## BBQ Discussion Topics (Summer 2017)

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| **Date** | **Topic** | **Co-facilitators** |
| June 25 | What values do we really share?  How do we live them out in our lives? | Grant Marylander  Stewart Walker |
| July 23 | Spirituality, Testimonies and Political and Social Activism   * What is your focus? * Where do we bump up against each other? * How do you deal with it when we bump up against each other? * What would you like from others when we bump up against each other? | Gale Toko-Ross  Stewart Walker |
| August 20 | Boundaries of Political & Activist Expression in BFM   * What’s okay to express? * When & where? * What’s not okay? | Elaine Yarbrough  Stewart Walker |

Parker Palmer:

“Living in the equality testimony does not begin with the external markers of diversity. I lost count of the number times I’ve been called by a pastor to help his or her “homogenous white congregation” become more diverse. I always answer: ‘No, I won’t do that.’ When they ask me why, I explain there’s no such thing as a homogenous white congregation. There’s only a bunch of white people pretending they have no differences among them, for fear that bringing them to the surface would blow the whole thing up. So, if you can’t deal with your own invisable internal differences, why on earth would someone with a visible difference want to join you? If you’re willing to fess up to that, I am willing to work with you.”

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