

## **Yellow Springs Friends Monthly Meeting**

As Quakers, we strive to see that of God in every person. We know this is especially challenging in times of war, but we remain committed to non-violence, and we add our voice to those insistently calling for a ceasefire between Israel and Hamas. Everyone involved must pledge to respect international Humanitarian and Human Rights law, and we expect our own government to take the lead and/or maintain support for the following:

- An immediate ceasefire
- Prioritizing humanitarian aid, for the people living in Gaza who are in desperate need of food, water and medical assistance
- An end to retaliatory violence
- Ongoing negotiations for the release of all hostages
- Immediate and ongoing negotiations toward a lasting peace between Israelis and Palestinians

We hold no hope for a military solution to deeply ingrained divisions. Attesting to our Faith we believe that all human beings have that of God in them, no matter their race, ethnicity, or religion. Let us pledge to honor human rights law in all places, always. Let us express our ongoing support for everyone in the region by helping to build a lasting peace.

Approved Minute on January 14, 2024 in a Called Meeting for Business

Susan Hyde, Clerk