

Southeastern Yearly Meeting

of the Religious Society of Friends

Yearly Business Meeting 2022

13 to 17 Fourth Month 2022

In-person and via videoteleconference

NUMBERED MINUTES

- 22YBM01** Friends approve the minutes from Executive Committee Meetings and Interim Business Meetings as published in the DIA.
APPROVED
- 22YBM02** Friends approve the minute from Executive Committee 13 Fourth Month 2022.
APPROVED
- 22YBM03** Southeastern Yearly Meeting approves, endorses, and supports Jerry Knutson as a travelling minister.
APPROVED
- 22YBM04** Southeastern Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends wishes to express our gratitude to Friends of Orlando Monthly Meeting for providing housing and other support for SEYM's Youth and Young Adult Coordinator. The meeting's generous sharing of resources made the Youth and Young Adult Coordinator position possible.
APPROVED
- 22YBM05** We are advised, as members of the Religious Society of Friends, of the truth to reach out to that of God in everyone. We endeavor to live out our testimonies in expected and unexpected circumstances of daily life, living in love and learning from one another.

Florida's recently enacted "Don't Say Gay" bill, the transgender youth medical care ban, the license to discriminate in health care bill, and the proposed "Stop Woke Act," are not in unity with our testimonies. This legislation does not come from a place of love, and it inhibits opportunities to learn from one another and puts us in a position of vulnerability because of our practice and call to eliminate ignorance.

SEYM urges Friends to be bold in expressing opposition to this legislation that will deny the right of gender-questioning youth access to compassionate counseling and medical care and prohibits educators from teaching anything about America's past or present which causes discomfort to any student.

Compliance with these laws will seriously inhibit the possibility of love, truth, and reconciliation which are prerequisites to attaining a just society of equals. For this reason, we call Friends and all Floridians to refuse to comply with these laws and to

support the organizations, teachers, and physicians who choose to act in opposition to these laws.

APPROVED AS REVISED

- 22YBM06** Southeastern Yearly Meeting approves the proposed budget for 2022-2023.
APPROVED
- 22YBM07** Southeastern Yearly Meeting approves the revised Nominating Committee Report as presented.
APPROVED
- 22YBM08** Southeastern Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends expresses deep and loving gratitude for the years of faithful service of Susan Taylor and Wendy Clarissa Geiger as co-clerks of SEYM Committee for Ministry on Racism. These Friends helped us to seek and discern through difficult, revealing, and important concerns, and we are grateful to continue the work they fostered with such integrity.
APPROVED
- 22YBM09** Southeastern Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends offers its appreciation to the Warren Willis Camp/Life Enrichment Center for their gracious hospitality and dedicated service to our annual sessions. In addition, we are profoundly grateful for their flexibility and adaptability as we all struggled with the pandemic and concerns for safely meeting in person.
APPROVED
- 22YBM10** Southeastern Yearly Meeting expresses its deepest appreciation and gratitude to Phoebe Andersen for her devoted service as Yearly Meeting Clerk and Executive Committee/Interim Business Meeting Clerk. We wish her continued healing.
APPROVED
- 22YBM11** Southeastern Yearly Meeting expresses appreciation to all those who worked to create a hybrid meeting, including Carl Hersh, Dan Vaughn, Joel Cook, Wayne Finegar and the *ad hoc* committee who worked to make the technology function, and Jack Bradin who hosted online sessions.
APPROVED
- 22YBM12** Southeastern Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends expresses its gratitude to Windy Cooler and Melinda Wenner Bradley for their inspired leadership at our retreat sessions and the gift of their words for the Walton Lecture.
APPROVED
- 22YBM13** Southeastern Yearly Meeting approves the Epistle and sends it to the wider Quaker world.
APPROVED