

**North Carolina Fellowship of Friends
Religious Society of Friends (Quakers)**

Let Your Life Speak

North Carolina Fellowship of Friends met on August 20, 2002, as a hybrid fellowship, meeting virtually and in person at Jamestown Friends Meeting with the theme, “Let Your Life Speak.” Friends worshipped with music provided by Dr. Meredith Summers, and heard Dr. Adrienne Israel present her research on the Underground Railroad, emphasizing the collaboration between the Religious Society of Friends and Free Blacks, and that the Underground Railroad was not a ministry undertaken individualistically but that happened within the context of community. Friends in attendance then broke out into worship groups and discussed the queries:

- (1) How are we called to let our lives speak in 2022?
- (2) What work are our Meetings called to do?

Friends also met for business and workshops sharing concerns and discernment on:

- (1) celebrating 350th anniversaries,
- (2) our anti-racism working group,
- (3) a brief introduction to Medieval Theology,
- (4) a letter inviting Friends to reclaim their radical roots,
- (5) a concern about researching injustices surrounding Indigenous Boarding Schools,
- (6) Friends Peace Testimony and Quaker House
- (7) Members of the Body of Christ/Citizens of the World
- (8) Trauma-informed Ministry,
- (9) And Quakers, Reparations, & Restoration.

In these matters, Friends struggle, listen, speak... sometimes avoid, but ultimately were challenged to continue to wrestle with these issues in the light of the two worship queries:

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