

# **Piedmont Friends Yearly Meeting**

## **Vision Statement**

As a Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends, we seek to foster a loving community of affiliated monthly meetings and worship groups by increasing and strengthening connections among members, attenders, and seekers and with other Friends' organizations. Our primary goals are to nurture monthly meetings and worship groups by supporting spiritual growth and to witness to our collective truth in the wider world.

## **Core Elements**

**SPIRIT** –*The Yearly Meeting is led by the inward experience of the spirit regardless of the metaphor or descriptive language that is used to express it.*

**QUAKER PRACTICE** –*The Yearly Meeting's practice is guided by the spirit, based on historical traditions and continuing revelation tested through corporate discernment.*

**INCLUSIVENESS** –*Recognizing that inclusiveness enriches our spiritual lives, the Yearly Meeting welcomes and affirms individuals, monthly meetings, and worship groups from a wide variety of social and theological backgrounds and experiences.*

**COMMUNITY and WITNESS** –*The Yearly Meeting fosters community within and between monthly meetings and worship groups, strengthens relationships with other Quaker organizations, and witnesses our truth to the wider world.*

**STRUCTURE** –*The Yearly Meeting has a simple and sufficient structure to serve the evolving vision of the Yearly Meeting constituents.*

**TRANSPARENCY and OPENNESS** –*Both in practice and in appearance, the Yearly Meeting will demonstrate transparency and openness.*