



London Grove Monthly Meeting

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February Bulletin

2nd Month Queries Deepening Our Faith: Meeting for Business

- Is our meeting for business held in worship in which we seek divine guidance?
- How do we sustain prayerful consideration of all aspects of an issue and address difficult problems with a search for truth that is unhurried by the pressures of time?
- Do we recognize that we speak through our inaction as well as our action?
- *Do I regularly attend meeting for business? If unable to attend, how do I fulfill the responsibility to understand and embrace the decisions made?*
- *How do I affirm and support God's presence in the process of discernment and reaching a decision?*
- *Do I remain open to personal transformation as the community arrives at the sense of the meeting?*

Editor's Note:

The Queries offered above comprise the second in a set of twelve from the newly-approved Faith and Practice. These Queries may differ from those seen in previous years.*

Philadelphia Yearly Meeting's Faith and Practice is the source of Queries used by our Monthly Meeting. During last summer's PYM Annual Sessions, a revised version of Faith and Practice was approved.

Queries have been regrouped under broad headings (Deepening Our Faith; Nurturing Our Community; Grounding for Transformed Lives; Witnessing in the World). In some (but not all) cases, Queries have been renumbered.

*PYM has now removed the "outdated" queries. If curious, compare to LGFM's **previous bulletins** online. One may find the complete list of updated queries on **PYM's Website**

See more about London Grove and the new Queries--first item on page 4 of this bulletin

February 2018 Calendar

2/1	7:30 PM	Property Committee
2/4	8:15 AM	Religious Education Committee
	9:30 AM	Meeting for Worship; Children's First Day School--J. Benjamin--Book Arts Craft
	10:30 AM	Meeting for Worship for Business
2/8	7:00 PM	Care and Membership Committee
2/11	8:30 AM	Peace and Social Justice Committee
	9:30 AM	Meeting for Worship; Children's First Day School--D. Watkins--Parable of the Sower
	10:30 AM	First Day School--Guest Speaker--Lelia Calder-- Buddhism
2/15	9:30 AM	Library Committee
2/18	9:30 AM	Meeting for Worship; Children's First Day School--G. Pfeifer--Parable of the Pearl
	10:30 AM	First Day School--Winden Rowe--Mindfulness and Well-Being
	6:00 PM	Adult Supper at Karen-Lee Brofee's Home, 1924 Hillendale Road, Chadds Ford, PA Friends should bring a salad, side dishes or dessert. Karen-Lee will provide the main dish.
2/25	9:30 AM	Meeting for Worship; Children's First Day School--G. Pfeifer--Parables
	10:30 AM	First Day School; Our Quaker Experience: Slavery, The Abolition Movement and The Civil War-- Mark Myers
	12:00 PM	Soup Lunch--All Welcome--by Care and Membership Committee

Childcare and Flowers Volunteers

Date	Volunteer bringing Flowers	Childcare Volunteers FIRST HOUR	Childcare Volunteers SECOND HOUR
2/4	Susanna Davison	Doug Myers	Kim Brosnan-Myers
2/11	Jill Benjamin	Susanna Davison	Alexia Vaughan
2/18	Sam Cypressi	Cecilia Tang	Cecilia Tang
2/25	Henry Paulter	Karen-Lee Brofee	Carolyn Muller

1st Month Meeting for Worship for Business Summary

Twenty-four Friends gathered in Worship with attention to business on 1/7/2018. Friends approved the Minutes of the meeting of 12/3/2017.

Recorder Betsy Walker gave her annual report on meeting membership. There are 299 members, 284 of whom are adults and 15 of whom are children.

Friends received the Treasurer's report for Twelfth Month. Treasurer Doug Myers reported he had disbursed our budgeted Outreach Donations to four Friends' organizations. He also paid our contributions to PhYM and FGC. Doug noted that 102% of budgeted contributions to the meeting were received. The overage occurred, in part, because some households chose to pre-pay their first contributions for 2018 before the new tax rules go into effect. Tax letters will reflect the full amounts as given in 2017, but Doug will credit prepayments to the 2018 budget. Following the second reading of that document, Friends approved it.

Clerk of Care and Membership Committee, Denis Newbold, reiterated that funds are available to Friends in need, by application to the John Martin Trust. This well-endowed fund is administered by the John Martin Trust Distribution Committee of the Monthly Meeting of Friends of Philadelphia (Arch Street). Meetings within Philadelphia Yearly Meeting are invited to apply on behalf of Friends in need. Care and Membership Committee will make such applications, and Friends are to be assured that the information needed to process the requests will be kept confidential by a subset of C&M committee members.

Denis also announced that C&M is sponsoring Soup Lunches on the last First Days of First and Second Months. They will be held on 1/28/2018 and 2/25/2018. Lunch on those dates will follow the scheduled Adult Religious Education classes tracing London Grove Friends' experience of significant historical events.

Clerk Susanna Davison shared a Christmas letter from Rebecca Mitchell, who wrote of her vocational and spiritual experiences while working in Vermont and attending Hanover Friends Meeting in New Hampshire.

A letter seeking to resign family members from London Grove Monthly Meeting was read and referred to the Care and Membership Committee.

Summarized by
Susanna Davison, Clerk London Grove Monthly Meeting

Query Engagement

Committees Will Engage with Queries from Yearly Meeting's Revised *Faith and Practice*

Monthly reading aloud of Philadelphia Yearly Meeting's Queries will be done by members from meeting committees that signed up on a calendar circulated at the Committee of Clerks meeting held 1/18/2018.

This schedule will enable each committee to examine its chosen Query. In some, but not all cases, committees may find their consideration of a Query leads them to respond to it when they prepare their Annual Report.

The Revised Queries are now grouped under four headings: Deepening Our Faith, Nurturing Our Community, Grounding for Transformed Lives, and Witnessing in the World.

A spiral-bound copy of the 2017 revision of Faith and Practice is available in the meeting library. Bound copies are expected in time for 2018 Annual Sessions--but perhaps sooner.

Area Activities/Education

Re-Imagining Justice: Prisons as an Opportunity for Change

February 10, Willistown Friends Meeting

Learn and gain information about; Challenges faced by inmates and life in prison. Treatments and re-entry programs and services. Alternative approaches to punishment and community engagement. Workshop leaders: Dr. Sami Abdel-Salam-- assistant professor of Criminal Justice at WCU, Ms. Laura Taylor--Alternatives to Violence Project, and Chritine Nye available to talk about the local prison system.

Pre-registration requested.

Questions: Willistownfriendsmeeting@gmail.com

Beyond Complicity: Awakening Anti-Racist Intentions Part 4

February 18, Mickleton Friends Meeting

Continuing our growing edge series, Toward Racial Justice and Fearless Faithfulness, we present "We Are Still Here: The Tribal Saga of New Jersey's Nanticoke and Lenape Peoples", by J.R. Norwood. This authentic, contemporary, and comprehensive booklet provides perspective on the three interrelated tribal communities of southernmost New Jersey and Delaware. These are our neighbors who have remained on their traditional Tribal Nation's homeland ever since Western European immigration.

Details: www.mickletonmeeting.org or Gloria Horvay clerk@mickletonmeeting.org

Concord Quarterly Meeting Square Dance

February 24, 7-9PM Willistown Friends Meeting

Annual Square Dance for all ages. Music by the Thornbury Ramblers

Caller--Alan Crosman. Refreshments provided. Free, but please bring non-perishable food in unbreakable containers for the West chester Food Cupboard.

Details: Lynne Piersol, concordquarter@pym.org or www.pym.org/event/concord-quarterly-meeting-square-dance/?instance_id=1642

Friends in Fellowship: Quaker Farming: Farms, Gardens & Seeds

February 25, Offsite at Eden Valley Farm (info and directions at www.pym.org/fellowship)

Like Heirloom foods? Connect with area farmers, the heritage Indian corn specialist Stephen Smith (whose Cherokee name is Dancing Wolf) and food writer William Woys Weaver at John Hunt's Eden Valley Farm. Event starts with worship at Schuylkill Monthly Meeting at 10AM. We then drive to the farm for the talk and lunch with our hosts.

Details: www.pym.org/fellowship or Grace S, Cooke, gscooke@pym.org.

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