



London Grove Monthly Meeting

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~ Established 1792 ~

February 2006

The Second Query — **Meeting for Business**

Is our meeting for business held in the spirit of a meeting for worship in which we seek divine guidance?

Are we careful to keep in the spirit of worship each of the concerns that emerge, whether of nurture, of Spirit, of social concerns, of property or of finance?

Are meeting decisions directed by prayerful consideration of all aspects of an issue and are difficult problems considered carefully with patient search for truth, unhurried by the pressures of time?

How do we respond if we notice the meeting has lost an understanding of the presence of God?

Do we recognize that we speak through our inaction as well as our action?

Do I regularly attend meeting for business and in a spirit of love and unity? If I am unable to attend, how do I attend to my responsibility?

Do I consider prayerfully the many concerns that are lifted up on any issue, acknowledging that the search for truth in unity involves what God requires, being open to personal transformation as the community arrives at the sense of the meeting?

Featured Event

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Feel free to contact Chip Thomas with any questions.

Sandy Reber

Sitters for February 2006

Date	Meeting for Worship	Meeting for Business/1st Day School
5-February	Heidi and Britta Benson Gail Lam	Chris Hinks
12-February	Pam Leland Brenda Macaluso Renna Van Oot	Elaine Anglim
19-February	Ellen Marsden Cintra Murray Claire Murray	Dale Hendricks
26-February	Kerry Harper Suzanne Michel Judy Montague	Georgia Delaney

Name Tags

It is a significant courtesy for visitors to our meeting if members and attenders wear their name tags when attending Meeting for Worship and other functions at the Meeting House. If you do not have a name tag, there is a sign-up sheet in the library where you can request one.

Adult First Day School Schedule

2/12 - Janet Shepherd: Leadership from a Quaker Perspective (part 2)

In January, Janet gave us some Questions to think about.

- What qualities and attitudes do you most value in Quaker leaders?
- Have you seen a Quaker leader grow on the job? How? In what ways?
- Can leadership skills be taught?
- Do you think both Meeting for Business and Worship can be helpful to spiritual growth?
- Why is it so hard for some people to leave Quaker leadership positions?

2/19 - Our Personal Growth, Gleanings from the Prisoners, and Violence: What does Alternatives to Violence mean for us? "AVP" with Mark Myers

2/26 - Video: Reunification of Philadelphia Yearly Meeting. Recent, acclaimed video on the re-joining of Hicksite and Orthodox Friends.

Activities for Young People

- Roots & Shoots - All are invited to the monthly Roots & Shoots activity-time & meeting, First Day February 5 at Kennett Meeting, 12:30 - 2:30. Come a little early and bring your bag lunch. Adults may stay, or go along to other activities.

Special notice for the Roots & Shoots meeting in March, March 5: We'll be learning how to make Ukrainian decorated eggs, from Sarah Manning!! Bring a smock and your creativity. We need a few adults, because melted wax is part of the art's process.

Committee Meetings for February 2006

Adult Supper	
Care and Membershin	Thursday 9 February 7:00 PM
Committee of Clerks	
Conference Fund	
Fellowshin and Publicity	
Finance	
Forum	
Kindergarten	
Library	Sunday 12 February 12:00 noon
Memorial	
Nominating	
Peace and Social Concerns	Wednesday 22 February 7:30 PM
Plant Sale	
Property and Graveyard	No Meeting in Feb. Next Meeting on 2-March
Religious Education	Monday 20 February 7:30 PM
Social Services	
Trustees	
Western Quarterly Meeting	
Western Quarterly Nominating	
Working with Children	Wednesday 1 February 7:30 PM
Worshin and Ministry	Sunday 12 February 6:00 PM

Dress Warmly

From Burial/Property Committee: Due to conservation of oil, the Meeting House thermostat will be set at 68 degrees (or less) when the Meeting House is being used and will be lowered to 60 degrees at other times.

Make sure you dress warmly for Meeting.

Change of eMail Address for the Bulletin

Please send all items for the monthly Bulletin to the editor, John Boddie, at johnboddie@verizon.net. This is a new eMail address, replacing jboddie@verizon.net.

Items for the March Bulletin should be submitted by Tuesday, 21 February to ensure publication.

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Western Quarterly—www.quaker.org/wqmpym/
Philadelphia Yearly Meeting—www.pym.org

Adult Supper Returns

Continuing our Adult Supper meeting every other month, an idea was first suggested by Eddie Paschall more than a year ago. Meet the last Sunday in February 26th at 6.00pm.

Elinor Thomforde has kindly offered her lovely spacious home for this month.

Please bring a covered dish to share, simple or creative; main dish, side dish or dessert is fine.

Please call Elinor to reserve at 610-347-2406 or by email ebthomforde@aol.com

Quaker Youth Summer Camp ~ in Planning

Planning meeting to explore Quaker Summer Camp for Youth (in Western Quarter, for 2007) :

7:00 p.m. - Wed. Evening, February 1st at Kennett Meetinghouse, N. Union St. at Sickles St., Kennett Square

Bring a vision statement if possible, so we can share & ask questions!

Learn- Serve- Build

Learn

- about Friends, slavery and the Underground Railroad
- about Friends' witness today
- about the variety of Friends
- from each other

Serve

- meals
- by helping a yearly meeting session happen

Build

- a house with Habitat for Humanity
- community by traveling together for a month
- a cross-cultural community of 27 other Young Friends from many countries
- lasting international friendships

Are you 16-18 years old? Then join us! Call for more information now.

Quaker Youth Pilgrimage, July 14 - August 10, 2006

Price held down to \$1,000

Friends World Committee for Consultation,

1506 Race Street Philadelphia PA 19102 (215) 241 7250

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Friends Moving Ahead on the Annual Fund

Friends are \$33,000 ahead of where we were at this time a year ago. However, the goal of \$460,000 (to be raised by 6/30) is \$25,000 more than it was last year.

Friends usually contribute in May and June are asked to consider contributing earlier in the fiscal year. These earlier gifts will better enable Financial Stewardship to determine if Friends will be successful in reaching the AF goal in the current year. This is important information as they plan a budget for the next fiscal year. They will be planning for next year's budget several months before June 30th. Many more good stewards of our Quaker faith will be needed before June 30th. Sincere thanks to those Friends who have already supported the Annual Fund.

"Take the first step in faith. You don't have to see the whole staircase, just take the first step."

Dr. Martin Luther King

Quaker Pilgrimage to England in July

Philadelphia Yearly Meeting's Education Standing Committee is sponsoring a Pilgrimage to the Lake District in England from July 6 to July 20 this summer. British Friends call the Lake District the 1652 Country because it was there that Quakerism began. British Friends will guide the PYM pilgrims to see the places where George Fox, Margaret Fell, and early Friends gathered, suffered, and were inspired. They will visit Pendle Hill, Swarthmoor Hall, Lancaster jail, and other important sites of the earliest Friends Meetings. The cost of \$2450 includes airfare, lodging, meals and transport for the first week. The second week will be open for people to travel on their own. The group will fly in and out of Manchester Airport. For information and registration, contact Chris and Jack Mahon at cjmahon@msn.com or 856-358-3528. Register by March 15.

February 25 and May 6 Gatherings for Extended Worship

The winter gathering on Worship, Ministry, and Eldering will take place Saturday, February 25 at Central Philadelphia Meeting. The spring gathering will be May 6 at Middletown Meeting (Concord Quarter). Both will be from 9:30 am to 4 pm. The entire morning of these gatherings will be given to unprogrammed worship. Afternoons are an opportunity to reflect and share on a theme that emerges from the morning worship, a time to find fellowship in the deep matters of the Spirit. All those who feel a call to ministry of any sort, including eldering, or who are longing for a deeper experience of Quaker worship are welcome to attend. Child care will be available if reserved one week in advance. Bring a brown bag lunch. For more information, contact Wendy Wells, 215-843-1860, wendyw@gfsnet.org

From Philadelphia Yearly Meeting

China Summer Workcamp Accepting Applications

Are you looking for a life-changing adventure this summer? The sixth annual China Summer Workcamp -- July 24 to August 20, 2006 -- is looking for participants.

Workcamp participants will travel to the Hunan province in rural central China. For three weeks, participants will join Chinese, Korean and Japanese volunteers in teaching English and environmental studies to local children. There will be regular days off for participants to visit nearby towns, tour a local market, go on hikes and have an overnight homestay with a city family.

Visit <http://www.pym.org/workcamp/China/china.htm> to download the application and find more information about the program. Applications must be received by March 15.

Have Questions? Contact Richard Polgar, China Summer Program Coordinator, on Monday and Wednesday evenings from 6 to 10 p.m. and on Saturday mornings from 9 a.m. to 12 noon at 610-865-3998 or richpolgar@aol.com.

The China Summer Workcamp is co-sponsored by American Friends Service Committee, PYM Friends Workcamp Program, and Westfield Monthly Meeting (NJ).

Earlham Conferences on Sacred Texts

Earlham School of Religion will be coming to the Philadelphia area over the next three years to explore "Vitality Among Friends" in a series of Saturday conferences with plenary sessions and workshops. This year's theme is "Reading Sacred Texts as Friends". Conferences are:

- * February 18, at Arch Street Meeting House, Philadelphia, PA, engaging the theme of the Bible.
- * March 25, Westtown School, Westtown, PA, examining early Quaker journals.
- * April 15, George School, Newtown, PA, looking at Non-Christian Sacred Texts.

Themes for 2007 and 2008 are "Discerning the Leadings of the Spirit" and "Vitality of Meetings". For further information contact Lana Belcher at belchla@earlham.edu, 800-432-1377, www.esr.earlham.edu.

Meeting Announcements

Meetinghouse Maintenance Workshop is February 4. Contact Peggy Morscheck at 610-642-4069 or morscheck@comcast.net

Young Friends Environmental Gathering is February 24-26. Contact Cookie Caldwell at cookiec@pym.org or 215-241-7222.

Women's Retreat Postponed

The Multigenerational Women's Retreat that was scheduled for March 3-5 has been postponed indefinitely.

Special PYM Session is March 25

On Saturday, March 25, there will be a special session of PYM devoted to examining how we can create a brighter future for the Religious Society of Friends in this region. All Friends are invited to this session at the Fourth and Arch Street Meeting House in Philadelphia.

Over the last few years PYM has undertaken several projects to enrich our shared spiritual lives, build up our Meetings as communities of faith, and help Meetings reach out to the world. The purpose of this special session is to share the learning of these projects, hear the stories of Meetings developing greater vitality, look at key challenges our Meetings face, and share specific approaches and skills that can be useful to building stronger Meetings. The day will include worship, speakers, discussions, workshops, and some unusual opportunities for Friends to share, learn, and have fun.

London Grove Meeting Calendar - February 2006						
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1 Working with Children 7:30PM	2	3	4
5 Worship 9:30 : Business 10:30 Roots & Shoots at Kennett Meeting 12:30	6	7	8	9 Care and Membership 7:00PM	10	11
12 Worship 9:30 1st Day : Quaker Leadership Library 12:00 Worship & Ministry 6:00 PM	13	14	15	16	17	18
19 Worship 9:30 First Day School: Personal Growth 10:30	20 Religious Education <u>New Time 7:00</u>	21 Last Day for March Bulletin Items	22 Peace & Social Concerns 7:30PM	23	24	25
26 Worship 9:30 First Day: Reunification 10:30 Adult Supper 6:00PM	27	28				