

Minute Urging U.S. Support for the United Nations Treaty Banning Nuclear Weapons 2018

Lake Erie Yearly Meeting (LEYM) of the Religious Society of Friends (Quakers) supports the United Nations Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons. We urge the United States to drop its opposition and ratify this legally-binding treaty and to persuade other nuclear-armed nations to do the same. We are deeply concerned about the catastrophic humanitarian consequences of an accidental or intentional nuclear strike, as well as the waste of economic and human resources on programs for the production, maintenance, and modernization of nuclear weapons. We believe that dialogue, trust-building, and enlightened leadership provide a more effective and responsible path to peace.