

### **Minute regarding NEYM withholding funds to FUM on the issue of discrimination**

At Midcoast Meeting of Friends we believe that the central premise of Quakerism is that the Light shines in every person. We fully support equality in all forms. It distresses us that FUM has a policy of discriminating against LGBTQ persons and we do not wish to support an organization that discriminates in any form. While acknowledging that in Africa the socio-cultural history is quite different, we nonetheless hold to our core values of equality as espoused by George Fox. We ask whether Listening Sessions might form the beginning of a reconciliation of this issue and hope to see change. Therefore we choose to support withholding funds from FUM as a symbolic gesture.