

## Representative's Report - Friends for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer Concerns

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As reported at the Spring 2016 representative's meeting, I have not been an active representative to the FLGBTQC organization and have not been able to attend any of the gatherings. FLGBTQC gatherings are held twice a year, at Friends General Conference and the Mid-Winter Gathering over the long weekend surrounding U.S. President's Day. I have attempted to contact the co-clerks of the organization through the website twice to get any recent information that would be beneficial to SAYMA, but have not yet received a response.

FLGBTQC has a website which provides information about the organization, about gatherings, and resources. FLGBTQC is collecting Marriage Minutes written by Quaker Meetings affirming same-sex Quaker marriages and other commitment ceremonies. Meetings are invited to send minuted support for same-sex Quaker marriages for inclusion on the website. FLGBTQC is also collecting Minutes that specifically welcome and affirm transgender people, including minutes that are primarily concerned with transgender inclusion. Minutes are also collected that more generally affirm lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer people.

FLGBTQC has also participated as signatories in a number of Friend of the Court Briefs. These documents are listed on the website as well.

I encourage SAYMA Friends to visit the FLGBTQC website for more information about how to subscribe to the newsletter, how to contribute Minutes for the website, and to make donations.

And I encourage SAYMA to continue to financially support the FLGBTQC faith community as they honor, affirm and uphold that of the Divine in all people.

<http://flgbtqc.quaker.org/>