



## London Grove Monthly Meeting

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**November Bulletin**

### **11th Month Queries Witnessing in the World: Education**

- What does our meeting do to support and improve public education?
- What help do we provide for the children and adults in our meeting to pursue their educational goals?
- What is our meeting's role in support for Friends' education? If our meeting is connected to a Friends school or schools, does this relationship nurture spiritual life and the manifestation of Friends principles?
- Do we enable children in our meeting to attend a Friends school? Does our meeting work with the family to consider all available means of support?
- *How do I show my concern for the improvement of public education in my community?*
- *Do I demonstrate my encouragement and support for Friends education through awareness and service?*

"QuakerSpeak", a project of Friends Journal, puts engaging 5 minute videos about Quaker topics online. To visit QuakerSpeak, go to [www.quakerspeak.com](http://www.quakerspeak.com)

## November 2022 Calendar

<b>11/1</b>	4:00 PM	Care & Membership Committee via Zoom
<b>11/3</b>	7:30 PM	Property Committee
<b>11/6</b>	9:30 AM	Family Meeting for Worship--Hybrid
	9:45 AM	Young children move into their program of play and learning
	10:00 AM	PYM All Together Worship online from Meeting House or Zoom ( <b>See below for more PYM information</b> )
	10:30 AM	Meeting for Worship for Business--Hybrid
	7:15 PM	Religious Committee via Zoom to plan Christmas celebration
<b>11/13</b>	9:00 AM	Coffee and Fellowship on the porch
	9:30 AM	Family Meeting for Worship--Hybrid
	9:45 AM	Young children move into their program of play and learning
	10:30 AM	Adult First Day School-Donald LaBranche leader-"The First Murder"-Genesis: text, story, revelation, Hybrid
	7:30 PM	Peace & Social Concerns via Zoom
<b>11/15</b>	6:00 PM	Worship & Ministry via Zoom
	7:30 PM	Climate Group
<b>11/17</b>	10:00 AM	Library Committee
<b>11/20</b>	9:30 AM	Family Meeting for Worship--Hybrid
	9:45 AM	Young children move into their program of play and learning
	10:30 AM	Evaluating Our Progress Toward Growing the Meeting discussion, Hybrid, led by Edna Collins
<b>11/27</b>	9:30 AM	Family Meeting for Worship--Hybrid
	9:45 AM	Young children move into their program of play and learning
	10:00 AM	Fellowship with Friends & Family "Home for the Holiday"

### Philadelphia Yearly Meeting--Fall Continuing Sessions

Friends can "Join Your Way"-- In Person or Online:

Friday, November 4, from 7-8 pm there will be Worship Sharing online for those who have registered

Saturday, November 5, from 9 am to 5 pm there will be In Person Worship, Youth Programs and Meeting for Business at Arch Street Meetinghouse; or Online links will be sent to those registered.

Sunday, November 6, All Together Worship will be offered online from meetinghouses (**LGMM will not be doing this**) and from Friends' homes

Friends are invited to register at [www.pym.org/sessions](http://www.pym.org/sessions)

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

On October 2, 2022, following responses to the Queries on Witnessing in the World, Ministry of Outreach, the Meeting continued in worship with attention to the business of London Grove Monthly Meeting. Minutes from the Ninth Month 2022 meeting were approved as read.

There was no Recorder's Report. Keeper of the Calendar Linda Currie reported no calendar additions requiring the Meeting's approval. She has added several Kindergarten events to the calendar.

Doug Myers presented the Treasurer's Report for Ninth Month. At the end of September, we were 75% of the way through the year and had received 52.3% of budgeted contributions.

Ellen Marsden gave the annual report of the Kindergarten Committee. The Kindergarten is operating smoothly with a teaching staff that has remained constant. Improvements made by the committee over the summer have made the Kindergarten space safer and more attractive. Kindergarten Meeting for Worship is being reintroduced to the children after a two-year hiatus due to the pandemic, and the Meeting will be informed when visitors would be welcome.

An Ad Hoc Committee was formed to discern ways to replace funds that are no longer available for donations now that the Plant Sale has been laid down. Karen-Lee Brofee agreed to convene the first meeting.

A listening session was held about the possibility of changing the time of Meeting for Worship to 10:00 a.m. The Ad Hoc Task Force on Membership Growth recommended in September 2021 that this change be considered, given that the 9:30 time can be challenging for young families, and a later start time might attract more new attenders. During the listening session, many Friends voiced the need for all meeting activities to end by noon without rushing them, which would be difficult with a later start. A Friend suggested that input from parents is needed. Worship and Ministry Committee will continue to consider this issue, and additional thoughts should be sent to Chris Manning.

Karen-Lee Brofee read a Minute from Lancaster Monthly Meeting raising a concern about the rise of Christian Nationalism. The minute has been forwarded by that meeting to Caln Quarter. Peace and Social Justice Committee will consider possible responses from London Grove. Interested Friends are encouraged to contact David Watkins or attend the next P & SJ meeting.

It was noted that Religious Education, InReach, and Worship & Ministry Committees all feel that it is going well to have children join their families for the first 10-15 minutes of worship. Any concerns about this should be brought to Susanna Davison or Leona Provinski.

The sign-up process for projects related to Growing the Meeting is complete. Five of the eight projects generated enough interest to identify a coordinator, who will convene those interested to decide how to proceed. Please contact Edna Collins for more information or to express interest if you didn't sign up.

It was announced that, in response to the concern about deepening our consideration of the Queries, Religious Education Committee is planning First Day School discussions on the Sundays before Meeting for Worship for Business when the Queries are read during worship. These will begin in January.

Edna Collins, Clerk  
London Grove Monthly Meeting

## London Grove Meeting Book Discussion Group

Our London Grove Meeting book discussion group which meets on Zoom, has finished its second book and invites any Friend who enjoys a good discussion, fine fellowship, and new perspectives to consider participating. Our first book, ***The Quaker Reader***, edited by Jessamyn West was filled with essays by Quakers across time. It was a challenging read at times but helping one another, we got through it. Our second book, ***The Quaker Bible Reader***, assembled by Paul Buckley and Stephen Angell, was a much easier read but challenging too with its Biblical information, various lens for points of view, and always thought provoking.

Our third choice is quite different from the other two. It is ***My Bright Abyss*** --a book recommended by two Friends within our current group and credited with raising one out of deep despair. The description reads:

*"Seven years ago, Christian Wiman, a well-known poet and the editor of POETRY magazine, wrote a now-famous essay about having faith in the face of death. MY BRIGHT ABYSS, composed in the difficult years since and completed in the wake of a bone marrow transplant, is a moving meditation on what a viable contemporary faith-responsive not only to modern thought and science but also to religious tradition--might look like.*

*Joyful, sorrowful, and beautifully written, MY BRIGHT ABYSS is destined to become a spiritual classic, useful not only to believers but to anyone whose experience of life and art seems at times to overbrim its boundaries. How do we answer this "burn of being"? Wiman asks. What might it mean for our lives--and for our deaths--if we acknowledge the "insistent, persistent ghost" that some of us call God?" (From the cover--2013)*

We have been meeting for about an hour twice a month at 4:00 PM but wonder if this early hour prevents others from participating. Therefore, we are setting our first meeting during which we will discuss the first chapter for Tuesday December 13th at 7PM on Zoom. All are welcome!

Karen-Lee Brofee

## 2022-2023 Officers and Committee Members London Grove Monthly Meeting

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

Nominating

**2022-2023 Officers and Committee Members**  
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**Continued**

Nominating

Benjamin, Angela 2011  
 Brosius, Jane 2012  
 Pfeifer, Grace 2014  
 Walker, Elisabeth 2015  
 Brosius, Thomas 2018  
 Davison, Susanna 2019 C

Peace & Social Justice

Walker, Barbara 2012  
 LaBranche, Donald 2013  
 Watkins, David 2016 C  
 Williamson, David 2016  
 Pautler, Henry 2018  
 Nutall, Dave 2021

Property

Brosius, Tamara 2008  
 Hearne, Richard 2012  
 Baird, Bennett 2017 C  
 Benson, Heidi 2019  
 Provinski, John 2019  
 Thompson, Kevin 2019  
 Rubin, Soren 2021  
 Hinks, Jack 2021  
 Myers, Mark 2017

Religious Education

Provinski, Leona 2009 C  
 Conlan, Karen 2012  
 LaBranche, Donald 2015  
 Toy, Atala 2022

Trustees M

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

Worship & Ministry

Yeatman, John 2010  
 Hayes, Heather 2013  
 Hearne, Richard 2014  
 Pautler, Henry 2017  
 Manning, Chris 2018 C  
 Hogenauer, Dan 2021  
 Trice, Raquel 2021

Auditors

Conlan, Karen  
 Powell, William  
 Wickersham, Sam

**OTHER COMMITTEES**

Leadership Fund

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

WQM Liaison

Brosnan-Myers, Kim

PYM Liaison

Mark Myers  
 Susanna Davison

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

## **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! Contact Sandy Reber with questions or to volunteer to deliver donations.

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