

Durham Friends Meeting

Facilities Description

For members planning meeting related activities, or for potential outside users who are considering using the Durham Friends Meeting (DFM) facilities for meetings or other events, the following paragraphs briefly describe our facilities at our Alexander Avenue campus.

There are three buildings at the Durham Friends Meeting campus all of which are handicap accessible and fully climate controlled. They are arranged in a “C” shape around a central courtyard and playground.

The MEETINGHOUSE (2004) is the large two-story brick and cedar shake-sided building at the rear (west side) of the campus.

WORSHIP ROOM: This 40x40 ft room is appropriate for large meetings and music recitals. It features a wood floor, large windows and four symmetrical sloped ceilings leading up to a central lantern skylight. It is furnished with cushioned chairs and can seat up to 150 people.

FELLOWSHIP HALL. This large multipurpose room is appropriate for events involving food and drink, meetings requiring tables and chairs, or any activity (e.g., yoga or other movement) requiring a large wooden floor space. It features large windows, a full kitchen and a separate nursery area. It can accommodate over 100 people. Tables and chairs are available.

LIBRARY/FOYER. This semi-private space featuring a small table and chairs is suitable for informal meetings of four or five people.

The ORIGINAL MEETINGHOUSE is the small older (1956) brick building located closest to the street, toward the front (east side) of the campus. This climate controlled building features two 20x20 ft carpeted and furnished rooms with an adjoining kitchen facility and an accessible bathroom.

The EARLY SCHOOL CLASSROOM BUILDING is the cedar shake-sided building located between the other two buildings, on the north side of the campus. It contains classrooms, equipment, and offices appropriate for school use for 3 to 5 year-old children. It is not normally available for non-DFM use.

The PLAYGROUND / COURTYARD area is centrally located between the buildings described above. Various native plants and shrubs have been planted in small gardens. Walking paths of crushed stone are delineated by black borders and are usable by wheelchairs. Playground equipment appropriate to young children is also located in this area.

PARKING is available along Alexander Avenue in front of the Meetinghouse and in three parking lots. The small parking lot on the north east corner of the property is for the use of Carolina Friends School, Monday through Friday, 8:00am to 5:00 pm. However, the two handicap spots in this parking lot are available any time to those who need them. The parking lot located adjacent to the downhill (south) side of the campus is available for facility users. The south (or left as you enter) side of this lot is reserved for Ronald McDonald House and the north side for DFM facility users. There are 12 spaces available in this lot. The Duke University parking lots across the street may be used on weekends and evenings and can accommodate up to 75 vehicles.