



## London Grove Monthly Meeting

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**March Bulletin**

### **3rd Month Queries Deepening Our Faith: Spiritual Nurture**

- How does the meeting encourage the use of spiritual practices that deepen our faith, enhance the excitement of shared religious discovery and increase the possibility of spiritual transformation?
- What is the nature of our shared experience of the Divine and how do we nurture our collective spiritual growth and transformation?
- In what ways do we support each other in our spiritual journeys, in our search for God's will and in our efforts to increase understanding of humanity's relationship to life on earth?
- How do we recognize, develop and nurture the spiritual gifts of all in our meeting?
- *How do I incorporate into my personal and family life those daily practices that focus on continued spiritual growth, including worship, reflection and engagement with writings that nurture the soul?*
- *How does my spiritual life integrate an understanding of a well-ordered relationship with the earth and deepen my reverence for the interconnectedness of all life?*

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## March 2023 Calendar

3/2	7:30 PM	Property Committee
3/5	9:00 AM	Nominating Committee hosts Coffee and Juice Social Time
	9:30AM	Family Meeting for Worship--Hybrid
	9:45AM	Young children move into their program of play and learning
	10:45 AM	Meeting for Worship for Business
	7:15 PM	Religious Education Committee meeting -- Zoom
3/11	8:30 AM	Philadelphia Yearly Meeting Hybrid Spring Continuing Session (Details on Page 4)
	1:00 PM	PYM regional Continuing Session at Kennett Meetinghouse
3/12	9:45 AM	Settle in to join PYM Spring Continuing Session All Together Worship (Details on Page 5)
	11:15 AM	Adult First Day School -- Hybrid Bible Study --- "Call and Response: Abraham and Sarah"
	2:00 PM	Book-signing with David Goodrich, author of <u>On Freedom Road</u> (Details below)
	7:30 PM	Peace & Social Concerns Committee meeting -- Zoom
3/14	4:00 PM	Care & Membership Committee meeting -- Zoom
	7:00 PM	Book Discussion on Zoom: <u>My Bright Abyss</u> Chapter 4. All are welcome to attend.
3/19	9:30 AM	Family Meeting for Worship -- Hybrid
	9:45 AM	Young children move into their program of play and learning
	10:45 AM	Adult First Day School: Learn what's new @ LGMM Library.
3/21	7:30 PM	Climate Discussion Group on Zoom
3/26	9:30 AM	Family Meeting for Worship -- Hybrid
	9:45 AM	Young children move into their program of play and learning
	10:45 AM	Adult Religious Education--Quakerism with Atala Toy--4th Query, page 208, Faith & Practice
3/27	7:00 PM	Nominating Committee meeting -- Zoom

### March 12 at 2 PM: Community Outreach Committee Presents a Book Signing!

David Goodrich's earlier visit to our Meeting took place during one of his rides (3000 miles over several years) that resulted in this book. Publisher's Weekly: "Climate scientist Goodrich documents his bike rides along 'routes of the Underground Railroad' in his illuminating blend of history and travelogue. Throughout, Goodrich reveals how slavery is remembered and misremembered in America and makes a convincing case that 'national trauma, like a wound, tends to heal when it's exposed to air'..."

David Goodrich will bring copies of the book for sale. He will speak about his experiences following routes taken by Harriet Tubman between the Eastern Shore of Maryland as she led freedom-seekers on their way to Philadelphia, New York and Canada. After a questions and answers session, light refreshments will be served by the Hospitality Committee.

## SECOND MONTH 2023 MEETING FOR WORSHIP FOR BUSINESS—SUMMARY

On February 5, 2023, following responses to the Queries on Deepening Our Faith: Meeting for Business, the Meeting continued in worship with attention to the business of London Grove Monthly Meeting. Minutes from the First Month meeting were approved as read.

There was a discussion of the practice of reading minutes of the previous meeting aloud, given that they are sent out electronically before each meeting. Friends expressed diverse perspectives about the necessity of this practice and what should be included in the minutes that are read.

The reading of letters from Stephen McHenry and Jan McHenry requesting membership was postponed to 3rd Month due to illness.

Keeper of the Calendar Linda Currie reported no calendar additions requiring the Meeting's approval.

Recorder Betsy Walker reported the resignation of Georgia Delaney on 12/3/22.

Doug Myers presented the Treasurer's Report for 12th Month. As of January 31, we were 8.3% through the year and had received 1% of budgeted contributions. The final 2023 Budget was also presented.

Chris Manning, for Worship & Ministry Committee, explained that handheld microphones are being used to help those in the meeting room hear. Friends are asked to come to the front and speak directly into the microphone on the stand, or stand up and allow a microphone to be brought to you. The pancake microphone that transmits to those attending on Zoom will continue to be used as well.

Bob Frye presented recommendations from an ad hoc committee, to welcome the Blackburn family to worship with us on July 30. Members of the family were connected with London Grove in the 1700s. The committee recommended that a Minute of Welcome be read, light refreshments be served, and Friends be available throughout the meetinghouse and grounds to answer questions after worship. After discussion of challenges related to welcoming a large group and concerns about how much the meeting can do, the committee's recommendations were approved. Edna Collins will coordinate.

Chris Hinks presented the Annual Report from the Hospitality Committee. The committee has been active providing refreshments for meeting events and coordinating the sign-up for flowers on First Day mornings. They will once again provide pansies for those who attend on Easter.

Denis Newbold presented the Annual Report from the Library Committee on behalf of Jan McHenry, Clerk. The committee has created a Welcome Room across the hall from the Library. It was also noted that audiotapes of oral histories of Meeting members from the early 20th century have been digitized and will be made available soon.

Kim Brosnan-Myers reported on the meeting of Western Quarter held on January 15. Friends who attended discussed aging concerns and ways of familiarizing the wider community with Quakerism.

Edna Collins is preparing the State of the Meeting report for PYM, based on the Health and Growth of the Meeting Status Report that was presented at the First Month meeting. Friends were asked to suggest additions and revisions via email.

Edna Collins, Clerk  
London Grove Monthly Meeting

## PHILADELPHIA YEARLY MEETING CONTINUING SESSIONS MARCH 11-12

Theme: "Living with our Neighbors. Growing into BELOVED Community"

Spring and Fall Continuing Sessions take place over two weekend days.

As noted in the article on page 5, Join Us for All Together Worship on March 12 , Spring Sessions offers Zoom and in person options.

To receive the Zoom link, simply register for Continuing Sessions on the PYM website.

Worship with Attention to Business will take place on Saturday, March 11 : Options: Interested Friends can attend in person at Arch Street Meetinghouse (320 Arch St, Philadelphia) or Zoom in from home.

Below is the morning schedule for at home Zoom participation in the Hybrid Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business:

8:30 -9 a.m.: Online coffee/tea and fellowship on Zoom with Friends who are attending at Arch Street:  
9 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.: Meeting for Worship and Meeting for Business

Sessions planners have come up with a regional way of Growing into Beloved Community: We are invited to gather at Kennett Meeting (125 W. Sickle St, Kennett Square) to share in a Baked Potato Potluck!

PYM will provide prepared potatoes and salad. Participants are asked to bring topping to share.

Below is the afternoon schedule:

1:00 to 2:00 p.m.: Lunch in Kennett's downstairs Social Room  
2:15 to 3:00 p.m.: Story and Discussion: "Can I be a Friend who walks alongside you?"  
3:00-4:00 pm: —Activity and Fellowship  
4 to 4:30 pm — Worship Sharing  
4:30 to 5:00 p.m.: Reflection and Farewell

## Join Us for All Together Worship on March 12 (Note different time!)

Philadelphia Yearly Meeting is hosting All Together Worship on Zoom on March 12, and London Grove will participate once again. Here's what you need to know:

*All Together Worship* will connect us via Zoom with meetings and Friends throughout PYM. London Grove Friends can participate from the meeting room or from home. Worship will be intergenerational. Children can sit with their families or participate in quiet activities on a quilt at the front of the meeting room. (Friends particularly enjoyed having the children in the meeting room last time.)

**Our schedule will be a little different** that morning, as follows:

**9:30 – 9:45** Friends may arrive, but worship will not begin yet.

**9:45** Friends in the meeting room settle in and hear a brief explanation from our Coordinator. Families with young children may wish to wait until closer to 10:00 to arrive.

**10:00** Meeting Room logs in to PYM, and *All Together Worship begins*. Friends at home log in with the **Zoom link and password to be provided by PYM, NOT the usual London Grove Zoom link**.

**10:00 – 10:15** PYM provides "lightly programmed" worship.

**10:15 – 11:00** Unprogrammed worship. Friends who wish to give vocal ministry ask to be recognized before speaking, as described below.

**11:00** London Grove logs out of PYM, and our usual London Grove Zoom link is opened.

**Friends at home can log out of PYM and log into London Grove to hear:** Holding in the Light, Announcements, Introduction of Visitors, and Donald's First Day School class.

**11:00 – 11:10** Holding in the Light, etc.

**11:10** Short Break

**11:15** Donald's class begins.

If you feel led to give **vocal ministry** in the meeting room, you are asked to come to the microphone or stand and wait for a microphone to be brought to you, as always. However, to be heard by everyone on Zoom, **you will need to wait to be recognized** by a PYM elder, who will say something like, "The Friend from London Grove is invited to speak now", after Denis raises the meeting room's hand. Denis will unmute the meeting room when you are called on. Friends who are attending from home will need to raise their own electronic hand, wait to be called on, and unmute themselves to speak.

**A reminder with the Zoom link will be sent out closer to March 12**

Please take the opportunity to join this unique worship experience. Those who participated in the past have appreciated the chance to feel gathered with Friends from all corners of the Yearly Meeting – without driving into Philadelphia!

## **CALL FOR KENNETT FOOD CUPBOARD DONATIONS**

London Grove is joining the Kennett Square Ministerium with a collective effort over the 6 weeks of Lent to best meet KACS needs. Each church or Meeting has been assigned particular items to collect. London Grove has been given Flour, Sugar, Corn Flour (Maseca), Disposable Diapers of all sizes and Baby Wipes.

Linda Currie will be placing a large collection box in the Welcome Room for our collection. Let's fill it to the brim!!!

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