



## **Plymouth Friends Meeting; A Welcoming Community**

We believe that every person is loved by the Divine Spirit.

There are Quakers of all ages, religious backgrounds, races, education, sexual orientations, gender identities, and classes...You are welcome to join us as you are.

Rooted in Quaker beliefs and practices, Plymouth Friends Meeting is committed to creating a welcoming community for all persons. We unite with the following commitment of support made by the Philadelphia Yearly Friends Meeting (July 2025).

## **Philadelphia Yearly Meeting Minute of Support for the LGBTQA+ Community**

As Quakers, Philadelphia Yearly Meeting believes that there is that of God, the Light, Spirit, within every person. We receive the

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gifts of service and care from many of our members who are Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, Intersex and Asexual (LGBTQIA+) and value all as beloved members of our community.

Currently the federal government is targeting LGBTQIA+ people, by writing legislation that denies gender affirming care and treatment, questioning trans and gender diverse individuals' right to exist and be their true selves, pulling funding for mental health hotlines that serve LGBTQIA+ individuals, and threatening to rescind their rights to love and marry who they love. These actions have created dangerous levels of stress in LGBTQIA+ individuals, particularly in the trans community.

We unite in honoring all people's right to love as they feel led and to inhabit the body that best expresses their true selves. We cherish the diversity that is brought to our community by the participation of these individuals.

We stand among and as allies with LGBTQIA+ people and cherish them. Our allyship demands that we continue to educate ourselves on the issues LGBTQIA+ people face, provide a safe space for LGBTQIA+ people and families to worship, and work to end discrimination based on sex, gender identity, and sexual orientation.

By embracing members of the LGBTQIA+ community, we are blessed by their strength and endurance which bring rich colors to the tapestry of our Quaker fellowship.