

Peace with Justice in Palestine

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As Quakers, we recognize the divine imprint in every human being and confess the equality of all to live safely and without fear. We affirm our duty to advocate for the human rights of all people in Palestine and Israel, ensuring that they can live in freedom and dignity, without fear, and with lasting peace and security.

We are also compelled as Quakers to speak truth, including where it is uncomfortable, yet always to do so with love. This requires us to speak against the erosion of justice in Palestine. The current violence is rooted in the systemic and violent dispossession of Palestinians from their lands and decades of occupation, apartheid policies, and the systematic denial of Palestinian rights. Oppression is the backdrop to the cycles of violence in the region and harms all who live there.

As U.S. residents, we acknowledge the active partnership of the United States government in these systems over many decades. We are grieved by our complicity, and we accept responsibility for working to change those policies and practices.

Our peace and equality testimonies are clear: Apparent security for some, bought with the insecurity of others, tears at our shared humanity and cannot bring peace. Peace built on systemic oppression is a lie. We name what we see as genocide and apartheid not to incite, but to open eyes, minds, and hearts. We speak these painful truths with the fervent hope that the violence they describe will cease, and with continued commitment to help heal the wounds of war on all sides.

The intention of this minute is to focus the attention of NPYM Quakers on discerning and taking actions needed, starting with sharing this statement with allies, public officials, and media. We hold in the Light all suffering peoples and leaders, praying they choose justice and find their paths forward to peace.

Wording adapted from "Quakers Discern Genocide is Occurring in Gaza and Urge Courageous Action," a [statement](#) adopted in 2025 by eight Quaker service and advocacy organizations.