

Subject: Urgent Call To the Religious Society of Friends

Dear Friends,

Tom Bertrand urged me to distribute this message to all those in my contact list. It is for your information and prayerful consideration. It is endorsed by Diane Randell.

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To Friends Throughout the United States:

Greetings in the Spirit of Love.

We write to share with you the attached “Urgent Call to the Religious Society of Friends” concerning the current extensive threats to our U.S. democracy. We are led to speak out against the lies, extremist movements, and anti-democratic actions that are the opposite of our Quaker understandings of integrity and Truth. This Call was prepared by a group of nineteen Friends.

We encourage your prayerful discernment of this “Urgent Call” and ask you as individuals, monthly meetings, yearly meetings, and Friends organizations to consider how you might be called to act with integrity in response to these concerns.

We also are inviting all concerned Friends and friends to join us in the first of a series of national conversations on these issues to be hosted by the Earlham School of Religion on either Monday, July 25 (7 to 9 PM, Eastern time), or Sunday, July 31 (3 to 5 PM Eastern time). You can find more details and register at quakercall.net.

We are an ad hoc group of Quakers who believe in the power of Truth and who have faith in the witness of Friends. We know that the individual and

collective actions of Friends and friends can have a powerful impact in our communities and in our individual faithful journeys.

Please distribute this email, along with the Urgent Call, as widely as possible.

We welcome your questions, suggestions, and resources at info@quakercall.net.

We also apologize if you receive more than one copy of this email. We are a group of volunteers working from multiple email lists, from which we are unable easily to remove duplicates.

In faithfulness,

The Urgent Call Steering Committee

Bruce Birchard, Sam Caldwell, Gretchen Castle, Mary Ellen McNish, Diane Randall, and Michael Wajda, clerk