

Southeastern Yearly Meeting

Quakers in Florida, southeast Georgia & coastal South Carolina

SEYM Peace & Social Concerns • Minutes from Yearly Meeting 2019

End Child Detention

- ❖ 19YM05: As Quakers, we recognize the rights of children to live in a safe environment with loving families.

Therefore, Southeastern Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends unites in support of the American Friends Service Committee's campaign to end child detention and to shut down the for-profit Homestead Detention Center.

We intend to share this statement of support with the Florida Congressional members, and with appropriate U.S. Government administrative personnel. We will also send this statement to all Yearly Meetings across the country, and include it on our website and newsletters, and other publications as led.

Endorsement of Wendy's Boycott

- ❖ 19YM06: Guided by our Quaker principles of fairness and equality, Southeastern Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends (Quakers), has supported the Coalition of Immokalee Workers (CIW) for many years. Over the years we have been gratified to see the progress that CIW and its Fair Food Program have made in bringing together farmers, farm workers, and retail food companies to ensure humane wages and working conditions for tens of thousands of US farm workers. McDonald, Walmart, Taco Bell, KFC, Whole Foods Market, Fresh Market and Pizza Hut are some of the companies that now recognize the benefits of buying from growers that agree to fair labor standards.

We are concerned, however, that, of the five largest fast food companies, Wendy's is the only one that has declined to participate in CIW's Fair Food program. In order to convince Wendy's to join in this human rights effort, Southeastern Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends endorses and supports the CIW sponsored boycott of Wendy's Company.

Friends approve sharing this statement with Wendy's Company and with the Coalition of Immokalee Workers. We will also send this statement to all Yearly Meetings across the country, and include it on our website and newsletters, and other publications as led.