

Allen's Neck Friends Meeting

A Welcoming Quaker Community in Dartmouth, Massachusetts

Minute on the Equality of People of All Sexual Orientations and Gender Identities

Allen's Neck Friends Meeting affirms its commitment to being an open, safe, and nurturing place for everyone. Just as Friends have historically witnessed to the Light present among all races and genders, we witness that the Light is present among people of all sexual orientations and gender identities or expressions. We welcome all including LGBTQ (lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, questioning) people who wish to join us in the fullness of our community.

In our Meeting and the wider society, we support same-sex marriage and other forms of equality. As people of faith, we encourage all loving and stable relationships. This encouragement is a benefit to the couple, the Meeting, and the larger society.

We declare our Meeting for Worship to be a safe space for people who may feel their sexual orientation makes other places of worship unsafe. Being mindful of oppression and violence that LGBTQ individuals face, we feel a special commitment to offer them loving support.

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