

North Carolina Fellowship of Friends is a non-creedal, cooperative fellowship of Friends meetings rooted in traditional Quaker teaching, gathered under the leadership of the Holy Spirit, and guided by our vital practice of seeking God's presence and activity today. While our meetings differ in many ways, we do the best we can with the Light we have today to be open and inclusive to anyone who would like to journey with us. Our mission is to affirm the autonomy of each member organization to pursue God's peaceable Kingdom on Earth as put forth in their individual mission statements. Our vision is to be a leading Christ-centered agent for healing, learning, peace, and justice in our communities and the world. The statements below demonstrate the theological and geographical range we cover.

*We at **Ararat Friends Meeting** have a long history of worship in a close family-knit atmosphere. We worship our Father, the one true God by the way of the cross, the shed blood of Jesus Christ, God's only Son who lived and died for our sins, rose on the third day and continues through the Holy Spirit to guide us in how we should serve the Father and our fellowman. We believe we can find unity in the Scripture, such unity, however, can only rest in the recognition that the voice of Christ speaks to us in all the various witnesses.*

*The mission of **Somerton Friends Meeting** is to come together as a family in Christ and to spread God's ministry of love, peace and sharing through our community and communities worldwide.*

***Deep River Friends Meeting** is a Christ-centered faith community gathered around the leadership of the Living Christ and seeking to live in the way of Jesus through our faithfulness to his leadings and our Quaker testimonies of simplicity, peace, integrity, community, equality, and service. We have no greater allegiance than that of God's dream for creation and no greater privilege than that of serving our community and making God's love real.*

First Friends is a Quaker Meeting building healthy relationships with God, one another and all creation.

*We sustain the spiritual atmosphere at **Jamestown Friends Meeting** through open worship, love, acceptance and caring. We continually look beyond ourselves for ways to serve God by serving others.*

***Jamestown Friends Meeting** is continually looking beyond itself for ways to serve God by serving our fellow human beings. We search for justice in an unjust world; we seek to feed, clothe, and shelter those who have a need; we respond to specific needs of missions, both locally and globally. We want to 'give the cup of cold water,' but we seek to minister to one another's spirit as well.*

Mount Airy Friends Meeting's purpose is to focus on the Quaker testimonies of simplicity, peace, integrity, community and equality. We have shared beliefs and personal experiences rather than dogmatic creeds, and worship together led by the Holy Spirit.

New Garden Friends Meeting is an inclusive, welcoming Christian faith community. Our members and attenders represent a wide range of religious backgrounds and traditions. Grounded

in more than 250 years of Quaker heritage, New Garden remains a vital Meeting for those who seek that of God in every person.