

**Tampa Monthly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends  
Meeting for Worship with a Concern for Business**

**Minutes**

1 Fifth Month 2022

Meeting was held at the meetinghouse and online via Zoom.

**Clerks**

Nil Wilkins Meeting Clerk  
Recorded by Nil Wilkins

**Meetinghouse attendees**

Not recorded

**Online attendees**

Not recorded

**Take action**

This special meeting was held to consider discernment on an SEYM minute on unjust Florida legislation. A draft minute was begun, discernment is to continue at Committee of the Whole meeting on May 4, 2022.

Draft minute:

As members of the Religious Society of Friends (Quakers) we are committed to reach out to that of God in everyone. We endeavor to live out our testimonies in all the circumstances of daily life, living in love and learning from one another.

We believe that Florida's recently enacted "Don't Say Gay" bill [2022 HB 1557], the "Transgender Youth Medical Care Ban" [2022 HB 211], the "License to Discriminate in Health Care Bill" [2022 HB 747], and the proposed "Stop Woke Act" [2022 HB 7] codify and mandate discrimination against already vulnerable people, and places those who seek to support them at risk of prosecution.

Tampa Quakers urge all to be bold in expressing opposition to this and all legislation that will deny gender-questioning youth their human rights, including access to compassionate counseling and medical care. We also urge opposition to legislation that prohibits educators from teaching anything about America's past or present which causes discomfort to any student.

Compliance with these laws will seriously inhibit the possibility of love, truth, and reconciliation which are prerequisites to attaining a just society of equals. For this reason, we call Friends and all Floridians to resist these laws through such measures as letters to the editor, the governor, and state legislators; engaging in peaceful protests; and supporting the organizations, teachers, and physicians who choose to act in opposition to these laws.