Appendix A – Minutes on Immigration and Gun Control

Caln Quarterly Meeting Minute of Concern on Immigration

All non-indigenous Americans in this country are either immigrants, descendants of immigrants, or descendants of those forcibly brought to this country. As did many of our ancestors, today’s immigrants and refugees are fleeing persecution, extreme poverty, and/or violence in their home countries. As Friends, we believe in the equality, dignity, and worth of every person regardless of place of birth, religion, race, gender, sexual identity, or socio-economic status. We oppose discrimination in all forms and recognize a collective responsibility to support refugees and immigrants who relocate in our community. We call for an end to border militarization and for local, state, and national governments to develop humane immigration policies which respect the rights of dignity of all people. Using this minute, we request all meetings and individuals to contact legislators or pursue other actions that will address this issue and address the many root causes of people seeking refuge. We also request people to actively cooperate with existing groups already involved with immigration issues, and to carefully consider their own inner biases.

Haddonfield Minute of Concern on Immigration

Haddonfield Quarterly Meeting joins with people of good will everywhere in affirming the way of love. We denounce the normalization of hate and violence in society and within ourselves. We commit to working with others to build trust and understanding in our wider community.

Bucks Quarterly Meeting Minute of Concern on Gun Control

Bucks Quarterly Meeting supports a Friends-led national protest against the private sale and possession of assault-style rifles and large-capacity gun magazines in the United States. This is rightly ordered and in alignment with our peace testimony, or opposition to physical violence, and with our support of efforts to reduce and eliminate armaments and militarism in our society. The protest should take place in our nation’s capital at the earliest possible date that a well-organized one can be launched.

Friends of the Quarter also asked that the Quarter communicate its approval of this minute to Philadelphia Yearly Meeting, and that the Quarter request that Yearly Meeting assume responsibility for coordinating efforts with the appropriate local, national, and international organizations to achieve the Friends-led national protest proposed by Bucks Quarter in its minute.
Concord Quarterly Meeting Minute of Concern on Gun Control

Friends approved uniting around supporting the spirit of the Bucks Quarter Minute, but also asked for more concrete actions and/or a planning group to be formed to consider many potential actions, and to consider state-level actions in addition to national action. The Quarter recommends that PYM take up further discernment on this concern at either the March Continuing Sessions or another appropriate time as soon as can be organized.

Concord Quarter Friends also approved the following minute as a follow up:

Friends approved having an ad-hoc committee formed to represent the Quarter's minute at PYM's Continuing sessions in March.

In summary, Concord Quarter recommends that this issue be added to the agenda for the Continuing Sessions in March at which we will have an ad hoc committee available to answer any questions which may arise from our recommendation. While we do not specifically oppose a march on our nation's capital, we believe that other actions may be more effective in addressing the gun problem in this country.