

April 25, 2004:

04-12 Same Sex Marriage

The Quarter has recently received minutes from Cambridge and Fresh Pond Monthly Meetings in support of same sex marriage. Friends Meeting at Cambridge asked for our support of the Declaration of Religious Support for Same-Gender Couples to Marry (DoRS). Other Meetings in this Quarter have approved similar minutes in support of same-gender marriage the past.

We approved sending the minutes from Cambridge and Fresh Pond along with the DoRS to other Meetings for their consideration and possible support.

We asked M & C to draft a minute on this issue for consideration at our October session.

We approved endorsement by Salem Quarterly Meeting of the Declaration of Religious Support for Same-Gender Couples to Marry.

The Declaration of Religious Support for Same-Gender Couples to Marry is a statement of the Religious Coalition for the Freedom to Marry .