

 Friends Committee on National Legislation

HOPE & GRATITUDE

The Friends Committee on National Legislation (FCNL)
and FCNL Education Fund FY 2021 Annual Report





The World We Seek

We seek a world free of war and the threat of war.

We seek a society with equity and justice for all.

We seek a community where every person's potential may be fulfilled.

We seek an earth restored.

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Indigenous Land Acknowledgment

As we bear witness and lobby, we also honor the Nacotchtank tribe on whose ancestral land the FCNL, FCNL Education Fund, and Friends Place on Capitol Hill buildings stand.

They are also known as the Anacostans, the Indigenous people who lived along the banks of the Anacostia River, including in several villages on what is now Capitol Hill and Washington, D.C.

By the 1700s, the Nacotchtank tribe had merged with other tribes like the Pamunkey and the Piscataway, both of which still exist today.





“Rejoice **always**, pray **constantly**, give thanks in **all circumstances ...**”

– 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

CHOOSING *Hope and Gratitude*

Hope and gratitude sustained us this fiscal year, 2020-2021. Despite the COVID-19 pandemic, the Jan. 6 insurrection, the economic recession, hyper-partisanship in Congress, the social unrest in our country, and the endless wars that consumed us this fiscal year, we at FCNL chose to be hopeful and grateful.

For us, and many people of faith, hope and gratitude are spiritual practices, just as advocating is a spiritual practice.

As a Quaker organization, hope is essential to who we are and how we lobby. We lobby because we have hope for the world we seek. Hope is not a passive state—it requires us to have a vision and to act to make that vision a reality.

Gratitude is an act of community. It flows from love, from the recognition that we, every one of us, is beloved—and that God, who first loved us, asks us to love one another. Gratitude is a condition of our heart; it is remaining spiritually open, fostering an awareness of grace and abundance.

This past year was a time of change, when U.S. voters elected Joe Biden as president and the Senate changed leaders. Yet, opposing factions continued to subvert our democracy by continuing to deny the will of the people by perpetuating the myth of a stolen election.

When insurrectionists stormed Congress, our democracy withstood the assault while exposing its fragility. The assault further laid bare the systems of racism and white supremacy that roil our country.

It was also a year of persistence. The ongoing COVID-19 pandemic opened new ways for us to lobby and meet, resulting in record numbers of visits to members of Congress. We successfully lobbied for the passage of the American Rescue Plan (P.L. 117-2), among the largest stimulus packages in our nation’s history. The bill helped ease the economic impact of the pandemic by, among other provisions, expanding the Child Tax Credit.

This year, we continued to live our faith publicly because we care deeply about the political condition of our country and the world. We are drawn by the spiritual practices and the faith that FCNL fosters. Staying grounded in the faith and practice of Friends is essential to FCNL’s strength. As we close out a turbulent fiscal year, we express our hope and gratitude for all that has been given us.

Diane
Diane Randall
General Secretary

Ron
Ron Ferguson
Clerk, General Committee

BY THE NUMBERS

Going virtual made lobbying more accessible.

23%
Increase in constituents lobbying in FY21.



On Feb. 2, 2021, an FCNL delegation met with Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer (NY). The meeting, which included members of the Brooklyn Friends Meeting, occurred due to the persistence of FCNL Advocacy Corps organizer Tanzania Thomas.

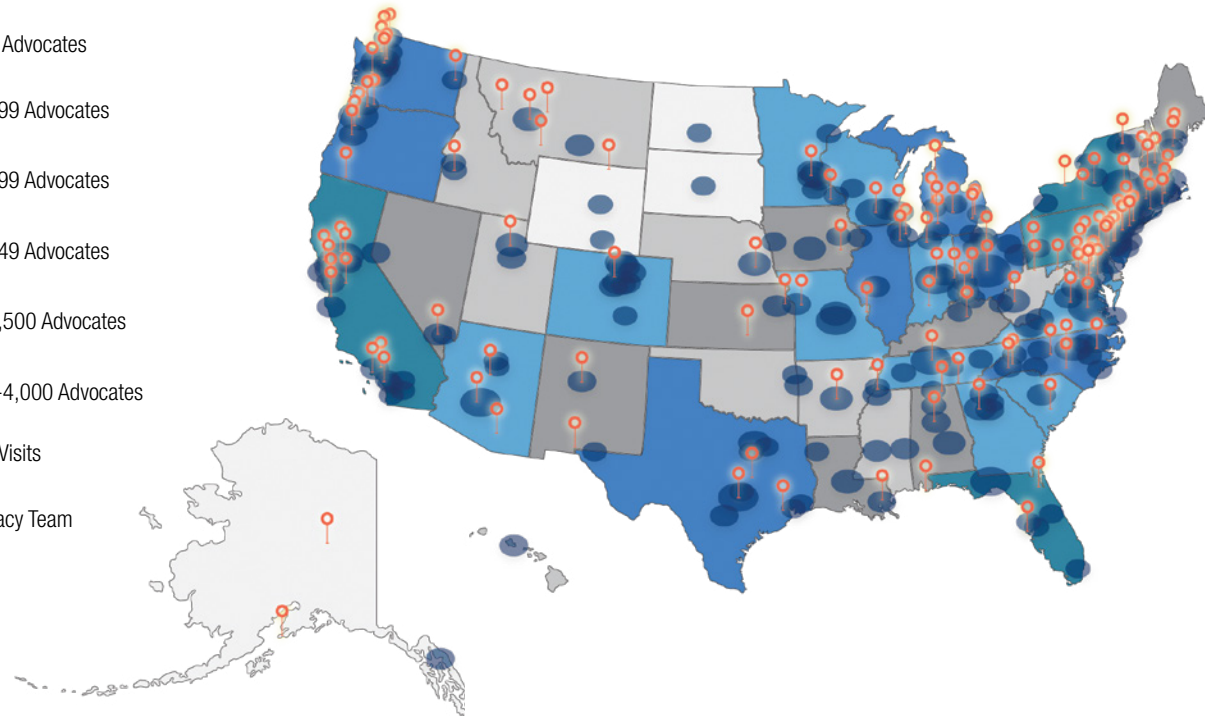
More FCNL advocates are walking the virtual halls of Congress.

58%
FCNL advocates lobbied 310 of 535 Offices (House+Senate)

180
Democratic Offices (House+Senate)

141
Republican Offices (House+Senate)

- 15-99 Advocates
- 100-199 Advocates
- 200-399 Advocates
- 400-749 Advocates
- 750-1,500 Advocates
- 1,500-4,000 Advocates
- Lobby Visits
- Advocacy Team



HOPE & GRATITUDE *for Diane*

“Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.”
– Hebrews 11:1

Dear Friends,

It is with mixed emotions that I share the news with you that FCNL General Secretary Diane Randall informed the Executive Committee in February that she will leave Friends Committee on National Legislation at the end of 2021—“with a clear and grateful heart.”

For a little more than ten years, Diane has fostered the growth and strength of FCNL among Friends and on Capitol Hill. At the 2011 Annual Meeting when the General Committee approved her appointment as the first woman to head the organization, Diane told those gathered that FCNL “must be bold, strategic, and relentless in our advocacy.”

In 2021, we are that and far more.

We are grateful to Diane for her leadership in staying true to the vision of the world we seek and to Friends’ faith and practice.

Ron Ferguson

Ron Ferguson
Clerk, General Committee





The National Guard patrolling the Capitol during the inauguration of President Joe Biden on January 20, 2021. Photo by Brian Feinzimer/FCNL

“We are not for ... Titles of Government, nor are we for this Party, nor against the other ... but **we are for Justice and Mercy, and Truth and Peace, and true Freedom, that these may be exalted in our Nation.**”

– Edward Burrough (1634–1663),
an early Quaker preacher

HOPE & GRATITUDE FOR *Democracy*

Our democracy continues to be a work in progress as we live up to our country’s founding ideal: all people are created equal. It has been sorely tested by an erratic president, enabled by his loyal supporters in Congress.

Last fall, we saw efforts to deny access to voting and discount votes that were cast—and perpetuate the lie that the 2020 election was stolen. Yet a record-breaking 161 million people voted during the 2020 elections. Although the elections flipped control of the Senate and the White House, it was only by the narrowest of margins.

The peaceful transfer of power that is a hallmark of a democracy was, however, marred by an insurrection on Jan 6. We draw hope because people of good faith stood up for our democracy, then under siege. Still, our freedoms continue to be threatened by authoritarianism and vigilante forces.



FBI Director Christopher Wray told lawmakers that, "January 6 was not an isolated event. The problem of domestic terrorism has been metastasizing across the country for a long time now and it's not going away anytime soon." Photo of militia member at a gun rights protest in January in Richmond, VA, by Brian Feinzimer/FCNL

Racism Weakens Our Democracy

All across the country, Americans continue to reckon with rising white supremacy and racism and how it is embedded in the country's policies and institutions. The FCNL General Committee continues to call FCNL to "identify, expose and work to eliminate institutional racism, institutional sexism, and other forms of systemic discrimination."

As an organization, we ramped up our efforts to become a diverse, equitable, and inclusive organization. The staff, and our governors, adopted separate—yet similar—community agreements committing us to this journey.

We created a staff committee that is looking at ways FCNL can change to become an anti-racist organization and address our own behavior and actions that rest on white privilege.

Our governors, too, are engaged in a similar journey.

Confronting racism is one way of living into our democracy. As a faith-based organization, we seek a community where every person's potential may be fulfilled. Racism, sexism, and other forms of discrimination will need to be eliminated to strengthen our democracy.

As we lobbied, we also prioritized legislation to address racial injustice. We expanded our energy and environmental portfolio to include environmental justice, a deep area of concern for many in the Religious Society of Friends. Environmental justice is simply an issue of fairness: Black, brown, Indigenous, and low-income communities should not be burdened with the legacy of pollution and other forms of environmental degradation.

During the 117th Congress, we began securing co-sponsorships for the Environmental Justice for All Act (S.872/

H.R. 2021) while at the same time, still pushing for carbon pricing bills that meet our environmental sustainability principles.

The 2020 elections proved once more how free and fair elections are a bedrock of our democracy and how essential election integrity is to the proper functioning of our government.

Yet for much of the country's history, voting was a privilege denied to people on the basis of gender, the color of one's skin, and property ownership.

To ensure fairness in our elections, the House passed the For the People Act (H.R. 1), but it stalled in the Senate. The Freedom to Vote Act (S. 2747) also stalled in the Senate.

The John R. Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act (H.R. 4) passed the House early in the 117th Congress and was subsequently introduced in the Senate. We continue to work for passage of significant voting rights legislation. 🗳️

"Friends Committee on National Legislation urge a todos los americanos a que voten el martes 3 de noviembre o incluso antes allí donde esté permitido."

From a Spanish public service ad aired by FCNL just before the November 2020 elections.



During FCNL's 2017 Annual Meeting, Rep. John Lewis (GA-05) met with FCNL advocates and constituents.

"The Vote Is Precious"

While John Lewis (1940-2020) will be remembered as a leader who inspired millions, it is his unwavering commitment to racial justice and voting rights that are so remarkable and so sorely needed today.

"The vote is precious. It is almost sacred. It is the most powerful nonviolent tool we have in a democracy," he said in a 2019 speech.

Twelve years prior, FCNL awarded Lewis the Edward F. Snyder Peace Award, "for his commitment to nonviolent resistance,

both in his work with the civil rights movement and his opposition to the Iraq War."

John Lewis lived a life of fierce love. He galvanized us to persist in our pursuit of justice so that the voice of the people prevails. 🗳️



FCNL puts up a rotating banner outside its headquarters on Capitol Hill. This was the message in September 2020. Photo by DAG Photo/FCNL



The Washington, DC, Advocacy Team gathered at Black Lives Matter Plaza in January 2021 to call on President Joe Biden to repeal the 2002 AUMF. Photo by DAG Photo/FCNL

“Quakers are not ‘for peace’ but rather **know**, in the deepest sense of the word, that **peace is a holy imperative** as part of a just society.”

– Ben Pink Dandelion,
Celebrating the Quaker Way (2010)

FOR HOPE & GRATITUDE *Peace*

A few days after the House approved a bill to repeal the 2002 Iraq Authorization for the Use of Military Force (AUMF), the bill’s sponsor, Rep. Barbara Lee (CA-13) acknowledged FCNL’s work in remarks on MSNBC and later with Religion News Service:

“FCNL is one of the most well-organized and strategic advocacy teams in Washington. Their advocates always speak with detailed knowledge and moral clarity. I have found them to be an invaluable ally in our shared efforts to end war and advance human rights and needs.”

Dismantling Racism and Militarism in U.S. Foreign Policy

This fiscal year, FCNL embarked on a six-month project to consult with progressive leaders to better understand the origins and impact of U.S. foreign policy and the forces that shape it.

The discernment was based on a query posited earlier by Diana Ohlbaum, FCNL foreign policy director and senior strategist:

“Why is the U.S. government so reliant on the use of threats,

coercion, and military force around the globe, and why can’t our policymakers admit it’s not working? Why are we so stuck in this way of relating to the world, and what do we have to do to change it?”

Together with the Center for International Policy, FCNL organized a high-level working group to delve into this issue. The diverse group

included advocates, activists, organizers, faith community leaders, and scholars in the fields of U.S. foreign policy and national security; racial, economic, and environmental justice; peacebuilding; migration; labor; human rights; feminism; and constitutional law.

In their report, “Dismantling Racism and Militarism in U.S. Foreign Policy,” the participants explain how the current militarized U.S. approach to “national security” perpetuates racism and causes immense harm to people of color at home and abroad. The underlying forces are deeply rooted and difficult to disentangle.

On the economic side, there are the millions of jobs—located in practically every congressional district—that depend on the Pentagon and its contractors. Politically, institutions that have long been considered essential to the functioning of American democracy are also responsible for many of its failings.

Most importantly, many people have accepted the notion, based on white supremacy, that the United States has the right, the responsibility, and the power to set the rules for everyone else.

This sense of American exceptionalism and national superiority is based on the wrong belief that American lives—and specifically white lives—are more valuable than others.

The working group agreed that the path forward starts with unmasking the false narratives about U.S. conduct and acknowledging our country’s history of genocide, slavery, and imperialist expansion.

As a participant in the working group, Diane Randall offered an FCNL perspective: “Entrenched racism and militarism will require new thinking and ways of working together. Systemic change will come from broad grassroots movements that ... provide the truth-telling necessary to educate a country willfully ignorant of its past.”

Margery and Carl Abbott photographed at their home near Portland, OR by Kate Holt/FCNL.



Books Strengthen Understanding of Quakerism

Two books by acclaimed authors Margery Abbott and Carl Abbott were published this year by FCNL Education Fund.

The new edition of *A Theological Perspective on Quaker Lobbying* by Margery Post Abbott examines the relationship between lobbying and Friends’ spiritual practice.

It draws on Quaker history and theology, as well as the teachings of Jesus to connect FCNL’s work to the efforts of Friends to carry their concerns into the world.

Quakers: A Quick Guide by Carl Abbott endeavors to make the spiritual basis of FCNL’s work more accessible to all.

It covers topics like what happens in Quaker worship and the complex answer to the question of whether Quakers are Christian.

Margery Post Abbott and Carl Abbott wrote these books as Friends (not) in Washington during the COVID-19 pandemic.



“FCNL’s advocacy and approach to peace and justice issues have been **important to me for many years.**

I went from reading the newsletter (‘60s), to listening to phone recordings (‘70s and ‘80s), then attendance at Annual Meeting for about 25 years, actively participating in FCNL governance.

Now in retirement, I appreciate staff support for Advocacy Teams (including mine!), and how nimbly staff support online meetings. For me, **monthly automatic contributions make sense**, as does an annual contribution of the required **withdrawal from an IRA.** I’m glad to support activism by diverse young people and continued activism by my generation.”

Meg Hummon
Salem, OR



Protests in Richmond, VA, in January resulted in the removal of the Robert E. Lee memorial in September. Photo by Brian Feinzimer/FCNL

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Flowers and memorials pile up outside of the U.S. Supreme Court following the death of Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg. Photo by DAG Photo/FCNL

HOPE & GRATITUDE FOR *Justice*

Faith communities often serve as first responders to the needs of people in their communities. Although FCNL is not a first responder, the organization helps ensure policies and government support are in place to enable compassionate and life-giving responses and opportunities.

Since the first death from COVID-19 was reported in February 2020, it only took 114 days for the deaths to reach 600,000—and it is still climbing. People of color, Indigenous people, and others from low-income communities suffered the most by the COVID-19 pandemic, exposing deep inequities in our society. We recognize the moral imperative to care, in any way we can, for all of those tragically impacted by this crisis and by poverty.

“We are governed by the rule of law,
and we recognize that adhering to
the rule of law promotes justice.

We cannot have peace or
unity without justice.”

– Diane Randall (2021)



Propelled by Faith

Our concern for the wellbeing of all people propelled us to lobby for all the COVID-19 pandemic recovery bills during the 116th and 117th sessions of Congress, including one that was attached to a spending package that increased SNAP benefits.

The largest, the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (P.L. 116-136), provided approximately \$2.08 trillion. One of the earliest acts of the 117th Congress was to pass another stimulus bill, the American Rescue Plan (P.L. 117-2), valued at \$1.9 trillion.

As we pushed for all the provisions in these pandemic recovery bills, we focused on the economic justice provisions. In the American Rescue Plan, we succeeded in lobbying for the expansion and extension of two tax credit programs that have proven to lift families out of poverty.

The programs, the Earned Income Tax and the Child Tax Credits, will significantly reduce poverty in the United States, which stands at 11.4%. Currently, 11 million children live in poverty in the country; the expanded provisions in the American Rescue Plan could cut child poverty in half.

In contrast to the previous COVID-19 relief bills earlier passed by Congress, the American Rescue

Plan included international aid to address the global pandemic, amounting to \$10 billion. FCNL lobbied for this addition, clearly realizing that none of us are safe until all of us are safe.

The American Rescue Plan also invests \$1.75 billion in Native American and Alaska Native government programs to help

them respond to the COVID-19 pandemic. This includes funding for housing, for the provision of potable water, and for schools and colleges.

Funds for Native Americans and Alaska Natives are also important since their communities are 3.5 times more likely to be diagnosed with COVID-19 than non-Hispanic white

people. Native Americans, who number 9.7 million people, have died from the virus at more than twice the rate of white Americans.

In another win for Native Americans and Alaska Natives, the 116th Congress passed two new laws that we have been lobbying for, one since 2017. These new laws are Savanna's Act

(P.L. 116-165) and Not Invisible Act (P.L. 116-66).

Both these new laws will help to improve the coordination, response, and reporting for cases of Missing and Murdered Indigenous Peoples. The passage of these two bills during a pandemic shows the bipartisan support this issue has in Congress.

"We were drawn to FCNL because of its dedication to bringing together a diverse group of individuals who have the will to make an impact and because it is faith-based and nonpartisan. By offering a framework for advocacy, FCNL allows individuals like us to support the operations financially as well as actively engage with our members of Congress.

"Our experience in donating is not that we are giving something away, but that we are receiving opportunities to make a difference. We are grateful that we can give, and FCNL uses our monthly contribution to cultivate hopefulness among the constituents and bring change on Capitol Hill."

Janet Leslie and Jim Anderson
Chico, CA



April 17, 2020 // Vehicles line up for COVID-19 testing outside of the Monument Valley Health Center in Oljato-Monument Valley, San Juan County, Utah. More than 1,000 people got tested over the course of two days. Photo by Kristin Murphy/The Deseret News via AP

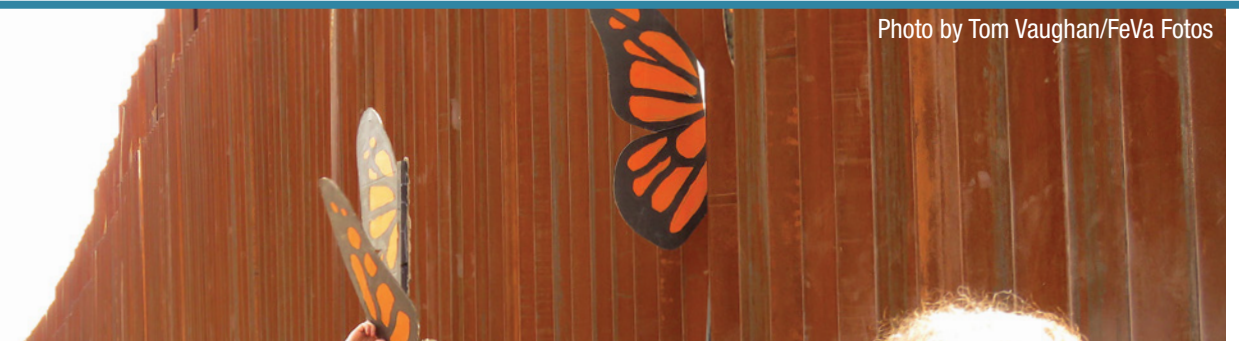


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Quaker Statement Calls for Migration Justice

Friends Committee on National Legislation joined four other Quaker organizations to define a vision for migration justice. "A Quaker Statement on Migration" ensures "welcome, inclusion, dignity, shared security, sanctuary, love, and compassion,

as needed, because we are all part of the same human family whether we migrate or not."

It draws on the principles of the Religious Society of Friends and its work with migrants and on migration. The statement acknowledges that

migration is an inherent part of human behavior and enables people to move in safety and dignity.

Along with FCNL, the document was co-created with the Quaker United Nations Office in Geneva, American Friends Service Committee, Britain Yearly Meeting, and the Quaker Council for European Affairs.

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Hope & Gratitude





FCNL staff Ursala Knudsen-Latta and Candace Bailey joined a march on Capitol Hill with the Poor People's Campaign calling for economic justice. Photo by DAG Photo/FCNL

“Be examples in all countries, places ... wherever you go, so that your carriage and life may preach among all sorts of people. Then you will **come to walk cheerfully over the world**, answering that of God in everyone.

– George Fox, 1624–1691

HOPE & GRATITUDE FOR *The Future*

One of the distinguishing marks of FCNL’s advocacy is that it is in it for the long game. This is buttressed by training advocates year-round how to lobby. It focuses on young people, methodically training them through programs like Spring Lobby Weekend and Advocacy Corps. FCNL remains the oldest faith-based lobby that has such an extensive program to train young adults—up to 600 of them annually—to become advocates.

Many young adults end up joining local Advocacy Teams, which now cover 42 states in the country. Advocacy Teams marked their fifth anniversary this fiscal year.

Persistence Is Key to FCNL's Lobbying Success

"We live at a time when the call to love our neighbors, no exceptions, requires us to be both practical in our advocacy and spiritually grounded in our interactions."

Diane Randall
FCNL General Secretary

FCNL's power to make change in Washington is a result of the combination of careful lobbying on Capitol Hill and focused advocacy from people across the United States. In 2015, FCNL staff began working with advocates around the country to launch local Advocacy Teams that build deep relationships with their members of Congress.

Today, we have more than 120 Advocacy Teams across 44 states, engaging Congress to end endless wars.

In states where there are several Advocacy Teams, they have begun to band together. Nine of the teams in California, which covers 19 congressional districts, have been coordinating their expansion so that they can eventually reach the state's 53 congressional districts.

A similar initiative is building in Wisconsin, where current Advocacy Teams are planning to organize new teams so they can cover the entire state.

For several years, the teams were focused on ending endless wars by supporting Rep. Barbara Lee (CA-13) in her efforts to support the repeal of the 2002 Authorization for Use of Military Force (H.R. 256). This year, they succeeded in the House, with 268 to 161 votes. Not only was it a historic vote, but it earned the support of 49 Republican representatives, thanks in part to the quiet, ongoing persistence of FCNL's Advocacy Teams.

This persistence is inculcated in the participants of Spring Lobby Weekend, many of whom join Advocacy Teams after their training in Washington, DC. In spring 2021, more than

500 college students virtually gathered, in the middle of a pandemic, for Spring Lobby Weekend. Apart from training to become effective and relentless advocates, they came to tell their members of Congress one clear message: Our country needs urgent action to end the crisis of systemic racism and militarization in policing. Their legislative ask was the George Floyd Justice in Policing Act (H.R. 1280).

In welcoming the young advocates, Senator Cory Booker (NJ), one of the authors of the bill, said, "Change does not come from Washington, it comes to Washington by activists, by leaders, by people who love this nation and know that we have to work for its highest ideals What you are doing is a proud and noble tradition."



Local Organizers Lobby on Immigration

Despite the pandemic, the 20 organizers of the 2020-2021 Advocacy Corps kept the pressure on their members of Congress and their staff throughout the fiscal year to create a pathway to citizenship for undocumented migrants and others, like Dreamers.

They organized virtual lobby visits, often in partnership with others. Together with the Brooklyn



Friends Meeting and Friends Seminary, Tanzania Thomas arranged for a virtual meeting with Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer.

James Rider of Massachusetts visited Rep. Jim McGovern (MA-02) and Gloria Rodriguez of New Jersey visited Rep. Donald Payne (NJ-10).

The organizers also worked effectively with the media to amplify their message. Oscar Hernandez Ortiz of Arizona spoke on Public News Service about his experience as a DACA recipient and was published in the Arizona Capitol Times urging the Senate to vote on the Dream and Promise Act (H.R. 6).



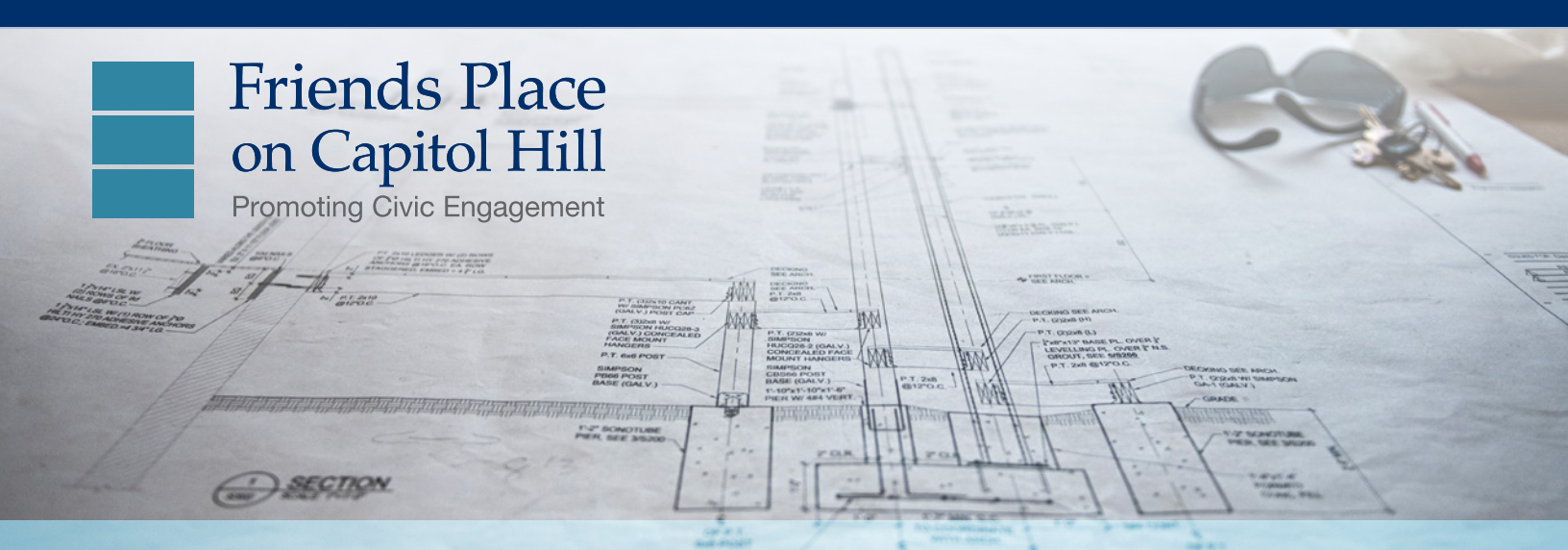
FCNL's Hassan El-Tayyab and Rep. Mark Pocan (WI-02) in front of our sign calling for the end of the Saudi Blockade on Yemen.



"Joining FCNL's network in 2003, attending the Spring Lobby Weekend, and the Annual Meeting empowered me to make change. FCNL is powerful because of its nonpartisan nature and is, therefore, able to talk to any side of the aisle to reach a sustainable dialogue.

"As a therapist, I am aware of how policies impact mental health, especially in disadvantaged communities. I see a value in FCNL's advocacy for policing reforms that will affect how we intervene in violence. I donate monthly to FCNL to help it lobby on Capitol Hill and bring change to my community."

Anthony Christopher Smith
Newark, NJ



Rebirth Brings a New Focus

Since assuming governance of William Penn House last fiscal year, the FCNL Education Fund has raised more than \$1.2 million to fund extensive repairs and began planning new programs for this Quaker hospitality site on Capitol Hill. It is scheduled to reopen in January 2022.

Through a process of discernment this fiscal year, the FCNL Education Fund board decided to change the name of the building, recognizing that William Penn, a highly regarded Quaker who founded the colony of Pennsylvania, owned 12 enslaved people in his estate, Pennsbury.

The building was renamed Friends Place on Capitol Hill and

new by-laws were approved. The board took this step as a way of reckoning with the scourge of slavery and the continued legacy of white supremacy that perpetuates systemic racism.

When the repairs to the century-old building are finished, it will have dormitory-style accommodations for groups of up to 40 people, including three private rooms, one of which will be ADA-compliant. Several new bathrooms and showers are being installed in the residential floors of the building.

Friends Place has two multipurpose conference rooms, which can also be rented by other non-profits and church

groups during the day. The first-floor conference room, which can hold up to 30 people, can be used for workshops, lectures, mini-concerts, and movie screenings. The second floor has a living room that flows into a common area that can accommodate up to 30 people. It can be used for debriefing sessions and meals.

Throughout the repairs, Friends House remained committed to Quaker principles of simplicity and environmental stewardship. The building includes such green features as energy-efficient appliances; an exterior green wall, watered by storm water; permeable paving ▶

▶ stones for the patio; and special floor tiles.

For the long-term, the Friends Place board decided to focus on programs that promote civic engagement of young people. Programs reflecting this focus are being planned for implementation once the building is staffed and it opens.

According to FCNL General Secretary Diane Randall, “Our country and our democracy need the activism and dedication of people committed to lifting every voice and to recognizing the humanity of all who labor together to create the beloved community.”

FCNL Education Fund is clear that in its rebirth, Friends Place will be a Quaker learning center and guesthouse that provides civic education and engagement opportunities for young people. For more information, and to make group reservations, visit www.friendsplacedc.org.




Connecting Quaker Faith and Action

This fiscal year we built stronger relationships within the Religious Society of Friends and worked to infuse Quakerism more deeply into FCNL programming.

Staff visited almost 80 Quaker communities, reaching more Friends than in the previous year and showing consistent increases in the number of

Quakers active in FCNL’s network. We have also developed new resources and trainings for FCNL staff and program participants to better understand the faith basis of our advocacy.

Through regular virtual events, conversations, and worship opportunities, we have increased the visibility of FCNL’s Quaker presence in Washington. It is expected to further increase with the reopening of Friends Place on Capitol Hill. 



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Photo by Jeffrey Bond/FCNL

Financials

Friends Committee on National Legislation and the FCNL Education Fund continue to benefit from the generosity of our supporters through their monthly, annual, and estate giving. Thank you! This generosity has enabled the organizations to sustain core programming through the COVID-19 pandemic.

Net assets (both with and without restrictions), shown in the combined balance sheet, have helped support FCNL's Forward Plan initiatives.

FCNL's audited financial statements can be downloaded at www.fcnl.org/financials.

For more information on financials, contact Thomas Swindell at 800-630-1330 x2535.

Combined Balance Sheet (Unaudited)

	Without Restrictions	With Restrictions	Total 6/30/2021	Total 6/30/2020
Assets				
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 6,443,812	\$ (1,065,318)	\$ 5,378,494	\$ 8,087,686
Investments	(3,100,980)	18,601,438	15,500,458	7,442,494
Unconditional Promises to Give	1,174,136	398,463	1,572,599	1,453,868
Split Interest Agreements	8,869,335	2,377,234	11,246,569	9,017,716
Property and Equipment	6,875,125		6,875,125	7,255,446
Other Assets	349,891	750,000	1,099,891	618,948
Total Assets	\$ 20,611,319	\$ 21,061,817	\$ 41,673,136	\$ 33,876,158
Liabilities				
Accounts Payable	\$ 104,475	\$ --	\$ 104,475	\$ 83,471
Loans and Notes Payable	184,712	--	184,712	660,584
Split Interest Agreements	2,470,483	877,978	3,348,461	3,190,542
Other Liabilities	(4,948,964)	5,060,529	111,565	256,609
Due to/from Affiliates	(5,337,594)	4,921,442	(416,152)	(235,162)
Total Liabilities	\$ (2,189,294)	\$ 5,938,507	\$ 3,749,213	\$ 4,191,206
Net Assets	\$ 22,800,613	\$ 15,123,310	\$ 37,923,923	\$ 29,684,952

Combined Statement of Activities (Unaudited)

	2021 FCNL + FCNL Ed Fund Combined	2020 FCNL + FCNL Ed Fund Combined	2019 FCNL + FCNL Ed Fund Combined	2018 FCNL + FCNL Ed Fund Combined	2017 FCNL + FCNL Ed Fund Combined
Operating Revenue					
Contributions	\$ 5,275,613	\$ 4,799,631	\$ 5,244,140	\$ 5,230,093	\$ 3,498,606
Bequests	559,838	288,603	1,076,686	316,467	553,394
Net Assets Released	1,747,885	2,382,316	824,433	1,964,958	3,582,438
Investments & Other Income	2,889,575	(302,908)	222,860	142,477	138,997
Total Unrestricted Income	\$ 10,472,911	\$ 7,167,642	\$ 7,368,119	\$ 7,653,995	\$ 7,773,435
Operating Expenses					
Program					
Legislative & Education	\$ 2,442,593	\$ 2,649,626	\$ 2,725,680	\$ 2,407,612	\$ 2,293,317
Advocacy & Outreach	1,547,848	1,679,044	2,111,204	1,529,796	1,065,175
Young Adult Program	611,369	663,189	643,059	644,166	571,621
Program Subtotal	\$ 4,601,810	\$ 4,991,859	\$ 5,479,943	\$ 4,581,574	\$ 3,930,113
General Fundraising	1,601,643	1,869,750	1,791,273	1,660,715	1,788,716
Administration	1,153,985	1,087,065	1,186,250	1,003,741	856,931
Total Expenses	\$ 7,357,438	\$ 7,948,674	\$ 8,457,466	\$ 7,246,030	\$ 6,575,760
Total Change in Unrestricted (Without Restriction) Net Assets	\$ 3,115,474	\$ (781,032)	\$ (868,739)	\$ 1,427,689	\$ 3,264,368



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Advocacy Teams are a game-changing force of local action on national issues

129

Active teams in **44** states and DC

2,107

People lobbying with Advocacy Teams (a **33%** increase)

101

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FCNL is connected to Quaker communities across the country

6,258

Active Quakers in the FCNL network

78

Visits to yearly meetings, monthly meetings, and Quaker organizations

We are telling our story and reaching people where they are

126,184,175

Our press outreach resulted in a doubling of media impressions from last year

532

Email campaigns with over 2.55 million messages sent

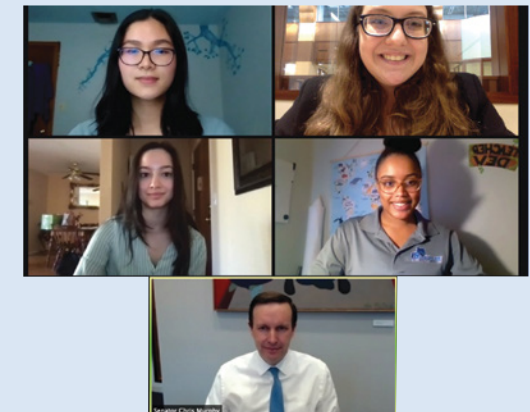
748,682

Unique website pageviews

131,537

Social media engagements

570 young adults registered for Spring Lobby Weekend 2021



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