

Minute on Immigration and ICE

First Friends Indianapolis Quaker Meeting is a congregation that believes there is that of God in everyone. As such, we are called to treat everyone in our country with love, respect and kindness, whether they are citizens of the United States, refugees, or undocumented immigrants. First Friends opposes our government's use of masked agents to detain, imprison, and deport immigrants and citizens of the United States in the name of immigration control. We do not believe that enforcing our immigration laws justifies violating our citizens' and our neighbors' constitutional rights. First Friends is also a congregation with a strong peace testimony. We abhor the use of lethal and violent force in the immigration control effort against Americans or those who live among us as refugees. The cruel and inhumane treatment of refugees and undocumented immigrants runs contrary to our beliefs, and we ask that this treatment not be promoted or tolerated by anyone in governmental authority. We have a Christian duty to love and protect vulnerable people, and First Friends encourages all Quaker meetings to join us in opposing the cruel treatment of these people. First Friends is encouraged by the many Quaker and Christian organizations that have stood up for citizens' and undocumented immigrants' constitutional rights and have brought to light the cruelty being perpetrated against the refugees and undocumented immigrants who are in our country. While we recognize that there exists in our meeting a variety of political affiliations, we believe that it is our spiritual and moral duty to speak with one voice for humane action by our government.

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