

MINUTE FROM LONDON GROVE MONTHLY MEETING

Regarding The United States of America's Immigration Enforcement Practices

With gratitude to Providence Friends Meeting, Hockessin Friends Meeting, and Abington Friends Meeting Minutes, we have derived the following minute.

As members of London Grove Monthly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends (Quakers) from Pennsylvania, we are guided by the Light within every human being. We are witnessing policies, rhetoric, and practices that contradict our most deeply held religious beliefs. We cannot stand aside.

Our faith leads us to uphold the inherent worth and dignity of every person and to act with compassion, justice, and nonviolence in all areas of life regardless of race, nationality, gender identity, sexual orientation, religion, age, disability, or immigration status.

Current policies and practices are damaging communities, separating children from their parents, and tearing the bonds of family. Present immigration enforcement unjustly singles out communities for oppressive and traumatic action based on race, creed, and national origin. Basic rights and privileges are being stripped away without due process. Immigrants who have the right to hearings regarding their asylum status are being illegally deported.

We demand swift legal reform and an immediate cessation of oppressive, unjust enforcement. We do so from a place of profound religious conscience, not from partisanship, and call on all people of faith and goodwill to examine the spiritual cost of complicity and silence. We seek to live out our testimonies not only in worship, but in public witness, advocacy, and loving resistance. We affirm our commitment to justice, compassion, and nonviolence as we join others in seeking to build a more just and peaceful world.