

SAN FRANCISCO FRIENDS MEETING  
(San Francisco Monthly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends (Quakers))  
65 Ninth Street – San Francisco CA 94103  
tel. (415)431-7440

Friends Committee on National Legislation

This is a minute that was approved by the San Francisco Friends Meeting on August 13, 2023.

The United States, Russia and China are closer to nuclear war than at any time since the 1962 Cuban Missile Crisis.

With the US nuclear arsenal increasing in number, potency and efficiency, our government is gambling with the future of life on our beautiful planet.

If there were to be a full scale nuclear war, billions of people would immediately be killed, whole cities would be destroyed, and the resultant atmospheric debris would cause a “nuclear winter,” eviscerating the food chain for most species, leading to the deaths of billions more people - most of humanity.

As Quakers, we are called to Speak Truth to Power.

Both individually and collaboratively, we must act to prevent nuclear annihilation. San Francisco Friends Meeting calls for the total abolition of all nuclear weapons.

Specifically, we ask our elected officials to:

1. Support House Resolution 2775 – “Nuclear Weapons Abolition and Conversion Bill.” H.Res.2775 directs the U.S. government to sign the United Nations Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons, work with the other nuclear armed nations to eliminate all nuclear weapons from all nations, and put all those wasted human and financial resources to work on a massive global effort to reverse climate change.
2. Support House Resolution 77 - “Embracing the goals and provisions of the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons.” H.Res.77 calls for a number of specific steps this country can take to bring us 'back from the brink' of nuclear war.
3. Commit the US to NO FIRST USE of nuclear weapons under any circumstance (and challenge Russia and China to do the same).
4. Challenge the Russians and the Chinese governments to a PEACE RACE.
5. Agree to remove all our nuclear weapons in Europe if Russia will withdraw its nuclear weapons from Belarus

6. Close US missile bases in Romania and Poland.
7. Support a neutral Ukraine (rather than having Ukraine join NATO or a Russian military alliance).

We are one human family, all children of God.

We express our hopes and prayers for the governments of the United States, Russia and China to realize that none of us can experience safety and security by demonizing the other or by threatening our mutual nuclear annihilation.

Diane Bunch, Clerk

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Diane Bunch". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

San Francisco Friends Meeting