



## London Grove Monthly Meeting

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**August Bulletin**

### **8th Month Queries Grounding for Transformed Lives : Integrity and Simplicity**

- What is the interplay between simplicity and integrity in the life of our meeting?
- How does our meeting embody simplicity and integrity in its structures and practices?
- How has our meeting considered humanity's impact on the earth's ecological integrity and the ways in which violence and injustice exacerbate this impact?
  
- *How do I strive to achieve harmony between my inner and outer commitments in my spiritual journey, my work, my family and my other responsibilities?*
- *Am I temperate in all things?*
- *Am I open to counsel regarding addictive behavior?*
- *Am I involved only with those organizations and activities whose purposes and methods complement my integrity?*
- *Am I careful to speak truth as I know it and am I open to truth spoken to me?*
- *Am I mindful that judicial oaths imply a double standard of truth?*

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## August 2021 Calendar

<b>7/31</b>	9:30 AM	Meeting for Worship, Hybrid, we will join PYM's "All Together Worship". See more info on page 3.
<b>8/2</b>	4:00 PM	Care & Membership Committee via Zoom
<b>8/4</b>	7:30 PM	Property Committee
<b>8/7</b>	9:30 AM	Meeting for Worship--Hybrid
	10:30 AM	Meeting for Worship with attention to Business--Hybrid
	7:30 PM	Religious Education Committee
<b>8/14</b>	9:30 AM	Meeting for Worship--Hybrid--Fellowship Snack provided by In-Reach Committee
	7:30 PM	Peace & Social Justice Committee via Zoom
<b>8/16</b>	6:30 PM	Worship & Ministry Committee via Zoom
	7:30 PM	Climate Group via Zoom
<b>8/18</b>	9:30 AM	Library Committee
<b>8/21</b>	9:30 AM	Meeting for Worship under the Oak (Please bring a chair) Fellowship Snack provided by the Kindergarten Committee
<b>8/22</b>	7:00 PM	Nominating Committee via Zoom
<b>8/23</b>	4:00 PM	Quaker Bible Reader Group via Zoom link <a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87446358199">https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87446358199</a>
<b>8/28</b>	9:30 AM	Meeting for Worship--Hybrid--Fellowship Snack provided by Nominating Committee

## **London Grove to Join “All Together Worship” with Philadelphia Yearly Meeting on July 31**

Everyone is strongly encouraged to join us at the London Grove Meetinghouse for a unique, intergenerational Meeting for Worship on July 31. Friends can also join via Zoom. This All Together Worship will be hosted on Zoom by Philadelphia Yearly Meeting at the conclusion of Annual Sessions. Monthly meetings and individual Friends will log on to create a “quilt” of Zoom screens for a yearly meeting-wide worship experience. London Grove’s participation was approved at Seventh Month Meeting for Worship for Business.

Here's what to expect:

- 1.** Friends who are attending from home via Zoom will log in from 9:45 to 10:30 a.m. using Zoom link, NOT London Grove’s usual Zoom link. There will be a password. Everyone will receive the link and the password via email before the meeting.
- 2.** The meeting room will also be logged into PYM for worship between 9:45 and 10:30 a.m.
- 3.** Those attending in person will gather in the meeting room at 9:30 as usual, settle in, and hear a short explanation before we connect with PYM.
- 4.** To give vocal ministry, Friends are asked to raise their electronic hand on Zoom, and PYM Elders will recognize speakers in turn. In the meeting room, you will stand if you wish to speak, the microphone will be brought to you, London Grove’s electronic hand will be raised, and you will wait to speak until London Grove is recognized. This is obviously different from our usual practice, but it allows Friends to hear messages from across the yearly meeting. We can probably expect a lot of vocal ministry!
- 5.** All ages including young children will be present in the meeting room. Children may choose to sit with their parents or play quietly on a quilt with our child care volunteers. Again, All Together Worship is designed as an intergenerational experience.
- 6.** When we log out of All Together Worship at 10:30, the London Grove Zoom link will be opened. Friends who are participating on Zoom can log out of PYM and log in to London Grove in the usual way if they like. The Coordinator in the meeting room will then facilitate Holding in the Light, Afterthoughts, Introduction of Visitors, and Announcements.
- 7.** We will then adjourn outdoors for refreshments provided by Hospitality Committee. Friends on Zoom may continue to visit there if they like.

Please watch your email for further details, and plan to join us for this rich worship experience!

## SEVENTH MONTH 2022 MEETING FOR WORSHIP FOR BUSINESS—SUMMARY

On July 3, 2022, following responses to the Queries on Grounding for Transformed Lives: Peace and Alternatives to Violence, the Meeting continued in worship with attention to the business of London Grove Monthly Meeting. Minutes from the Sixth Month 2022 meeting were approved as read.

Doug Myers presented the Treasurer's report. As of June 30, we were 50% through the year and had received 44.5% of budgeted contributions. Doug also read a thank-you note received from Becky Matos, expressing appreciation for the Meeting's care for the recent marriage of her son.

David Watkins of the Peace & Social Justice Committee presented the committee's recommendation that we contribute \$2500 to Detroit Monthly Meeting in support of their efforts to build a new meetinghouse and maintain a Quaker presence in that city. The meeting approved the donation in that amount to be taken out of the Leadership Fund.

As Liaison to Philadelphia Yearly Meeting, Susanna Davison presented an invitation from PYM for all monthly meetings to participate remotely via Zoom in All Together Worship at the end of Annual Sessions on July 31. The meeting approved our participation, and an ad hoc group was formed to work out the technological details. (See additional details elsewhere in this bulletin.)

David Watkins gave the annual report of the Peace & Social Justice Committee. He noted the work of meeting members who are not on the committee related to issues of interest, such as Climate Change. The committee again facilitated the Helen Corson Peace Awards and the choice of legislative priorities to be shared by the Meeting with Friends Committee on National Legislation.

Grace Pfeifer gave the Memorial Committee's annual report. The committee assisted with five memorial services during the past year, serving as the face of the meeting during a sensitive time.

Peter Weygandt invited the Meeting to consider how we might deepen our consideration of the monthly Queries in Faith and Practice. A variety of ideas were offered, including a second reading during Meeting for Worship the week before business meeting, and regular small group discussions during First Day School. It was agreed that Worship & Ministry and Religious Education Committees would be asked to consider the matter further.

Edna Collins, Clerk  
London Grove Monthly Meeting

## 2022-2023 Officers and Committee Members London Grove Monthly Meeting Draft 4, 7/21/22

<u>Clerk</u>		<u>Care and Membership</u>		<u>Kindergarten M</u>	
Collins, Edna	2021	Walker, Betsy	Recorder	Marsden, Ellen	2010 C
		Benjamin, Angela	2010	Manning, Christopher	2013
<u>Assistant Clerk</u>		Brofee, Karen-Lee	2015 C	Currie, Linda	2014
Anderson, Terry	2021	Thomforde, Elinor	2017	Benson, Heidi	2014 C
		Jones, Margaret	2018	Manning, Sarah	2015
<u>Recording Clerk</u>		Pusey, Barbara	2018	Marsden, Britanna	2017
Reber, Sandy	2022	Reber, Sandy	2018	Pfeifer, William	2019
		Frye, Robert	2019	Matos, Becky	2021
<u>Ass't Recording Clerk</u>		Newbold, Denis	2019		
Mooberry, Jessie	2022			<u>Library</u>	
		<u>Community Outreach</u>		Newbold, Denis	2012 C
<u>Recorder</u>		Pfeifer, Grace	2020	Vick, Joan	2013
Walker, Betsy	1986	Davison, Susanna	2020	Weygandt, Maria	2013
		Nuttall, Dave	2021	Yeatman, June	2013
<u>Treasurer</u>		Toy, Atala	2022	Thompson, Ruth	2021
Myers, Doug	2010			McHenry, Jan	2022
		<u>Finance</u>		McHenry, Steve	2022
<u>Assistant Treasurer</u>		Myers, Doug	Treasurer		
Conlan, Karen	2007	Thomforde, Daniel	2012	<u>Meeting InReach</u>	
		Wortmann, Richard	2013	Muller, Carolyn	2009
<u>Keeper of the Calendar</u>		Mooberry, Douglas	2014	Walton, Margaret	2012
Currie, Linda	2020	Pfeifer, William	2015	Brofee, Karen-Lee	2012
		Myers, Mark	2016 C	Davison, Susanna	2017 C
<u>Music</u>		Moore, Walter	2017	Hinks, Jack	2017
Hickman, Eileen	2006	Marsden, Benjamin	2017	Currie, Linda	2020
Conlan, Karen	2020	Mooberry, Jessie	2021		
Brosnan-Myers, Kim	2020			<u>Memorials</u>	
Walton, Margaret	2020	<u>Hospitality</u>		Mooberry, Pat	2007 C
		Walker, Betsy	2012	Pfeifer, Grace	2007 C
<u>Burial Grounds</u>		Weygandt, Maria	2014	Hickman, Eileen	2012
Brosius, Charles	2007 C	Hinks, Christine	2015 C	Provinski, John	2013
Mandich, Louis	2008	Brosius, Jane	2019	Provinski, Leona	2013
Thompson, Byron	2008	Trice, Kelli	2019 C	Jones, Margaret	2014
Pfeifer, William	2014	Weygandt, Ida	2021	Pfeifer, William	2015
Jones, Russell	2019	Vaughn, Alexia.	2022	Murphy, Susan	2021
Provinski, Matthew	2021				
Weygandt, Peter	2022				

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<u>Nominating</u>		<u>Religious Education</u>		OTHER COMMITTEES
Benjamin, Angela	2011	Provinski, Leona	2009 C	
Brosius, Jane	2012	Conlan, Karen	2012	<u>Leadership Fund</u>
Pfeifer, Grace	2014	LaBranche, Donald	2015	Assistant Clerk C
Walker, Elisabeth	2015	Toy, Atala	2022	Treasurer
Brosius, Thomas	2018			Clerk of Finance
Davison, Susanna	2019 C	<u>Trustees M</u>		Clerk of Care & Membership
		Brosius, Thomas	2004 C	Clerk of Trustees
<u>Peace &amp; Social Justice</u>		Weygandt, Peter	2004	
Walker, Barbara	2012	Myers, Mark	2012	<u>WQM Liaison</u>
LaBranche, Donald	2013	Brofee, Karen-Lee	2015	Frye, Robert C
Watkins, David	2016 C	Frye, Robert	2018	Walton, Margaret
Williamson, David	2016			Brosnan-Myers, Kim
Paulter, Henry	2018	<u>Worship &amp; Ministry</u>		
Nuttal, Dave	2021	Yeatman, John	2010	<u>PYM Liaison</u>
		Hayes, Heather	2013	Mark Myers
<u>Property</u>		Hearne, Richard	2014	Susanna Davison
Brosius, Tamara	2008	Paulter, Henry	2017	
Hearne, Richard	2012	Manning, Chris	2018 C	
Baird, Bennett	2017 C	Hogenauer, Dan	2021	
Benson, Heidi	2019	Trice, Raquel	2021	
Provinski, John	2019	<u>Auditors</u>		
Thompson, Kevin	2019	Conlan, Karen		
Rubin, Soren	2021	Powell, William		
Hinks, Jack	2021	Wickersham, Sam		
Myers Mark.	2017			

**NOTES**

- The Clerk of London Grove Monthly Meeting serves *ex officio* on all meeting committees
- Starting year of service follows names of committee members
- Term limits are now voluntary
- C follows name of committee clerks and co-clerks
- M indicates Membership is required to serve on committees so designated

## The Library's Recently Acquired Books

The library committee wishes to bring to your attention the following recently acquired books. These can be found on the "New books" shelf of the cart in the far corner of the library—unless they have been checked out. The cards for a checked-out books are kept in the 3x5 card box on the windowsill, filed by author. In due course, the books will be shelved by the call number (shown below).

Works authored by London Grove Meeting members are marked by an asterisk (\*).

### Main collection:

\**History of the Village of London Grove, Pennsylvania*. A compilation of stories, by Mark B. Myers 974.81 M.

\**Ink Blots*. A collaborative poetry collection, Vols. 1 & 2, containing poetry by Martin Parker. 821 P & 821 Pa

\**Too Much Light Between Us*. Poetry by Donald LaBranche 821 L

\**Composed of Diamonds and the Ecstasy of Light*. Poetry by Donald LaBranche 821 La

\* *Nature Spirits, Spirit guides, and Ghosts*, by Atala Toy. 133.9 T

\* *Truths. The Nature Beings Have Shown Me*, by Atala Toy. 235 T

\* *Minutes of the Race Relations Committee (1956-1968)* by Western Quarter Friends OVER 323 W

*On the Brink of Everything*, by Parker J. Palmer 131.4 Pal

*The Quaker Bible Reader*, edited by Paul Buckley and Stephen Angell 220 Qua

*Saving Us. A climate scientist's case for hope and healing in a divided world*, by Katherine Hayhoe 363 H

*Abolition and the Underground Railroad in Chester County, Pennsylvania*, by Mark Lanyon 971.7 L9226 Kercheval.

*The Storefront That Did Not Burn*, by Nancy Milio 361.1 M

### Young Adult:

*Stamped. Racism, antiracism, and you*, by Jason Reynolds and Ibram X. Kendi. J305.8 R

*The Kendal Sparrow*. A novel of Elizabeth Fletcher, by Barbara Schell Luetke. J F Lu

### Children's:

*The Youngest Marcher*. The story of Audrey Faye Hendricks, a young civil rights activist, by Cynthia Levinson J323 L

*Separate is Never Equal*. Sylvia Mendez and her family's fight for desegregation, by Duncan Tonatiuh J325 T

*Born on the Water*. The 1619 Project, by Nikole Hannah-Jones and Renee Watson J973.049 H

*A Colonial Quaker Girl*. The diary of Sally Wister, 1777-1778, by Sarah Wister J289.692

*Wangari Maathai Planted Trees*, by Kate Coombs. JB Maa

### Pendle Hill Pamphlet:

*The Atheist's Guide to Quaker Process*. Spirit-led decisions for the secular, by Selden W. Smith PHP No. 472

## What Quakerism Means to Me

With these messages, we conclude our series of testimonies from individual Friends about the essence of Quakerism as they might explain it to others. All of these messages have been collected in a printed booklet, available in the Library for checkout by London Grove members and attenders, and for distribution to seekers as Friends feel led. Thank you to everyone who shared these important thoughts.

### From David Watkins:

#### What I Believe

God is in everything, everything is in God, God also transcends all things.

There is that of God in everyone, a spark of God that can be experienced directly.

Worship in silence is preferred, seeking inner light, the Christ within, listening for the Spirit. Acting on Spirit.

The Bible and other scriptures are inspired, to varying degrees, and Revelation continues.

### From Peter Weygandt:

#### Being a Quaker or a Seeker

1. The Quaker faith developed in the mid-1600s in England. From the beginning women were as equally involved as men in the spiritual and organizational development of the movement. They called themselves Seekers of the Truth, and central to their beliefs was the insight that there is that of the Divine, **the Light, God, in every human being**. From this follows their other testimonies.
2. Continuing Revelation—we are all capable of a relationship with God, and God will be revealed to those who seek. The Bible, and other spiritual writings, help us in this, but it is the Spirit to be found in these writings, not rigid doctrine, for which we need them. An intermediary, such as a priest, is not required for a person to have this relationship with the Divine.
3. Other testimonies must then follow, as well. As we are all God's creation we are all equal in his sight-- women, men; black, white, mixed; the wealthy, the poor. We must strive to live in peace with all, as we are all God's children. As we are equal, we must always be completely honest with each, and at all times. We must live simply, in order that resources can be shared with those less fortunate. And we must think of all creation, and be stewards of what we have received for those in the future. Simplicity, Peace, Integrity, Community, Equality and Stewardship, are our testimonies, instead of Creeds.
4. These testimonies and our belief that God can be revealed, shall all be lived, every day, in all ways.
5. Worship is conducted together in our Meetinghouse, beginning in silence-- waiting, listening-- and from this community worship will come messages from those led to speak by the spirit.



## Kennett Food Cupboard Donations

Please remember to drop off food donation items in the gray bin on the Meeting House porch! We have a small team who will take donations to the food bank in Kennett once a month.

### **The following items are always in need:**

**Jelly (strawberry and grape)**

**2lb. bags of rice**

**2lb. bags of dried beans (pinto, black)**

**Canned Fruit**

**Cereal**

**Cooking Oil**

**Broth/Stock**

**Canned Tuna/Chicken/ Deviled Ham**

**Peanut Butter**

**Canned Vegetables (corn, mixed vegetables, tomatoes) (low sodium) Nescafe (instant coffee)/**

**Coffee and Tea**

**Flour/Maseca**

**Mayo/Ketchup/Mustard/Valentina Sauce**

**Tortillas**

**Sugar**

**Salt**

Kennett Food Cupboard 136 W Cedar Street, Kennett Square, PA 19348

Open for donations on Mondays between 9am & 4pm. Your generosity is greatly appreciated! Thank you for your donation!

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