

GUNPOWDER FRIENDS MEETING

Mission, Vision, Values Statement

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Mission

Gunpowder Friends Meeting is a spiritual community in the tradition of the Religious Society of Friends, sustaining and bearing witness to our faith and its practice in an ever-evolving world.

Vision

Our vision is to be a welcoming, inclusive, joyful, loving, and sustainable worship community that

- remains grounded in Spirit in all we do with and for one another and in the wider world;
- lives and shares our Quaker faith and its practices;
- knows and cares for one another through all stages and circumstances of our lives;
- provides a nurturing sanctuary for all beings at our historic Meeting House and its sacred grounds; and
- creates a more just, peaceful world, and a healthy planet.

To live into this vision, we will engage in ongoing discernment around five values, each of which invites us to consider who to be and what to do as a community.

Values

1. Personal and community spiritual deepening and religious practice are at the core of our reason for being a community.
2. We appreciate and want to sustain a strong and lasting Gunpowder Meeting.
3. The practice of providing hospitality, care, and inclusion to all is an essential part of our being.
4. We are a Quaker community connected to the wider Quaker world, seeking additional and deeper connections with the Quaker world.
5. We are a community interested in offering more individual and community action in the wider world.

