

Plainfield Friends Meeting
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Dear North Carolina Yearly Meeting Executive Committee, Ministry & Counsel,
and Monthly Meetings:

Plainfield Friends Meeting is writing to you with a strong sense of urgency and discernment about the ongoing disunity among some of the participating Meetings in NCYM. We at Plainfield feel that there are issues within NCYM that need to be addressed and dealt with. In the letter from Poplar Ridge, they have outlined some of our same concerns and we do not wish to re-state those here. We wish only to affirm what our stance is and will be as we push forward into the future with our affiliation with NCYM.

We would like to voice our concern over the ongoing issues that continue to plague the NCYM at almost every level. There are several concerns, which in our discernment, are heretical and have not been dealt with as they should be. We will not list the concerns here for Poplar Ridge has addressed most of them already. Most Meetings within NCYM know what these concerns are and have known for quite some time now. It greatly concerns us that the leadership in NCYM does not deal with these concerns but rather sweeps them under the rug in hopes that they will go away. These concerns have gone un-dealt with for long enough and NCYM as a whole is reaping what it has sown.

Through much prayer and discernment Plainfield Friends Meeting has decided that it can no longer support NCYM financially because of severe **Theological differences, integrity, stewardship, and the lack of Christ centeredness**, among some of our Meetings and among some of the leadership within NCYM. With that being said, Plainfield Friends Meeting will continue to pay 100% of our Askings to NCYM through March of 2015. Beginning on April 1st 2015, Plainfield Friends

Meeting will no longer support NCYM with our Askings. We will withhold all Askings to be paid to the NCYM and we will put them into an escrow account until we feel that NCYM has not only addressed the concerns but DEALT with these concerns as well. At such a time, when we feel led by the Spirit that NCYM has taken the appropriate measures in the right direction, we will release those funds to NCYM.

Plainfield Friends Meeting will continue to support the many ongoing missions and ministry programs that NCYM has in place with our finances, our time, and with our prayers. These programs include MOWA, Friends Disaster, Belize school, Jamaica, Quaker Men, USFW, Quaker Lake, FCM, etc. We feel like these programs reach and minister to many people in and out of NCYM. All of these ministries are extremely important and we will support them in any way that we can.

This decision was not easy, for we feel that NCYM could be a beacon of light to a lost world and could be beneficial for all of North Carolina and not just to Friends Meetings. We feel that this Yearly Meeting has an opportunity to reach untold numbers of lost and misguided souls throughout the world and everywhere in between if we can get back to focusing on the person and work of Jesus Christ. We sincerely pray that these concerns will not be taken lightly as in the past but dealt with honestly, with the utmost integrity, and with much discernment through the conviction of the Holy Spirit.

Approved by Ministry & Counsel August 10, 2014
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