

**Live Oak Meeting
Of the Religious Society of Friends (Quakers)
Salinas, California**

Minute of Concern on the Israel-Palestinian War

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As Quakers, we oppose war and seek a just and lasting peace in Israel and Palestine. We grieve the many deaths of both Israelis and Gazans, especially the many children. Many Gazans have been injured and most lack decent health care. They are facing famine and infectious disease as well as the destruction of homes, hospitals, schools, places of worship, and farms. Their need for food, shelter, and medical care is critical. We therefore urge our elected officials to seek:

- 1) An immediate and lasting bilateral ceasefire, with ongoing peace negotiations.
- 2) Return of Israeli hostages and Palestinian political prisoners.
- 3) Withholding of military aid to Israel, because of these ongoing gross violations of human rights.
- 4) Expedited humanitarian assistance to all parts of Gaza.