

## **Statement of Concern About the Ukraine War**

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As Russian troops continue to invade Ukraine, we stand in solidarity and sympathy with the people of Ukraine who have suffered egregious assaults on their lives. We also stand with the people of Russia and all whose lives are torn apart by this war. We grieve the loss of life and the destruction that war brings. We feel compassion for all caught up in its web.

We call on the US government, NATO, Ukraine, and Russia to urgently work toward ending hostilities, and the removal of all foreign military troops from Ukraine. We urge all parties to remain at the negotiating table and to keep lines of communication and dialogue open and active.

For more than 350 years, the Religious Society of Friends has sought a world without war, actively seeking to build peace among nations and address the root causes of violence. We are called to uphold justice, to advance nonviolent solutions to conflict, and to promote peaceful cooperation among all peoples.

We affirm again that war is never the answer. Lasting peace can only be achieved through peaceful means.