

LONDON GROVE MONTHLY MEETING
OF THE
RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS
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Dear FCNL Friends,

At our Monthly Meeting for
Business held at 500 N. Street Road,
Kennett Square, PA on 3 February,
London Grove Friends approved the
attached minute of concern.

We hope it may be useful in your
work with Congress and other
actors seeking to reduce the risk
of nuclear war.

In the Light,
Susanne Davison
Clerk

Minute Supporting the Prevention of Nuclear War

The danger of nuclear War is enormous. The technological and human complexity involved in the systems that manage the world's arsenals of nuclear weapons makes these systems inherently unreliable. The proliferation of nuclear weapons could snowball. As the speed of the world's missiles and aircraft increased, the time to respond to an attack has decreased. Increasing uncertainty and distrust amongst the world's nations increases the likelihood of an accidental nuclear war. Some terrorists would like to trigger a nuclear war. Nuclear blackmail could take various forms.

Some think it naïve to believe that there could be an abolition of nuclear weapons. We propose that it is far more naïve to believe that the danger of nuclear war will just take care of itself.

We support the International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons (ICAN) efforts to ratify the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons. This treaty was adopted by 122 nations on 7 July 2017, but not by the United States.

We propose that all forms of warfare would be diminished if all the planet's people had their basic life needs met. A global diversion of military spending to life affirming investments is our best plan for peace, security and the prevention of nuclear war.

Preventing nuclear war extends beyond international diplomacy. It must be a collaboration of governments, businesses, civic organizations and individuals; to individually and collectively change our understanding and control of nuclear weapons.