

**Intermountain Yearly Meeting
Statement of Conscience
Approved May 31, 2025¹**

Faith Guiding our Witness

As Quakers, members of Intermountain Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends, we believe in the inherent worth of every person. We heed the calling of leaders of the world's faith traditions to practice a universal love for all members of the human family and a reverence for the earth, our shared home.

In this Statement of Witness, we call upon ourselves, and all within our human family to recommit to the sacredness of life, and to our divine kinship with both the least and the most powerful among us.

We are called upon to act on the core values of our faith and our shared principles in many diverse situations. We may soon be required to respond in ways not yet realized and to join in initiatives not yet in place.

We rely on our Quaker traditions and on the inward guide of continued openings for actions we may take. We seek in every circumstance to speak the truth of our faith and to answer that of God in everyone, respecting the dignity, worth and humanity of each person. We further commit ourselves to the stewardship and care of our planet, our collective home, all life upon it, its resources, both renewable and limited, and the systems that sustain us all.

We recommit ourselves:

- to the practice of nonviolent witness when any of our human kin are treated with violence, or denied the fundamental requirements for a dignified, peaceful life in community with each other;
- to look to all our possessions, to determine if the seeds of war, exploitation of others or degradation of environment lie within them;
- to seek to remedy the interpersonal and environmental violence that may exist in our own lives and communities and to restore peaceful relations with each other and the Earth.

We rely upon the Spirit of all life to guide us to act in love, growing in compassion in all our endeavors to live this commitment, and to act in harmony with these values. We sincerely believe that all life on this fragile world and all hopes for an enduring human community depend on these commitments being honored widely and lived as caringly as possible.

¹ This statement was approved by the body gathered for the Intermountain Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends (Quakers) meeting for business on May 31, 2025.