



About Five Rivers Friends

In the latter 1960's, and at the height of the Vietnam War, several residents of Myrtle Beach organized a Friends worship group. They did not formally affiliate with the Religious Society of Friends, and ceased meeting in the 1970's. In 1987, Quakers living in the Conway-Myrtle Beach area joined to establish Horry Friends Monthly Meeting, and were granted direct affiliation with Friends General Conference (FGC) and soon after establish a fellowship named Friends Gathering (PFG).

In 2000, Horry Friends Meeting changed its name to Five Rivers Friends Monthly Meeting (FRFMM). This reflected its service to Friends not just in the Grand Strand region of South Carolina, but throughout the low-country region of the state drained by the following rivers: Waccamaw, Little and Great Pee Dee, Lynches, and Black.

Affiliation with the wider Society of Friends

Five Rivers Friends is a constituent member of Palmetto Friends Gathering, and it maintains its affiliation with Friends General Conference.

FRFMM is currently seeking affiliation with North Carolina Yearly Meeting Conservative of the Religious Society of Friends.

Quaker Organizations

- ❖ **Palmetto Friends Gathering:** <https://www.pfgquakers.com/>
- ❖ **North Carolina Yearly Meeting Conservative:** <https://www.ncymc.org/>
- ❖ **Friends General Conference (FGC):** <https://www.fgcquaker.org/>
- ❖ **Quaker Voice on Washington Public Policy:** <https://quakervoicewa.org/>
- ❖ **American Friends Service Committee:** <https://www.afsc.org/>
- ❖ **Friends Committee on National Legislation:** <https://www.fcnl.org/>

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FIVE RIVERS FRIENDS MONTHLY MEETING

1103 Main Street
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Meeting for Worship
Every Sunday from
10:30 to 11:30 a.m.
5riversfriends.org



The Five Rivers Friends meeting house is shaded by the canopy of a majestic live oak on the east of the property.

Welcoming All!

We at Five Rivers Friends Meeting are eager to welcome visitors, newcomers, and those who may be exploring where they might best fit.

We welcome you to attend our Meetings for Worship Sundays at 10:30 a.m. Call or email us with any questions, or, after meeting with us for a short while, consider joining one of our committees that may interest you. Consistent with the historic Quaker testimony of equality, we welcome you wherever you are in your life journey.

“Be patterns, be examples ... then you will come to walk cheerfully over the world, answering that of God in every one.”

-George Fox, 1624-1691
(Founder of Religious Society of Friends)

What is Meeting for Worship?

We are part of the unprogrammed Quaker tradition, where Meeting for Worship takes place on the basis of silence, with no minister, as we believe the “inner light” is available to all, and all may minister. We believe that in this opening of our hearts to the Spirit, we are contributing to the common worship of all present, as well as to our own renewal.

This time may pass in silence, or individuals may be moved to speak briefly out of the silence. Leaving a space of time between each person speaking allows the ministry of each to be respectfully heard.

Meeting ends after an hour or so, when a designated Friend shakes hands with a neighbor. Refreshments accompany a social time following Meeting for Worship.

Our children are an important part of Friends Meeting. They join us for the first fifteen minutes of Meeting for Worship, then are led to the children’s program, with a parent.

“Let us then try what Love will do.”

-William Penn



George Fox, English missionary and founder of the Society of Friends (Quakers)

Where did Quakerism come from?

Quakerism originated in the 1650’s in England, inspired by George Fox, who, with the support of Margaret Fell, William Penn, and others, spread this religious practice to the remainder of the British Isles, continental Europe, the Caribbean, and England’s American colonies by 1670.

From the beginning, Quakers insisted that there is “that of God” in every human being. From this belief flows directly the traditional Quaker testimonies of the equality of the sexes and races, and the principled opposition to war and violence.