



LANCASTER MONTHLY MEETING OF
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To the Clerk of *Plymouth Meeting* Monthly Meeting

Dear Friend,

Please see the attached minute of concern from Lancaster Monthly Meeting regarding the ominous rise of Christian Nationalism.

We ask that this Minute be announced and read at *Plymouth Meeting* Meeting at your earliest opportunity.

With greetings and thanks,

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A Minute of Concern

As Americans and Quakers, we are alarmed by the Christian Nationalism movement, which falsely asserts that the United States was founded as a specifically Christian nation; that it is necessary to be a Christian to be a true American; and that Christianity should thus be favored and actively supported by the state.

In truth, the right of freedom of conscience, assured by the separation of church and state, is enshrined in the First Amendment. The Christian Nationalism movement ultimately seeks to erase that boundary. This goal is now being overtly promoted by a number of current office holders and candidates for office. It is a grave threat to freedom of conscience and threatens to incite strife between Americans of diverse religious, cultural, and ethnic heritages.

We affirm the right to the free, peaceful expression of religious conscience in all its diversity, and call upon Friends to seek common ground with our fellow citizens.

We therefore encourage Friends to inform themselves about the dangerous goals and methods of Christian Nationalism. We further ask that this Meeting, all Quakers, and all citizens, make clear to their government representatives - by phone, text, email, letter, and in the voting booth - our rejection of the divisive doctrine of Christian Nationalism.