

Minute passed by the Kalamazoo Friends Meeting, Kalamazoo, Michigan on  
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In this Christmas season, associated with joy and a yearning for peace, we at Kalamazoo Friends Meeting (Quakers) feel the heavy weight of the worsening war in Israel and Palestine. We deeply mourn the loss of all lives. We condemn Hamas' attacks and we condemn Israel's indiscriminate bombing of Gaza that has claimed thousands of civilian lives. More war and weapons won't bring peace,

We urge members of Congress and President Biden to call for an immediate ceasefire to prevent further civilian harm in Israel and the occupied Palestinian territories. Further, we urge them to address the root causes underlying this explosion of violence.