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To: IYM Reconfiguration Task Force

Arba Ministry & Oversight and Arba Monthly Meeting business session have discussed the Reconfiguration issue many times. After these many times of discussion we believe that the only solution to the problem is to proceed with the Reconfiguration process for Indiana Yearly Meeting.

At our meeting it is our objective to minister to all persons. If and when a person seeks a leadership position and they openly choose to go against the teaching of God's Word, the Holy Scriptures, we could not allow the person to serve in a leadership role but we would continue to minister to them.

This issue has consumed IYM's meeting for too many years. Unless those who are the object of this discussion choose to consent to the guidelines which IYM has chosen, we believe the time has come for us to separate. When disagreements arise that are in conflict with God's Word we believe we must separate so we may minister more effectively for our Heavenly Father.

We are saddened to have to make this decision but we are losing opportunities to serve the Lord effectively because of this issue. Therefore we believe Indiana Yearly Meeting must proceed with the Task Force recommendation of separation.

We choose to be a part of the IYM Recommendation B.

We wish to express our appreciation to each of you who have and are serving on the Task Force. We know it has been a very difficult process.

Sincerely,

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