

Southern Appalachian Yearly Meeting and Association (SAYMA)

Much of the work around race and racism in SAYMA has centered in and around Atlanta Friends Meeting. There are three groups within the meeting that meet regularly to address different aspects of racism. The group Our Role as Individuals in America's Racial History (ORAIARH) meets weekly and is a support group focused on helping whites become more aware of how they participate in racism, and how to make personal changes to end that complicity. It also serves as a support group for anyone who has individual leadings to act against racism. The Committee on Undoing Racism in the Atlanta Friends Meeting (AFM) focuses on ending racism within the meeting. It develops learning opportunities such as films, speakers, and forums and staffs a "Listening Ear" twice a month to provide space for people to seek clearness or ask for help about racism. Raising Non-Racist Children is a group of parents and others who meet once a month or more infrequently to have discussions and do educational events to help with raising non-racist children.

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