

Quakers believe

...that each person is uniquely valuable. International relations will always bring tensions, but our response to this should not be one of constantly upgrading weapons and training in readiness for war. Rather, we should put our energies and resources into developing and training for non-military ways of solving conflicts and averting wars.

Modern weapons have given human beings the power to destroy all life on this planet. It is a great and terrible power to have at our disposal.

We believe that **we always have the choice to work for war or to work for peace**; to add to the distrust and hostility in the world or try patiently to undo and lessen it. *The responsibility lies with each one of us.*

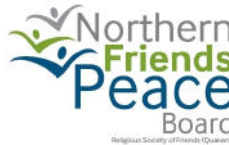
"I object to violence because when it appears to do good, the good is only temporary; the evil it does is permanent."

M.K. Gandhi

Quakers work, locally, nationally and internationally to:

- address the root causes of violence, conflict and insecurity.
- promote non-violent approaches to work for peace justice and social change.
- support peace-building and peacemaking in areas of violent conflict.
- promote disarmament.

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