

## **Concern from Raleigh Friends Meeting for Consideration at 2017 Annual Sessions**

Raleigh Friends have contacted the PFYM presiding clerk with a request for consideration of the following minute by PFYM Annual Sessions:

"For over 300 years Quakers have been led by principles of universal love and concern for all persons to provide relief to those suffering from violent conflict. These included prisoners of war in the Irish War of 1690, Finns who suffered from the British fleets during the Crimean War, Boer families during the Boer War in 1900, and all sides during World Wars I and II, the Spanish Civil War, and the Vietnam War. At this moment in history when millions of refugees face xenophobia and prejudice as they seek safe haven from violence that has displaced them from their homes and livelihoods, it is fitting that Quakers and Quaker institutions find ways to provide relief. Guilford College's role in founding the Every Campus a Refuge initiative and in hosting refugee families is a beacon in the best spirit of Quaker witness. Piedmont Friends Yearly Meeting expresses our moral support for Guilford College in this endeavor."