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Two Approved Minutes on the Israel/Hamas War

On Sixth Month 2, 2024 at a Meeting for Worship with a Concern for Business, Sandy Spring Monthly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends approved the following minute:

As Quakers we believe that disputes – at any level – cannot be resolved through violence;

The truth of this principle has been starkly apparent in the conflict between Israel and Hamas in Gaza.

It is well past time for Israel and Hamas to reach an accommodation and give peace a chance, and for this to happen, the physical violence against civilians has to immediately stop, the wounded have to be attended to, civilians have to be protected from harm, and be provided with the essentials for survival.

Towards that end the Members of the Sandy Spring Friends Meeting urge the following:

1. Israel and Hamas start an immediate and permanent ceasefire;
2. Hamas release all Israeli hostages and Israel release Palestinian political detainees and prisoners;
3. Israel, the United States, and the United Nations address the famine in Gaza with an immediate and sustained delivery of adequate supplies of food, water, medical supplies, and sanitation supplies to Gaza.

On Seventh Month 21, 2024 at a Meeting for Worship with a Concern for Business, Sandy Spring Monthly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends approved the following minute:

We ask the US to prohibit the transfer of more weapons and military assistance to Israel and use its leverage in restricting the use of the already supplied weapons.

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