

Midlothian Friends Meeting
Meeting for Discernment
March 8, 2020

8 Friends were present.

The following decisions were made after reaching the 'sense of the meeting':

- Meeting agreed that the Memorial Garden design will include crushed gravel in the inner circle and a permanent sign at the entrance to the garden reading "Midlothian Friends Meeting Memorial Garden" and "Peace to All Who Enter Here." Cremains will be buried or spread outside of the inner circle. No containers of any kind will be permitted.
- Meeting agreed to suspend the practice of shaking hands or hugging at rise of Meeting until further notice due to the COVID-19 outbreak.
- Meeting approved the following FCNL legislative priorities proposed by the Peace and Social Action Committee:
 - Peacebuilding, diplomacy and the peaceful prevention and resolution of violent conflict.
 - Reduction of military spending and armed interventions, with more equitable cost-sharing among nations.
 - An immigration system that promotes and respects the rights, safety and dignity of all immigrants, refugees and migrants.
 - Equitable access for all to participation in an open and transparent political process.
 - Ending gun violence including through the support of policies informed by public health best practices and universal background checks.
 - Economic justice and equity; strengthen programs that meet basic needs including universal access to quality, affordable healthcare; tax fairness.
 - Sustainable solutions to climate change, including reducing fossil and nuclear fuel use, increasing renewable energy, strengthening environmental protections, promoting international cooperation, and protecting vulnerable populations.