

Oberlin Friends Meeting Minute

“We Seek An Earth Restored”

Oberlin Friends Meeting joins a broad spectrum of Quaker and other spiritual fellowships in affirming the ecological integrity and sacredness of the Earth and all of Creation. We testify that its bounty should be equitably shared by all humans in this and succeeding generations.

We accept the judgment and urgency expressed by nearly all climate scientists that our individual and collective life styles, our economies, and our public policies threaten our health and our well-being, even the very existence of life on Earth.

We recognize that Black, indigenous, people of color, and low-income people are most impacted by planet destruction and climate change and that the links between racial and environmental injustice must be addressed.

Reversing the threats from “Climate Change” or “Global Warming” calls for dramatic changes in our personal and collective behavior and policies. This will involve:

- Changing community and societal economic and social rules and practices to ensure that every person’s and family’s basic needs are met.
- Assuring that the burden of environmental destruction and damage does not fall upon the poorest and most vulnerable.
- Examining and simplifying our life styles as individuals and as a society, particularly as they draw on scarce resources.
- Reducing energy use, particularly from fossil fuels.

Restoring the Earth will require the active cooperation among all people, communities, and nations, with the greatest contribution from those groups that have both accumulated the greatest resources and contributed the most to our present crisis.

We pledge our support for such leadership, even as we continually examine our

own lives for ways we can live in harmony with the earth.

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David Finke, Clerk of Peace Building and Justice Committee

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