

Jamestown Friends Meeting
State of Meeting Report to NCFE
November 2021-October 2022)
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Jamestown Friends Meeting has experienced a year of transition as we bid farewell to Evelyn Jadin as our interim pastor and welcomed Catherine Griffith as our full-time pastoral minister. Catherine joined us on March 1, 2022, and quickly became a key part of our community as she offered spiritual nurture through her First Day prepared messages and pastoral care to several families who experienced the loss of loved ones this year. Catherine has also facilitated informative discussions in our adult forums. She is currently facilitating a “transition team” to help Jamestown Friends discern who we are and who we want to become.

Jamestown Friends Meeting has continued to face restrictions due to the spread of the COVID-19 virus and our resolve to keep everyone safe. Our Monthly Meetings for Worship and Business along with our Ministry and Counsel meetings continue to be held via Zoom. Several of our committees use Zoom to hold meetings. We have learned to conduct “hybrid” or “blended” worship services and adult forum sessions on Sunday morning. Although we miss in-person interactions, we recognize that the use of technology has enabled Friends from afar to participate in our community activities and worship times.

Our Meeting continues to offer outreach through several meeting-wide projects and through the efforts of several individuals. We serve a meal at the Open Door Shelter in High Point, NC once each month, and we support our local middle school with donations of school supplies and by sponsoring a school family at Christmastime. Individually, Friends support a variety of Quaker organizations such as FEMAP, the NC Peace Resource Center, the Alternatives to Violence Project, the Springfield Friends History Museum, the NC Friends Historical Society, and Friends Committee on NC Legislation.

Jamestown Friends Meeting was pleased to participate in World Quaker Day on October 2, 2022. This event, sponsored by the FWCC is meant, to strengthen Quaker connections across the globe. We sent a Zoom link for our hybrid worship service through FWCC, and we were thrilled to be joined by Friends from across Quakerdom. We had nine visitors including Friends from as far away as British Columbia and the United Kingdom.

Although our financial weekly support is less than the budgeted amount, we feel very fortunate to have the support, resources, and participants to continue to support the Meeting in various forms.

The 10th day of Tenth month, 2022