

Back Creek Friends Meeting

July 11,2012

To: IYM Reconfiguration Task Force

Re: IYM Reconfiguration feed-back from Back Creek Monthly Meeting.

Back Creek Ministry and Oversight Committee and our Monthly Business meeting have met multiple times since October of 2011, regarding the proposed reconfiguration process and the general situation involved. Therefore we have approved the following minute during our meeting for business on July 11,2012.

Back Creek Monthly Meeting is opposed to a split and reconfiguration of IYM. We wish for the current issues to be resolved and for IYM to remain intact. A number of our congregation have relatives who are homosexual. Although we would welcome them to worship with us ,this does not mean that we support sexually active homosexual relationships.

We do not support the minute on West Richmond's website . We do not wish to see IYM dismembered.

We question West Richmond Friends refusing to abide by Faith and Practice and why we are now reconfiguring IYM because some meetings have threatened to leave. We agree with Spiceland Monthly Meeting that both these meetings and West Richmond are holding the entire yearly meeting "hostage."

We are concerned that a split of IYM would mean two smaller yearly meetings with fewer members and less operating funds and that this would severely affect the available financial support for Quaker Haven, Whites', and Friends Fellowship Community. We consider these entities to be vital to our mission as Friends. We are concerned about the over-complication of relationships that likely would occur with having two yearly meetings.

We are concerned about the conflict within IYM regarding whether a newly set off yearly meeting would be entitled to a cash settlement as part of the split. We are concerned about increased financial costs for the above named organizations if their articles of incorporation should need to be rewritten to accommodate a split of IYM.

Back Creek Meeting is a "B" type of monthly meeting and it is expected that it would remain so if a split does occur and we are forced to choose. We agree with Spiceland Friends Meeting that meetings who do not wish to remain affiliated with IYM should be allowed to leave but consider that IYM should remain intact. We request that the task force offer this as an option for moving forward .

We understand how immensely difficult is the situation that has consumed so much of the time and effort of the Reconfiguration Task Force. We offer our prayers and support.

Sincerely,

Darrell Monroe, Clerk of Ministry and Oversight, Back Creek Friends Meeting.