

Downers Grove Friends Meeting
Downers Grove, Illinois

Minute of Support for the LGBTQIA+ Community, from the Meeting for Business of July 5,
2026

The recent decades have seen a blossoming of direct discourse, with people declaring and talking about their gender/sexual/romantic orientations. Friends see this as a welcome expansion of consciousness and an increased willingness for people to follow their leadings for their gender/sexual/romantic outlook and relationships. This integrity about one's nature invites a closer relationship with the holy spirit and leads to improved lives and relationships.

The federal government is currently targeting LGBTQIA+ people, by writing legislation and issuing executive orders that deny gender affirming care and treatment, questioning trans and gender diverse individuals' right to exist and be their true selves, pulling funding for mental health hotlines that serve LGBTQIA+ individuals, and threatening to rescind their rights to love and marry whom they love. These actions have created dangerous levels of stress in LGBTQIA+ individuals, particularly in the trans community.

We minute our commitment to becoming a welcoming and affirming, safe, and nurturing place for everyone to worship and live fully that which the Spirit is leading them to be. The Friends at Downers Grove Friends Meeting are committed to treating all with equality and welcome all people to our meeting.