



London Grove Monthly Meeting

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June Bulletin

6th Month Queries Nurturing Our Community: Stewardship of Resources

- How does our meeting accommodate ecological, economic and social justice in its uses of property and money?
- Does our meeting engage its members in supporting the meeting's work, its ministry and the upkeep of its property?
- Does our meeting encourage its members to support with their time, energy and finances the quarterly and yearly meetings and other Quaker organizations?
- To what extent does our meeting rely on current members and attenders for financial support and to what extent on other sources?

- *How do I demonstrate in my own decision making a concern for ecological, economic and social justice?*
- *How do I simplify my needs, making choices that balance self-sufficiency and fair sharing of resources?*
- *Do I balance my work-life and other activities with the time and energy needed for my spiritual growth and service?*
- *Do I contribute to the work of Friends in my meeting, in the quarterly and yearly meetings and in the wider world of Friends?*

FIFTH MONTH MEETING FOR WORSHIP FOR BUSINESS SUMMARY

On May 3rd, 2020, following worship with the reading of the Queries, "Nurturing our Community: Religious Education in the Home and the Community", the Meeting continued in worship with attention to the business of London Grove Monthly Meeting.

Minutes from the Third Month's meeting were read by and approved by the Meeting. Regarding the one item from Fourth Month, there was approval by unanimous email response of members (there being no Fourth Month meeting) to the request of the marriage of Jessie Mooberry and Soren Rubin Under the Care of the Meeting was made and their oversight committee approved.

Margaret Walton reported on Western Quarter Meeting, April 25, 2020, held by Zoom format, and her report is attached to the minutes. Mark Myers is concluding his service as Clerk of Western Quarter with this meeting, and Bob Frye will be succeeding Mark as Clerk of Western Quarter. The service of Mark Myers was noted with sincere gratitude.

The Treasurer's report was made by Doug Myers and received by the Meeting, with thanks. Susanna Davison presented the report of In Reach Committee. Maintaining the email list and coordinating with Religious Education to provide child care are two of the Committee's focuses. The report was received with thanks.

An ad hoc committee on virtual conferencing was appointed and reported that given the greater accessibility, Zoom is their recommendation as a format for virtual meetings. This is underscored by the fact that PYM uses Zoom in its meetings.

David Watkins reported for Peace and Social Justice committee's recommendations to FCNL for its upcoming year agenda. Special concern of a member is that the data shows Covid-19 has taken its greatest toll on people of less economic privilege. Amending priorities to express this concern will be sent by our Peace & Social Committee to FCNL.

Peter Weygandt, Clerk

Dear Friends,

The matter of re-gathering for worship at the Meeting House has been brought to the attention of Care & Membership and Clerks. Everyone's thoughtful input is needed to help us discern a sense of the meeting about this, and the Clerks have begun a process to collect this input. In the meantime, it is essential that Friends who choose to worship individually at the meetinghouse adhere to safe practices.

Based on the most recent guidelines issued by Governor Wolf, Chester County remains in the "red" phase of reopening, which continues to include a stay-at-home order. This means that citizens are to travel for essential purposes only and avoid group gatherings of all kinds. Gatherings that are necessary are to be limited to 10 or fewer people. Although religious institutions are not prohibited from having services, we are asked to "avoid endangering...congregants" and "not gather in religious buildings or homes for services or celebrations until the stay at home order is lifted."

Out of concern for these guidelines and everyone's well-being, Friends who choose to worship at the meetinghouse individually or in family groups are reminded of the following:

1. The Meeting House is open for individual Friends and family groups to worship. This is not the time to invite others to join you or encourage newcomers. The Meeting cannot provide support for groups to worship safely.
2. If you choose to worship at the Meeting House, please stay at least six feet away from any non-family member present, wear a mask, and use hand sanitizer upon entering and after leaving to protect yourself and others.
3. Please limit your use of the building to the entry area, worship room, library, and map room. The social area, kitchen, and all Kindergarten rooms are closed.
4. Please be aware that the Meeting House has not been sanitized. Follow the advice of your physician about entering any space that is not your home. Consider others that you may put at risk by entering a non-sanitized environment.

A sign will be placed in the entry area on the meeting room door to remind Friends of these guidelines.

Certainly members share the hope to gather together in meeting for worship as soon as it is safe for all to do so. Thus we share in common the wish to be together and the realization that present circumstances make discerning that point in time not an easy decision. This is further complicated by the age of Meeting members in general and the pernicious unpredictability of the consequences that the virus can have on each individual—ranging from no effect at all, to death, with no way of knowing which it will be in advance. Taking all possible precautions when being in the presence of others may help serve to protect oneself from infection, but one can still remain a carrier after one has come (unknowingly) in contact with a virus-positive person. Thus, while we always think of others, now more than ever we must think first of others, then ourselves.

The possibility of outdoor services together has also been raised, as we are getting into summer months. While at first impression this might well fall within the outdoor activity exception in State guidelines, there are many factors to consider. So, while we might be able to gather outside sooner than inside, this is a matter on which we should proceed deliberately and with reflection, as well.

I have asked Committee Clerks to gather input from their committees on these matters. We seek the diverse thoughts of all members and attenders to reach an eventual sense of the meeting, so we can move forward together in mind.

Thank you Friends,
Peter Wevgandt, Clerk

MEETING FOR WORSHIP

At this point in time, London Grove will continue to gather on First Day mornings through the Zoom platform beginning at 10:00 AM. Karen-Lee Brofee, a member of In Reach Committee continues to host these meetings and is willing to set up a meeting for any committee which wishes to convene through Zoom. You may contact her via email (klbrofee@gmail.com or phone 443-754-1051).

VIRTUAL "COFFEE" GATHERINGS

Every other Saturday, Friends are gathering through Zoom to simply chat and catch up with one another. The dates for June are June 6th, and June 20th.

A Possibility:

Saturday's Zoom "Coffee" Gathering had a small but mighty turnout on the 23rd. In the midst of enjoyable catching up with one another, several ideas were mentioned. One was using our monthly bulletin to share thoughts, poetry, stories, and comments among the London Grove Monthly Meeting Community. Stay tuned, Perhaps our In Reach Committee will take this up and a call for contributions will emerge. Meanwhile, as we reminisced during the coffee about the pansies of Easter and Mother's Day, Martin Parker mentioned his recent creation of World Pansy and when asked, agreed to have it shared through the bulletin. Here it is as well as some links to his work: his website cards page: <https://parquillian.com/cards/> , his Zazzle Shop: <https://www.zazzle.com/store/parquilliandesign?rf=238827716041461340> and his mailchimp list signup link: <http://eepurl.com/c9-Gmr>

FROM CARE AND MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Dear Friends,

We write to thank each of you who are working in the medical fields, driving supplies, stacking up goods or caring for others. Yours is a particularly stressful job at this time. Please know our hearts and prayers go with you. We are holding you in the Light that you stay safe and that this difficult time passes soon.

To any of you who feel disconnected from Meeting and miss the personal conversations and fellowship of the physical Meeting for Worship, we invite you to please call any of us. We are listing our names below. We always have an open heart and a friendly ear. We would be delighted to talk to you.

With much love and caring,

Care and Membership: Georgia Delaney, Karen-lee Brofee, Barb Pusey, Elinor Thomforde, Bob Frye, Ed Paschall, Betsy Walker, Denis Newbold, Peggy Jones, Jill Benjamin, Maria Weygandt, Carol Curtis, Sandy Reber, Lexi Vaughan

PENDLE HILL AND PYM

Join Pendle Hill Meeting for Worship, 8:30-9:10 every day, online by zoom. Meeting for worship at Pendle Hill, Wallingford PA, has occurred daily beginning when the campus opened in 1939. With Zoom, Friends and friends gather from around the globe (as many as 140!) The how-to is at end of the first section on the home page. www.pendlehill.org

Current Workshops and fine, recent talks and other resources are available online at Pendle Hill www.pendlehill.org (see "Learn" section); and at Philadelphia Yearly Meeting (PYM) www.pym.org . PYM workshops that were envisioned in connection with the now-virtual Yearly Meeting summer session, and others, are offered early June and later (see "Quaker Community Calendar").

QUAKERSPEAK

"QuakerSpeak", a project of Friends Journal, puts engaging 5-minute videos about Quaker topics online. To visit QuakerSpeak, go to: www.quakerspeak.com

Hi Peter,

As you know we had our wedding last weekend at Friends Meeting. To say it was perfect would be an understatement. All of the love, the beauty of the grounds, and the power in that tree was overwhelming. Yet, it made our day even that more incredible. While these were not our original plans, it worked out much better.

For what it's worth I wanted to share with you a few photos that I think truly captured our day, as well as some of the natural beauty that you all see during worship.

Again, our sincerest thanks and gratitude to all of the members that made this possible.

Pandemic Wedding Pictures

London Grove- https://drive.google.com/file/d/10FWKiRLg6XdwCZajQw_8wm-wvGSsnrLh/view

Mother Son - <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1OUbTgV5564mpEDkOml1f7DMstEE9B9Df/view>

Penn Oak- <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1wIKtmMJrUmvleu-6C3u53ninVSalc6rW/view>

Tepee - https://drive.google.com/file/d/1lLWwSUpQWc9xZ3Yl0Fr7_3tXM87VYz22/view

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