



London Grove Monthly Meeting

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July Bulletin

7th Month Queries **Grounding for Transformed Lives :** **Peace and Alternatives to Violence**

- How do we help each other face conflicts with patience, forbearance and openness to healing?
- To what extent does our meeting ignore differences in order to avoid possible conflicts?
- What are we doing as a Friends meeting within our communities:
 - 1) To recognize and correct the causes of violence?
 - 2) To understand the impact of the global military-industrial complex on all aspects of life?
 - 3) To increase the understanding and use of alternatives to violence?
 - 4) To work toward overcoming separations and restoring wholeness?
 - 5) To support the constructive use of authority?
 - 6) To promote the sustainability of the earth?
- *Do I "live in the virtue [power] of that Life and Spirit that took [takes] away the occasion of all wars"?*
- *How do I maintain Friends' testimony that participation in war and its preparation is inconsistent with the teaching of Jesus?*
- *Do I treat personal conflict as an opportunity for growth?*
- *How do I face my differences with others and reaffirm in action and attitude my love for those with whom I am in conflict?*

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SIXTH MONTH MEETING FOR WORSHIP FOR BUSINESS-- SUMMARY

On June 7th, 2020, following worship with the reading of the Queries, "Stewardship of Resources", the Meeting continued in worship with attention to the business of London Grove Monthly Meeting.

Minutes from the Fifth Month's meeting were read by Recording Clerk, Tammy Brosius, and approved by the Meeting.

Karen-Lee Brofee reported for Keeper of the Calendar, Anna Myers, on a request of member, Winden Rowe, to have a family gathering under the oak in recognition of her son's high school graduation, which the Meeting approved, providing guidelines for distancing and facial covering were observed.

Betsy Walker, Recorder, made her report of the death of member Claire Birney.

The Treasurer's report was presented by Doug Myers and received by the Meeting, with thanks.

Grace Pfeiffer, co-Clerk of Memorials Committee, shared her report for the committee. Three memorials were held this past year for Friends, Harry Dunbar, Samuel Lam and Bertha Kirk. The contributions of all Committee members were noted with thanks, as well as gratitude to the Myers family for the use of their field for parking across Route 926. Parking is an ongoing issue for events at the Meeting. The report was received with thanks.

Edna Collins, clerk of the ad hoc task force on "Growing the Meeting" reported. The group is gathering information from members and attenders on what brought them to Meeting, and considering the booklet by Emily Provance, "Six Steps of the Seeker".

David Williamson reported for Peace & Social Justice Committee on its consideration of the Bucks Quarter minute, which stated opposition to assault weapons. Peace & Social Justice felt that in view of the events of this year—the Covid-19 pandemic and the demonstrations protesting racial inequality-- that consideration of the Bucks minute is not appropriate at this time, but will be taken up later.

Peter Weygandt, Clerk

July 2020 Calendar

		Per the letter from Trustees (included on pg 4 of this bulletin) a working group will be coming forward with recommendations regarding the settings for future gatherings for worship
7/05	10:00 AM	Meeting for Worship held on Zoom
	11:00 AM	Meeting for Worship for Business held on Zoom
7/07	4:00 PM	Care and Membership Committee Meeting held on Zoom
7/11	10:00 AM	London Grove "Coffee" held on Zoom — An opportunity to chat and catch up with one another
7/12	10:00 AM	Meeting for Worship held on Zoom
7/19	10:00 AM	London Grove Meeting for Worship held on Zoom
	10-10:30 AM	Quarterly Meeting Children's Program via Zoom
	10:30 AM	Western Quarterly Meeting Joint Worship & Fellowship with Concord Quarterly Meeting, followed by 2 Zoom Fellowship opportunities among Western Qtr and Concord Qtr Friends
	1:00 PM	Western Quarterly Mtng. Meeting for Worship for Business via Zoom
7/22	7-9:00 PM	"Braver Angels" Program (by Zoom) sponsored by Western and Concord QMs: Skills for Bridging the Divide - Conversation Training. Registration and more information via the Events page at WQM's site (www.westernquarterquakers.org)
7/25	10:00 AM	London Grove "Coffee"--chat and catch-up via Zoom
7/26	10:00 AM	Meeting for Worship held on Zoom

TRUSTEE STATEMENT REGARDING THE USE OF THE MEETINGHOUSE

6/17/20

Friends,

In these uncharted times of personal and organizational risk, the trustees of London Grove Monthly Meeting have convened to clarify the use of our meetinghouse and grounds. Our Meeting clerk has guided us through discernment regarding worship and business gatherings. Meeting has approved the use of synchronous technology as our means to come together for spiritual, social, and committee work. In effect, our meetinghouse has been closed for all planned use. Trustees affirm this decision and **discourage all use of the meetinghouse at this time.**

However, recognizing that there will come a time when our community can gather safely and that such a time requires thoughtful planning, trustees have appointed an Ad Hoc Reopening Working Group that will include representatives from all relevant committees.

This group will be charged with applying the CDC (Centers for Disease Control) Guidelines, Pennsylvania State Guidelines, and PYM (Philadelphia Yearly Meeting) Guidelines to their development of:

1. Recommendations for parameters for gathering for outdoor worship this summer;
2. Recommendations for established and ongoing health standards and procedures for the eventual opening of the meetinghouse for worship and broader use; and
3. Means for coordinating all standards and practices with the Kindergarten program.

All recommendations will be aligned with the particular needs of London Grove Monthly Meeting and will come before the Meeting for approval. We enter into this work prioritizing the care of our community and our responsibilities as trustees seeking your support.

Sincerely,

LGMM Trustees--Tom Brosius, Clerk

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