

# Friends Changemaker Weekend 2026

*April 11-14, 2026 in-person schedule*

*Version as of 3/30/2026*

This is a working schedule. Session titles will be added, and some minor changes will probably happen. Please check the schedule again as we get closer to the event.

## Location

4/11-4/13: Hilton Arlington National Landing, 2399 Richmond Hwy, Arlington, VA 22202

4/14: St. Marks Episcopal Church, 301 A St. SE, Washington, DC 20003

## **4/11/2026 - Sat**

11:00am	Attendee Check-in
11:30-12:30pm	Lunch
1:00-2:00pm	Welcome to Friends Changemaker Weekend!
2:15-3:15pm	<b>Pursuing Peace Across Generations</b> <i>An intergenerational conversation to share advocacy experiences and lessons learned.</i>
3:15-3:45pm	Break/snacks out in the hall
3:45-5:15pm	<b>War At Home and Abroad: the recent rise of militarized action</b> <i>A review of recent actions from a panel of policy and regional experts.</i>
5:15-7:00pm	Announcements/Dinner

## 4/12/2026 - Sun

8:00-9:00am	Breakfast
9:15-9:45am	Morning worship/reflection
10:00-11:00am	The Ask Explained: No War with Iran
11:00-11:15am	Break
11:15-12:30pm	<b>Building Bipartisan Support</b> <i>A discussion of the various approaches to this issue and the importance of working with legislators across the political spectrum.</i>
12:45-1:45pm	Lunch
2:00-3:00pm	<b>Lobbying Through Storytelling</b> <i>Learn the importance of stories in lobbying, and start working on your story!</i>
3:00-3:15pm	Break
3:15-4:30pm	Workshops
4:30-4:45pm	Break
4:45-6:00pm	Workshops
6:00pm	Dinner on your own
6:15-8:00pm	<b>Advocacy Teams Summit</b> <i>This is an optional dinner for members of Advocacy Teams and their delegations to the event.</i>

## 4/13/2026 - Mon

8:00-9:00am	Breakfast
9:15-9:45am	Morning worship/reflection
10:00-11:30am	State Breakout Groups <i>Meet with other advocates in your state and/or region to share resources and make a plan for post-event advocacy.</i>
11:30-1:00pm	Lunch
1:00-1:15pm	Transition from lunch
1:15-2:30pm	Moving our Members: Practicing Pushback
2:30-2:45pm	Lobby Training Info from Stage
2:45-3:00pm	Break
3:15-3:30pm	Break into state groups
3:00-4:30pm	State Lobby Training
4:30-5:15pm	Optional Office Hours
5:15-6:30pm	Dinner <i>There will be an optional young adult affinity dinner at the same time as the regularly scheduled dinner.</i>
6:45-7:45pm	Closing Celebration

## 4/14 - Tuesday

8-10am	Breakfast
8:30-9:00am	Keynote and Announcements
9-4pm	Lobbying
12-2:30pm	Lunch
4:00pm	Event ends