



First Friends Meeting

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To: Indiana Yearly Meeting Reconfiguration Task Force

First Friends Meeting of New Castle has had extensive discussion, as a corporate body and as individuals, regarding the reconfiguration. Our Meeting has always been comprised of people from a variety of theological experiences which has greatly enriched and at times challenged us. We feel this has made us stronger because through it all we are brought together by two great convictions – love God and love others. These tenets, expressed by Jesus in Matthew 22: 37-39, are more important than any differences we have and are a consistent reminder that God is at the center of all we do. Therefore, at this time, our Meeting feels that both proposals will inevitably exclude either persons or entire Meetings and we are not led to support either proposal. We strongly encourage Indiana Yearly Meeting to remain as it is currently structured and with appreciation for the work of the Task Force, recommend no reconfiguration.



Shirley Fort, Clerk of Ministry and Oversight



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