

Statement to Interim Meeting
Regarding the Lawsuit
BYM Trustees
03/10/19

Baltimore Yearly Meeting has been named as a co-defendant in a lawsuit concerning alleged events that occurred in Virginia between a teacher and a student from a Friends school in Maryland from 1998-2001. The suit alleges that BYM staff, officers, and directors knew of the situation, had the authority to intervene, and failed to act to stop it from happening.

Based on a thorough review of BYM records and interviews with many former staff, officers and directors from that time, Trustees have found no evidence that anyone in an official capacity at BYM had any knowledge of the alleged events at the time. Further, BYM had no operational control or authority over this or any other independently incorporated and independently governed Friends school in the BYM region.

Since last August, the BYM General Secretary and Associate General Secretary, on behalf of Trustees, have been working with our attorney and insurance company to have all claims against BYM dismissed.