

Southeastern Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends

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Dear Principal or Employer,

On behalf of Southeastern Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends (Quakers), the affiliated body of Quaker meetings (congregations) located throughout Florida and the coastal regions of Georgia and South Carolina, I wish to acquaint you with our long tradition of holding an annual gathering of Friends (Quakers) for worship and business.

This five-day event is held each year in the days before and including Easter. It is central to the life of our Quaker community and the practice of our faith.

This year's sessions are being held April 1 - 5, 2026

Please recognize this as a religious holiday for Quakers in your school or place of work, and allow them to be excused to attend this event without penalty or revoking of privileges as guaranteed by the U.S. Constitution, Amendment 1.

We are grateful for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "William E. Carlie". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "W" and a long, sweeping underline.

William E. Carlie, Clerk, Southeastern Yearly Meeting