



London Grove Monthly Meeting

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~ Established 1792 ~

October Bulletin

10th Month Queries Witnessing in the World: Ministry of Outreach

- How does our meeting communicate Friends' presence and principles to the wider community?
- How does our meeting join with other faith communities in worship, in spiritual dialogue and in social action?
- What are we doing to invite persons to attend our meetings for worship, to welcome them when they come, to listen sensitively to their needs and hesitations and to encourage their continued attendance?
- *How do I share my spiritual life and experience with others?*
- *Does my life as a Friend attract others to our religious society?*
- *What opportunities have I taken to worship with people from other religious and cultural backgrounds and work with them on common concerns?*

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

October 2020 Calendar

9/27	1:00 PM	Climate Change Discussion via Zoom
10/1	7:30 PM	Property Committee meeting
10/4	9:30 AM	Meeting for Worship via Zoom
	10:30 AM	Meeting for Worship for Business via Zoom
10/6	4:00 PM	Care & Membership meeting via Zoom
10/10	10:00 AM	All are welcome to "Zoom Coffee"
10/11	8:30 AM	Peace & Social Justice meeting via Zoom
	9:30 AM	Meeting for Worship under the Oak, weather permitting. Please bring your own chair.
10/12	6:30 PM	Ad Hoc Task Force on Membership Growth/Outreach Committees via Zoom
10/15	6:30 PM	Committee of Clerks meeting via Zoom
10/18	9:30 AM	Meeting for Worship via Zoom
	10:30 AM	First Day School via Zoom: Donald LaBranch will discuss Hildegard of Bingen
10/20	6:00 PM	Worship and Ministry meeting via Zoom
10/24	10:00 AM	All are welcome to "Zoom Coffee"
10/25	9:30 AM	Meeting for Worship under the Oak, weather permitting. Please bring your own chair.

Zoom Help

If any committee wishes to conduct a Zoom discussion or class, please contact Leona Provinski at provinskileona@hotmail.com, and she will help to make it happen

NINTH MONTH MEETING FOR WORSHIP FOR BUSINESS-- SUMMARY

On September 6, 2020, following worship with the reading of the Queries, "Grounding for Transformed Lives—Equality and Justice," the Meeting continued in worship with attention to the business of London Grove Monthly Meeting.

Minutes from the Eighth Month's meeting were read and approved by the Meeting. Linda Currie, Keeper of the Calendar, reported that the Meeting has set up a Google account to permit an online calendar for the Meeting.

The Treasurer's report was presented by Doug Myers and received by the Meeting, with thanks. Distribution of \$15,303.84 from Leadership Fund to the charities normally receiving donations from our Meeting from the Plant Sale was made.

Nominating Committee made its final presentation of Officers and Committees for the year beginning on Oct, 1 2020 and ending on September 30, 2021, which was approved by the Meeting, and is now available.

Grace Pfeiffer, Clerk of Outreach reported that the Committee will be joined with the Ad Hoc task force on growing the Meeting for the coming year.

Edna Collins, Clerk of the ad hoc task force on "Growing the Meeting" reported. The group is actively meeting and continues to develop ideas. Edna's report is attached to the Minutes.

Trustees presented By-Laws for the Meeting's approval. While the Corporate Charter of our Meeting is recorded and a copy is on file, the By-Laws were not available. It was thought this was a good time to update even if the first were found. The Meeting approved the updated By-Laws as presented by Trustees, and a copy is attached to the Minutes of this meeting.

Peter Weygandt, Clerk

FROM PYM

This year, Annual Sessions provided many first-time experiences, even for those of us who have attended sessions many times before. For the first time in the life of our yearly meeting, we worshiped, shared connection, and joyfully considered several important concerns via video conference. And we know there's more to come.

We ended sessions with three major concerns before us on which we will act as a yearly meeting in the coming months:

- . the proposed Philadelphia Yearly Meeting witness on climate change,
- . our movement to address racism, and
- . consideration of our membership practices.

We know that as we try to discern the movement of Spirit, we profit from hearing many voices. As a next step toward action in these three areas, we are asking that your whole community consider the linked materials at your September or October Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business and share your wisdom with the yearly meeting.

We are including resources and information on each of these three concerns to assist and support your meeting in this undertaking. The advance reports and videos prepared for Annual Sessions are essential resources.

1. A minute under consideration for possible approval, which proposes that Philadelphia Yearly Meeting adopt a yearly-meeting-wide witness on climate change.

You might consider how climate change has impacted you and your meeting. Perhaps it would be helpful to discuss ways the meeting has engaged with this concern and what you have done to combat climate change.

The yearly meeting will profit from input from every meeting as we move toward discerning we shall adopt this witness as a whole body.

The minute, also available on the PYM website, is as follows:

Climate Change Summary Minute

Guided by many Friends who have worked tirelessly over the past fifty years, Philadelphia Yearly Meeting adopts a yearly meeting-wide witness on climate change. This corporate ministry is broad and encompasses the work and witness of many people, communities, monthly meetings and organizations within the wider network of Quakers in the Philadelphia region and beyond. A yearly meeting-wide witness on climate change seeks to raise up as many different voices and actions as possible to make progress on the environmental and societal issues at the heart of the climate crisis.

2. A minute originally written and shared widely in 2016 by the Fellowship of Friends of African Descent, a national organization of African American Quakers in the U.S.

This minute and the conversations it created formed the foundation for establishing the Ujima Friends Peace Center. We revisited this minute as a whole yearly meeting during the July 25, 2020 plenary session on addressing racism, and we invite your community to revisit the minute now as well. It can be found on the PYM website.

The discernment of these Friends can provide a meaningful starting point for meetings to consider their own work.

- . What actions has your meeting been inspired to take regarding racism among us?
- . What challenges arise for you as you consider racism in the United States in these days?
- . How has your meeting been affected?
- . What do you feel should come next in our collective work to address racism in our world today?

You can learn more about the Ujima Friends Peace Center on their website.

3. The report on the January 2020 Threshing Session on Membership, which the body received and considered during the July 19, 2020 Plenary Session.

- . What does membership mean in your monthly meeting?
- . What does belonging to a meeting mean?
- . Do the current forms of our membership process speak to the substance of membership as it is understood by your meeting?

As a yearly meeting community, we have begun to re-evaluate the ways in which our membership practices nurture our relationships with one another and the Spirit. We need the wisdom and experience from all meeting communities as we move forward together. We have included some queries which may be helpful in framing your discussion.

Queries:

- . Is it time for our yearly meeting to consider revising our membership practices?
- . And, if so, how should they be revised?
- . What vision of commitment and belonging are we moving toward in our Quaker community?
- . We look forward to learning from you about your discernment as a meeting in each of these areas.

Your input will help shape the agenda for Continuing Sessions on November 7 and how we move forward together. As we move into the fall, we hope way will open for us to worship with you via Zoom if not in person.

Sincerely,

Jean-Marie Prestwidge Barch and Frank Barch, PYM Co-Clerks
Christie Duncan-Tessmer, PYM General Secretary

Important Checklist:

- ___Share the three concerns with your meeting community by newsletter and in your first fall Meeting for Business.
- ___Engage in discernment around these three concerns.
- ___Submit your input to PYM via an online feedback form which we will make available to you September 30. This form will remain open to collect data through October 30.
- ___Attend Continuing Sessions.

Greetings Friends of London Grove and Western Quarter,

You are invited to join our Zoom discussion on Sunday, September 27th at 1:00 PM on Climate Change—one the three concerns that Philadelphia Yearly Meeting (PYM) has brought to Monthly Meetings for discernment. PYM is considering a minute that would adopt a yearly-meeting-wide witness on climate change (see text below). PYM is not asking directly for approval of the minute, but is instead interested in the level of concern and engagement within our Meeting. To focus our discussion, we suggest addressing the following queries:

1. Is there a sense, at least among those gathered for this discussion, that climate change presents a serious crisis that calls for a concerted response?
2. Are there specific actions that London Grove Monthly Meeting might take to conserve energy and reduce our carbon footprint?
3. What can we as Quakers, individually and collectively, do to promote efforts to combat climate change within our society (including institutions and elected officials) as a whole?

If you cannot make it to the Zoom meeting but would like to comment via email, please send comments to Bob, at bobfryehome@aol.com. Our deliberations will be reported to London Grove's Meeting for Worship for Business and to Philadelphia Yearly Meeting.

The Zoom information for Sunday 1 pm:

Topic: PYM Initiated Discussion on Climate Change
Time: Sep 27, 2020 01:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3218347189?pwd=SjgxRHdybmk3eUhaaWg1bllvdmFZQT09>

Meeting ID: 321 834 7189

Passcode: 140752

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+13017158592,,3218347189#,,,,,0#,,140752# US (Germantown)

Find your local number: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3218347189?pwd=SjgxRHdybmk3eUhaaWg1bllvdmFZQT09>

Looking forward to seeing you,
Denis Newbold and Bob Frye

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Deb Wood

Coordinator

Western Quarterly Meeting

2020 - 2021 Officers and Committee Members
London Grove Monthly Meeting

Clerk

Weygandt, Peter 2019

Assistant Clerk

Collins, Edna 2019

Recording Clerk

Benjamin, Jill 2020

Assistant Recording Clerk

duPont, Alison 2020

Recorder

Walker, Elisabeth 1986

Treasurer

Myers, Doug 2010

Assistant Treasurer

Conlan, Karen 2007

Keeper of the Calendar

Currie, Linda 2020

Burial Grounds

Brosius, Charles 2007 C

Mandich, Louis 2008

Thompson, Byron 2008

Spencer, Laurence 2010

Anderson, John 2013

Pfeifer, William 2014

Cypressi, Samuel 2019

Jones, Russell 2019

Care & Membership M

Benjamin, Angela 2010

Vaughan, Alexia 2012

Brofee, Karen-Lee 2015 C

Thomforde, Elinor 2017

Pascal, Edwin 2018

Jones, Margaret 2018

Reber, Sandy 2018

Frye, Robert 2019

Pascal, Edwin 2018

Pusey, Barb 2018

Finance

Myers, Doug Treas.

Thomforde, Daniel 2012

Wortmann, Richard 2013

Mooberry, Douglas 2014

Pfeifer, William 2015

Myers, Mark 2016 C

Moore, Walter 2017

Marsden, Benjamin 2017

Hospitality

Kirby, Carolyn 2009

Ciganek, Mary Jo 2010

Walker, Elisabeth 2012

Weygandt, Maria 2014

Hinks, Christine 2015 C

Brosius, Jane 2019

Trice, Raquel 2019 C

Kindergarten M

Marsden, Ellen 2010 C

Thompson, Dawn 2011

Manning, Christopher 2013

Currie, Linda 2014

Benson, Heidi 2014 C

Manning, Sarah 2015

Marsden, Brianna 2017

Yeatman, John 2019

Pfeifer, William 2019

Library

Newbold, Denis 2012 C

Vick, Joan 2013

Weygandt, Maria 2013

Yeatman, June 2013

Meeting InReach

Muller, Carolyn 2009

Walton, Margaret 2012

Brofee, Karen-Lee 2012

Davison, Susanna 2017 C

Hinks, Jack 2017

Currie, Linda 2020

Memorials

Mooberry, Pat 2007 C

Pfeifer, Grace 2007 C

Hickman, Eileen 2012

Provinski, John 2013

Provinski, Leona 2013

Jones, Margaret 2014

Pfeifer, William 2015

Pascal, Edwin 2017

Nominating

Benjamin, Angela 2011

Brosius, Jane 2012

Pfeifer, Grace 2014

Walker, Elisabeth 2015

Brosius, Thomas 2018

Jones, Margaret 2019

Davison, Susanna 2019 C

Peace & Social Justice

Walker, Barbara 2012 C

LaBranche, Donald 2013

Williamson, David 2016 C

Watkins, David 2016

Pautler, Henry 2018

Nuttall, David 2020

Collins, James 2018

Religious Education

Provinski, Leona 2009 C

Conlan, Karen 2012

Watkins, David 2015

LaBranche, Donald 2015

Collins, Edna 2018

Newbold, Denis 2019

Walker, Elizabeth 2019

duPont, Alison 2019

Music

Hickman, Eileen 2006
Conlan, Karen 2020
Brosnan-Myers, Kim 2020
McIntosh, Mariah 2020
Walton, Margaret 2020

Property

Brosius, Tamara 2008
Hearne, Richard 2012
Spencer, Laurence 2014
Montague, James 2014
Myers, Mark 2017 C
Baird, Bennett 2017
Benson, Heidi 2019
Provinski, John 2019
Thompson, Kevin 2019

Community Outreach TBA

(This committee is temporarily merging with
An Ad Hoc Committee on growing LGMM membership.)

London Grove Cares

TBA C
Benjamin, Angela
Newbold, Gail
Newbold, Erica
Reilly, Laura
Walker, Barbara
Wood, Shirley
Thompson, Ruth
Williamson, David
Glick, Eva
Pascal, Edwin

Auditors

Provinski, Matthew
Powell, William
Wickersham, Sam

Trustees M

Brosius, Thomas 2004 C
Weygandt, Peter 2004
Myers, Mark 2012
Brofee, Karen-Lee 2015
Frye, Robert 2018

Worship & Ministry

Yeatman, John 2010
Anderson, Terry 2012 C
Hayes, Heather 2013
Hearne, Richard 2014
Cypressi, Bhakti 2015
Pautler, Henry 2017
Manning, Chris 2018 C

OTHER COMMITTEES

Leadership Fund
Assistant Clerk C
Treasurer
Clerk of Finance
Clerk of Care & Membership
Clerk of Trustees

Plant Sale

Benjamin, Angela
Ciganek, Englebert
Brosius, Tamara
Ciganek, Mary Jo
Conlan, Karen
Cypressi, Samuel
Mooberry, Patricia
Myers, Douglas

Newbold, Denis
Pautler, Henry
Pfeifer, Grace
Powell, Jacqueline
Provinski, John
Provinski, Leona
Stark, Beth
Thomforde, Elinor
Thompson, Dawn
Thompson, Ruth
Vaughan, Alexia
Walker, Elisabeth C
Walton, Margaret

WQM Liaison

Frye, Robert C
Walton, Margaret

PYM Liaison

Mark Myers
Susanna Davison

NOTES: The Clerk of London Grove Meeting serves ex officio on
all committees
C--Clerk
M--Must be Meeting member to be on committee
Starting year of service follows names of committee members
Term limits are now voluntary



Uplifting Wedding Pics

Jessie Mooberry and Soren Rubin



Digital Outreach

The Ad Hoc Task Force on Membership Growth/ Outreach Committee has identified digital outreach through our meeting website, Facebook, Zoom, and other means as a priority for the coming months. To this end, we are seeking a few Friends to join some members of the task force to examine our overall digital presence and decide how we can best use these tools to attract and welcome newcomers to London Grove Meeting. This group will consider both the content to be posted on various sites and how they will be updated and maintained.

Your help is needed if you have an interest and especially if you have expertise related to these things. Please contact Edna Collins, egncollins@gmail.com. Thank you!

Kennett Food Cupboard

If you would like to contribute to the Kennett Food Cupboard, we have a tub sitting on the porch into which your items may be placed. We will see that they get delivered to the food cupboard at KAC. (One LGMM member pointed out that checks are well appreciated and can be sent directly eliminating the need to move donated foods. Others appreciate being able to directly donate needed food items. Either choice works well.)

KAC's current food donation list is:

- 1.Rice
- 2.Canned vegetables (low sodium)
- 3.Soup
4. Dried beans
- 5.Canned tuna
- 6.Cereal
- 7.Canned fruit
- 8.Peanut butter
9. Jelly (strawberry and grape)
10. Flour/maseca
- 11.Cooking oil
- 12.Small shaped pasta (elbow and bow)
- 13.Plain tomato sauce
14. Nescafe
15. Mayo/ketchup/mustard/ valentina

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