

Proposed Comments on SAYMA Faith and Practice Revision

Dear Friends,

Shortly after our 01/2010 meeting for business, the SAYMA Faith and Practice Revision Committee asked our Meeting to review their proposed changes to the "Marriage" section. Given the very short time frame between their request (about two weeks ago) and their next meeting (about two weeks hence), there was not sufficient time for Asheville Friends to engage in a good seasoning process, with an ad hoc committee meeting to determine what recommendations to propose, which could then be reviewed by the Meeting, further seasoned, and finally approved.

Instead, our clerk invited any Friend who felt led to consider the work of the Revision Committee to take a written copy of their proposals and submit their comments to her in advance of the business meeting. Five Friends took up the invitation and two Friends have written responses. The Meeting is being asked to review their recommendations to see if we can unite with them. Whichever of these recommendations we can unite with can then be submitted on behalf of our Meeting. If there are any of these recommendations that a Friend does not feel comfortable with, then those recommendations will not be submitted on behalf of our Meeting.

Our clerk asks that each of us take the time in advance of the business meeting to read over the proposed section as well as the recommendations being submitted, so that the time we have available to spend on this in business meeting can be devoted to discussion and discernment. The two Friends' recommendations are attached to this email in a single pdf document. The proposed section on marriage can be found at the SAYMA website, at this link:

[Marriage section, proposed revisions](#)

Best wishes,
Steve