

Midlothian Friends Meeting
Meeting for Discernment
July 13, 2025

12 Friends were present at the Meeting House and 3 Friends were present on Zoom.

- The Memorial Minute for Howard Worrell Brod was read and approved.
- The Conscientious Objector Procedure update was approved.
- The following Minute in Support of Conscientious Objectors was approved.

The Quaker Testimony of Peace and our rejection of cultures of conflict and normalized violence guide us to help those whose deeply held beliefs call them to reject military service.

Midlothian Friends Meeting has long had procedures in place to support Conscientious Objectors to war. Those procedures have now been updated and are approved by Meeting. A copy of the update is attached to this Minute.

Each year the Peace and Social Action Committee will notify local newspapers and concerned religious and civic organizations of Meeting's offer of support for Conscientious Objectors. Such notifications will be brought to Meeting for Discernment for review and approval.

MFM recognizes that conscientious objection is a deeply personal decision and the Meeting's support for Conscientious Objectors is not intended to

diminish or demean the decisions of those who choose to serve in the military.