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### **RFC and NWYM**

NWYM presently finds itself in a process of re-organization. This has developed from a fracture of theological unity around the subject of human sexuality, specifically in regards to the cultural shift towards normalization of sexual relationships between two or more people of the same gender.

Churches and individuals of NWYM who believe actively practicing LGBTQ persons should be introduced into full church membership, including potential leadership roles, are being invited to form a sister Yearly Meeting that better reflects their theological position. In this re-organization, NWYM churches and individuals will remain faithful to orthodox Christian theology on this issue as our present Faith and Practice outlines.

- We at RFC will continue to accept, welcome, and encourage people from all walks of life, regardless of their status, gender, ethnicity, or the sin issues they personally struggle with.
- We believe we all are equal as sinners in the sight of our Righteous God and none of us are called to stand in judgment over one another.
- We also realize that to identify any of our present spiritual struggles need not be judgmental, and none of us will ever be encouraged towards righteousness if our sins are not first recognized as being the spiritual death they are.

Therefore, as an organized community of Christ followers, we will continue to believe it is inappropriate to elevate people into leadership while they are personally embracing life altering sins. Therefore an attender who is embracing and defending a lifestyle of thievery, abuse of others, drug seeking, adultery, pornography, having sex with someone of the same gender, lying, etc., etc., would not be elevated into leadership, and also should be disciplined before being considered for membership.

At RFC: we (have historically, we do at present, and we will continue to) choose to present ourselves as sinners before God for His grace, mercy, and strength to overcome, not defend, our own sinfulness. Standing in the light of Christ together: we support each other, reprove each other, and encourage each other towards transformation by the indwelling of Jesus Christ.

**As the leadership of RFC, we are proposing that the membership of RFC choose to remain a member church of NWYM affirming the current faith and Practice.** We also will continue to pray for, and ask God's blessings on all our friends whether they stay in NWYM or not and that the Holy Spirit would guide our discernment in this and all other matters.