

**From: GPYM Ministry & Counsel**  
**To: Great Plains Yearly Meeting**  
**May 31, 2019**

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**We of Great Plains Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends recognize there is that of God in every person, and as people of faith and followers of Christ, we know that the tapestry of humanity is woven with the varied threads of God's beloved people.<sup>1</sup> Different and alike, we are all God's creations. God calls us to love one another as God loves us.<sup>2</sup> Our views are informed by scripture and our own experience of God's love and grace. Thus we affirm that people of any race, ethnicity, religious belief or nonbelief, nationality, socio-economic status, gender identity, sexual orientation, marital status, mental or physical capacity are welcome in our midst and are invited to fully participate in the life of Great Plains Yearly Meeting. Our Quaker testimonies of equality, peace and community inspire our goal to extend grace, inclusion and love to all.**

**<sup>1</sup>John 3:16-17**

**<sup>2</sup>Mark 12:31; Matt 5:43-47; John 15:12-14; 1 John 4:7-12;**

**Gal. 3: 28-29 & 5:5-6**