Randleman Friends Meeting

Helping people at their point of need, in the name of Jesus Christ.

July 3, 2016

Dear NCYM Executive Committee and NCYM Monthly Meetings,

The following comments are in response to the recommendations presented at the NCYM Representative Body meeting held on June 4, 2016 and were approved by Randleman Monthly Meeting at a called meeting on July 3, 2016.

The following statements have been previously approved by North Carolina Yearly Meeting.

<u>Mission Statement:</u> North Carolina Yearly Meeting of Friends seeks through the power of the Holy Spirit to equip and energize our meetings in their witness to the love, message and power of the living Christ, encouraging Friends to translate our faith into practice.

<u>Visioning Statement:</u> North Carolina Yearly Meeting of Friends, a faithful, passionate, growing community of Christ-followers, drawn together by God's love and truth as continually revealed through the Saving Grace and the Light of Jesus Christ and the Holy Scripture. As Quakers, we seek God's leading, serve God's purpose, and go as God's people into the world to love, reconcile, and transform through the power of the Holy Spirit.

From these statements, it is obvious that North Carolina Yearly Meeting has stated its theological position. We appreciate the work of the Executive Committee in trying to find a solution to the ongoing controversy within the Yearly Meeting;, however, Randleman Friends Meeting is adamantly opposed to any form of separation, theological or otherwise, within North Carolina Yearly Meeting.

Randleman Friends Meeting, along with other Monthly Meetings, have diverse theological concepts among its membership. Dividing North Carolina Yearly Meeting into two theological groups and forcing Monthly Meetings to choose sides would likely lead to new controversy, causing separation and loss of membership at the Monthly Meeting level.

Sincerely,

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