

Quakers For Racial Equality & Committee on Undoing Racism in Atlanta Friends Meeting 2017

We feel called to act on our testimony of equality at the personal, institutional, and societal levels. Key themes in our racial equity work have included education on white privilege, supporting Friends of Color, restoring relationships and making amends, being more welcoming to newcomers, and expanding witness on racism in the community. We sponsored 6 Friends to attend an Undoing Racism workshop and supported a book discussion on *Waking Up White*. We expanded educational resources through purchasing books related to race, racism, or People of Color for both the AFM library and the religious education program for children. The *Doctrine of Discovery* film and readings on Quaker boarding schools deepened our understanding of white people's harm to Native Americans. In support of Friends of Color, we have designated funds for an AFM Friends of Color group, assisted with plenaries at Southern Appalachian Yearly Meeting and Association (SAYMA) on experiences of racism, and encouraged the development of the SAYMA Uplifting Racial Justice committee. At SAYMA and AFM, our members offered workshops on responding to racism and repairing harm. Coordinating with Care and Counsel and other committees, we have worked to make AFM more welcoming and transparent. An Atlanta Friends of Color group has had its initial gathering. We also assisted with seasoning an AFM decision to put a Black Lives Matter sign outside our meetinghouse through offering a forum. In our community, QRE members participate in efforts to address white supremacy and structural racism through groups such as Hate Free Decatur, Create Community 4 Decatur: Black Lives Matter, and the End New Jim Crow Action Group.

Quakers for Racial Equality meets on 4th Sundays at 11:45 in the AFM library to support anyone with leadings to work for racial equality on personal, institutional, and societal levels.

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The Committee on Undoing Racism in Atlanta Friends Meeting meets jointly with Quakers for Racial Equality. The committee offers a Listening Ear for Concerns about Racism once a month and develops learning opportunities such as forums.

Contact: Karen Morris

Atlanta Friends of Color gather periodically and have started a new tradition of gathering for a meal and conversation on the 18th of December. To speak with a Friend of Color and be added to the list,

Contact: Folami Adams

You're welcome to join us!