

**Intermountain Yearly Meeting
Statement of Conscience
Approved May 31, 2025¹**

Middle East Violence

Members and attenders of Intermountain Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends (Quakers) mourn all loss of lives, homes, and communities that are the result of violence in the Middle East, regardless of the nationality or politics of these victims. We, as the Intermountain Yearly Meeting, object to the role that the United States has played by supplying weapons and other war supplies to Israel but not ensuring humanitarian aid and the human rights of the people in Gaza. This includes the right to food, water, clothing, housing, and medical services, as well as the right to be free from torture.

We call on the United States government to:

--suspend arms sales, military aid, and financial support for the acquisition and/or use of warfare weapons to the government of Israel;

--restore funding from the United States to the United Nations Relief and Works Administration (UNRWA)

--hold Israel accountable to its agreement in March 2024 to improve the humanitarian situation in Gaza by stopping the use of starvation as a weapon of war and to allow all humanitarian aid to enter and be distributed to the people of Gaza and other war-affected areas

¹ This statement was approved by the body gathered for the Intermountain Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends (Quakers) meeting for business on May 31, 2025.

--coordinate with all European and Middle Eastern partners, and with the United Nations Security Council, to actively and publicly engage in peace-building actions with all contesting parties in order to achieve an end to violence and achieve an enduring peace among Palestinians and Israelis and their governments and organizational bodies.