

Recommendation from the Indiana Yearly Meeting Reconfiguration Task Force for Approval at a Called Meeting of the Representative Council 9th Mo. 29, 2012

- A. IYM (the organization) will remain intact and those meetings choosing option B will continue to be part of this body. The attached statement of “Frequently Asked Questions” lays out how this will work. For the majority of Friends in IYM this will represent no organizational change, although the authority of the yearly meeting to hold its member meetings accountable will have been clearly affirmed.
- B. Those meetings desiring a yearly meeting that allows for greater autonomy (option A) will be set off from IYM into a newly created “yearly meeting” or equivalent association. They will be released from obligations for 2013 assessments. Monthly meetings that wish to participate in this “setting off” shall inform the IYM office of this choice by 12/31/2012.
- C. Monthly meetings that have not chosen between “YM A” and “YM B” by 12/31/2012 are asked to make a different choice: are they willing to affirm being part of a yearly meeting with authority as laid out in the “YM B” statement distributed earlier this year? If not, they will be released from the yearly meeting.
- D. Monthly meetings that have not made a decision by 12/31/2012 about their future relationship with the yearly meeting will have a grace period until yearly meeting annual sessions in 2013 to do so. They will not be liable for assessment payments until a decision is made. If the decision is for B, then the monthly meeting will be responsible for retroactive payment of assessments. Members may complete terms of service as IYM committee members or officers, but will not be eligible for reappointment.
- E. The following financial arrangements will be put in place:
 - 1. The newly created yearly meeting or association will receive a proportional share of IYM’s liquid assets as of December 31, 2012, based on adult membership as of December 31, 2012, minus any unpaid assessments still owing.
 - 2. Monthly meetings choosing to leave IYM before the 2013 Annual Session will receive clear title to their properties, but with continuing obligations for any mortgages, unpaid assessments or other obligations to the yearly meeting.
 - 3. IYM will cover legal expenses up to \$5,000 for obtaining quit claim deeds and the cost of creating a new 501 (c) (3) organization if desired.

This recommendation will be considered at a called meeting of Representative Council planned for September 29, 2012. Should the Representative Council approve the recommendation, the suggested timeline will be used to phase in the implementation of the reconfiguration.