

UJIMA FRIENDS PEACE CENTER LOVE IN MOTION



The symbol for love in ancient African picture writing is a rake. Africans have long understood that love requires work and as Quakers we want to prioritize loves work in our community and the world. Quaker abolitionist, John Woolman, reminded us of the importance of love being the first motion. Check out some of the love moves being made by the Ujima Friends Peace Center.

THE CLERK'S CORNER

Building Unity

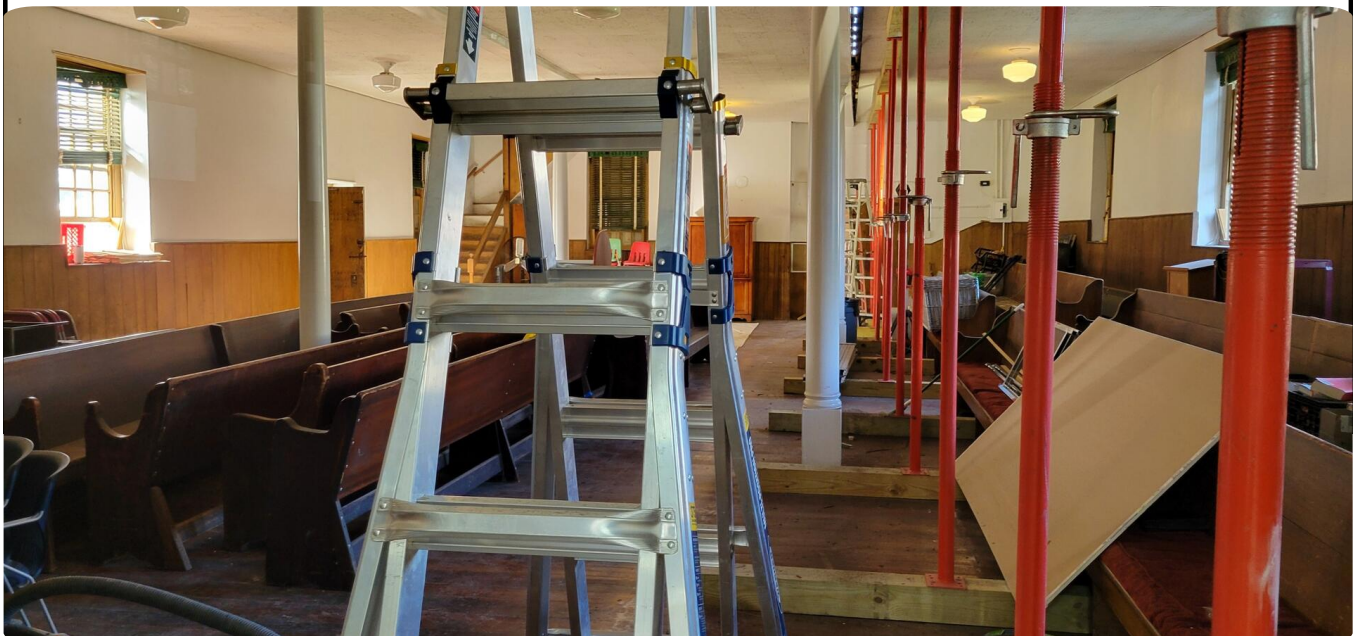
Restoring a 250-year-old meetinghouse requires experts: architects, contractors, lighting and commercial kitchen consultants, electricians, plumbers, maintenance people, and others. They each have different skills and distinct roles, but they need one another for the common vision to be fully achieved.

The Black Quaker movement is a similar endeavor. As we work to create a thriving Pan-African Quaker community in a safe and caring world, an analogous kind of cooperation is needed. Among us are researchers, orators, designers, repairers, and builders. We are trying to develop better approaches to racial understanding. We are building independent institutions that will sustain and protect us through times of crisis. We are continually trying to repair the horrific damage that is repeatedly being done to us as individuals and as a community.

Sometimes we work alone. Sometimes we get to work together in independent groups. Often, we work with a few others in large institutions we do not control.

How we work is not what is important. What is crucial is that we do not forget our shared history, our common destiny, and the uncertain future we presently face. We must be both cooperative and multifaceted. We can build on the wisdom and witness of those who struggled before us. We can patiently seek the divine guidance of the Spirit in worship. We can unite in Love.

Phil Lord



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ON-GOING EVENTS:

WITH THESE HANDS

Our elders continue to work this summer to plan for the launch of With These Hands Part 2. We are so grateful for their dedication and commitment. The Freedom School Middle School Emergent Servant leaders enjoy connecting with them throughout the summer. They continue to share memories of the wonderful year they had of intergenerational learning and loving.



UJIMA FRIENDS FREEDOM SCHOOL

Freedom School is having an amazing summer. It has already had the pleasure of spending time with the Solebury meeting, George School, Long wood beach, Ringing Rock and is presently looking forward to its trip to Salem Meeting. Social Justice planning is going on related to their campaign to support schools that support young people who are facing trauma in their lives such as deportation of family members, incarceration, and loss of family members. The high school campaign on Cultivating not Closing Schools is also moving along. Young people are also learning to sustain their souls through yoga, art, dance, and photography. This summer at Unity Meetinghouse is the best yet!



THE FOOD GIVEAWAY

On July 4th, 60 frankford families were delighted that our food pantry was open on a national holiday. Our number for the month of July included providing groceries for 177 families.

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PAST EVENTS:



UNITY FRIENDS MEETING DAY RETREAT

On Sunday, July 5, Friends gathered for our Unity Friends Meeting Day Retreat—a meaningful time of worship, fellowship, and shared reflection. We deepened our connections by learning more about one another and listening together for where Spirit may be leading us. With hope and care, we imagined the future of Unity Friends Meeting and what it means to grow as a vibrant Pan-African Quaker meeting rooted in worship, community, and service.

FUTURE EVENTS:

BLACK AND WELL SERIES

Ujima is Sponsoring a series for healing and wellness in the Black Community. Our Black and Well series is being organized and facilitated by Jade Javon, our Freedom School yoga instructor. The series is from Aug 1, 15, and 22 and will include an underground railroad tour. Register now for the time of community and wellness!

BLK & Well

A 3-PART WELLNESS SERIES

Black & Well

at Unity Friends Meetinghouse

AUG 1 **Flow & Affirm**
Restorative movement & live music

AUG 15 **Liberated Mind**
A discussion on Blk Well-Being

AUG 22 **Ancestral Sounds**
A sound healing orchestra

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FUTURE EVENTS (CONTINUED):

HARAMBEE: A CELEBRATION OF BLACK QUAKER RESILIENCE

On August 28th through the 30th, Ujima Friends Peace Center is joining Unity Meeting in sponsoring Harambee: A Celebration of Black Quaker Resilience. This gathering will be a time of fellowship, remembrance, celebration, and shared witness as we honor the opening of the renovated 250-year-old Unity Friends Meetinghouse.

ASÉ CORNER: PAUL CUFFE (1759–1817)



Paul Cuffe was among the earliest Pan-African Quakers, guided by a deep commitment to equality, education, and the shared dignity of all people. He contributed more than half the funding for Westport Meeting and opened one of Massachusetts' first racially integrated schools on his own land. Through his efforts to build relationships between Africans in America and communities in Sierra Leone, Cuffe became an early leader in the movement for African self-determination and global connection.

Harambee

(Let's Come Together)

A Celebration of Black Quaker Resilience

SAVE THE DATES
AUGUST 28th – 30th of 2026

**Unity Friends Meetinghouse
and Homewood Suites by Hilton**
Philadelphia, PA

• JOIN US FOR •

- Celebration of the Black Quaker Movement from 1990 to Present
- Panel Discussion on Contemporary Black Quaker Activism
- Van Tour on Black Philadelphia and Black Quaker
- Share Black Quaker Joy through music, dance, and cultural entertainment
- Children program to include swimming, games, and other activities

- Join plans to unify Black Quaker organizations for greater impact in and beyond our communities and the RSOF
- Celebrate the opening of the first Pan African Quaker Community at Unity Friends Meetinghouse.

CHILDCARE
Childcare will be provided during the gathering.

COURTESY SHUTTLE
A courtesy shuttle will be available to and from the Meetinghouse.

MEALS INCLUDED
Friday: Dinner
Saturday: Lunch & Dinner
Sunday: Breakfast & Light Refreshments

FINANCIAL AID AVAILABLE
Limited funds available for partial assistance.

LEARN MORE & REGISTER

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