



## London Grove Monthly Meeting

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**January Bulletin**

### **1st Month Queries Deepening Our Faith: Meeting for Worship**

- Are our meetings for worship held in stilled, expectant waiting upon God?
- As we worship in the living silence, are we drawn together by the power of God in our midst? Do we experience a deep reverence for the integrity of creation?
- How does our worship nurture all worshipers, creating a deeper sense of community?
- How does our meeting encourage vocal ministry that spiritually nurtures the worshipping community?
  
- *Do I faithfully attend meeting with heart and mind prepared for worship, clear of any predetermination to speak or not to speak, 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 relationships with other persons and with all of creation?*
- *Does worship enhance my capacity for attentive, non-judgmental listening to others?*
- *How does participation in meeting for worship contribute to my life-long spiritual journey?*

## January 2019 Calendar

<b>1/3</b>	7:30 PM	Property Committee
<b>1/6</b>	9:30 AM	Meeting for Worship; Children's First Day School--Edna Collins
	10:45 AM	Meeting for Worship for Business
<b>1/10</b>	7:00 PM	Care and Membership Committee
<b>1/13</b>	8:30 AM	Peace and Social Justice Committee
	9:00 AM	Worship and Ministry Committee will be hosting the 1st <b>Coffee and Donuts</b> giving F(f)riends time to gather and socialize before Meeting for Worship. This will also provide an opportunity to meet, greet, and welcome visitors.
	9:30 AM	Meeting for Worship; Children's first day School--Claire Brandenburg
	10:45 AM	The Gospel of Tragedy--Donald LaBranche
<b>1/17</b>	9:30 AM	Library Committee
	6:30 PM	Committee of Clerks
<b>1/20</b>	9:00 AM	Quarterly Meeting at Centre Meeting. Registration is at this time.
	9:30 AM	WQM Meeting for Business--business room. Regular Meeting for Worship at London Grove
	11:00 AM	WQM Meeting for Worship--worship room; Children's program in the school house
	12:15 PM	WQM Lunch
	1:00 PM	WQM--Speaker--Diana Ohlbaum-- (see bio on page 4): FCNL Legislative priorities for incoming congress
<b>1/27</b>	9:30 AM	Meeting for Worship; Children's First Day School--Baptism discussion--L. Provinski
	10:45 AM	Discussion of New Queries and Individual's Relationship with God
	12:00 PM	Soup Lunch hosted by Care and Membership Committee

### Childcare and Flowers Volunteers

<b>Date</b>	<b>Volunteer bringing Flowers</b>	<b>Childcare Volunteers FIRST HOUR</b>	<b>Childcare Volunteers SECOND HOUR</b>
1/6	Tammy Brosius	Carolyn Muller	Carolyn Muller
1/13	Sam Cypressi	Carolyn Muller	Carolyn Muller
1/20	Alexia Vaughn	Carolyn Muller	
1/27	Karen-Lee Brofee	Susanna Davison	Susanna Davison

## 12th Month Meeting for Worship for Business Summary

Thirty-three Friends took up the business of London Grove Monthly Meeting on 12/2/2018.

Keeper of the Calendar Anna Myers reported that the Tai Chi class held in the Meetinghouse has changed its time on Tuesdays to between 4:30-6:45 pm.

Recorder Betsy Walker reported the death of our member Philip Gilbert on 11/28/2018. She also recorded the Marriage in the Manner of Friends of our member Melissa Brosius to Stefan Druzdz in Nevada on 11/3/2018.

Treasurer Doug Myers presented the Income & Expense Report for last month. Income was \$6,131.82; Expenses totaled \$7,122.48. As matters stand at 92% of the year, we have received 75.3% of budgeted contributions.

On behalf of Finance Committee, Doug distributed the DRAFT Budget for 2019 and explained aspects of it. The Income projected is less than \$2000 above the amounts budgeted in 2016 and 2017. Contributions to Western Quarterly and Philadelphia Yearly Meetings are essentially unchanged. As usual, \$5,000 is budgeted to replenish Reserves for Meeting Upkeep. Caretaker salary increase and funds for the 2nd First Day teacher account for \$2,655. \$1500 that had been budgeted (but not used by Care & Membership Committee for PYM Adult Counseling) will be transferred into the Care of Members Fund. (Meeting had previously decided that fund will be replenished up to as much as \$5,000, if counseling funds are not used. However, the budgeted amounts are prioritized to be used for counseling or for personal emergencies, if and when needed.)

Friends are invited to discuss the draft version of the 2019 Budget with the Treasurer and/or members of the Finance Committee, so that all are comfortable to approve the budget when it is again presented on 1/6/2019.

Bob Frye reported on the emergence of a large sinkhole into a 110-year-old grave in the Meeting Burial Grounds. He shared photographic evidence of the hole, which seems to have developed from too much rain. Burial Grounds Committee is working on remediating the problem. Meanwhile, we are to avoid the area they have secured surrounding the hole. The committee will continue to carefully document what is, in effect, an archeological site.

Georgia Delaney presented the Annual Report of the Quakers Care Committee. This large committee's annual activities seem very congruent with this month's "Witness in the World" Queries, as read during worship this morning!

Summarized by Susanna Davison, Clerk, London Grove Monthly Meeting



# Diana Ohlbaum

Senior Strategist and Legislative Director for Foreign Policy

Diana Ohlbaum directs FCNL's foreign policy lobbying team and leads an effort to replace the current U.S. foreign policy paradigm of military domination and national superiority with a more ethical and effective one based on cooperation and mutual respect.

She brings to FCNL nearly two decades of experience on Capitol Hill, where she served as a senior professional staff member of both the House Foreign Affairs Committee and the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, and earlier as an aide to Senator Paul S. Sarbanes (D-MD). During her time as a congressional staff member, Diana coordinated efforts to overhaul the outdated Foreign Assistance Act of 1961, improve oversight of arms sales and security assistance, and promote diplomacy and multilateralism.

Immediately prior to joining FCNL in August 2018, Diana worked as an independent consultant specializing in advocacy, political strategy and legislative impact. Most of her clients were non-governmental organizations and foundations working in the areas of sustainable development and human security.

Diana also has experience in the executive branch of the federal government and in the nonprofit sector. From 1999-2001 she served as deputy director of USAID's Office of Transition Initiatives, a cutting-edge unit designed to advance peace and democracy in priority conflict-prone countries. She also worked as director of public policy for InterAction, an alliance of NGOs engaged in humanitarian relief and international development.

Diana is currently a member of the executive committees of the Modernizing Foreign Assistance Network and the Center for International Policy, and serves on the Advisory Council of the United Nations Association of the National Capital Area. She holds a Ph.D. in political science from Johns Hopkins University and a B.A. in Russian studies from Amherst College.



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