# Midlothian Friends Meeting
# Meeting for Discernment
# June 14, 2026

A total of 13 Friends participated in the Meeting for Discernment. Among these, 10 attended in person at the Meeting House, while the remaining participants joined remotely via Zoom.

**Reflections:**

*We are for justice and mercy and truth and peace and true freedom, that these may be exalted in our nation, and that goodness, righteousness, meekness, temperance, peace, and unity with God and with one another, that these things may abound.*
Edward Burrough, 1659

*When our corporate decisions are faithful to Spirit, they not only change the participants, they hold the seeds that can change the world.*
Lightly adapted from *Friends Journal (Sept 2009*
Four Pillars of Meeting for Business" by Debbie Humphries

1. Approval was given to send a message to everyone on the newsletter list, explaining the directory's purpose and circulation, and asking each person whether they consent to be included. Going forward only those who affirmatively consent will be listed in the directory. Only those listed in the directory will receive a copy; and, only name, email address and phone number will be included in this newly revised directory.

2. MFM endorsed the joint statement by eight global Quaker organizations that have discerned genocide is occurring in Gaza. The joint statement link: Joint Quaker Statement

3. Meeting agreed to be a signatory to the American Friends Service Committee's Apartheid-Free Communities Pledge. Link to the documents here; Apartheid-Free Pledge Flyer; Apartheid-Free FAQs for Quakers; Apartheid-Free Communities