

# Minute on Standing Rock

In November, the Meeting approved a minute of support for those engaged in the ongoing action at Standing Rock and a minute to accompany our clerk, Tina Kachele, as she journeyed for one week to Standing Rock. (see minute below). She and others who traveled from Albuquerque brought donated supplies and cash to the growing community from around the world who stand alongside the Native American *Water Protectors* as they engage in peaceful ceremony and witness. Tina presented an account of her time at Standing Rock at rise of Meeting on November 27 and at the December Meeting for Business. An interfaith prayer event will be held December 4 at 9:00 at the meetinghouse. Please stay aware of the situation as events continue to develop rapidly.

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### **Albuquerque Monthly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends (Quakers)**

1600 5th Street

Albuquerque, New Mexico 87125

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Albuquerque Monthly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends (Quakers) affirms our support for all those engaged in non-violent resistance to stop the Dakota Access Pipeline (DAPL), and our support for the sovereignty of the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe in opposing DAPL. This pipeline is being built without full and proper consultation with the Tribe on whose land it is being constructed, and as such, is an assault on Tribal Sovereignty.

The Dakota Access Pipeline (DAPL) will endanger sacred sites as well as the Missouri River and all life that depends on it for clean water. We support the efforts of hundreds of Indigenous People and Tribes, as well as Non-Indigenous People, who are actively opposing DAPL on site (as Water Protectors), and rebuke the violence being perpetrated by police, the National Guard, and security forces against the Water Protectors.

We affirm our support for the UN Declaration of the Rights of Indigenous People, and we call on all government agencies—most directly, President Obama and the Federal Government, the Government of North Dakota, and the Army Corps of Engineers—to use their power to stop the illegal seizure of land for the pipeline by Energy Transfer Partners, and to honor the Sovereignty and Treaty Rights of all Indigenous Nations in North America.

We recognize that this movement to stop DAPL began and continues to be held in prayer and ceremony. As Quakers, we add our prayers and will hold in the Light all who are engaged in this struggle for justice, for the land and water, and for the health of future generations.

Signed,

Sharon Gross, Acting Clerk

Albuquerque Monthly Meeting