



Western Quarterly News

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Western Quarterly Meeting Newsletter Summer 2017

Greetings Friends!

Richard Bach, in his book *Illusions*, said that we teach best what we most need to learn. If that is the case, there are a number of subjects on which I should be quite an effective teacher. Perhaps at the top of the list is self-care.

Self-care is a good topic for summer time, don't you think? It is the time of the year when many people take vacation to recharge and renew themselves. We are fortunate to live in a region where we can get into a car and make a day trip to the beach or the mountains — the city or the country.

As Friends, I believe we are both encouraged to maintain balance in our lives and to serve the world around us. As great as the need in the world is — and it is great indeed — we have a responsibility to take care of ourselves so that we may continue to find joy in our service. It doesn't matter whether our service is professional, volunteer, or both. If we lose our own balance, we will be of no service to others.

Hopefully, our Meetings are a source of renewal and joy, as well as nurturing us in our called service to the world. Is this your experience with your Meeting? What else do you do to maintain your balance, centeredness, peace and joy in an otherwise hectic world?

Whether you are traveling this summer, or taking a yoga class, getting together with family, or taking some time to yourself, going to midweek worship or Annual Sessions, may you find the peace you need to refresh and re-balance. And please put it on your calendar to come to the Western Quarterly Meeting picnic at co-clerk Shelley Hastings' home just over the state line in Maryland on July 16. It promises to be a time of relaxation, fellowship and connectedness. And who couldn't use some more of that?

I look forward to seeing you at July Quarterly Meeting!

Yours in the Light,

Ariana Langford, WQM Co-Clerk

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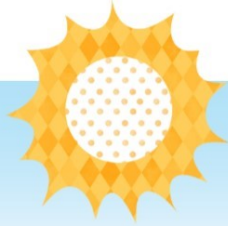
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You are invited to
Western Quarterly Meeting's

July Social

Picnic & Fellowship (with a little bit of business)

Sunday, July 16th, 2017

July Quarterly Meeting Gathering

Where: Co-clerk Shelley Hasting's
House*

(address & invitation to Worship below)

Time: 12:30—4:30 pm

RSVP by July 9:

coordinator@westernquarterquakers.org

What to bring: Just yourself!

Sandwiches will be served, so sides & desserts are welcome, but not necessary.

*** Shelley's address:**

270 Elbow Land, Elkton, MD

All are invited to Worship at historic London Britain Meeting at 10:30 am and then go to Shelley's house (10 minutes away) for a lovely morning together and some extra fellowship time.

London Britain Meeting House can be found at 1415 New London Road, Landenberg, PA



How Does Your Meeting Query?

Monthly Meetings are encouraged to answer a Query each month at their Meetings for Business and record the answers in their minutes. While Friends often ponder the answers as individuals, Clerks are reminded that recorded answers should reflect the corporate body and be worded appropriately. Query answers from each Monthly Meeting are made available to Quarterly Business Meeting. They are read aloud by a Monthly Meeting representative. If a representative is not available, they are read by an office of the Quarter, or a Friend designated by the Clerk. Although there are four Queries for each quarter cycle, only one of these is addressed at each Quarterly Meeting Business. The Query answer to present is selected from this table (also found [online here](#)).

Year	Month	Query	Year	Month	Query
2019		1	2022		1
		4			4
		7			7
		10			10
2020		1	2023		1
		4			4
		7			7
		10			10
2021		1	2024		1
		4			4
		7			7
		10			10

The latest edition of our *Faith & Practice* includes a thoughtful revision and expansion of the twelve general queries. Below is a side-by-side comparison of the fifth general query. Monthly Meeting responses to this query will be shared with Friends at July Quarterly Meeting.

Fifth Query - Education	
"Old" Faith & Practice	New Faith & Practice
For the Meeting:	Nurturing Our Community: Religious Education in the Home and Meeting
What is our Meeting's role in the life and support of Friends' education? If supporting or maintaining a Friends school, have we developed an appropriate relationship of Meeting and school? What is our role in the spiritual life of the school and its maintenance of Friends' principles?	a. How does our meeting prepare its members, attenders and children for worship, for the conduct of its business and for a way of life consistent with the principles of the Religious Society of Friends?
What does our Meeting do to support education in the wider community?	b. What opportunities do we provide for all in the meeting to learn about Friends' history, practices and testimonies, the Judeo-Christian tradition, the life and teachings of Jesus, and other religious traditions?
What help do we provide for the children and adults in our Meeting to pursue the education they seek, whether academic, technical, or vocational? Do we make provision for children in our Meeting to attend a Friends school?	c. How does our meeting's religious education program provide experiential learning that enhances the sense of belonging to our worshipping community?
For the Individual:	d. <i>How do I help create a home where all members of the family receive affection and understanding and where visitors are welcome?</i>
How do I show my concern for the improvement of public education in my community and in the world?	e. <i>How does my manner of living enrich body, mind and spirit; enable all to learn what it means to live a life of Spirit-led commitment; and demonstrate a high regard for family, community and the integrity of creation?</i>
Am I aware of what Friends schools are doing and of their plans for the future? How do I show	f. <i>How do I engage with my family and others who are dear to me regarding such sensitive topics as death, faith, money, sex and drugs?</i>



One Book One Yearly Meeting Pick: *Faith & Practice*

What? Every year our whole yearly meeting chooses one book to read together. We do so as a way to collectively deepen our faith and witness. We call this action, One Book One Yearly Meeting. Did you know that this year's selection is our revised *Faith and Practice*?

Who? The *Faith and Practice* Sprint asks for your friendly assistance. We sincerely request that you help us cultivate and nourish the energy surrounding *Faith and Practice*. Whether taking a look individually or in a group in your meeting, Friends will find helpful, engaging, and inspiring material and, in the process of getting acquainted with the revision, will be preparing for 2017 annual sessions when the revision will come before the body for

consideration for adoption.

Information to share? <http://www.pym.org/on-e-book-one-yearly-meeting/2017-book/> This link takes the reader to the *F&P* revision and several links that might be of interest, including the one-pager "Take a Look at Our Book" and the General Queries.

And? The *Faith and Practice* Sprint is having an interactive, engaging workshop at Annual Sessions called "Using Faith and Practice."

In the meantime, if you have any question(s) Feel free to contact Suzanne Day, Clerk of *Faith and Practice* Sprint: suzanne@riverfarm.org

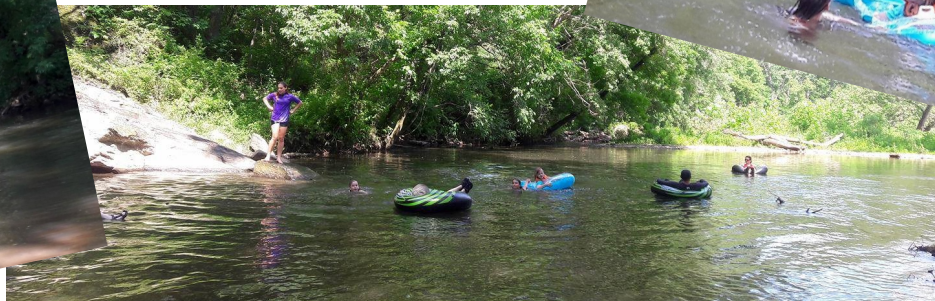
REnewal & REsources Retreat Recap by Sarah Kastriner



The first weekend in May found a few of us from Western Quarter attending the Religious Education *REnewal & REsources* retreat that WQM & Concord QM sponsored in partnership with PYM, hosted by West Chester MM and led by Melinda Wenner Bradley (QREC) and Beth Collea (NEYM). Twenty Friends came together from throughout the Yearly Meeting (with additional Friends from IL, NY and MA) to create a rich experience of sharing, learning, Spiritual growth and fellowship. All of the participants were involved in FDS—some for decades! — and were there to gather inspiration from each other, which we certainly did. We shared what worked, what didn't, our best practices and favorite ideas for working with children. The workshop leaders took us through queries and exercises that challenged us to really consider not only the purpose of “religious education”, but many different ways our goals could be accomplished—even outside of traditional FDS classes. Perhaps the most significant revelation for me was the realization that the most effective religious education helps children develop a spirituality that already exists within them — not so much “teaching” them, but exploring along side them. This kind of education is a ministry, not a job, and one of our goals should be to recognize and nurture this ministry among our MM members (instead of always expecting parents to teach FDS!).

Annual Tubing on the Brandywine with Concord Quarter Friends— Oh what fun we had!

Sunday, June 18th, 2017



Upcoming Events

July 26-30 PYM Annual Sessions at The College of New Jersey. Details available online ([link](#))

July 29 Movie Night, Hockessin Meeting. 5:00 pm- *Chicken Run* (G), 6:30- Pizza & Salad, 7:15 pm- *The Zookeeper's Wife* (PG-13)

August 5 9:15 am-3:15 pm, Extended Worship at Central Philadelphia Meeting ([link](#))

August 20-26 PYM Young Friends (high school) Gathering at Camp Onas ([link](#))

August 19 Friendship Evening, Hockessin Meeting. 6:00 pm— potluck, 7:00 pm— guest speakers Ed Gootzait and Libby Cusack on "Addressing the Crisis in Housing for Adults with Intellectual Disabilities."

September 16 8:30 am—3:30 pm, WQM Workshop: “Speaking from the Heart— the Real Work of Undoing Racism from the Inside” Location: Kennett Meeting House. See next page flyer for details.


September 17 9:30 am, Quakerism 101, Centre Meeting school house. Special session led by Marcelle Martin.

September 30 Hockessin Meeting. Bonfire and Singing (time TBA)

September 23 10:30 am—4 pm, Bucks Quarter Peace Fair ([link](#))

October 1 Afternoon canoeing & potluck at Westtown's lake. Jointly with Concord Quarterly Meeting (time TBA)

October 7 Hockessin Friends Meeting Fall Festival and Yard Sale (time TBA)



Can we talk
about this?



Yes,
we can!

One-day Workshop:

Speaking from the Heart—

The Real Work of Undoing Racism from the Inside

Saturday, September 16, 2017

8:30 am—3:30 pm

Lunch provided. Registration required. Free, with \$5-\$35 donation suggested.

This one-day workshop is designed for participants to engage with issues of racism and oppression on a personal level. We will learn tools for recognizing, addressing and healing from the impact of racism on our everyday lives. Our facilitators will employ large-group and small-group interactive formats. Reading materials will be provided prior to the workshop. Participants from all backgrounds and those engaged at all levels of awareness are welcome.



Facilitators Joyce Bembry and Linda Lucero from Delaware's *Coalition to Dismantle the New Jim Crow*.

Workshop organized by **Western Quarterly Meeting** & hosted at

Kennett Friends Meeting, 125 W. Sickel Street, Kennett Square, PA ✦

For more information contact: coordinator@westernquarterquakers.org or 610.444.1012

Proposed WQM Budget for FY 2017-2018

On May 21, the WQM Finance Committee presented a budget proposal for FY 2018 at the WQM Support Committee Meeting. Clerk Dick Logan walked SC members through the budget line by line. Some notable changes were the adjustments to newsletter expenditures, and an increase in WQM programs. A raise for the coordinator was approved. Updates based on these comments and decisions will be incorporated by the committee, and a final budget will be presented for approval at our July Quarterly Meeting for Business.

It is worth noting, Friend Dick says, that though we have budgeted for a deficit (requiring the use of our reserves) for the past several years, we have not actually had a deficit year yet. Good control of our expenses, in addition to the continued support from our Monthly Meetings have contributed to these results.

In the spirit of continued good fiscal stewardship, the Support Committee approved a proposal to move a portion of our reserves from a CD account to a Friends Fiduciary account, which will give WQM semi-annual distributions of about \$2000, and help support the activities of the Quarter into the future, knowing that as memberships in some of our MMs decline, so may covenant amounts.

	Budget 2017	YTD 3/31/17	Preliminary FY18 5/21/17
Income Sources			
Monthly Mtgs - PYM covenant	129,600	78,000	127,350
Monthly Mtgs - WQM covenant	35,600	21,300	35,220
Grants			
Interest	700	700	2,000
Outreach Materials			
Other Income		100	
Gross Revenues	165,900	100,100	164,570
Expenses			
Staff			
Salaries and staffing contracts	23,120	16,800	23,650
Health Insurance	0	0	0
Payroll tax expense	1,950	1,210	2,000
Worker's Compensation	500	200	300
Payroll services	1,200	880	1,200
Travel, Staff development	150	0	200
Subtotal, Staff expenses	26,920	19,090	27,350
Office			
Book-keeping Services	3,360	1,785	2,600
Rent	500	500	500
Telephone, internet	1,300	1,020	1,300
Postal box rental	125	100	125
Insurance, Prop/Liab/SM	3,500	2,738	2,800
Postage	150	43	100
Web & Domain	500	485	800
Supplies	150	174	200
Misc (e.g., ads)	300	95	100
Subtotal, office expenses	9,885	6,940	8,525
Quarterly Meetings			
Refreshments	200	0	100
Programs	300	100	600
Childcare	150	0	100
Subtotal, WQM Sessions	650	100	800
Newsletter			
Printing	250	212	450
Mailing	0	169	350
Newsletter - other	150	0	0
Subtotal, Newsletter	400	381	800
Programs, Youth			
Youth programs	900	25	900
Travel / Training	300	0	300
Subtotal, Youth Activities	1,200	25	1,200
Programs, Other			
Inreach/Outreach	100	0	0
Subtotal, Programs, other	100	0	0
Expenses, Other			
Fallowfield Maintenance	900	450	450
Subtotal, Expenses Other	900	450	450
Total WQM Expenses	40,055	26,986	39,125
PYM Covenant	129,600	78,000	127,350
Total Expenses	169,655	104,986	166,475
Net Revenue	(3,755)	-4,886	-1,905
Applied Reserves Required	3,755	4,886	1,905

DRAFT Minutes of the Western Quarterly Support Committee Meeting May 21, 2017 (SUMMARY)

Representatives from: Hockessin MM, Fallowfield, Kendal, Centre, Newark, West Grove, London Grove, New Garden, and Kennett Monthly Meetings were present.

Meeting began at 3:03 pm with silence

20.34 Updates were heard from Monthly Meetings (see complete Minutes online for details)

Centre MM – will have Q101 with Marcelle Martin on Sept 17th 9:30 am, then 3 times in Oct-Nov continuing discussion (every other Sunday morning) with Centre Friends leading. **Hockessin MM** – lately more visitors/attenders including families with children. Attendance in the 20s for Worship -- a lot more activity. Reinvigorated the Meeting. **Kennett MM** – still discussing sanctuary and how to support immigrant community, including discussion of unconditional giving vs giving with strings attached. **New Garden MM** lost second oldest member last month. Attendance still small and shrinking. Happy to have Karen back. **London Grove MM** – We are hosting an outreach event (concert) this afternoon. Our annual plant sale was two weeks ago. There have only been three plant sale days ever with rain all day – two of which were this year & last. This year's rain affected attendance, so the sale was extended another week. Margaret Walton attended PYM's FDS retreat – was very interesting. Children's Day is coming up – which is a big event at London Grove. **West Grove MM** – We have been hosting a series of lectures on the US constitution. The last constitution class is this Thursday (5/25) at 7 pm. Attendance has been great – close to 30 people every time. **Newark MM** – We held a yard sale and raised \$300 to donate to Dawn's Place, a home for girls rescued from sex trafficking. Today was clean up day at London Britain; worship begins there next Sunday for the season, 10:30 am. Our FDS is as usual – we have 5 children, but can't get them all there at the same time.

20.35 Minutes from April QM were approved with few corrections, and gratitude for the recorder's skill & service.

20.36 Minutes of appreciation –were approved with small change (“to” not “for”).

20.37 Finance committee

Budget proposal— Dick Logan (Clerk, Finance) reviewed the proposed budget line by line. At 75% of the way through our FY, we are working with covenants that we know of. Reinvestment of assets will result in higher interest income (see below). A raise for the coordinator was approved, with glowing reports of her work for the quarter. Balance sheet shows WQM has funds available to float a deficit year. **Friends affirmed** that we are comfortable enough with this budget to move forward; we will have firmer numbers by July for final budget approval.

WQM Treasurer proposed we invest the funds from our recently matured CD into a Friends Fiduciary account. Pros and cons were discussed, along with other options. **Friends approved** investing the total amount into a FF account.

20.38 Website proposal (attached) was presented and discussed. Coordinator stated her need for tech support available through the Quaker Cloud. **Friends approved** moving the website to FCG Cloud & Google Business email.

20.39 July QM – Sunday, July 16 lunch & fellowship starting 12:30 pm at Shelley's house

Worship at your MM in the morning, meet at Shelley's, with some business squeezed in. A youth program will be prepared. Looking ahead, October QM will be hosted by Fallowfield, and January QM will be hosted by Kennett MM.

20.40 Property Survey update – There are a few still outstanding.

20.41 Announcements — Julie Harlow (Friends House Moscow) will be giving a presentation at Kendal on June 5th, 2-3:30 pm, in the auditorium, speaking on current conditions in Russia & Quaker projects there. Gun sense meeting – first meeting at Kennett MM May 25, follow up conversation possibly at London Grove MM. On the Table Community Conversation to be held May 23 at Kennett MM. Western & Concord Quarter Tubing event will be June 18.

Meeting concluded with silence at 5:07 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Sarah Kastriner, WQM Coordinator

To read the complete Minutes, and the Minutes from the WQM Support Committee Meetings, please visit our Business Resources page online: <http://westernquarterquakers.org/business-meeting-info/>

Minutes of the Business Meeting Session of Western Quarterly Meeting held on 23 April 2017 at Westtown

In attendance were 18 Friends from Centre, Hockessin, London Grove, Fallowfield, Kennett, Mill Creek, Newark, West Grove and New Garden Monthly Meetings (MMs).

20.24: Friends shared their MM responses to the second Query: Meeting for Business.

20.25: Friends affirmed the March Minutes from the Support Committee, with no changes.

20.26: Friends affirmed Minutes of Appreciation for Kendal Friends for hosting October 2016 Western Quarterly (WQ) and London Grove Friends Meeting for hosting January 2017 Western Quarterly (WQ).

20.27: Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Stan Glowiak shared that covenant checks had arrived from MMs, so we are on target with budget. Excepting the newsletter, we are on budget and on target, including our philanthropy, maintenance, personnel, and quarterly expenses. The newsletter was grossly underestimated and Friends will adjust in the next budget. Friends expressed sincere thanks for to Treasurer Stan Glowiak for thoroughness. Copies were available from Friends Fiduciary for Friends to review.

20.28: Guests (1) Friend Paul Indorf of Philadelphia Yearly Meeting (PhYM) Membership Development Support Funds explained that funds are available and MMs can apply for grants more than once per year. Grants are based on needs and programming for out/in-reach education. (2) Paula Kline of Westtown MM and Eco-Justice Group presented Inter-faith efforts in the areas of climate. She requested that Western Quarter consider co-sponsoring an Eco-Justice Collaborative event in Fall 2017 in the southeastern PA by marketing and sharing it with MMs.

20.29: Friends received and affirmed the Pennsgrove Property Committee Report from February 10, 2017.

20.30: Co-clerk Shelley Hastings presented a Report from London Britain Property Committee; the report included a request for approval of change in stone base dimensions. Friends approved.

20.31: Friends affirmed proposed revisions of WQM Bylaws.

20.32: Friends agreed to support the hosting of a six-hour, mini-workshop on Undoing Racism for Saturday, September 16, 2017 at Kennett Friends Meeting. Cost is a donation to Delaware Coalition between \$300-500. Facilitators are Linda Lucero and Joyce Bemby from The Delaware Coalition to Dismantle the New Jim Crow. The working title of the mini-workshop is "Working from the Heart: Undoing Racism from the Inside." Childcare will be provided.

20.33: Update from Property Survey Committee: Smaller meetings have responded. Yet, the larger MMs have not. Friends from larger MMs expressed that the surveys are forthcoming.

20.34: New Business and Announcements (1) Centre MM: On Sunday, September 17, 9:30-11 AM, Marcelle Martin will present on Quakerism. (2) For all MMs, Friends, and Interested: The Sewing Ministry is resuming in Fall 2017, on Tuesdays, 10 am to 2 PM, sewing for children who are undergoing clef palates surgery. The sewing group meets at the home of Elizabeth Powell, which is off Street Road in West Grove. This Sewing Ministry has existed for sixty years. (3) ARCH Steering Committee: The first meeting of the Steering Committee regarding the establishment of an ARCH-Type program among the MMs in Concord Quarter (and hopefully Western Quarter) will be held at The Hickman on Wednesday, May 10th, 2017, 7 PM. (4) William Jackson Fund Applications are available. (5) Next Western Quarterly Meeting is in July, tentatively being held at Fallowfield. (6) Next Support Committee Meeting, Sunday, May 21, 2017, 3 PM, Kennett MM.

WQ Meeting for Business ended at 10:26 AM, after brief silent worship.

Faithfully submitted on Sunday, May 21, 2017, tonya thames taylor, WQM Recording Clerk, Fallowfield MM