Minute: Regarding the Death Penalty

Friends have historically opposed capital punishment because it violates the sacredness of life. That violation goes beyond criminals who are sentenced to die. The death penalty also brutalizes and degrades the society which imposes it. Revenge taken against a few individuals will not cure the epidemic of violence in our world; we need to solve the problem instead of adding to it. Rather than answer violence with more violence, we need to find practical ways to counteract the anger, fear, despair, and brokenness that are the root cause of crime.

Minute: Chuck Day

Des Moines Valley Friend, Chuck Day, will be honored for his 40 years of service to the peace community by founding and leading STAR-PAC (Stop the Arms Race), Saturday August 3, 2019, 5:30 -8:00 pm. featuring Senator Tom Harkin.

“STAR-PAC was founded in 1980 in Des Moines. STAR-PAC is a dedicated political action committee advocating on behalf of peace issues. Established at the peak of the Cold War, amid a perilous and costly nuclear weapons race; STAR-PAC continues advocacy against the arms race and exorbitant military spending and tackles many other foreign and military policy issues.”

Chuck was also instrumental in the development of two housing projects in Des Moines, built for easier access for people with physical disabilities.
We appreciate Chuck’s years of peace leadership and service.