Report from NCFF's Antiracism Working Group March 4, 2023

The AWG met via Zoom on February 23. We will meet again at 7:00 pm on March 30 and April 27. All are welcome.

Topics for our upcoming agendas include:

- Further discussion of our response to the letter that NCFF received last June from the Friends Peace Team about working toward right relationship with Native Peoples, specifically with respect to understanding the role Quakers played in the forced assimilation of Native children by operating Quaker Indigenous boarding schools. To learn more about this issue, you can watch this QuakerSpeak video with Paula Palmer: <u>https://quakerspeak.com/video/paula-palmer/</u>. There are also a number of related articles in *Friends Journal*, including "Quakers, Indian Boarding Schools, and Indigenous Justice Today" by Sandra Boone Murphy (<u>https://www.friendsjournal.org/quakers-indian-boardingschools-and-indigenous-justice-today/</u>).
- 2. A guest speaker on the antiracism work of Friends Committee on North Carolina Legislation (FCNCL) and related legislation that they are supporting.
- 3. Follow up on the request that we sent last November for comments and feedback from all NCFF committees and Monthly Meetings on our draft minute (attached). If your Monthly Meeting or committee has not yet discussed this minute and forwarded your feedback, please review it, and send us your comments.
- 4. Discussion on Thursday, April 27, of the book, *To Drink from the Well: The Struggle for Racial Equality at the Nation's Oldest Public University* by Geeta Kapur. Twenty copies of this book have been purchased by NCFF to be available on March 4 for anyone who would like to pick up a copy to read.