



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

November 2023 Calendar

11/2	7:30 pm	Property Committee
11/5	9:30 am	Family Meeting for Worship—Hybrid
	9:45 am	Young Children move into their First Day program of play and learning
	10:45 am	Meeting for Worship for Business — Hybrid
	7:15 pm	Religious Education Committee via Zoom
11/12	8:30 am	Social time hosted by Peace & Social Justice Committee
	9:30 am	Family Meeting for Worship—Hybrid
	9:45 am	Young children move into their First Day program of play and learning
	10:30 am	Adult Religious Education—Donald LaBranche: Religion, Power and Politics — Hybrid
	7:30 pm	Peace & Social Justice Committee—Zoom link will be published
11/13	4:00 pm	Book discussion of Imagination & Spirit:A Contemporary Quaker Reader, Brent Bill, Editor
11/14	4:00 pm	Care & Membership Committee
11/16	10 am	Library Committee meeting—in the Library
11/19	9:30 am	Family Meeting for Worship
	9:45 am	Young children move into their First Day program of play and learning
	10:30 am	Adult Religious Education Quakerism: Atala Toy: PYM's 12th Query (Page 213 Faith & Practice)
11/21	7:30 pm	Climate Change Group via Zoom
11/26	9:30 am	Family Meeting for Worship—Hybrid
	9:30 am	Young Children move into their First Day program of play and learning
	10:30 am	Social time to welcome visitors hosted by Religious Education Committee
		Looking ahead to December:
12/17		Morning Christmas Celebration! Choir—Interested Singers contact Eileen Hickman
		Evening Nativity Pageant—All children are invited to participate
12/24		Christmas Eve Candlelight Meeting for Worship

Tenth Month 2023 Meeting for Worship for Business--Summary

On Tenth Month 1, 2023, following the responses to the query Witnessing in the World: Ministry of Outreach, the Meeting continued in worship with attention to the business of London Grove Monthly Meeting. Minutes were approved with minor corrections.

Terry Anderson read a minute of appreciation for Edna Collins' term as clerk and to her dedication to promoting inward and outward growth of our community. The minute was heartily approved.

The minute of appreciation, which was read last month, for our growing relationship with Allen AME Church in Oxford was approved.

Care and Membership Committee reported clearness on membership for Janie and Bennett Baird and recommended Meeting's approval. The Meeting approved, and a welcoming committee consisting of Betsy Walker, Peter Weygandt and Bob Frye was formed. Bob will convene the meeting.

Noting the priority of safety and need to remove the Penn oak as well as the interest in preservation, Bennett Baird updated the Meeting on Property Committee plans. He reported that Rick Hearne made a generous offer to remove and store the trunk and branches over 12" in diameter at no cost to the Meeting. Smaller branches would remain for use by meeting members and others in the community. The offer was approved.

Bob Frye reported for the Trustees on his meeting with the insurance adjuster. The adjuster will recommend that some coverage be provided for damage to the garage and the damaged macadam. If damage to the water line and stone wall become evident, coverage will be considered. The claims payments will be made to PYM and then flow to LGFMM.

A press release about the Penn Oak written by Sarah Manning was read and approved with the additional mention of the Lenni Lenape people and clarification of the designation "Penn Oak".

Terry Anderson reported for the Tree Memorial Committee. The mission is to plan and implement one or more commemorations. Their work will encompass memorial gatherings for the tree as well as physical memorials involving use of the wood. They will coordinate with the wood use committee and the property committee on any projects that involve regeneration of tissue from the tree as well as use of the wood.

Atala Toy reported for the Wood Use Committee. The committee's mission is to develop a plan for use of the wood, to preserve, honor and use the wood of the oak so that it can live on in different forms. They will work closely with the Tree Memorial Committee, the Property Committee, and the Trustees.

As clerk of the Support Committee, Karen-Lee Brofee asked for suggestions of local organizations to receive donations from London Grove. \$9000 is currently available from dividends on the Friends Fiduciary Investments. A donation proposal list will come before Meeting in November. Suggestions can be sent to klbrofee@gmail.com.

Linda Currie reported on two memorial services, one for Frank Pusey on 10/12, 10 a.m and another for Jack Yeatman on 10/28 at 10 a.m.

Doug Myers presented the Treasurer's report for ninth month. As of 9/30/23 we are 75% through the year and have received 53.6% of budgeted contributions.

Terry Anderson, Clerk

Messages shared during worship sharing in the 9/24 First Day Young Children's Program

What should London Grove Meeting do with the wood from the fallen William Penn Oak Tree?

Carve wood into people praying (at the tree)

Use sections of the tree for a mural

Where it touches the ground, cut the trunk and count the rings—the tree would have seen a lot of history!

Make boards to build a house—or a treehouse

Make the tree a climbing wall, the same as we did with the Sycamore that was cut down

Make a slide

Make more boards to fix the playground

Cut the branches to make a bench with legs and write the names of all who came to Meeting

Build a stage and put on a show!

London Grove Friendly Classified Advertisement

Sponsored by Nominating Committee

Help wanted; no experience necessary, training (and vest) provided!

When the Meeting hosts special events, volunteers are stationed in the driveway to greet and signal drivers where to safely park their cars.

We need to expand the number of people willing to help when a large special event is scheduled (and if they are available).

Special events typically happen only a few times each year.

To learn more about volunteering, contact Bill Pfeiffer or John Provinski.

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, 610-486-0848, cowslip@verizon.net

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