

The Journey of Reconciliation state highway marker should be completed by October 17. There is no mock-up or artist's rendition. The marker, however, will resemble the marker in Ayden, NC. The marker text appears on both sides. We will place it just past the bus stop on Columbia near E. Rosemary, across the street from the 1947 bus station. The text and layout of our marker is noted below.



JOURNEY OF RECONCILIATION

In 1947 the Congress of Racial Equality & local citizens, black & white, protested bus segregation. Setting out from Washington, D.C., “freedom riders” tested compliance with a U.S. Supreme Court ruling barring segregation on interstate buses. On April 13, riders arrived at the local bus station then twenty yards W. A mob attacked one rider. Four others were arrested and sentenced to 30 days on chain gangs.

Thank you everyone for all your support and hard work. This is an important step forward in Chapel Hill’s efforts to honor those who struggled and sacrificed for justice.

There are no definite plans yet for educational events, celebrations, or the actual dedication. The sponsors of this marker-- the Chapel Hill Carrboro NAACP and the Community Church of Chapel Hill Unitarian Universalist-- ask for your suggestions and support. We also expect the Town Council, which supported our proposal unanimously, to join with us in these efforts.

Please contact me to become part of shaping this historic event.

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