

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 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?*

Response from Kendal Monthly Meeting:

The meeting carefully considered Query 2 on Meeting for Business and minuted that our Meeting aspires to the goals identified in these queries. It was also noted that the Meeting would benefit from coming more under the weight of these queries and use them as a guide to return to if we stray.

Response From West Grove Monthly Meeting:

Meeting for Worship gives time to get centered for Meeting for Business. Of late our Business Meetings have been better attended. Sharing food during Monthly Meeting makes it seem more like a family occasion, which leads to a feeling of community.