

**Intermountain Yearly Meeting  
Statement of Conscience  
Approved May 31, 2025<sup>1</sup>**

**Action on Climate Change**

We, members and attenders of Intermountain Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends (Quakers), recognize that climate change is a rapidly worsening crisis that is already affecting both human and nonhuman life on our planet, and that the heaviest impacts of this crisis fall on the most vulnerable among us.

As Friends living in the USA high-carbon society, we have a special responsibility and opportunity to live up to our testimony of stewardship. Our immoderate use of the earth's resources violates the entire biosphere.

This is not just one concern, among many, to be carried by only some among us. We ask every Friend to follow their conscience in committing to do everything possible to ameliorate this looming disaster.

Actions we commit to taking may include: strong advocacy at all levels of government, nonviolent civil disobedience, divesting from fossil fuel companies, and lowering our personal fossil fuel use. We can provide an example for others to follow and join with others to provide leadership around these issues.

We are challenged to act with a focus and fearlessness appropriate to the urgency of the times. Although the problems we face are large, complex, and may seem overwhelming, we believe that following our faith can lead us to unity and hope, knowing that we are a part of the rising tide of thousands around the world who seek to restore our beautiful earth. Love, rather than fear, can lead us through the crisis.

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<sup>1</sup> 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.