



London Grove Monthly Meeting

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December Bulletin

12th Month Queries Witnessing in the World: Witness and Civic Responsibility

- What is our meeting doing:
- To become aware of systemic legal, economic and political injustices in our local community?
- To build relationships with other faith communities around common concerns?
- To reduce polarization within the larger community?
- To work together with others to address injustice?
- How does our meeting assist in restoring public recognition that government fulfills legitimate functions?

- *Am I mindful of how my lifestyle, work-life and investments affect others?*
- *Am I open to seeking clearness on matters of conscience? Am I open to assisting others in doing so?*
- *Do I fulfill my civic responsibilities when they do not conflict with divine leading?*

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

December 2020 Calendar

12/01	4:00 PM	Care and Membership Committee via Zoom
12/03	7:30 PM	Property Committee
12/06	9:30 AM	Meeting for Worship via Zoom
	10:30 AM	Meeting for Worship for Business via Zoom
	7:00 PM	Religious Education Committee via Zoom. Edna Collins, host
12/08	6:30-8:30	PYM Called Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business. Register online at https://pym.org/continuing-sessions/register-for-meeting-for-worship-with-attention-to-business/ (Close captioning is provided)
12/12	10:00 AM	Saturday Morning "Zoom Coffee". Please join us.
12/13	8:30 AM	Peace and Social Justice Committee via Zoom
12/14	6:30 PM	Task Force on Membership Growth/Outreach Committee via Zoom
12/15	6:00 PM	Worship and Ministry Committee via Zoom
12/20	9:30 AM	Meeting for Worship via Zoom
	10:30 AM	Adult First Day School via Zoom--"English Mystics" with Donald LaBranche
	7:00 PM	Family Christmas Program via Zoom. This will be a delightful Christmas program with a children's story, Bible reading, and music celebrating the birth of Jesus.
12/24	10:00 PM	Christmas Eve Meeting for Worship via Zoom. Karen-Lee Brofee to host.
12/26	10:00 AM	Saturday Morning "Zoom Coffee". Please join us.
12/27	9:30 AM	Meeting for Worship under the Oak, weather permitting

ELEVENTH MONTH MEETING FOR WORSHIP FOR BUSINESS SUMMARY

On November 1, 2020, following worship with the reading of the Queries, the Meeting continued in worship with attention to the business of London Grove Monthly Meeting.

Minutes from the Tenth Month's meeting were read and approved by the Meeting.

Doug Myers presented the Treasurer's report, and included in income was a \$5,000 gift from the Colonial Flying Corps Museum, founded by the late Alexis Irene Dupont, Sr. It was an unrestricted gift. The Meeting felt that it should be given a specific use, rather than toward the general budget, and with our decision to acquire equipment necessary for conducting virtual meeting from our Meetinghouse, it was suggested that this gift should be used to form a Social Media/Technology Fund, which Meeting approved. Clerk will send a note of thanks for this kind gift to Everitt duPont, who represents the estate, explaining how it will be used.

Margaret Walton, representative to Western Quarter presented her report on the October 18, 2020 Quarterly meeting. The London Grove Minute on Prevention of Nuclear War has been approved by several Meetings in the Quarter.

Leona Provinski, Clerk of Religious Education Committee, presented the annual report of this Committee. The Committee is active and working creatively in this time of the Covid pandemic to continue with activities when possible as well as Adult First Day classes.

Mark Myers, Clerk, presented the annual report of Property Committee. The purpose of this Committee is to maintain our Meetinghouse and grounds, and this year there were again many maintenance projects needed. Long range goals the Committee is considering include re-evaluating the heating system, possible air-conditioning installation, and reducing dependence on fossil fuels. The report might be updated at the December meeting.

Edna Collins reported on progress by the Ad Hoc committee on growing our Meeting, now combined with Community Outreach. The meeting website will be updated and the calendar improved. Heidi Benson will update and enhance our Facebook page, and implement Instagram account and postings. Committees within the Meeting are encouraged to participate actively in our Facebook postings. These postings will be edited by Heidi, Clerk and Assistant Clerk before posting (as was John Woolman's Journal, before it was published).

Tom Brosius reported for the Ad Hoc Committee on Re-Opening on its survey conducted to consider timing of meeting for worship inside the Meetinghouse, with these meetings also being transmitted virtually—a hybrid meeting. Costs of acquiring equipment were considered (a total of \$2,000, estimated). Funds for this being available from the Social Media/Technology fund made possible by the duPont family gift, the Meeting approved the acquisition and installation of the equipment. Then, as the way opens, considering the safety of everyone, a hybrid format will at some point be commenced.

Peter Weygandt, Clerk

2021	COMMITTEE REPORTS	READ/RESPOND TO QUERIES	QUERY
JANUARY	Worship & Ministry	Worship & Ministry	Meeting for Worship
FEBRUARY	Hospitality, Library	Worship & Ministry	Meeting for Business
MARCH	Leadership, Trustees, Care & Membership	Care & Membership	Spiritual Nuture
APRIL	Burial Grounds	Burial Grounds	Care for the Meeting
MAY	Inreach Auditors	Inreach	Religious Education in the Home and Meeting
JUNE	Memorial	Memorial	Stewardship of Resources
JULY	Peace & Social Justice	Peace & Social Justice	Peace & Alternatives to Violence
AUGUST	Nominating	Nominating	Integrity & Simplicity
SEPTEMBER	Outreach (Ad Hoc Task Force)	Outreach (Ad Hoc Task Force)	Equality and Justice
OCTOBER	Kindergarten	Kindergarten	Ministry of Outreach
NOVEMBER	Religious Education, Property	Religious Education	Education
DECEMBER	London Grove Cares	London Grove Cares	Witness & Civic Responsibility

LONDON GROVE LEADERSHIP FUND

The Leadership Fund was created in late 2015 as a London Grove program to provide encouragement and support for one another. Through the London Grove Leadership Fund we offer financial support to Members, their families, and Attenders with Leadership Grants for educational and community service activities. We do this because of our historic emphasis on education, as well as our fundamental belief in supporting members' leadings to be a positive influence in the broader community. These grants demonstrate our commitment to develop leaders in our community – both today and tomorrow.

All Members and qualifying Attenders, regardless of financial circumstance, are encouraged to participate. (Attenders must be active participants in the life of London Grove with more than one year of formal designation to be eligible)

THE PROGRAM

London Grove will reimburse requesting families with grants of up to \$1,000 for the following:

Scholastic Support Materials as required by any accredited Primary, Secondary, or Post-Secondary school in which the student is enrolled.

Examples may include:

Electronic hardware (computer, tablet, etc.) - Software - Textbooks
- Musical instruments - Art supplies - Equipment

Other supplies and fees necessary for participation in relevant courses/programs will also be considered for Leadership Grants. (We do not reimburse for tuition costs)

Member/Active Attender participation in a conference, workshop or seminar relevant to the life of London Grove and consistent with Quaker values.

A specific service project or opportunity to offer Friendly witness in which the requesting Member/Eligible Attender is an active participant as the result of a direct leading. The requestor will be required to demonstrate active service in the program/project, and the activity needs to be consistent with our core values

The Leadership Fund program demonstrates our commitment to each other as a vital, caring community. Please feel free to contact any Leadership Fund committee member if you have any questions or if you would like to apply for a grant – Edna Collins (Committee Clerk), Doug Myers, Karen-Lee Brofee or Tom Brosius.

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