



Bethesda Friends Meeting

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Dear NCYM Executive Committee, Staff, Ministry & Counsel, and Monthly Meetings:

Bethesda Friends Meeting would like to respond to the letter from Poplar Ridge Friends Meeting dated July 8th, 2014. "If a house is divided against itself, that house cannot stand." (Mark 3:25) We have a sincere concern for the current state of NCYM and all the meetings that are affiliated with the Yearly Meeting. It is our firm belief that the Yearly Meeting should be unified in its foundational belief in Jesus Christ and the authority of scripture.

Bethesda Friends Meeting is a Christ centered meeting that believes that there is only one salvation that is offered which is only through the sacrificial work of Christ Jesus who lived a sinless life, died on the cross for our sins and was raised to new life by God the Father for our justification. We believe that God will only give grace and righteousness to those who trust in Christ alone as their Savior who is the mediator for us between God and man.

We would like to note that Items 1, 2, 3 & 4 in the letter from Poplar Ridge are of great concern to us and realize that they cannot be overlooked or "pushed to the side" and need to be addressed by all meetings that make up NCYM. We as a meeting will be in constant prayer that the foundation that our Yearly Meeting was built on (The Faith and Practice which is based from the teachings of God's written word the Bible) does not waiver or change but stands through generations today and into the future. Hebrews 13:8 says "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today and forever."

At this time Bethesda Friends Meeting will continue to support NCYM financially and pay our Askings but fully expect all meetings to acknowledge that we can only continue to be Disciples of Christ if we are unified so we can move forward. We request that these items be addressed by NCYM, all Monthly Meetings in NCYM and all committees of NCYM and feel the March 2015 time that is mentioned in the letter from Poplar Ridge is a reasonable time frame to have a direction.

We will continue to pray and ask the Holy Spirit for wisdom and direction to see us through this time.

Read and approved by Bethesda Friends Meeting on Ministry and Counsel – August 7th, 2014.
Read and approved by Bethesda Friends Called Monthly Meeting – August 17th, 2014

Don Lee, Ministry & Counsel Clerk

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