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We value the part we have in shaping the laws of our country. It is our task to see that these laws speak to and answer that of God, which we believe is in every person. Our aim is the building of a social order that works toward the expression of divine love. Our first allegiance remains with God.

If, by divine leading, our attention is focused on a law contrary to divine law, we must proceed with care. Before making a decision to oppose a law, we pray for further divine guidance; we consult with others who might be affected by our decision. When we reach clearness, we act with conviction.

When our decision involves disobedience to the law, we make the grounds of our action clear to all concerned. If there are penalties, we suffer them without evasion.

We care for those who suffer for conscience's sake.

- What are we doing as individuals and as a meeting to carry our share of civic responsibility for our community, state, and nation?
- How are we working for change in government when change is needed?
- How do we discern between meeting our obligations to the state and society and opposing those contrary to Quaker principles?
- What are we doing to uphold those acting under a concern aligned with Quaker belief?
- Do we share our convictions in a spirit of loving concern?
- In what ways do we care for those who are vulnerable or are in poverty in our communities?