

Sacramento Friends Minute on the War in Israel and Gaza

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A Call for Ceasefire, De-escalation, and Humanitarian Relief in Gaza

The Religious Society of Friends (Quakers) testimony on peace is based on our experience of the divine in all of creation and within all persons. We are deeply troubled by the violence, suffering, and injustice caused by the war between Hamas and Israel.

As a Meeting, we call for:

- An immediate and permanent ceasefire and peace negotiations.
- Delivery of the full amount of humanitarian aid to Palestinians caught in the war.
- Return of all remaining hostages.
- Assurance that international laws are recognized and applied universally.
- Support for the two-state solution.
- Rejection of Islamophobia and anti-Semitism both at home and abroad.
- A global commitment to finding peaceful ways to resolve conflict.

As individuals at Sacramento Friends Meeting, we call on each person to work for understanding, seek opportunities for dialogue, repudiate violence, and remain steadfast in our commitment to peaceful resolution of this and all other conflicts.