

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 love's 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.

PAST EVENTS:

KWANZAA

On December 28th, our Kwanzaa celebration brought together many in the community for an afternoon of connection, laughter, and joy as we gathered to celebrate and honor our African heritage. We are grateful for the beautiful spirit of community shared throughout the gathering.



OF ART & SPIRIT

On November 14, Ujima Peace Center and friends shared a beautiful evening of dinner, conversation, and art as we explored the relationship between spiritual practice and creative expression with Lynda Grace Black, Curtis Spence, and Asake Denise Jones. The one-night exhibition and time of fellowship made for a rich and inspiring gathering, and we are grateful for all who helped shape the spirit of the evening.

MLK WORSHIP SHARE

On Sunday, January 18th, we came together for a special MLK Worship Share in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day on January 19th. The gathering offered a meaningful space for worship, reflection, and remembrance as we honored Dr. King's legacy and the ongoing call to justice, love, and community.



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PAST EVENTS (CONTINUED):

CONFLICT RESOLUTION TRAINING

Middle and high school students are being equipped with restorative justice and mediation practices so they may grow as agents of peace, healing, and reconciliation within their schools and communities.



INTERGENERATIONAL TRIP TO CITY HALL

On March 24th, our With These Hands intergenerational cohort boarded a school bus and traveled together to City Hall to witness and celebrate the work of their elders, now on display as part of the nation's 250th anniversary.

THE LAUNCH OF UNITY FRIENDS MEETING

On Sunday, March 22nd, more than 50 Friends and community members gathered at Unity Friends Meeting to worship and celebrate this new chapter in the life of the Meeting. It was a beautiful and Spirit-filled time of gratitude, fellowship, and renewed hope as we stepped forward together in faith and community.



TO BE HERE, THE JOURNEY ARTS TEAM

On March 28th, Ujima Friends Peace Center warmly welcomed the To Be Here team from Journey Arts for a shared potluck meal and evening of fellowship. In a spirit of openness, reflection, and community, the team gathered to honor the many stories of resilience, loss, transformation, and belonging that live among us in Philadelphia.



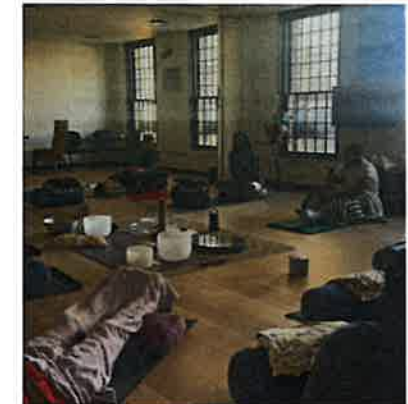
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ON-GOING EVENTS:

HEALYOURLOVEPERIOD (HYL.) WELLNESS CIRCLES

HealYourLovePeriod (HYL.) is back at Unity hosting their breathwork & sound healing sessions every second Sunday and third Saturday. We give thanks for these sacred spaces of healing, connection, and renewal in our community.



WITH THESE HANDS

We give thanks for the beautiful work of With These Hands. With the support of the Elders, the young ladies lovingly completed the panties and cloth pads, which have now been delivered by the Sankofa girls to a school in Gambia. We hold this offering in gratitude as a reflection of love, dignity, and community.

THE FOOD GIVEAWAY

Our food giveaway continues strong on the 1st and 3rd Saturdays, helping provide food for hundreds of families in our community. We give thanks for the dedicated volunteers who faithfully come out to serve and support this ongoing work. Their hands and hearts help make this ministry a living expression of care and community.



FUTURE EVENTS:

UJIMA FREEDOM SCHOOL: FRIENDLY SPACES

With summer approaching, we are preparing for Ujima Friends Freedom School, a program rooted in the 1964 Freedom School tradition and grounded in African-centered and Quaker values. Students grow through literacy, culture, and social justice in "Friendly Spaces" that nurture peace with self, others, nature, and the world.

