



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 2022 Calendar

12/1	7:00 PM	Allen AME Collaboration Group Meeting--Zoom
	7:30 PM	Property Committee meeting
12/4	9:30 AM	Family Meeting for Worship--Hybrid
	9:45 AM	Young children move into their program of play and learning
	10:30 AM	Meeting for Worship for Business--Hybrid
		Christmas Choir Practice in Classroom Wing (see page 4 for more info)
	7:15 PM	Religious Education Committee meeting--Zoom
12/5	4:00 PM	Vocal Ministry Discussion Group in the London Grove Library
12/6	4:00 PM	Care & Membership Committee meeting--Zoom
12/11	9:00 AM	Coffee & Fellowship in the Social Room hosted by Care & Membership Committee
	9:30 AM	Family Meeting for Worship--Hybrid
	9:45 AM	Young children move into their program of play and learning
	10:30 AM	Star Ornament, Paper Chain making & Social Time
		Christmas Choir Practice in Meeting Room (see page 4 for more info)
	7:30 PM	Peace & Social Justice Committee meeting--Zoom
12/13	7:00 PM	Book Discussion Group meeting to talk about 1st chapter of <i>My Bright Abyss</i> by Christian Wiman--Zoom
12/15	10:00 AM	Library Committee meeting
	5:00 PM	All are invited to join the Kindergarten Christmas Program. Dress warmly. It will be outside. E-mail will be sent if necessary to cancel.
12/17	10:00 AM	Decorate Meeting Room for Christmas. Help needed. Call Jill Benjamin
12/18	9:30 AM	Family Meeting for Worship, Hybrid
	9:45 AM	Young children move into their program of play and learning
	10:30 AM	FAMILY MEETING for CHRISTMAS with Choir, Christmas story, etc.--Hybrid
	7:00 PM	Christmas Nativity Pageant followed by Refreshments and a visit with Santa Children actors please arrive at 6:30 PM (see page 4 for more info)
12/20	6:00 PM	Worship & Ministry Committee meeting--Zoom
12/24	10:00 PM	Candlelight CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP
12/25	9:30 AM	Meeting for Worship, Hybrid. Child care available
	10:30 AM	Social Visitation. No First Day School
1/1		Volunteers needed to remove Christmas Decorations after Meeting

Eleventh Month Meeting for Worship for Business Summary

November 4th, following responses to the Queries on Witnessing the World: Education, the meeting continued in worship with attention to the business of London Grove Monthly Meeting. Minutes from the tenth month 2022 were approved with one correction.

Doug Myers reported an opening balance of \$57,851.78 as of 10/31/2022 and a closing balance of \$55,851.09

Leona Provinski presented the Religious Education Committee Annual Report. The committee offers Adult First Day School classes by Zoom and in person throughout the year, as well as recently resuming children's classes and babysitting.

Bennett Baird gave the Property Committee Annual Report. The Air Filtration and HVAC system has been installed and all the requests from the insurance company have been met. Work has been done on a number of trees including the Penn Oak. Several dead ash trees will be removed in the coming months.

Karen-Lee Brofee presented recommendations from the Ad-hoc Committee on Replacing Plant Sale Funds . The committee recommends renaming the Leadership fund, and using a percentage of that fund each year to support local organizations that were once supported by the plant sale. The name would be changed to the Community Support Fund and would continue to give leadership grants within the meeting community as well as grants to local community organizations. We were reminded that the Leadership Fund was the result of combining two funds, one that had been used to support organizations outside the meeting, and that the leadership fund has also historically been used for outside organizations, such as our gift to help the Ukrainians impacted by the war. The distribution of funds is always a function of action in the Meeting for Business, not a sole committee. The recommendation will be brought to the meeting in December for possible approval.

Chris Manning reported for the ad-hoc committee on Reopening the Meetinghouse that, with the improvement in both air handling of the meetinghouse and health in the community, there was no need for continual guidance. People can act with caution according to their own health needs and comfort. Gatherings may be held in the social room.

David Watkins gave an update from Peace and Social Justice regarding the minute from Lancaster Meeting on Christian Nationalism. He encouraged all interested in this issue to join the Peace and Social Justice Meeting 11/13/2022 at 7:30 p.m. by Zoom.

Committee of Clerks summary

Terry Anderson gave a report from the 10/20/2022 Committee of Clerks meeting. There is a request from members of the Blackburn family who will be celebrating a large family reunion in July. As they were members of London Grove in the 18th century, a large number of them will be attending Meeting for Worship at London Grove on July 30th. Hospitality and Outreach Committees have been asked to coordinate the extra help needed.

A request has come from the Good Samaritan Home in Kennett for donations of clothing, bedding and household items.

Terry Anderson, Assistant Clerk

Christmas Activities

Our Christmas Choir is organizing to perform on Dec 18 at 10:30 AM
Everyone is welcome! Please e-mail Edna Collins at egncollins@gmail.com if interested.
The Choir is planning to sing our traditional Christmas Hymns .
Practice will be Dec 4 and Dec 11 at the London Grove Meeting House

Dec 18. evening Christmas Nativity Pageant

All interested children should show up at 6:30 PM to get dressed in provided costumes.
In Preparation for the Pageant, our Teachers will be discussing Jesus and his birth during December First Day School Classes.
Interested Parents are encouraged to bring their children to First Day School so they will feel at ease and want to be in this fun and meaningful pageant.
At home, parents can also help by talking and reading to their children about Christmas being the Birthday celebration of Jesus.

Dec 18. Pageant Stage Set Up - Parents and Teens are need to help carry boards & the rug and help set up the stage at the close of Morning program about 11: 30 AM. Volunteers are also needed at 8:15 PM to take down and put away the Stage.

Peace & Social Justice Committee -- Helen Corson Peace Awards

This year is the ninth that I have been coordinating the Helen Corson Peace Awards. For a variety of reasons it will be my last. The peace committee needs to find someone to take over this activity. It would be good if someone could be found by the middle of January so that I can explain how the process works as it plays out. Send me an email at daviwat@comcast.net if you are interested or know someone who is.

David Watkins

Leadership Fund

The London Grove Leadership Fund was established to assist members and attenders in the pursuit of educational and community service activities through grants of up to \$1000, depending on availability of funds. Eligible requests include educational materials such as computers, musical instruments, books and art supplies. Grants will also be considered for participation in conferences and seminars relevant to the life of the Meeting, and consistent with Quaker values. A specific service project or opportunity to offer Friendly witness will also be considered.

Please contact Terry Anderson terrya957@gmail.com and Doug Myers douglas.w.myers@att.net for application instructions.

COMMITTEE REPORTS CALENDAR

2023	Committee Reports	Read Queries	Query
January	Worship and Ministry	Worship and Ministry	Meeting for Worship
February.	Hospitality, Library	Worship and Ministry	Meeting for Business
March.	Leadership, Trustees, Care & Membership	Care & Membership.	Spiritual Nature
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 and Alternatives to Violence
August	Nominating	Nominating	Integrity and Simplicity
September.	Outreach	Outreach	Equality and Justice
October	Kindergarten	Kindergarten	Ministry of Outreach
November	Religious Education, Property	Religious Education	Education
December	Membership Growth Status Report	TBA	Witness and Civic Responsibility

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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