

Minute on Rights and Sexual Orientation, July 25, 1992

For over 300 years the Religious Society of Friends has struggled to understand and testify to our belief in basic human rights. We affirm again that there is that of God in every person. We are reminded that "where there is love and charity, there also God is present." We find that the Spirit of God is present in all loving relationships, regardless of the genders of those involved.

Therefore, NPYM of the Religious Society of Friends endorses efforts to protect the civil rights of all persons regardless of their sexual orientation. Our love and support is for all persons and is not based on the gender of the person they love.

We oppose all legislation abridging the civil rights of persons based on their sexual orientation.

The [ad hoc minute committee] Friends at Annual Session of NPYM in 1992 ask that Steering Committee and the Yearly Meeting clerks publish this minute among Friends and in newspapers as widely as possible. Monthly Meetings and Worship Groups are encouraged to use it as they see fit to oppose discriminatory legislation.