

Minute Concerning the Conflict in Israel and Palestine

As members of Chatham Summit Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends (Quaker) we believe that “there is that of God in every person.” This is one of the central tenets of our Faith. Therefore, we oppose the use of violence for any reason against any person or people. We believe violence perpetuates violence and that only peace pursued with understanding, justice and compassion can heal this world.

We deplore the introduction, by our government, of more weapons into a situation already over-militarized.

We ask our government to display restraint, to reject the use of violence and provide an opportunity for all parties, Palestinians and Israelis alike, to come to a peaceful, negotiated settlement of the current conflict.

We further urge our government to call for an immediate ceasefire, provide immediate and adequate humanitarian aid, and to broker negotiations for a long-term peace agreement.

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