

Minute on FUM personnel policy

Manasquan Meeting

On November 8, 2015, Manasquan Friends met for Ministry and Counsel. We reviewed the meeting's minute that was forwarded to New York Yearly Meeting in November, 2008. Those present found that Friends still fully support what was expressed in our 2008 minute, so we are forwarding it again in response to the concerns raised by Brooklyn Meeting:

We, the members of Manasquan Monthly Meeting, present this minute on the issue of discrimination within Friends United Meeting (FUM). Our commandment from God is to love God and to love one another. A personnel policy that discriminates against people on the basis of their sexual orientation ignores the Light of God found equally within all loving persons and their relationships.

Manasquan Meeting is troubled by the personnel policy of FUM. We find it to be contrary to Friends' testimony as to that of God in every person. Our commitment to the Quaker values of integrity and equality leads us to encourage continued and prayerful dialogue between New York Yearly Meeting and FUM.

We support New York Yearly Meeting's efforts as you continue to struggle with this issue, and we hold you in the Light.

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