

reading which may hinder their spiritual growth.

The following Minute of the Yearly Meeting on Ministry and Oversight was received from that Meeting, carefully considered and adopted as the judgment of this Meeting.

It continues to be our settled conviction that in establishing the New Covenant, the Lord Jesus did not institute any outward rite or ordinance obligatory on the Church.

His baptism is the baptism with the Holy Ghost and fire - He is Himself the bread of life - The eating of His body and the drinking of His blood is not an outward act, but a spiritual reality.

His presence with His Church is not to be by symbol or representation, but in the real communication of His own Spirit.

It is, therefore, the judgment of this Meeting in accordance with the well known principles of the Society of Friends, that no one can be acknowledged or retained in the position

of Minister or Elder amongst us who continues to participate in or advocate the necessity of the outward rite of baptism or the supper, neither can we approve Ministers coming from other Yearly Meetings who teach these doctrines.

In considering this Minute, an earnest desire was expressed that we might surrender ourselves wholly to the Lord to receive the Baptism of the Holy Ghost, and that we might know the continual feeding on the body and blood of Christ. Prayers were offered for this, and also that our whole Society might be united together more firmly in the true unity of the Spirit, which is the bond of peace.

Then adjourned to meet in joint session at 10 o'clock tomorrow morning.

10th of the Month and 3rd of the Year.

According to adjournment the Meeting assembled in joint session.

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