



London Grove Monthly Meeting

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May Bulletin

5th Month Queries Nurturing Our Community: Religious Education in the Home and Meeting

- How does our meeting prepare its members, attenders and children for worship, for the conduct of its business and for a way of life consistent with the principles of the Religious Society of Friends?
- What opportunities do we provide for all in the meeting to learn about Friends' history, practices and testimonies, the Judeo-Christian tradition, the life and teachings of Jesus, and other religious traditions?
- How does our meeting's religious education program provide experiential learning that enhances the sense of belonging to our worshipping community?
- *How do I help create a home where all members of the family receive affection and understanding and where visitors are welcome?*
- *How does my manner of living enrich body, mind and spirit; enable all to learn what it means to live a life of Spirit-led commitment; and demonstrate a high regard for family, community and the integrity of creation?*
- *How do I engage with my family and others who are dear to me regarding such sensitive topics as death, faith, money, sex and drugs?*

MESSAGE FROM THE CLERK AND ASSISTANT CLERK

Dear Friends,

From the email message sent Tuesday the 21st to all those on our email list, and all (of the many) responses being in favor of the suggestions made, the Clerk and the Assistant Clerk of London Grove Monthly Meeting state the sense of the Meeting as follows:

Out of concern for the well-being of all in our Meeting, the guidelines set out for April will continue unchanged for the month of May as well. All planned activities will be carried out remotely. Any meetings that are scheduled will be announced by email and conducted remotely.

We will review the situation again, later in May, for June. We will follow guidance from the governor and state health officials, and continue our concern for everyone in Meeting when making any decision about when it will be safe to resume in-person meetings in the meetinghouse.

In the Light,

Peter Weygandt, Clerk

Edna Collins, Assistant Clerk

London Grove Friends In An Upcoming Book

Several London Grove Friends were moved to put heads and hearts together for a welcome to three long-distance bicycle riders who visited June 17-19, 2019. Creating a ride to honor and learn about the Underground Railroad (UGRR), David Goodrich, Lynn Salvo and Rick Sullivan visited many roads and sites in the southern States and then came up through Kennett Square, clearly drawn by the rich history in our area. Now, David is writing his third book on a topic + ride: This book will focus on the Underground Railroad then and now and on experiencing the ride, including the people along the way. "Our" chapter will be titled In the Company of Friends.

David and Lynn have been in touch to check on details from their days with us, and they sent a message Friends may enjoy. While sharing these words from Lynn, I add a special "hello" to Friends Susanna Davison, David Williamson, Barbara Walker, Georgia Delaney, June Yeatman, and Denis & Erica Newbold, and perhaps someone I've omitted, who all showed their hosting generosity and spiritual presences.

Message from Lynn: "We had such a wonderful and memorable time with you in Kennett Square and thereabouts! Susanna's tour was incredibly valuable. The time at the meetinghouse was exhilarating!"

David's first two books have involved climate change and riding/people. The second, *A Voyage Across an Ancient Ocean*, comes out August 4 (Description on Amazon, and other locations.)

A Friend interested in further information on any of the rides including Lynn's Peace Rides and David's themed rides, contact Gail Newbold.

Stay-At-Home Technology Applications for LGMM

First Day Morning Meeting for Worship: Virtual gatherings for First Day Meetings for Worship will continue to be conducted through the Uberconference until such time as an appointed Ad Hoc Committee comes together and selects a LGMM preferred platform. We will also be using Zoom (with appropriate security) to collect some comparison data. Recognizing that there are benefits and limitations to each system among the many to be considered, consistency seemed the best course of action for the time being. All are welcome to the 10 AM gatherings which can be accessed through an invited link on <https://www.uberconference.com/klbrofee>

Saturday "Coffee" Gatherings: This is a time just to gather with friends and chat across screens since we cannot be physically present with one another. We will do this on the 2nd and 4th Saturdays of the month at 10 AM. using Zoom.

Committee Meetings: Committee Clerks are welcome to choose whatever format (telephone, email, Uberconference, Zoom, etc.) works best for them and their committee in order to accomplish needed tasks or conduct meetings. If a clerk wishes to gather his/her committee via a Zoom or Uberconference, Karen-Lee Brofee would be glad to set it up for their use. klbrofee@gmail.com; 443-754-105

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