



London Grove Monthly Meeting

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September Bulletin

Ninth Month Queries **Grounding for Transformed Lives:** **Equality and Justice**

- How does our meeting benefit from established patterns of prejudice, exploitation and economic convenience? What are we doing to change this?
- How and how often does our meeting engage in a self-examination of its attitudes and actions regarding race, ability, gender, sexual orientation or class?
- What steps are we taking as a meeting to inform ourselves about social injustice and ecological violence embedded in our political and economic systems?
- What steps are we taking as a meeting to assure that our meeting and the committees and institutions under our care are respectful of the earth and its people?

- *Do I regularly examine myself for attitudes and behavior that indicate any hidden prejudice regarding race, gender, sexual orientation, disability or class?*
- *How do my lifestyle choices affect—positively or negatively—the causes of justice and peace in our nation, the community of nations and the whole of creation?*
- *How do I demonstrate in my way of living, and in what I teach my children, that love of God entails acknowledging “that of God in every person”?*

September 2019 Calendar

9/1	8:15 AM	Religious Education Committee
	9:30 AM	Meeting for Worship
	10:45 AM	Meeting for Worship for Business
9/5	7:30 PM	Property Committee
9/7	9:00 AM	Western Quarter burial ground workshop at London Grove
9/8	8:30 AM	Peace and Social Justice Committee
	9:30 AM	Meeting for Worship; Children's First Day School kick-off--Fun and Games with Claire.
	10:45 AM	Adult First Day School: "On Authority"--Gospel of Mark, Chapters 1-3, with Donald LaBranche.
9/12	4:00 PM	Care and Membership Committee
9/15	9:00 AM	Greet each other over coffee and donuts/pastry in Library-- courtesy of Library Committee
	9:30 AM	Meeting for Worship; Children's first Day School--Younger Children: "Old Testament Bible Stories". Jr and Sr High Students: "Conflict Resolution Part 1", with David Watkins
	10:45 AM	Adult First Day School: "Stairway to Heaven"--End of Life Steps and Planning, <i>Faith and Practice</i> pg 119-221.
9/16	6:30 PM	Worship and Ministry Committee
9/19	9:30 AM	Library Committee
9/22	9:30 AM	Meeting for Worship; Children's First Day School--Little Ones--Bible Stories; Age 5-9--Good Samaritan Play with Edna Collins; 10 & older --"Conscientious Objectors" with B. Moore and B. Thompson.
	10:45 AM	Adult First Day School-- In the Social Room: Writing Workshop; "Documenting One's End of Life Ideas and Desires".
9/29	9:30 AM	Meeting for Worship; Children's First Day School--"ConflictResolution Part 2," with D Watkins and M Walton.
	10:45 AM	Adult First Day School--Worship and Sharing Discussion: "How Do I improve My Personal Commitment to Practice My Faith/Belief", led by Worship and Ministry Committee.

Childcare and Flowers Volunteers

Date	Volunteer bringing Flowers	Childcare Volunteers FIRST HOUR	Childcare Volunteers SECOND HOUR
9/1	Susanna Davison	AS NEEDED	AS NEEDED
9/8	Georgia Delaney	Margaret Walton	Margaret Walton
9/15	Jane Brosius	Susanna Davison	Susanna Davison
9/22	Jill Benjamin	Karen-Lee Brofee	Karen-Lee Brofee
9/29	Henry Paulter	Tammy Brosius	Tammy Brosius

Eighth Month 2019 Meeting for Worship for Business Summary

8/4/2019

Continuing in worship, 26 Friends took up the business of London gave Monthly Meeting. The Minutes of 7/7/2019 were approved as read.

Recorder Elizabeth Walker reported the death of our member Marilyn H. Benson on 7/29/2019. Susanna Davison noted that the family are planning a small service of remembrance at 2 pm on 8/10 in the Activity Central Gathering Room at Kendal at Longwood, to accommodate family members, Marilyn's neighbors and the staff from Westmoreland House.

Treasurer Doug Myers reported July Income & Expenses for the Monthly Meeting and Property Committee. Doug noted we are 58.3% though the year and have received 46.3% of budgeted contributions. After settling bills for Lawn and Tree Care and Meetinghouse repairs and payment of taxes on the caretaker's dwelling and 7.3 acres of taxable land, Net Income for the month was -\$1,705.61.

David Watkins brought forward a request from Peace & Social Justice Committee to extend the annual Helen Corson Peace awards given to local high school students to include a student from the Upward Bound program at Lincoln University. In light of Helen Corson's strong involvement at LU (which awarded her an honorary degree in 1975) the committee was asked to provide more details of funding the award and whether there might be overlap with local high school students already receiving one of the Peace Awards.

Assistant Clerk Peter Weygandt brought forth two suggestions from the 7/18 Committee of Clerks meeting: How messages during worship might be made more audible and whether the Meeting would like to host a weekend Alternatives to Violence Project (AVP) training. Friends were interested in both topics, but not yet ready to commit to either without further study. InReach committee Clerk Carolyn Muller has offered to invite a colleague in audiology to inspect the existing loop system. Religious Education Clerk Leona Provinski proposed an Adult RE class to enable Friends to hear how they sound speaking through a microphone. Friends favored extending the AVP invitation to school administrators and the community at large. Community Outreach Clerk Grace Pfeifer agreed to explore those possibilities and to learn more about the training from Western Quarterly Meeting Coordinator Deb Wood, who would offer it.

Peter Weygandt, Clerk of Nominating Committee, presented the slate of Officers and Committee membership for its first reading. Friends are invited to become familiar with the recommendations in hopes that the slate be approved on 9/1.

Summarized by Susanna Davison, Clerk

Child Care Assistant at London Grove Friends Meeting

500 West Street Road, Kennett Square

London Grove Friends Meeting is seeking to hire a Child Care Assistant who will be present for a minimum of 2 hours on Sunday mornings from September through May, to work with the adults who teach and assist in classes for children of all ages who participate in our Children's First Day School program.

Pay will be \$12-15/hour, depending on qualifications.

Qualifications:

- Must be at least 14 years of age and enjoy working with children.
- Must be able to sit on the floor, lift small children, and move quickly in response to unsafe conditions if necessary.
- Must have or obtain child care clearances, as required by the state for employees having direct contact with children.

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Working conditions:

Be present for a minimum of 2 hours (starting at 9:15 am and ending before noon) when children are present.

Be with children in nursery, class room and playground settings under supervision of adults.

For detailed job description and to apply for the position, contact Susanna Davison by emailing shrdavison@me.com

LondonGroveMeeting.org has more information about us.

Introduction to Alternatives to Violence Project

shared by London Grove Friends Gail Newbold and Susanna Davison

Alternatives to Violence Project – is for participants from all walks of life and across the globe. The project began in the 1970's following the Attica, NY prison riots. It was founded by Quakers and Attica prisoners experimenting together after a few prisoners asked, "So how do we *DO* nonviolence?" Today, AVP USA has become an association of community-, school- and prison-based groups offering experiential workshops in personal growth, creative conflict management, and community development.

AVP is a program for everybody. Participants and trainers ("facilitators") come from all religions, races and walks of life. This springs from the Project's beginnings: At Attica Prison, each group, prisoners and Quakers, needed to learn together, through interaction: what are the most basic turning-points, between the Quaker belief in an inborn power of peace in everyone, and the widely-used habits in a violence-based society? How does one meet the ongoing challenges of life, and make the turn toward a peaceful approach, when what's needed is that special instant of transformation?

AVP workshops seek to assist people in developing skills of personal growth and change. This is not psychotherapy, but an intensive learning experience based in personal and interactional "exercises." Three-day workshops are available on three levels: Basic, Advanced, and Training for Facilitators. A Basic AVP Workshop teaches interpersonal conflict resolution by offering situations in small groups and one-to-one interactions. A sense of trust develops out of exercises focusing on Affirmation, Communication, Cooperation, and Creative Conflict Resolution. Typically, 12-20 participants do the workshop, although numbers may vary.

According to the Annual Report for 2018 of AVP's Committee of Local and Regional Groups (CLARG), published in May 2019, AVP groups in PA/NJ and the MidAtlantic region sponsor community programs in Williamsport and Philadelphia and in the "New Start Re-entry" program for returning citizens in Claymont, DE. There is a program on the Wilmington campus of Widener University Law Center. Workshops are offered in DC's South Sudanese community. AVP workshops are part of Pendle Hill's core curriculum. Volunteer energy is at the heart of AVP; thus motives are heartfelt and not based on distractions outside of creating ourselves, homes and societies.

Currently, Gail Newbold's name and address pop up when a person searches for a Chester County, PA, contact in the AVP-USA database. Having made arrangements for previous workshops, facilitating, and following (at a distance) twenty years of news

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about workshops in central Africa (Great Lakes Region), in Central America-Colombia-Ecuador, and in the Asia-West Pacific region, Gail is “humbly amazed” that people all around the world find AVP a powerful tool for building lives of respectful family relationships, community healing, and ecological healing. People are working toward gentle lives rather than communities of hubris and violence. Gail suggests we are all looking for these same values, long-held by Friends. In our own tri-State area, AVP may help us some more, again, toward what we need in our time. Together with various participants, we may build skills, connections and inspiration or enthusiasm. As is said in AVP, “Expect the best!”

Third First Day Pre-worship Hospitality and Social Time 2019-20

To avoid conflict with committee meetings, our coffee and donuts occasion is moving to 3rd First Days (in months when there is not conflict with sessions of Western Quarterly Meeting). Thanks to committees for volunteering to serve coffee and treats of their choice during the half-hour before worship begins.

9/15	Library Committee
10/20	Care & Membership Committee
11/17	Worship & Ministry Committee
1/19/20	(Western Quarterly Meeting at Fallowfield Meeting)
2/16/20	In-Reach Committee
3/15/20	Property Committee
4/19/20	(Western Quarterly Meeting at Kennett Meeting)
5/17/20	Nominating Committee

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