

We at the Appalachian Studies Association acknowledge that we stand with the Waymakers Collective during the recent incident at the Pine Mountain Settlement School. In our mission we note that we “promote and engage dialogue, research, scholarship, education, creative expression, and action among a diverse and inclusive group of scholars, educators, practitioners, grassroots activists, students, individuals, groups, and institutions.” The actions by this rogue group were against all that ASA stands for, and are unacceptable. The mountains are home to all of us and threats and acts of division are not welcome here. We hope that the Waymakers continue to grow stronger in their mission and find solace in the community that embraces them. We at the Appalachian Studies Association welcome dialogue with members of the Waymakers Collective. We are with you in solidarity. Together we are stronger.

