

PEACE AND SOCIAL ISSUES COMMITTEE  
REPORT TO REPRESENTATIVE BODY  
NOVEMBER 7, 2009

2010 will be the 350<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Declaration of 1660. As a means to commemorate the publication of that document and its impact on the Peace Testimony of Friends we make the following proposals:

1. We propose that 2010 be designated as a Year of Peace by North Carolina Yearly Meeting.
2. That the yearly meeting theme be upon the Peace Testimony of Friends.
3. That we set aside Sunday, May 2, 2010 as Peace Sunday to be celebrated in local meetings.
4. That local meetings and Quarterly meetings be encouraged to study the Declaration of 1660.
5. That the Peace and Social Issues Committee sponsor an essay contest with the topic of "Why Is Peace Important?"
6. That the Peace and Social Issues Committee sponsor an art contest use the medium of art to emphasize the Peace Testimony.
7. That other meetings and groups in the yearly meeting be encouraged to find other ways to celebrate the Year of Peace such as a Peace Fair, A Chain of Prayer for Peace, etc.

We are still in the process of developing other study materials to be used to understand the Peace Testimony of Friends.

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