

Philadelphia Quarterly Meeting

Minute for Peace in the Middle East

As members of the Religious Society of Friends, we long for peace, safety and justice for all people. We are shocked and alarmed by the unprovoked and unwarranted war of choice launched by the Trump and Netanyahu Administrations on the Nation of Iran. We are dismayed by the Trump Administration's complicity in the attacks by Israel on Iran, Lebanon, Gaza and other neighboring countries. These actions have led to a widening war in the Middle East, and economic shocks around the world, and are leading to untold human suffering and instability as a result of extreme increases in the cost of energy, shortages of fertilizer, shortages of medicines, and many other related problems.

We call for an immediate ceasefire in Iran and Lebanon, and total cessation of hostilities by the U.S., Iran, and Israel, and resumption of international diplomatic negotiations.

We call for a moratorium on funding for weaponry to Israel, a cessation of hostilities in the West Bank, withdrawal of Israeli troops from Lebanon and Gaza, and resumption of providing full and adequate food, water, and medical aid to Palestinians in Gaza.

We call for Peace.

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