



## London Grove Monthly Meeting

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**September Bulletin**

### **9th 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”?*

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## September 2020 Calendar

<b>8/30</b>	9:30 AM	Meeting for Worship via Zoom
	10:30 AM	Discussion led by Task Force on Membership Growth & Community Outreach
<b>9/3</b>	7:30 PM	Property Committee
<b>9/6</b>	9:30 AM	Meeting for Worship via Zoom
	10:30 AM	Meeting for Worship for Business
<b>9/8</b>	4:00 PM	Care & Membership Committee via Zoom
<b>9/12</b>	10:00 AM	Visit via Zoom
<b>9/13</b>	8:30 AM	Peace & Social Justice Committee
	9:30 AM	Meeting for Worship under the Oak. Please bring your own chair and mask
<b>9/14</b>	6:30 PM	Task Force on Membership Growth & Community Outreach Committee
<b>9/15</b>	6:00 PM	Worship & Ministry Committee via Zoom
<b>9/20</b>	9:30 AM	Meeting for Worship via Zoom
	10:30 AM	First Day School Class led by Donald LaBranche: The Saints before George Fox--Saint Benedict
<b>9/26</b>	10:00 AM	Visit via Zoom
<b>9/27</b>	9:30 AM	Meeting for Worship under the Oak. Please bring your own chair and mask

## EIGHTH MONTH MEETING FOR WORSHIP FOR BUSINESS-- SUMMARY

Following reading and approval of the 7th Month's minutes, Linda Currie, Keeper of the Calendar informed attenders that the Matos wedding is being re-scheduled due to Covid-19, and the new date is May 12 of 2021. The meeting approved this date for use of the meetinghouse, conditions permitting.

Doug Myers presented the Treasurer's report.

Tom Brosius, Clerk of Trustees and convener of the Ad Hoc Committee on Re-opening the meetinghouse presented a Minute that the committee had prepared and for which it requested Meeting approval, that clearly delimited spaces will be in effect for the coming Kindergarten year—the social room, kitchen and classrooms will be the space of the Kindergarten, and the meeting room, cloak room, library, map room and restroom adjoining it, will be the space of the meeting. Further, Kindergarten Committee be authorized to implement policies and conditions covering Kindergarten classes held in its space this year, up to June, with a review to be done by the Ad Hoc committee no later than December. The Meeting approved.

Barbara Walker and David Williamson presented the annual report of Peace & Social Justice. The Committee also presented for the Meeting's consideration a Minute, on the 75th Anniversary of the bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, for the preventing nuclear war and abolishing of all nuclear weapons. Friends approved the Minute and it was suggested to the Committee to send this to FCNL and further that Clerk of Meeting forward this to Western Quarter for its next meeting.

Susanna Davison presented the preliminary report of Nominating Committee. Much of the work for next year has been completed, and a final report will be presented for Meeting's approval at 9th Month meeting.

Grace Pfeiffer and Susanna Davison, for Outreach Committee presented a request for Meeting to approve a donation the Committee would make out of the Claire Karpov Fund in the amount of \$1,000 to assist Emily Provance, New York meeting, in her work around the country spreading Quaker ministry and assisting Meetings in their efforts in this regard. The Meeting approved this donation.

The annual report of Auditors, Harold Brosius, Matthew Provinski, and Sam Wickersham, auditing the four accounts within Meeting, was read, and received with thanks by the Meeting.

Margaret Walton reported on Western Quarterly meeting in July.

Peter Weygandt, Clerk, London Grove Monthly Meeting

## KINDERGARTEN UPDATE

As of August 17, London Grove Friends Kindergarten plans to open its doors (and outside space!) to 29 Little Acorns and Kindergarten children. Currently, our opening of school date is Monday, October 12. The committee in charge and teachers are working very hard to establish and set in place all necessary protocols to keep our community as safe and as risk free as possible. With that said, there are changes regarding the use of the meetinghouse and grounds that will affect all of us.

The building has been divided into two separate spaces. The East side, including, the meeting room, the main entrance hallway, and both libraries will be used solely by London Grove Meeting community. The West side of the building including the Social room, large kindergarten room, back hallway, kitchen, copier room, and the 3 classrooms in the 'new' wing will be used by the Kindergarten only.

There will be signage posted on all doors as a reminder. Doors between the two sections may be locked. During non-school hours, (in session, M-F 8:30-3:30) please help us all to stay safe by not entering the kindergarten safe space, so as to avoid any viral contamination on either side.

The children will be using the generous outside spaces as much as possible. They will be spreading out over the playground, William's Woods, as well as the front lawn near the oak tree. Please be mindful of and socially distant from any additional learning and play materials that are set up outside if you come to the grounds during non-school hours.

Due to almost daily changes to the County, State and National safety protocol requirements, the Kindergarten committee will be in communication with the Ad Hoc committee and the Trustees with any and all changes with current the plan.

Thank you all in advance for your help in keeping everyone safe and healthy.

Ellen Marsden, co-clerk, Kindergarten Committee.

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