

(2026.2.4) Minute of Concern – Opposing Official Violence Against Civil Society Communities and Individuals:

Albuquerque Friends note with increasing alarm the use of aggressive violence and intimidation against citizen and non-citizen alike by agents of the U.S. government associated with or self-identified as attached to the Immigration and Custom Enforcement division of the U.S. government, the U.S. Border Patrol and other entities within the federal government authorized to use arms and force in performance of their duties. Intimidation, fear, injury and loss of life have resulted.

Albuquerque Friends and our regional association, Intermountain Yearly Meeting, have adopted minutes of witness stating our commitment “to the practice of nonviolent witness when any of our human kin are treated with violence or denied the fundamental requirements for a dignified, peaceful life in community with each other.” (Minute 2025.4.3) and to oppose programs of mass deportation, or denial of fundamental legal protections guaranteed to all by our laws (IMYM Statement of Conscience #3, 05-31-2025) as well as international human rights and humanitarian laws.

We stand in solidarity with all of our neighbors, of whatever race, ethnicity, gender, nationality or legal status. We insist upon their rights to fair treatment, equal protection of the laws and freedom from terror and intimidation by any representative of any level of government in the United States. We seek healing of the fear and pain that leads to the cruelty and heartlessness we are experiencing in our country. As Quakers, we uphold that of God in everyone. We seek to engage among ourselves and with others in our community in effective, compassion-based, nonviolent actions, statements of witness and supportive practices and we urge our governments and our communities toward more equitable, compassionate and democratic practices.

We call on all people to search their hearts for spirit’s call and pray for healing of the wounds that lead us to treat ourselves and each other with violence rather than with universal justice, love and care.