

FUM Policy Concern Minute

Bethesda Friends Meeting has learned of the FUM personnel policy which discriminates against applicants for staff and volunteer positions on the basis of sexual orientation or behavior. Our Meeting strongly disagrees with this policy because it fails to recognize the varieties of responsible, loving, spiritually enriching relationships that exist in our meetings and communities, and is counter to our belief that there is that of God in every person. We recognize that this policy does reflect beliefs strongly held by many in FUM leadership positions.

We support the initiatives being taken by BYM to open a dialogue and labor with others in FUM and on the General Board of FUM to seek together a way to transcend this conflict and to find a new way to respond to the concerns of all about this important issue.

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