

## **Minute Concerning the Ongoing Violence between the**

### **United States and Israel with Iran and Lebanon**

#### Yardley Monthly Meeting

As members of the Religious Society of Friends, we seek to end all wars and to take away the threat of war. There is no justice in war, and war is never just. We unequivocally condemn the attacks on Iran in March 2026 and demand the immediate cessation of all attacks and the withdrawal of the U.S. military from the area. We grieve over the loss of life, the human suffering, the damage to the world economy, and the environmental damage.

We condemn the ongoing funding of military conflicts between the United States and Israel with Iran, Palestine and Lebanon, the most recent of examples of the violence we have opposed. We continue to oppose any or all violence from any nation, group or individual.

It is the belief of Quakers that all disagreements, internal or international, should be dealt with through discussion and negotiation. We do not condone military interference including destruction of utilities, residences, and the maiming and death of people.

We call for an immediate and permanent ceasefire in the region, and the restoration of humanitarian aid under the United Nations and other relief organizations. In addition, we call on Congress to prohibit more attacks from the United State military on Iran and other countries of the world, and to prohibit the transfer of more weapons and military assistance to Israel. Instead, we urge that the United States work diplomatically to support de-escalation across the Middle East and to support the enforcement of international humanitarian law.

We seek peace as a holy imperative, and know that lasting security comes through diplomacy, reliability, and international cooperation rather than violence. We believe the strongest agreements between adversaries arrive when those eternal truths upon which all right living is based are held as priorities. We are called to live into the peaceable kingdom, and in that living discover the ease of a life without war—alongside one another and in harmony with the Earth. National, racial and religious differences cannot hide our common humanity. We should not allow these differences to tempt us to forget that all the things that really matter, life and death, birth and love, joy and sorrow, poetry and prayer, are common to us all.

We believe that war and violence only begets more of the same. We pray that peace will be restored to the area and that human life, sustenance and dignity is restored. We deeply advocate against war and violence and support our meeting members and attendees in taking continued nonviolent actions to drive toward global sustained peace.

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