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**Muncie Monthly Meeting of Friends
Friends Memorial Church**

August 22, 2012

TO: Indiana Yearly Meeting Reconfiguration Task Force

The Muncie Monthly Meeting of Friends convened in a special called meeting on August 19, 2012 to discuss the current sense of the Meeting regarding reconfiguration of IYM into two separate yearly meetings. Pastor David Brindle presided as clerk of the called meeting due to the recent passing of our Presiding Clerk, Dottie Danner.

The Muncie Monthly Meeting position statement from October 2011 was reviewed. The descriptions of Type A and Type B meetings were made available to all members for review for the last several months. Members have a clear understanding of the distinctive characteristics of the two proposed yearly meeting types.

At this time we find that Muncie Monthly Meeting of Friends remains unable to support a reconfiguration of Indiana Yearly Meeting. We encourage the IYM Reconfiguration Task Force to work toward a resolution that will result in reconciliation and unity. We remain committed to a process which emphasizes our many shared values and principles while recognizing and accepting that in any large group there will be diversity and disagreement in some areas.

Muncie Monthly Meeting of Friends would hope IYM can find a resolution that promotes peace and loving harmony in spite of our individual meeting differences. We also hope that moving forward, the leadership of IYM can support all monthly meetings equally regardless of how a meeting has been "typed" or categorized.

It is our position that a healthy, thriving Yearly Meeting needs guidance from members of all "Types" of Friends. It is our diversity – not our similarity - that results in a more clearly thought out position of discernment. We believe that by truly minding The Light, we will be led into unity, not division.

Muncie Monthly Meeting of Friends supports reconciliation, not reconfiguration.

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