

Minute Concerning the Ongoing Violence between Israel and Palestine
Gwynedd Monthly Meeting

As members of the Religious Society of Friends, we seek to end all wars and to take away the threat of war. But our path to peace also requires justice.

We find ourselves grieving over the loss of life, the human suffering and the presence of fear that is occurring in the ongoing conflict between Israel and Palestine. We unequivocally condemn the attacks on Israel on October 7th and demand the immediate release of all hostages. Yet we also mourn the attacks on innocent civilians and the deaths of thousands of people in Gaza and other parts of Palestine due to Israeli bombing and blockades.

We call for an immediate and permanent ceasefire in the region, and the restoration of humanitarian aid under the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East. In addition, we call on Congress 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 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.

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