



# Western Quarterly News

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Western Quarterly Meeting Newsletter

Fall 2020

## MESSAGE FROM THE MEETING CLERK

The Western Quarterly Meeting Support Committee met Sunday 13 September and had a great follow up conversation on the topic of re-engaging with our communities. This arose because of discussions originally held at our 7th Month Meeting for Worship for Business. In that original meeting it became clear that Friends in the Western Quarter have a genuine desire to be more present in our communities, more engaged with other Quaker organizations, and to find ways for the Quarter to become a resource for charitable leadings by individual Friends and smaller Monthly Meetings. One of the immediate outcomes of this initial conversation was approval of a \$1,500 donation to Friends Home in Kennett Square to help with the extraordinary pandemic-related expense of purchasing Personal Protective Equipment. A second outcome was agreement to hold this topic in the Light so that we could start getting our thoughts organized regarding how we might move forward.

Agreement was reached at the recent Support Committee meeting to ask our Monthly Meetings for your thoughts. Specifically, what kinds of outreach activities are currently pursued by members of your Meeting, and in what areas might you like to engage? We would appreciate receiving some response in time to continue our conversation at our next Quarterly Meeting for Worship for Business on 10/18.

Our intent will be to look for threads of common interests with an intent to facilitate and enhance opportunities for all members.

Please feel free to call me anytime (484-432-6718), or send me an email at [bobfryehome@aol.com](mailto:bobfryehome@aol.com) with any questions or ideas.

Many thanks,

Bob

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### **Western Quarterly Meeting**

will gather on 18 October 2020—virtually or in-person at  
Kennett Meeting

9:30—children are invited to FDS with Mary and Claire

11:00 Meeting for Worship—Kennett Monthly Meeting  
invites us to worship with them—virtually or at their  
Meetinghouse

2:00—Western Quarter Meeting for Worship with Atten-  
tion to Business via Zoom

Contact Deb Wood, WQ Coordinator for online connec-  
tion information

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## Eighth Query - Grounding for Transformed Lives Integrity and Simplicity

### For the Meeting:

What is the interplay between simplicity and integrity in the life of our meeting?

How does our meeting embody simplicity and integrity in its structures and practices?

How has our meeting considered humanity's impact on the earth's ecological integrity and the ways in which violence and injustice exacerbate this impact?

\*[General Queries](#) are taken from the newest version of PYM's [Faith and Practice](#), available online.

### For the Individual:

*How do I strive to achieve harmony between my inner and outer commitments in my spiritual journey, my work, my family and my other responsibilities?*

*Am I temperate in all things?*

*Am I open to counsel regarding addictive behavior?*

*Am I involved only with those organizations and activities whose purposes and methods complement my integrity?*

*Am I careful to speak truth as I know it and am I open to truth spoken to me?*

*Am I mindful that judicial oaths imply a double standard of truth?*



Community Playdates: Online this fall  
 September 26 (1-2pm) Family Games  
 October 17 (2-3pm) Nature Journal  
 November 7 is PYM Fall Continuing Sessions! Children's program will include weaving and mandala projects  
 December 12 (3-4pm) Group Painting Project  
 Register on the [Children's Event Page](#) of PYM website

Middle School Friends is a place where we can come together to share our fears, our joys, and even share laughter until we can be together in person.

Welcome to MSF Hangout: Sunday, September 20 (1-3pm) Icebreakers and a Key Lime Pie Cooking Class with Alix Vallery, MSF Program Assistant and amazing chef!

Virtual Fall Retreat: October 3-4 (schedule TBD) Games, racial & environmental justice activities, Zoom pumpkin carving!

Fall Continuing Sessions: Saturday, November 7 (schedule TBD)

Holiday Party! Saturday, December 12 (1-3pm) Games and activities, favorite holiday foods and music, and possibly a movie



## Three Concerns

### ***Before our Yearly Meeting—summary of a letter from our clerks and General Secretary***

Our new Yearly Meeting clerks have and General Secretary have asked us to consider **three major concerns** that were prominent in Annual Sessions:

the proposed Philadelphia Yearly Meeting witness on climate change,  
our movement to address racism, and  
consideration of our membership practices.

Reports received by the end of October will help inform Continuing Sessions, November 7. The [advance reports and videos prepared for Annual Sessions](#) are essential resources for understanding the full context of the three concerns.

#### **1. A minute under consideration for possible approval, which proposes that Philadelphia Yearly Meeting adopt a yearly-meeting-wide witness on climate change.**

You might consider how climate change has impacted you and your meeting. Perhaps it would be helpful to discuss ways the meeting has engaged with this concern and what you have done to combat climate change. The yearly meeting will profit from input from every meeting as we move toward discerning we shall adopt this witness as a whole body.

The minute, [also available on the PYM website](#), is as follows:

#### **Climate Change Summary Minute**

*Guided by many Friends who have worked tirelessly over the past fifty years, Philadelphia Yearly Meeting adopts a yearly meeting-wide witness on climate change. This corporate ministry is broad and encompasses the work and witness of many people, communities, monthly meetings and organizations within the wider network of Quakers in the Philadelphia region and beyond. A yearly meeting-wide witness on climate change seeks to raise up as many different voices and actions as possible to make progress on the environmental and societal issues at the heart of the climate crisis.*

#### **2. A minute originally written and shared widely in 2016 by the Fellowship of Friends of African Descent, a national organization of African American Quakers in the U.S.**

This minute and the conversations it created formed the foundation for establishing the Ujima Friends Peace Center. We revisited this minute as a whole yearly meeting during the July 25, 2020 plenary session on addressing racism, and we invite your community to revisit the minute now as well. [It can be found on the PYM website](#).

The discernment of these Friends can provide a meaningful starting point for meetings to consider their own work.

What actions has your meeting been inspired to take regarding racism among us?

What challenges arise for you as you consider racism in the United States in these days?

How has your meeting been affected?

What do you feel should come next in our collective work to address racism in our world today?

You can learn more about the [Ujima Friends Peace Center on their website](#).

#### **3. The report on the January 2020 Threshing Session on Membership, which the body received and considered during the July 19, 2020 Plenary Session.**

What does membership mean in your monthly meeting?

What does belonging to a meeting mean?

Do the current forms of our membership process speak to the substance of membership as it is understood by your meeting?

As a yearly meeting community, we have begun to re-evaluate the ways in which our membership practices nurture our relationships with one another and the Spirit. We need the wisdom and experience from all meeting communities as we move forward together. We have included some queries which may be helpful in framing your discussion.

#### **Queries:**

Is it time for our yearly meeting to consider revising our membership practices?

And, if so, how should they be revised?

What vision of commitment and belonging are we moving toward in our Quaker community?



## Empathetic Conversation

### Answering that of God - Reflections on the Braver Angels Workshop

*Note: The Skills for Bridging the Divide Workshop organized by Western and Concord Quarters as part of the Joint Quarterly Meeting in Seventh Month had over 70 registrants from across the country. Most but not all were Friends. Friend Jondhi Harrell is the founder and Executive Director of The Center for Returning Citizens. He is a member of Germantown MM and Ujima Friends Peace Center.*

Empathetic conversation. What a wonderful gift. Listening deeply to someone and uncovering the values, fears, and dreams shaping their life, and sharing your own values, dreams, and fears with someone. Being heard without judgment, hearing without judgment. Asking questions to learn more. A conversation grounded in learning more about another and with openness to learn more about yourself. Revealing. Transforming.

I witnessed what happens when there is a commitment from all parties to listening for and sharing what deeply matters to someone in a recent committee meeting. We were all Friends that shared a common concern, but our shared concern is shaped by different experiences. While as Quakers we know that building peace rests on seeing that of God in everyone, the hurts and fears we experience(d) makes it a challenge to always look and act with loving kindness. In this meeting, we coming to unity required a space free of judgement. In that space, our Friend was able to share the fears that underlay his (initial) disunity. After sharing his fears, they were acknowledged by others. They were not dismissed or critiqued, but instead reflected back to him with acknowledgment that his fears were real to him. He trusted that he would experience from us empathetic listening, and when he did, when we shared with him we heard the existential threat he felt,

he then found himself in a position to lay his fears aside and focus on how Friends testimony led him. We reached unity not just on the issue at hand, but in placing faith in empathetic conversation. Listening with a spirit of love and feeling that love from the listeners left all of us feeling more deeply connected to each other and to the divine.

What I witnessed that day brought back to me ministry from Friend Jondhi Harrell. He spoke of a favorite George Fox quotation. "Be patterns, be examples in all countries, places, islands, nations wherever you come; that your carriage and life may preach among all sorts of people, and to them; then you will come to walk cheerfully over the world, **answering that of God** in everyone; whereby in them you may be a blessing, and **make the witness of God in them** to bless you.

He lifted up the second part of the quotation, "answering that of God." When we are open to that of God manifest in another, not placing our sense of God in that person, then we "answer" God. When we are empathetic, hearing what is said to us, rather than projecting what we feel or believe to be there, then we are answering. Answering God in this way is also perhaps the key to the first part of the quotation. Our lives will be patterns to follow when we answer God in another. Empathetic conversation, when we do it, allows us entry to have that of God in us, answer that of God in another.





# Introducing the Anti-Racism Collaborative—It's Your Journey – We are Here to Walk at Your Side with Support—from PYM news

In the 1960's Freedom Riders rode interstate bus lines in mixed race groups to advocate for desegregation in the south. Many Friends like Bayard Rustin, Norval Reece, and Samuel Snipes devoted their time to collaborative work on the civil rights movement.

Today, Friends and Friends Meeting communities are looking for modern equivalents as they work to embrace equity for all people.

That work often starts very close to home with an examination of one's personal upbringing, habits, limits, and capacities. It also involves looking at the consequences of legislation designed to make it harder for people of color to access the same freedoms and rights that all people should benefit from. It's important that this work not be done in isolation, and that it is spiritually grounded. Otherwise the work is much harder.

## **A New PYM Collaborative is Here to Help With This Work**

The Antiracism Collaborative (ARC) is a newly constituted group of Friends from across the Yearly meeting committed to connecting support and resources among meetings.

From their own considerable experience in their monthly meetings in clerking and other leadership roles, professional lives within numbers of institutions, and their work on Quaker (and other) boards they are assembling supports for meeting communities. Their goal is to be present for the PYM Community.

Their mission is to:

- learn how Friends are facing the challenge of becoming antiracist,
- help meetings share their wisdom and worries about anti-racism work and
- support meetings who are moving to become antiracist communities.

## **What They Are Offering**

Access to resources: books and blogs with stories to learn from; ideas for learning in groups; ongoing activities to be engaged with, and ways to engage groups who want to get involved with the work of equity and justice.

Best Practices: ARC members are committed to researching and identifying best practices and will be sharing what they know is most effective.

Connectivity: ARC can help to connect communities and share resources already in use across the yearly meeting. We will be contacting the Clerks of Meetings, Quarters, and Worship Groups shortly for brief interviews.

## **It's Your Journey**

Wherever you or your meeting may be on your journey toward enhancing equity and justice, members of the collaborative are actively seeking ways for all of us to join together in this work.

## **How to Find Out More**

For more information, to share resources, to join or encourage others to join the collaborative, contact Antiracism Collaborative Clerk: Wanda Wyffels at [wwyffels@gmail.com](mailto:wwyffels@gmail.com).

*As Friends, we seem to have a heightened aversion to, or fear of, the shadow side—those parts that we'd rather not see. We like to focus on the light as if there is no shadow, and I understand. This is not an unnatural desire. There is a belief operating there that says that if those things in the shadow were allowed to be seen, talked about, and acknowledged that we would surely die.*

*I like to say that we want to be the underground railroad Quakers, but not acknowledge that we were also the Quakers who required African Americans to sit on separate benches during meeting for worship. So we have this fear that we would die if the whole truth were brought to light. There is some truth here. If we truly acknowledge those parts that we deny—that may be our shame, our sorrow, our greatest fears—there will be death. And primarily I focus on the death of the illusion!*

— Niyonu Spann, Letting Go of Illusion, Engaging Truth: Healing!, Michener Lecture, SEYM 2007

## **DRAFT Minutes of the Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business of Western Quarterly Meeting held on 19 July 2020** (19th Seventh Month 2020) by ZOOM 1-3:38 PM

[This Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business is the second virtual meeting of Western Quarterly Meeting](#)

Twenty-four (24) Friends attended from Centre, Crosslands Worship Group, Fallowfield, Hockessin, Kendal, Kennett, London Grove, Mill Creek, New Garden, Newark, and West Grove Monthly Meetings (MMs).

**22.90:** Un-programmed Worship convened at 1PM: From the silence, we heard responses to the Fifth Query from Hockessin, London Grove, and Mill Creek Monthly Meetings (MMs).

London Grove's Response given by Susanna Davison: *The 2018 Revised Fifth Month Query, "Religious Education in the home and meeting," challenges the meeting and the family to provide a wide-ranging program of religious education and to offer the experience of belonging to a worshipping community. In response to having this query (much changed since the 2002 Faith & Practice) read during worship on 5/3/2020, a Friend noted the query leans more toward action than to words. In these times, the Friend noted, "we are led to kindness. To respond to messages we hear during the week, it is better to be kind than to disagree, remembering that Christ's message is of love. Preparing this response, I had occasion to review what was recorded a year ago when London Grove Friends considered the same query—the week before our annual Plant Sale and near the end of London Grove Friends Kindergarten's successful year. That day several Friends spoke with joy of how those vital events strengthened our religious community. In contrast, this year's pandemic led to early cancellation of the Plant Sale, Kindergarten sessions, and in-person Adult Religious Education. Worship has evolved through experience using Zoom, although not all members and attenders have adapted to that method. Week to week, we now alternate carefully distanced outdoor worship with Zoom worship. It has been a special joy this year to greet Friends living away (in Vermont, Pittsburgh, Washington DC and North Carolina. Screen-sharing has enabled occasional First Day School classes; and summer refreshments on the porch have been replaced by Zoom virtual coffee hour socials. We have adapted and found new ways to Nurture our Community.*

Richard Barnard shared Hockessin Meeting's Responses to the Fifth Month Queries 2020

Two things came to mind while the query was being read. Our First Day

School coordinator, Rose Rupert does an excellent job helping young people prepare to become Quakers. They have their own business meeting, which is one way we're preparing them for future Quaker activity. The other thing was our retreat. It helped us look at what Quaker practice is for building community. Oh, and the exhibit of Quaker dress. We're actively teaching about Quaker history with this and other exhibits over the past few years.

I think we have a strong meeting. The adult first day group has grown in the past few years. It is our meeting's desire to continue religious education and find different ways to do it.

The query that mentions opportunities for all to learn about various areas reminded me of the work I did last winter to organize the library materials. The meeting has a wonderful resource in the library. I don't know that people take much advantage of it. We have quite a good resource of religious materials covering the areas mentioned in that query.

I think Mark Parker Miller and Rose Rupert have done a good job of building a good community within the first day school, whether for those who attend regularly or sporadically.

Mill Creek also shared responses to the 5th Query.

**22.91:** Friends approved Minutes from March, April, May, and June 2020.

**22.92:** Friends approved **FY 2021 Budget** (please review attached): WQM's Budget Committee populated by Ariana Langford and Wayne Thompson (both of Newark) presented, in detail, the proposed budget by juxtaposing last year's and FY 2021. The Budget Committee expressed "Thanks" to the Treasurers of the Monthly Meetings (MMs) for their valuable participation.

**22.93:** Friends accepted the **Treasurer's Report** (please review attached): WQM Treasurer Stan Glowiak (Centre) provided and articulated a comprehensive, preliminary summary of the end- of-the-year AY 2020 report; the finalized report, per a previous recommendation by Treasurer Glowiak, will be given in October 2020. In discussing the Treasurer's Report, Treasurer Glowiak explained we need to know more about our insurance, particularly in terms of being proactive regarding premiums. Also, Friends agreed that there should be an inclusion of explanatory notes regarding covenants and Philadelphia Yearly Meeting (PYM)'s distributions to ensure understanding of the numerical amount found in Line 851 of the Treasurer's report.

**22.94:** Friends accepted the **Friends Home Report** (please review attached). Sarah Kastriner (Kennett) provided highlights of the report, particularly noting that there has been a slowdown in gaining new residents, which consequently has impacted income revenue. After acceptance of the Friends Home's report, WQM Clerk Bob Frye (London Grove) read a portion of a letter he received from Friends Home Executive Director Christine McDonald asking for a financial donation. After a phone conversation with her, he learned that there was a need for Personal Protective Equipment (PPE). After some discussion regarding amount and future implications, Friends approved a one-time \$1000 contribution to Friends Home; funds will be pulled from WQM's reserve funds. Also, Friends affirmed Richard Logan's (Hockessin) suggestion that the WQM Clerk distribute the Friends Home's solicitation letter to Monthly Meetings (MMs).

**22.95: Outreach Discussion** – The following queries guided Friends' discussion regarding inward/outreach community building: (1) How do we best do outreach and engagement?; (2) How do we better articulate that Quakers are still active in the community?; and, (3) How do we engage volunteerism beyond finances?

Friends agreed that there should be a multilayered, varied response including postal mailing, connecting with other Quarters, organizing interested volunteers, hosting ZOOM meetings, and soliciting feedback/input from Monthly Meetings (MM) about what to prioritize inward/outreach and ways to make either or both effective. One Friend expressed the desire for WQM to prioritize outreach. Friends agreed that WQM Coordinator Deb Wood and WQM Bob Frye will convene a WQM Community Building Sprint that will bring together interested Friends.

**22.96: Property Working Group** Verbal Report: The working group consists of Mark Myers (London Grove; *serving as Clerk*), Sarah Kastriner (Kennett), MarySproat (West Grove), Shelley Hastings (Centre), and Lars Farmer (Kennett). The only outstanding task of the Property Working Group is to write and submit their formal written report at the September meeting of WQM's Support Committee or at the Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business at the Quarterly in October. The Property Working Group's charge was to answer the following questions: (1) Is WQM, a Monthly Meeting (MM), or a burial committee adequately capitalized to handle ownership of property? (2) Are there active building committees at each MMs regarding the buildings and burial grounds? Also, the Property Working Group was to ascertain the general condition of burial grounds and historic meetings. After visiting all—active and historic—of the Monthly Meetings (MMs) and 19 burial grounds, the committee is happy to report that all of the buildings and burial grounds have active committees. The major concerns that will be outlined in the formal report are: (1) sustainable committee structure (age of committee members); (2) perpetual obligations; (3) capital fundraising for projects, (4) the maintenance, role, and value of Historic Kennett Meeting, and (5) the condition of Old West Grove. WQM has ownership of some of the properties. Responsibilities of other properties will fall to WQM, if the MMs cannot handle the issue. One of the recommendations of the Property Working Group is to host a capital fundraising workshop with Monthly Meetings (MMs).

**22.97: Responses from Monthly Meetings (MMs) on Bucks Quarter Minute on Gun Violence** Peter Weygandt (London Grove) explained that London Grove's Peace and Social Justice Committee discussed input from participating Monthly Meetings (MM). The Committee decided to "put over for further consideration" the Bucks Quarter Minute on Gun Violence. Therefore, since Monthly Meetings in WQM reached no unity, WQM Friends agreed to set aside the Bucks Quarter Minute on Gun Violence until picked up again by a Monthly Meeting.

**22.98: Friends accepted the Coordinator Report** (please review attached).

Coordinator Deb Wood highlighted her ongoing communications with clerks of Monthly Meetings (MMs), coordinating Support Committee Meetings, making timely updates to the WQM website, increasing knowledge of ZOOM, digitalization of files/records, working on WQM programming, attending workshops sponsored by Philadelphia Yearly Meeting (PYM) and various Monthly Meetings, and planning of the Joint Quarterly Meeting with Concord Quarter.

**22.99: Minute of Appreciation** for Mark Myers to Western Quarterly Meeting

*The Western Quarterly Meeting of The Religious Society of Friends wishes to express deep and heartfelt appreciation for the service of Mark Myers as Clerk over the past two years. Mark has offered considerable time and effort in support of our meeting, and the operating and financial improvements initiated by his recent predecessors have continued to progress under his leadership. Mark's fulfillment of his pledge to organize a Property Working Group to assess the financial and physical condition of our inventory of laid down meetinghouses has been of great benefit. We now have a much clearer understanding of how to address the needs of these historic assets. Mark also championed the joint Quarterly Meeting initiative that has been successfully received and will no doubt become a staple event in the future – potentially to also include other Quarterly Meetings in the region. Most important, Mark has been seen as a steady presence who articulated his conviction that a Quarterly Meeting can be important to the spiritual and social life of our membership. There has been a growing understanding of the role that Western Quarterly Meeting can have in our individual and collective journey. We thank Mark for getting us started on this path.*

22.98: Next Meeting – Sunday, 13 September 2020 (presumably online)

Submitted Faithfully on Sunday, July 19, 2020,

*Peace and Progress, Be Kinder to Yourself*, tonya thames taylor (Fallowfield MM), WQM Recording Clerk

**DRAFT Minutes of Western Quarterly Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business** 13 September 2020 3:00-5:00 pm on Zoom

Ten Friends from Centre, Hockessin, Kennett, London Grove, New Garden, Newark, and Kendal Monthly Meetings (MMs) were in attendance.

We began with a period of worship.

**Updates from Monthly Meetings – Hockessin:** Charles Jennings is serving as fill-in clerk. Meeting for worship is held in-person and virtually. Friends online view the outside of the meetinghouse. **London Grove** MM is worshipping with a mix of Zoom and in-

person outside under the oak tree. Meeting for business is held online. **Kendal** MM has added a social time of about half an hour to their online worship. **Newark** is meeting via Zoom and has a check-in time after worship. Many Friends have actively supported NAACP and Black Lives Matter and the Meeting has made a corporate gift to NAACP. **Centre** meets in a hybrid manner at the Meetinghouse and via Zoom. A screen in the Meetinghouse displays who is worshipping online. Worshippers in the Meetinghouse often have difficulty hearing those worshipping online. The microphone also picks up the road noise. Suggestions from Friends on how to address the noise dilemmas are welcome. **Kennett** is worshipping with a hybrid format. They also have a screen in the Meetinghouse to view worshippers online.

#### **Treasurer's Report** - Stan Glowiak

As of September 15 we will be two and a half months into WQM's 1st fiscal quarter for WQM's Fiscal Year 2021 which started July 1. On July 1 there was \$30,524 in checking. Currently checking balance is \$28,248. Two deposits have been made for Covenant payments by Monthly Meetings (Kendal and Hockessin have been making regular quarterly payments for years). Thank you. Other than payroll and regular office expenses this quarter two large expenses were a \$1,000 check to Friends Home in Kennett to help them pay for Covid-19 related expenses (which was discussed and agreed to at July's Quarterly Meeting, and \$3,360 to Guide One Insurance for our annual premium for our Commercial policy due September 5th. That was an increase of \$300 over last year's premium. A reminder to all: WQM encourages all Monthly Meetings to try to help us by making quarterly combined Covenant payments for Philadelphia Yearly Meeting and Western Quarterly Meeting. We recognize that is not always possible and will work with you as best you can. Please be in touch if needed.

The clerk noted that we received a very appreciative letter of thanks from Friends Home and that a Friend made a matching gift of \$500 so the total amount received by Friends Home was \$1,500.

**Insurance Policy Update** - Stan shared that as he reviewed the documents from Guide One concerning the annual policy renewal, he was surprised by some of the features of the commercial policy Western Quarter has held since about 2008. This led him to conduct some research on Guide One's website, and to conversations with our agent, the home office in Des Moines, Iowa, a local representative for Friends Insurance Group, and Linell McCurry at PYM. These researches resulted in the discovery that Western Quarter can join the Friends Insurance Group. Joining would give Western Quarter increased coverage and less expenditure. There is also the possibility of an annual rebate with FIG. We would pay through our local agent to Guide One, and request to join FIG, our request is forwarded to PYM for approval to join FIG.

Friends approved making the switch to a policy through Friends Insurance Group.

**Sexual Misconduct Policy** - such a policy is recommended by our insurance carrier. In future years, there may be additional fees assessed if we do not have a policy. There are templates we can use to craft a policy. Friends agreed we should work on such a policy. We viewed the Western Quarterly Meeting Child/Youth Protection Policy. This policy appears to meet the needs delineated in documents from our Guide One contact. **We approved the Child/Youth Protection dated 12.09.2008 and revised 2.14.2009** and will share it with WQ Friends at upcoming meetings. A hard copy is available in a binder in the office.

**Outreach** - Planning next discussions and steps for the Quarter.

Friends agreed that as the role of the Quarter is to support the work of Monthly Meetings information about current outreach and community engagement work by Meetings is needed to discern how the Quarter moves forward on this matter. The clerk will write a letter asking for this information to be gathered and shared at the Tenth Month Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business of Western Quarter.

**Coordinator Report**- Plans for October's gathering. It is unlikely that Covid-19 related guidelines will allow gatherings of more than 25. Of the next two Meetings on the host cycle, Fallowfield and West Grove, one is meeting via phone, and one is currently meeting outdoors. Friends felt it was important to gather for worship together. Sarah Kastriner shared that Kennett has held hybrid worship for several weeks and will ask Kennett Meeting if they would host worship for the Quarter at the Tenth Month Meeting. A meeting for worship with attention to business will be held via Zoom at 2:00pm on 18 October.

Monthly Meeting clerks may have received a recent e-mail from PYM regarding three minutes. The Yearly Meeting clerks would like responses from Meetings by the end of October to help shape the agenda for the 7 November Continuing Sessions. The three minutes concern membership, climate action, and racial injustice.

Friends gathered agreed that the time frame to discuss these is short. London Grove MM does have discussions scheduled, and that perhaps invitations to London Grove's online discussions could be shared to allow Friends across the Quarter to provide some feedback for Yearly Meeting. The coordinator will follow up with London Grove and Friends in the Quarter.

The Coordinator also shared electronically Hockessin Monthly Meeting's State of the Meeting Report. Newark Monthly Meeting's report had been shared earlier with Friends, so it seemed in good order to share Hockessin's.

Respectfully submitted, Deb Wood, coordinator Western Quarterly Meeting