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Jacksonville Monthly Meeting of Friends

Jacksonville Friends continue to search for spiritual purpose through Meeting for Worship, fellowship with each other, and social concerns.

Two Friends have transferred their membership from NEYM, and a couple, who are members of SAYMA, have been very active with us since moving here from South Carolina. We continue to enjoy visitors whose presence enhance our worship.

Joint meetings and potlucks have been held with the Gainesville Friends Meeting at the FCPJ Teaching Farm in Graham, at Penney Farms Retirement Community in Penney Farms, and with the newly forming Savannah Friends' Group and the Golden Isles Worship Group on Jeckyll Island. Intervisitation among Friends nurtures our spiritual growth.

During the past year Friends have participated in various projects and activities. In conjunction with the Unitarian Church, a Peace Education Center has been established, which has sponsored two Alternatives to Violence Project (AVP) workshops with plans for two additional ones in the future. Several Friends are involved in the St. Augustine-Baracoa (Cuban) Friendship Organization, the Global Network Against Nuclear Weapons and Nuclear Power in Space, the Balkan Sunflowers, Study Circles (interracial dialogue about racism and race relations), Amnesty International, the Jacksonville Interfaith Council, the Florida Coalition for Peace and Justice (FCPJ), and the Northeast Florida Safe Schools Coalition. A Friend is active in the Community Relations Division of AFSC, another, in Progressive Secretary, which uses e-mail to promote peace and economic and social justice, and several Friends have participated in vigils against the death penalty and in the annual Hiroshima-Nagasaki Days Vigil at Kings Bay Trident Submarine Base in St. Marys, GA.

Several Friends meet for discussion the hour before Worship, and at present we are sharing our spiritual journeys. The Meeting has also adopted a minute in support of same gender marriage under the care of the Meeting. We look forward to the day when same gender marriages are legally recognized.