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| Ames Friends Meeting
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| Bethesda Friends Meeting
Bethesda, Maryland | Monthly Meeting of Friends of
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Brooklyn, New York | Mountain View Monthly Meeting
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| Buffalo Monthly Meeting
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| Detroit Monthly Meeting
Detroit, Michigan | Sacramento Friends Meeting
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| Doylestown Friends Meeting
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Sandpoint, Idaho |
| Evanston Monthly Meeting
Evanston, Illinois | Seaville Monthly Meeting
Ocean View, New Jersey |
| Fairhope Friends Meeting
Fairhope, Alabama | Shelton Worship Group
Shelton, Washington |
| Juneau Monthly Meeting
Juneau, Alaska | Solebury Friends Meeting
Solebury, Pennsylvania |
| Farmington Friends Meeting
Farmington, New York | Somerset Hills Monthly Meeting
Brookside, New Jersey |
| Goldsboro Friends Meeting
Goldsboro, North Carolina | St. Petersburg Monthly Meeting
St. Petersburg, Florida |
| Houlton Worship Group
Houlton, Maine | Tempe Monthly Meeting
Tempe, Arizona |
| Housatonic Friends Meeting
New Milford, Connecticut | Vashon Friends Worship Group
Vashon, Washington |
| Kendal Worship Group
Hanover, New Hampshire | Visalia Friends Meeting
Visalia, California |
| Lander Worship Group of
Wyoming Friends Meeting
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West Branch, Iowa |
| Lansdowne Friends Meeting
Lansdowne, Pennsylvania | West Grove Monthly Meeting
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| Las Cruces Monthly Meeting
Las Cruces, New Mexico | Westfield Monthly Meeting,
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Springville, Iowa |
| Mendocino Friends Meeting
Mendocino, California | |

To the people of Iraq:

As Americans, members of the Religious Society of Friends (Quakers), and people of peace, we abhor and are deeply sorry for the acts of aggression, oppression, humiliation and torture in Iraq and elsewhere, and we humbly ask your forgiveness.

We affirm that the way to peace and understanding is through mutual respect and loving action, and are united in the following:

God loves us, knows our faults, and can heal us all.

God calls us to be loving and tolerant.

Violence leads only to more violence.

We reject acts of degradation, violence, humiliation, and torture.

We call on ourselves and all persons to live our lives in a manner that removes the occasion for all war.

The Religious Society of Friends, also known as Quakers, was founded in England in the 17th century and now has members worldwide. Throughout their history Quakers have been witnesses for peace, with many refusing to engage in combat during wartime. Quakers also worked to end slavery in the United States and are strong advocates for prison reform. This message to the Iraqi people is from the Quaker meetings (congregations) in the United States listed below:

For more information about the Religious Society of Friends (Quakers), please see www.quaker.org or www.quakerinfo.com

إلى الشعب العراقي

(Quakers)، وكاناس محبين للسلام، نود أن نعبر نحن كأمریکان، وكأعضاء في جمعية أصدقاء الدينية (كويكرز)

عن اشمنا أذنا و شديد أسفنا لأعمال الاعتداء والقمع والاذلال والتعذيب التي تعرض لها الناس في العراق و اي مكان آخر، و نلتمس بتواضع شديد كريم صفحك.

نحن نجزم بأن السبيل للسلام و التفاهم يتأتى من الاحترام المتبادل و أفعال تحقها المحبة، كما نود أن نؤكد مشاطرتكم إيماننا بأن:

الله يحبنا جميعا، و عليم باغلاطنا، و قادر على شفاننا جميعا.

الله يدعونا للمحبة و التسامح.

العنف لا يؤدي الا الى مزيد من العنف.

نحن نشجب الأفعال التي من شأنها أن تحط من قدر الآخرين، وكذلك العنف، و الاذلال، و التعذيب.

نحن نحث أنفسنا و جميع الناس لأن نعيش حياتنا ساعين للنأي عن كل مسببات الحرب.

أسست جمعية أصدقاء الدينية (والمعروفة ايضا باسم كويكرز) في انكلترا في القرن السابع عشر، و تضم الآن أعضاء من شتى أرجاء العالم. لقد كان أعضاء جمعية كويكرز و على امتداد تاريخهم انصارا للسلام، حيث رفضوا المشاركة في القتال إبان زمن الحرب. كذلك عملوا (الكويكرز) على انتهاء العبودية في الولايات المتحدة الأمريكية و هم الآن يناصرون بشدة عملية اصلاح حال السجون. أعدت هذه الرسالة الى الشعب العراقي من قبل تجمعات الكويكرز في الولايات المتحدة الأمريكية و المذكورة أدناه.

لمزيد من المعلومات حول جمعية أصدقاء الدينية (كويكرز) اقصد موقعنا على شبكة المعلومات الدولية:

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