

PEACE STATEMENT

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As members and committed attenders of Honolulu Monthly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends,

"We begin from a place of faith that war is not the answer, that peace is possible through peaceful means." -- Friends Committee on National Legislation

Consistent with our Faith and Practice, and with Friends' Peace Testimony, Honolulu Friends Meeting calls on all our members and attenders to use their resources to become effective peacemakers, as individuals and as a community.

We will work to create a deeper understanding of the causes of war and violence. We support peaceful approaches to conflicts and will participate in efforts to build a more peaceful and just society, addressing all forms of oppression as seeds of violence.

We will continue to work to foster harmonious relations between ourselves as individuals, as a community, and between nations of the world, building norms of respect and understanding. We seek an effective process toward finding unity in God's presence.

As we strive for inner peace and freedom from all forms of outward and inward violence, we are asked to listen deeply, communicate effectively, and handle conflicts skillfully and respectfully.

Our Peace Witness is a commitment to and an affirmation of life.