

Midlothian Friends Meeting Meeting for Discernment August 10, 2025

14 Friends were present at the Meeting House, and 4 Friends were present on Zoom.

- Meeting affirmed nominating committee's recommendation to add Mike Dunn and Susan Umidi as care coordinators for Midlothian Meeting.
- A Minute on Political Activism was approved.

Midlothian Friends Meeting Minute Concerning Non-Partisan Political Activism

A recent court decision now allows religious bodies to endorse political candidates and take part in political party activities without losing their tax-exempt status.

This ruling does not change Midlothian Friends Meeting's long-standing practice of avoiding political party advocacy within our:

- Meetings for worship,
- Announcements at rise of Meeting and in the Quaker Town Crier, or
- Committee deliberations.

Our tax-exempt status has never been a primary motive for this practice.

We believe there is that of God in everyone. Reflecting Quaker Testimonies, our non-partisan political activism arises from a deep concern for the welfare of all and our hope for a world where everyone enjoys peace, justice, and opportunities for joy. We strive to speak up for all our neighbors when needed. Our foundation is love for one another, no exceptions!