

## **Chapel Hill Friends Meeting Quaker Earthcare Witness Committee**

CHFM QEW joins the North American Friends (Quakers) Quaker Earthcare Witness network in taking spirit-led action to address the ecological and social crises of the world, emphasizing Quaker process and testimonies. Our primary calling is to facilitate transformation of humans' attitudes, values, identity, and worldview that will bring about a collective movement to reverse the environmental destruction going on in the world today.

The committee:

- Encourages celebration and contemplation of nature,
- Informs and educates Friends and members of the wider community,
- Promotes sustainable choices as a Meeting and in our personal lives,
- Advocates for projects the Meeting as a whole can undertake to address the climate crisis,
- Facilitates environmental advocacy by publicizing information and opportunities for timely action,
- Collaborates as appropriate with other networks and organizations with similar concerns.

Friends have a historical interest in the environment. John Woolman (1720-1722) said, "The produce of the earth is a gift from our gracious Creator to the inhabitants, and to impoverish the earth now to Support outward greatness appears to be an injury to the succeeding age."

We recognize that climate change is an existential crisis. CHFM QEW advocates addressing this crisis as a Meeting as well as individually.

Attendance at committee meetings is open to all.