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# NYC Quakers Walk to Washington D.C.

Quakers & others to walk 300 miles from New York City to Washington D.C. in solidarity with migrants and in support of universal freedoms.

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Beginning May 4, 2025, a group of approximately 100 people led by Brooklyn Monthly Meeting's Peace and Social Action committee will be participating in [The Quaker Walk to Washington: An Interfaith Pilgrimage for Migrant Solidarity and Universal Freedoms](#). The group will walk 300 miles from Flushing, Queens to Washington D.C. and expect hundreds to join along the way through events and demonstrations, while drawing attention to migrant persecution and free speech rights.

The goal of this three-week walk is to invite faith communities and concerned neighbors across the country to stand in unity with migrants and all individuals who are being unfairly and unconstitutionally targeted by this administration, to defend democracy, and send a message about our shared humanity.

Friends have consistently spoken truth to power and stood with all people. In February 2025, Brooklyn Meeting joined with other NYC Quaker meetings in [legal action](#) against the Department of Homeland Security to ensure all can worship in our meetinghouses without fear. This lawsuit secured a [temporary injunction](#) protecting the named organizations. We march to extend these protections so everyone may worship in safety.

Upon reaching Washington D.C., walkers will deliver the historic Flushing Remonstrance petition, a document considered the direct precursor to the Bill of Rights, along with specific demands to Congressional leaders. The 1657 Flushing Remonstrance was a plea from the earliest European settlers of Flushing, Queens to then Governor Peter Stuyvesant saying in the strongest language that their Quaker neighbors did not deserve the persecution they were subject to under Stuyvesant's administration. This document is now considered the direct precursor to the Bill of Rights.

In regards to the purpose of the walk, one of the organizers writes "we're walking towards a permanent, people-powered peace which is rid of all the borders around our hearts and homes, and we walk in faith that the way towards this justice will open as we approach it."

### **About Brooklyn Quakers Peace & Social Action Committee**

Quakers nurture a tradition of commitment to social justice and a concern for social and economic inequalities. The Peace and Social Action Committee (PSAC) organizes opportunities for education, dialogue, and action on these issues, helping our Meeting engage with the world and put our faith into action. The committee is part of [Brooklyn Monthly Meeting](#), which is a Quaker meeting that convenes once a week on Sundays in downtown Brooklyn.

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