

**Greenville Friends Meeting**  
**State of the Meeting Report to SAYMA**  
**March 31, 2023**

Greenville Friends Meeting is a small, vibrant, tightly-knit group of Friends. We have attracted a number of visitors, Friends as well as first-time attenders. We have made a very conscious, careful effort to welcome newcomers and incorporate them into the life of the Meeting, as they are led.

We have become more organized as a Meeting, selecting a Clerk who is a seasoned Friend. Our Ministry & Nurture Committee is very active in supporting Friends with specific needs. We occasionally gather for meals outside of Meeting. On one First Day each month, one of us provides catered food for fellowship followed by religious education at the rise of Meeting. We have budgeted funds for the food, so that provision is not a hardship on anyone.

Alan Johnson is serving as our representative to SAYMA, and he has been participating in the small affinity group meetings.

We have explored community outreach (e.g. GOAL: Greenville Organized for Accountable Leadership) but have not as yet found a project on which we are unified.

We are also exploring a variety of ways to serve broadened attendance and to make the Greenville community aware of our presence. We have improved signage to direct visitors to our Meeting for Worship on the Furman University campus on First Days. Two of our meeting members presented a one-time class on Quakerism at the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at Furman.

As a Meeting, we have become more cohesive and unified in the past year. Vocal ministry has become more frequent and meaningful to all. We are currently studying and discussing **The Quaker Way** by Rex Ambler. Friends take turns leading the study sessions and we have found these to be deep and rich conversations.