

Central Coast Friends Meeting (San Luis Obispo) 2/25/18

“The Central Coast Friends Meeting approves endorsement of the Religious Declaration for a New Drug Policy calling for an end to the War on Drugs.”

RELIGIOUS DECLARATION FOR NEW DRUG POLICY:

“As voices of faith, we call for an end to the War on Drugs which the United States has waged, at home and abroad, for over 47 years. This War has failed to achieve its stated objectives; deepened divisions between rich and poor, black, white, and brown; squandered over one trillion dollars; and turned our country into a “prisoner” nation.”

[-http://newdrugpolicy.org/religious-declaration/](http://newdrugpolicy.org/religious-declaration/)

The New Drug Policy and its alignment with Quaker testimonies:

“Friends for over 300 years have sought to live ‘in the virtue of that life and power that takes away the occasion of all wars.’ Today our country is engaged in a ‘war on drugs’ which bears all the hallmarks of war: displaced populations, disrupted economies, terrorism, abandonment of hope by those the war is supposedly being fought to help, the use of military force, the curtailment of civil liberties, and the demonizing of the ‘enemies.’ While we are all affected by the war on drugs, we are painfully aware that particularly victimized are people of color, the poor, and other less powerful persons.”^[2] - <http://newdrugpolicy.org/quaker-perspective-drug-policy-reform/>