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**Social Concern Minute**

**Live Oak Friends Meeting  
Minute Calling for Diplomacy, not Militarization, in Ukraine Crisis**

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Live Oak Friends Meeting joins with the Berkeley Society of Friends (Quakers) in supporting peaceful resolutions of all conflicts. We are deeply troubled by the current tension between Russia, Ukraine, NATO, and the United States and call for all parties to work to de-escalate this crisis. The war in Ukraine is causing enormous suffering, as all wars inevitably do, and is destabilizing a world already suffering from many serious crises.

We call for all nations and all parties to work for peace in this moment and in all such tense situations, to resist all warmongering rhetoric and military build-up--to resist, in particular, the tendency to speak of violence as something inevitable--and instead to recommit to arms control, diplomacy, and peaceful cooperation. We remind all that peace takes hard and constant work, but that war is never the answer.

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