

Where we stand

The New Haven Friends Meeting sense of the meeting:

02-26 New Haven Friends Meeting reaffirms its minute on same-gender marriage or committed relationships from July 1989, "The Meeting affirms the goodness of committed, loving relationships and offers recognition and support to those who share this ideal and desire to enter into a permanent relationship based upon it. By tradition, the Meeting recognizes committed union in a celebration of marriage under the care of the Meeting. The same loving care and consideration should be given to both same-sex and heterosexual applicants as outlined in Faith and Practice." April 2002

02-27 New Haven Friends Meeting endorses the right to civil marriage as it has already recognized religious marriage. This is with the understanding that even after civil marriage becomes available to same-gender couples, religious organizations will retain the right to decide for themselves whether to perform or recognize any marriage, just as they already do for every couple. April 2002

02-28 Friends ask the co-clerks to write a letter to our state representatives and senators, with copies to the newspapers, stating that the New Haven Friends Meeting recognizes religious marriage between same-gender couples and is in support of current efforts toward providing additional rights of domestic partners and eventual legislation of equal rights of same-gender couples to civil marriage.... April 2002

02-39 On the recommendation of the (Social Outreach) committee, Friends approved forwarding minutes 02-26,02-27, and the first part of 02-28, on the right to civil marriage for same-sex couples, to Quarterly Meeting for consideration. June 2002

02-61 Following up on previous minute 02-39, Friends proposed the following minute to be brought to quarterly meeting:
The Connecticut Valley Quarterly Meeting of the New England Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends (Quakers) recognizes religious marriage between same-gender couples and supports providing additional rights of domestic partners and the legislation of equal rights of same-gender couples to civil marriage. September 2002