge number of people marching in Washington, which she experienced on her own. *Georgia Delaney*, who stayed close to *Karen-Lee Brofee*, has the sense that all who participated were linked. She described a fellow, who wore a pink knitted hat, symbolic of the March, who helped her to her feet from the seat on the ground she took after standing so long during the speeches. Georgia reports there is a follow-up group in Kennett concerned about possible deportation of local immigrant workers. *Karen-Lee* thought the speeches were overlong, but was impressed with the energy in the atmosphere and sees the follow-up plans as the energy in a true democracy. *Jill Benjamin* caught the Metro into DC at New Carrollton, MD. On the train she met a woman with a British accent, also alone. They spent the day together and Jill learned more about Brexit! *Betsy Walker* and her Crosslands neighbor *Judy Heald* marched in Newark. Betsy said she wanted to go because she knew Artie Yeatman would have gone. *Judy* recounted that her mother and grandmother had marched for women’s right to vote, and she wore a sash describing that family history.



## **PEACE & SOCIAL CONCERNS COMMITTEE MEMBERS' REFLECTIONS ABOUT THE 2/19 PANEL:**

Co-chairpersons Barbara Walker and David Williamson were unable to attend a march, but they and the P&SC Committee worked hard to bring together the Adult RE Program on short notice. Barbara summarized some panel members' comments for the report on Page 5. David wrote his own reaction, below:

“It takes gumption, fearlessness, dedication to a cause and a spirit of righteousness to embark on an unknown activity such as a protest march. Not knowing exactly what the outcome would be, or fearing that one's presence in an unknown crowd could prove dangerous, did not dissuade the individuals who marched...to demonstrate solidarity... All who shared their experiences had a common theme. They felt empowered and put aside any fears they had when they sensed the power of thousands of strangers who came together in an inspirational and peaceful protest. What an inspired group of women!



Donald LaBranch (a member of both P&SJ and RE Committees) added, “I value the sense that I got from each speaker that they were driven to do something and the marches provided the vehicle for just that. Also, the sense that the marches have to be starting points for further appropriate action.”

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