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Southern Appalachian Yearly Meeting and Association (SAYMA) Minute on Patriarchy Approved at Business Meeting on 5/23/93

Patriarchal oppression is pervasive in most human societies. One of its underlying assumptions is that men are more important than women.

Friends recognize the equal worth of every person. We believe that the Spirit includes and goes beyond female and male attributes.

Friends are encouraged to become more conscious of how they and society support the oppression of women and girls. We recognize that men and boys are also injured by patriarchal oppression, regardless of their participation.

By working and praying in our homes, monthly meetings and communities, we shall arrive at a day when patriarchal oppression is replaced by equality, justice, caring and love.