



London Grove Monthly Meeting

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March Bulletin

3rd Month Queries Deepening Our Faith: Spiritual Nurture

- How does the meeting encourage the use of spiritual practices that deepen our faith, enhance the excitement of shared religious discovery and increase the possibility of spiritual transformation?
- What is the nature of our shared experience of the Divine and how do we nurture our collective spiritual growth and transformation?
- In what ways do we support each other in our spiritual journeys, in our search for God's will and in our efforts to increase understanding of humanity's relationship to life on earth?
- How do we recognize, develop and nurture the spiritual gifts of all in our meeting?
- *How do I incorporate into my personal and family life those daily practices that focus on continued spiritual growth, including worship, reflection and engagement with writings that nurture the soul?*
- *How does my spiritual life integrate an understanding of a well-ordered relationship with the earth and deepen my reverence for the interconnectedness of all life?*

Editor's Note:

The Queries offered above comprise the third 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*PYM has now removed the "outdated" queries.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**

March 2018 Calendar

3/1	7:30 pm Property Committee
3/4	8:15 am Religious Education Committee
	9:30 am Meeting for Worship; First Day School-P. Weygandt-"Beatitudes"
	10:30 am Meeting for Worship for Business
3/8	7:00 pm Care and Membership Committee
3/11	8:30 am Peace and Social Justice Committee
	9:30 am Meeting for Worship; Children's First Day School-P. Weygandt-"Beatitudes"
	10:30 am Adult First Day School-Jack Moyer-"Mormonism"
3/15	9:30 am Library Committee
3/18	8:15 Choir Practice for Easter
	9:30 am Meeting for Worship; Children's First Day School-S. Cypressi-"Loving one Another"
	10:30 am Adult First Day School-Emily Temple-"Friends Committee on National Legislation"
3/25	8:15 Choir Practice for Easter
	9:30 am Meeting for Worship; Children's First Day School-G. Pfeifer-"Palm Sunday"
	10:30 am Adult First Day School-J. Brosius-"Constructing Our Meeting House"
4/1	9:30 am Meeting for Worship; Children's First Day School-Newbold Family-"Easter Egg Hunt"
	10:30 am Happy Easter! And Welcome Home Reunion. Family Easter Celebration with our Choir (see page 4), Bible Reading, Children's Story,and... Pansies for Everyone!
4/8	10:30 am Meeting for Worship for Business

Childcare and Flowers Volunteers

Date	Volunteer bringing Flowers	Childcare Volunteers FIRST HOUR	Childcare Volunteers SECOND HOUR
3/4	Henry Paulter	Cecilia Tang	Cecilia Tang
3/11	Henry Paulter	Margaret Walton	Margaret Walton
3/18	Peggy Jones	Grace Pfeifer	Tammy Brosius
3/25	Margaret Walton	Karen-Lee Brofee	Betsy Walker

2nd Month Meeting for Worship for Business Summary

Two dozen Friends gathered in Worship with attention to business on 2/4/2018.

Friends approved the Minutes of the meeting held 1/7/2018.

Friends approved dates brought by Keeper of the Calendar Anna Myers for proposed summertime reunions of the Moore and Mason families.

Treasurer Doug Myers presented an amended opening balance, reflecting 2017 contributions received recently. Friends received the report with appreciation. Doug reported that the bequest from Claire Karpov has been realized, slightly over \$21,000. Claire had written of her wish that it be used for outreach, "to grow the Meeting and spread the word about Quakerism." We need to consider how to follow Claire's directive. Doug reminded us that we are incorporated as "London Grove Monthly Meeting of the Society of Friends," which language is advisable to use when making bequests and other gifts to the meeting.

Doug and Mark Myers (representing Finance Committee) attended a meeting of Western Quarterly Meeting treasurers. Regarding \$130,000 in reserves held by the Quarter, Mark suggests they could be divided into an operating reserve fund (about half of the annual operating budget) and a capital reserve fund to allow the Quarter to meet contingent expenses. Although larger monthly meetings are incorporated (as we are), the smaller, unincorporated, ones become the responsibility of WQM when laid down and/or when unusual expenses arise. Mark will bring a proposed minute to address that issue to a future monthly meeting. On a related matter, Jane Brosius noted that the deed to our property is missing from the meeting safe. She urged that it be found and restored to safekeeping.

Karen Conlan gave a brief update from Kindergarten Committee, which had a successful fundraising event and has received more than \$10,000 in memory of William Marsden. The committee will work with his family to plan a lasting memorial. Enrollments for next fall are going well.

Reporting for Nominating Committee, Peter Weygandt reported, and Friends approved, that Margaret Jones will join the Care & Membership Committee. Denis Newbold gave the Library Committee's Annual Report, which was received with appreciation.

Summarized by Susanna Davison, Clerk

EASTER CHOIR 2018--Friends of all ages are invited to join the choir to sing Easter Morning --April 1. Rehearsals are scheduled for March 18 and March 25 at 8:15 am. Please contact Eileen Hickman with any questions.

PYM NEWS AND EVENTS

Violence and Nonviolence, A Pastoral Care Thread Gathering: March 17 10am-3pm, Falsington Friends Meeting. This will include panels and workshops designed to resolve violent challenges in meetings, as well as wider community engagement around gun violence.

Details: www.pym.org/event/violence-and-nonviolence/?instance_id=1625.

George Schaefer, gshaefer@pym.org or Zachary Dutton, zdutton@pym.org

Spring Lobby Weekend, FCNL: March 17-20, Washington, DC. Learn how to effectively lobby your government regarding immigration issues. Financial assistance is available from PYM.

Contact Meg Rose, Young Adult Engagement Coordinator; youngadultfriends@pym.org

Details: www.fcnl.org/updates/spring-lobby-weekend-739

Spring Continuing Sessions: Saturday March 24, 9:45am-4pm. This **free** event will be held at The Jewish Federation of Greater Harrisburg, 3301 Front St, Harrisburg, PA 17110.

You are invited to join Friends from across our Yearly Meeting for a day of growing in spiritual community at Continuing Sessions. We'll enjoy fellowship over a catered kosher lunch* (\$10.00--financial aid available) and hear reports from Councils, Multicultural Institutional Audit Committee, and the Undoing Racism Group (URG) at Meeting for worship for Business.

Registration is open! www.pym.org/continuing-sessions

*all food in the building must be supplied by a kosher caterer.

Open Positions at Philadelphia Yearly Meeting: Associate Secretary for Advancement and Relationship, Community Engagement Coordinator, Director of Human Resources and Inclusion. To apply visit: www.pym.org/employment

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