

Minute of Support for Peace in the Middle East Davis Friends Meeting

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The Religious Society of Friends (Quakers) testimony on peace is based on our experience of the divine in all of creation and within all persons. As Quakers, we oppose all wars and therefore seek a just and lasting peace in Israel and Palestine. We reject both Islamophobia and anti-Semitism, and we grieve the loss of Palestinian and Israeli lives and call for the following:

1. A permanent ceasefire.
2. End complicity by the United States in human rights violations and war crimes, and cease the shipment of arms for use against Palestinians.
3. Expedited humanitarian aid and protection of aid workers.
4. Release of Israeli hostages and Palestinian political prisoners.
5. A lasting peace that guarantees safety and justice for all people in Gaza, the West Bank, Lebanon, Syria, Jordan, and Israel; and also guarantee independence and statehood for the Palestinians in the West Bank and Gaza.

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