



# Athens Friends Meeting

Religious Society of Friends (Quakers) - Member, Lake Erie Yearly Meeting

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## To Friends Everywhere:

This Minute was adopted by the Athens Friends Meeting (Religious Society of Friends [Quakers], affiliated with Lake Erie Yearly Meeting) in support of the Standing Rock Sioux and in solidarity with Other Original and Free Nations and Peoples.

The Dakota Access pipeline, which is being built by the Dallas-based company Energy Transfer Partners, is in the process of destroying culturally sacred land, water, ancestral memory, sacred burial grounds, personal and tribal identity, indigenous right livelihoods and the integrity of local Sioux homelands. The pipeline also puts the Missouri River in danger of deadly long-term pollution. We, the Athens Friends Meeting (LEYM), are called to support the people, voices and actions of the Standing Rock Sioux and the estimated 300 Tribal Nations and other allies who have gathered in North Dakota in peaceful protest and to affirm that water is life and must be protected.

We also stand in solidarity with New York Yearly Meeting, Boulder Friends Meeting, Miami Friends Meeting, Dallas Friends Meeting, Quaker Earthcare Witness and others who oppose the pipeline project and the violence toward peaceful protestors by security forces.

In addition, as a meeting, we call for the divestment of any funds we have, as Quaker individuals and Meetings, from the financial institutions that are currently investing in the construction of this pipeline.

## They are as follows:

- Wells Fargo,
- BNP Paribas,
- SunTrust,
- The Bank of Tokyo-Mitsubishi UFJ,
- Mizuho Bank,
- Citibank (Citigroup),
- TD Securities,
- Credit Agricole,
- Intesa San Paolo,
- ING Bank,
- Natixis,
- BayernLB,
- BBVA Securities,
- DNB First Bank,
- ICBC London,
- SMBC Nikko Securities,
- Societe General,
- Royal Bank of Scotland,
- ABN Amro Capital,
- Bank of Nova Scotia (Scotiabank),
- Citizens Bank, Comercia Bank,
- U.S. Bank, PNC Bank, Barclays,
- JP Morgan Chase,
- Bank of America,
- Deutsche Bank,
- Compass Bank,
- Credit Suisse,
- DNB Capital/ASA,
- Sumitomo Mitsui Bank,
- Royal Bank of Canada,
- UBS,
- Goldman Sachs,
- Morgan Stanley,
- Community Trust Bank,
- HSBC Bank