Dear Friends,

In today’s troubling political climate, we see more clearly than ever the vital witness of Friends. Grounded in faith, our community is vibrant and effective – and your support makes that possible. Our openness to the Divine power of God’s love enables us to speak truth for the policy changes needed to advance the world we seek.

You’ll read in this report about our faithful witness and determined advocacy for peace, justice, and an earth restored.

- Together, we have successfully concluded a five-year capital campaign that is strengthening our lobbying, expanding FCNL’s visibility and presence on Capitol Hill, building community, and nurturing a new generation of advocates.
- We are training more people in the effective, relationship-based lobbying for which FCNL is known, and we are expanding our programs to bring younger Friends into the important work of national policy.
- In a challenging and divisive political environment, we are both resisting harmful policies and advancing a positive vision. On issues from climate change to peacebuilding, we are seeking to build bipartisan consensus in Congress on the need to act.

Our nation and world look very different today than when FCNL was founded in 1943 – and FCNL has changed as well. Many challenges, both new and existing, confront our country, and we are evolving and rising to meet them. You have made possible both our accomplishments and our growth through your support, advocacy, and prayers. At its essence, FCNL remains a community guided by the Holy Spirit. Thank you for being part of this work.

Sincerely,

Diane Randall, Executive Secretary

Eric Ginsburg, Clerk, General Committee
The Friends Committee on National Legislation seeks to bring spiritual values and Friends’ testimonies to bear on public policy decisions. FCNL solicited the views and concerns of Quaker meetings, churches, and organizations around the country to help discern the following priorities for our lobbying and public education work during the 115th Congress (2017-2018):

- Promote peacebuilding, diplomacy, and the peaceful prevention and resolution of violent conflict with an emphasis on the Middle East.
- Reduce military spending and armed interventions.
- Promote nuclear disarmament and non-proliferation.
- Advance equitable criminal justice systems that eliminate mass incarceration, and support law-enforcement that is community-oriented and demilitarized.
- Pursue policies that promote and respect the rights, safety, and dignity of all immigrants, refugees, and migrants.
- Promote equitable access for all citizens to participation in the political process.
- Promote policies that reduce economic inequality and poverty; encourage fair compensation for workers and health care for all.
- Work to end gun violence.
- Witness and advocate on Native American concerns.
- Advocate for sustainable solutions to climate disruption and its consequences.

In each priority FCNL and Friends are called on to identify, expose, and work to eliminate institutional racism in order to promote genuine equality of opportunity and communities in which everyone can safely live, learn, work, worship, and love.

FCNL seeks to collaborate across the political spectrum to advance these priorities. FCNL’s work will be based on legislative opportunities, specific expertise, leadings, and available resources. In addition, *The World We Seek* (FCNL’s Policy Statement) gives FCNL the flexibility to respond to crises and to other important legislative opportunities, as Way opens.

*The FCNL General Committee approved these priorities on November 13, 2016.*
NOW IS THE TIME TO CREATE MOMENTUM FOR CHANGE
Even in a difficult political climate, FCNL persisted and advanced our legislative agenda. We helped defeat efforts to repeal the Affordable Care Act and built momentum for the U.S. to stop fueling war in the Middle East. In areas from climate to peacebuilding, we increased congressional support for positive initiatives.

People’s appetite for advocacy has grown along with the magnitude of the challenges our country is facing. People from across the country are engaging with Congress through FCNL, recognizing the power of our strategic approach and strong bipartisan relationships with congressional offices. Together, we are making a difference.

“YEAR AFTER YEAR, WE PROVE TO REPRESENTATIVES OF BOTH PARTIES THAT WE CAN BE RELIED UPON TO LISTEN CAREFULLY, TO SPEAK OUR TRUTH, AND TO DISCERN OPPORTUNITIES FOR BIPARTISAN CONSENSUS.”

TOM BERTRAND
VIRGINIA BEACH FRIENDS MEETING
In the early hours of July 28, the Senate narrowly defeated legislation to repeal the Affordable Care Act and cut 22 million people off health care. Eight weeks later, Senate leadership pulled another attempted repeal bill for lack of support. This ends, for now, Congress’ efforts to roll back Obama-era expansions of health care coverage – which, in January 2017, seemed certain to succeed. FCNL’s persistent advocacy, in partnership with our faith community colleagues, helped turn the tide.

From the 400 young adults at Spring Lobby Weekend who met with their representatives as a House vote loomed, to the Quaker who flew more than 4,000 miles to speak with his senator in the minutes before a critical vote, FCNL has been a central part of the health care debate. We mobilized our network to visit key offices, organized a 23-hour vigil on the Capitol lawn, and shared stories of the importance of affordable health care coverage and Medicaid in more than 295 lobby visits.

Bottom: FCNL’s Diane Randall prays with faith leaders at the Capitol as the Senate prepares to vote on health care. Right: The scene at the U.S. Capitol during a 23-hour FCNL-sponsored interfaith health care vigil. Top far right: House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi (CA) speaks at the interfaith health care vigil. Bottom far right: Advocates walk from FCNL’s building to lobby their senators.
“My job as a small business owner has allowed me to watch the positive impact of the Affordable Care Act and the Medicaid expansion in Ohio and Kentucky directly.”

Paul Neumann, Louisville Friends Meeting
June 2017
The number of FCNL supporters meeting in person with their elected officials is growing exponentially. In the first six months of 2017 alone, more than 1,600 people engaged in this effective form of advocacy. This growth is a testament both to increased interest in activism in the U.S. and FCNL’s successful efforts to encourage in-person lobbying. Through programs such as Advocacy Teams and Advocacy Corps, lobby days in Washington, DC, and ongoing training, the impact of the FCNL network is being felt. (In the maps above, warmer colors and larger size indicate more lobby visits.)
In a Community Lobby Day in December 2016, more than 200 people from 20 states asked their members of Congress to make sentencing reform a priority, including this group from Seattle, Washington.

Supported by a new online training course, more than 100 people in FCNL’s network went on their first lobby visit this year, including this group from Wisconsin.

As of June 2017, 65 communities host FCNL Advocacy Teams, including this one in Frederick, Maryland. Advocacy Teams are Quakers and friends who use their power as constituents to build meaningful relationships with their members of Congress.
STOP THE U.S. FROM FUELING WAR IN THE MIDDLE EAST

The U.S. provides bombs, training, and aerial refueling for the Saudi-led war in Yemen that has plunged millions to the brink of starvation. FCNL lobbying this year has spurred congressional action to oppose U.S. arms sales and support to Saudi Arabia that is fueling the conflict.

In September 2016, FCNL played a leadership role in the lobbying that helped convince 27 senators to oppose a Saudi arms deal. By June 2017, a similar resolution got 47 votes, just four short of passage. The House, meanwhile, amended its military policy bill to require the Trump administration to end military support for the Saudi war in Yemen. Driven by FCNL’s advocacy, Congress is beginning to challenge the U.S. blank check for Saudi Arabia’s wars and to support diplomatic solutions in the Middle East.

CONSTITUENT VOICES IN A SENATE HEARING

Sen. Jeanne Shaheen (NH) reads constituent Alicia Sanders-Zakre’s letter challenging Senate approval of David Friedman as ambassador to Israel because of his extreme stances. FCNL assisted in getting this letter, along with other statements from the descendants of Holocaust survivors, to senators in advance of Friedman’s confirmation hearing.

“Until our politicians act, U.S. complicity in the carnage will continue. Allowing Washington to arm Saudi Arabia’s assault on Yemen spells disaster for the humanitarian crisis there.”

Kate Gould & Leah Muskin-Pierret, FCNL
October 2016
and Pentagon Spending Anthony Wier has worked on nuclear nonproliferation and international security issues during more than a decade of government service. He served in the State Department during the Obama administration and, as staff to the Senate Foreign Relations Committee in 2010, helped secure the ratification of the New START treaty with Russia.

He joined our staff in May, telling *Politico* in an interview, “We’re making a big focus to rein in mindless increases to military spending and advocate for smarter policies in our foreign policy that make more sense — out of a fundamental belief that we can’t kill our way to victory.”

“I went to Washington to stop a pipeline, and we started a movement, and I told my story to legislators. Clean water is an inherent right, not a congressional vote.”

Royce Gay, Oglala Lakota Sioux tribe
NOW IS THE TIME TO INVEST IN YOUNG ADULTS
For more than four decades, young adults have been essential partners in advancing the world we seek. Their involvement energizes our Quaker lobby – and strengthens the fabric of the Religious Society of Friends.

Thanks to “The World We Seek: Now Is the Time” capital campaign, we are able to recruit and support an ever-increasing number of young people to discover their power as lobbyists for change, through weekend events, summer internships, or year-long programs. FCNL is ensuring that, at this critical moment, young leaders have the skills and experience to lead.

“Though the Capitol’s architecture was designed to make lobbyists like me feel small, marching through the halls to speak to my representatives made me feel confident, powerful even.”

Allyson Finnerty
Spring Lobby Weekend participant from Bridgeville, PA

SPRING LOBBY WEEKEND

Days before a House vote this spring on ending the Medicaid program as we know it, 400 young advocates came to Washington, DC for FCNL’s Spring Lobby Weekend. They heard from policy experts and shared their own experiences. They made 165 lobby visits, bringing the message that Congress needs to protect Medicaid and SNAP (food stamps). Their advocacy helped convince House leaders to pull the bill from the floor without a vote.

For more than a decade, Spring Lobby Weekend has been a cornerstone of FCNL’s commitment to training a new generation of advocates for peace and justice. Save the date for next year’s event: March 17-20, 2018.
Mimosa Thomas joined FCNL’s Advocacy Corps to lobby for immigration reform. The experience also helped her reconnect with Quakerism, as she became part of a community of young adults living their faith through action. She reached out to Quakers across her home state of Texas, organizing lobby visits in every Senate office. She says, “I think a lot of times, people my age feel that they don’t have political power. The Advocacy Corps specifically tells young people that they have a voice and shows them how they can have a direct impact.” Mimosa and her 17 Advocacy Corps colleagues helped organize in communities across the country to push for comprehensive immigration reform.

Aurelio Anderson is one of seven summer interns FCNL welcomed this year. Now a paid position, summer interns spend two months supporting FCNL programs. Aurelio, a former Advocacy Corps organizer, helped organize the Summer Intensive Training for incoming members of the Advocacy Corps. He looks forward to continuing his work with FCNL as a member of the General Committee from Southeastern Yearly Meeting.
DONOR PROFILE:
DAMON MOTZ-STOREY
Growing up Quaker in Colorado, Damon Motz-Storey often heard about FCNL, but his first direct experience with this organization came when he attended Spring Lobby Weekend in 2013. While still a student at Haverford College, Damon joined FCNL’s governing General Committee representing Intermountain Yearly Meeting. Damon finds hope in FCNL’s persistence and insistence that we can talk to anybody and find common ground.

Damon now lives in Portland, OR and is an alumnus of Quaker Voluntary Service. He has also become a regular FCNL donor, seeing financial support as a way to indicate trust in and care for FCNL. His gifts also allow him to maintain a significant and meaningful relationship even though he lives far from Washington, DC.

YOUNG FELLOWS

The young adults in FCNL’s 46th class of young fellows were integral to our work for peace and justice this year. Jacquelyn Iyamah helped create the budget principles that are now the basis for lobbying and grassroots action among our faith partners. Teressa Hamsher coordinated lobbying that led to the first-ever House introduction of the Elie Wiesel Genocide and Atrocities Prevention Act. Jessica Del Villar recruited a large and diverse group of students for Spring Lobby Weekend. The organizing and strategic skills the group gained prepares them to be engaged advocates, no matter where their future takes them.

FCNL Young Fellows, class of 2016-17: from left to right, Rebecca Harris, Jamie DeMarco, Jacquelyn Iyamah, Teressa Hamsher, Aristotle Jones, Leah Muskin-Pierret, Jessica Del Villar.
Dear Friends,

Through our capital campaign “The World We Seek: Now Is the Time,” FCNL has taken bold steps to strengthen our lobbying for peace and justice. We have invested in growing our advocacy across the country, welcoming new Quakers and allies to this work, and putting our faith into action.

With the campaign’s end on June 30, 2017, we are deeply grateful for the support and participation of our community. Over five years, more than 1,500 people have committed more than $17.5 million – 117% of our $15 million goal – to strengthen the foundation of FCNL’s lobbying and programs.

We began this campaign in 2012, believing that the time was ripe for our bold, strategic, and relentless exercise of democracy. This decision now seems prophetic. As FCNL nears 75 years of work for peace and justice, we know this campaign will enable us to imagine and create a future that moves us closer to the world we seek. Thank you for your faith in FCNL’s work and witness on Capitol Hill.

Now is the time!

In friendship,

Beth Henricks
Clerk, Capital Campaign Committee

Eric Ginsburg
Clerk, General Committee
INVESTING IN YOUNG ADULTS

By engaging young people during the formative years of their lives, FCNL ensures that Friends’ values will shape public policy for years to come.

The campaign has funded new programs and expanded existing ones. From the Advocacy Corps, now in its third year, to expanding attendance at Spring Lobby Weekend, to a vibrant Young Fellows program, the future of Quaker advocacy is strong.

GROWING OUR PRESENCE

The Quaker Welcome Center will allow FCNL to welcome visitors to participate in FCNL’s education and advocacy and provide a neutral space for dialogue among policymakers.

The Welcome Center is a green building adjacent to FCNL’s office. It contains conference space, a small parlor for “quiet conversations,” and housing for the Friend in Washington program.

PUTTING FAITH INTO ACTION

The Friend in Washington program brings Friends with policy expertise to work with FCNL in Washington. For nearly 60 years, these Friends have bolstered FCNL’s advocacy on issues ranging from civil rights to the Law of the Sea to campaign finance.

Past Friends in Washington include Sam and Miriam Levering and Landrum Bolling. Since the program’s relaunch in 2014, five Friends have served.

SUSTAINING OUR LOBBYING

FCNL’s rapidly expanding national network is strengthening our democracy and helping move public policy.

The capital campaign has expanded our Hill lobbying team to 21 registered lobbyists who partner with thousands of advocates around the country to create space for policy change in Washington.

Advocacy Corps organizers celebrating in Washington, DC, August 2016.
We are grateful for the broad support from the FCNL community for this campaign, which will ensure the future of Quaker advocacy in a variety of ways:

**PARTICIPATION:**
More than 1,780 people attended campaign events held in 35 cities in 24 states over the final 18 months of the campaign.

**UNRESTRICTED GIVING:**
73% of the campaign total raised came in the form of undesignated gifts to the campaign, meaning that funds could be used to fulfill campaign purposes where needed most.

**PLANNED GIFTS:**
$5.6 million in documented bequest intentions were counted in the campaign (based on the donor’s age) and an additional $5.2 million was committed, but not counted, in the campaign.

**ENDOWMENT:**
$9 million of endowed funds that are creating a permanent source of income that will strengthen our operations and help secure our long-term financial future.

**PROGRAM FUNDS:**
$8.5 million in current use support that is already allowing FCNL to make immediate investments in expanding the capacity of our programs during the campaign and beyond.

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**DONOR PROFILE:**
**CLIFF MESNER**

To Cliff Mesner, working with the FCNL community makes him “feel less alone in the world.” Now a builder of affordable housing in Central City, NE, Cliff was one of FCNL’s earliest interns in 1973. After a long absence, a fellow Nebraska Quaker helped Cliff re-engage with FCNL. Cliff says that he has stayed involved since then because of his strong concern about climate change.

Recently, Cliff has served on the Capital Campaign Committee and as clerk of the 205 C Street Advisory Group, providing leadership on FCNL’s renovation project to create the Quaker Welcome Center on Capitol Hill. A donor to the campaign, Cliff is also excited about the vitality of FCNL’s young adult programs. He jokes that the young adults working for FCNL today are far more impressive than he was in 1973.

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A #LoveThyNeighbor (No Exceptions) sign is held at the 23-hour interfaith health care vigil co-organized by FCNL, June 2017.
FCNL began the campaign with an endowment of $2.8M. In the absence of a more substantial endowment, FCNL had historically maintained modest reserves, which acted as a critical “buffer” during periods of economic uncertainty. Strengthening the FCNL and FCNL Education Fund endowments provides stability to our finances and strengthens our organization.

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NOW IS THE TIME TO BUILD RELATIONSHIPS
The most effective advocacy is personal. When we share our stories and listen closely to others’ perspectives, we build connections that open doors for policy change. Each lobby visit and conversation is an opportunity to speak to that of God in another person.

Living our faith through action happens in an FCNL community that spans the country. The relationships that we cultivate with each other – at a meeting or church, at an FCNL gathering, or by taking action – sustains us as we persist in our work to advance peace and justice.

“THESE ARE THE THINGS THAT I ALWAYS LOVED MEETING WITH THE GROUPS YOU WOULD BRING IN AND JUST YOUR OVERALL APPROACH TO ADVOCACY. YOU DO IT RIGHT.”

JIM GRAY
FORMER AIDE TO REP. PATRICK MEEHAN (PA)
While the Trump administration works to dismantle environmental protections, we’re working with members of Congress, both Republicans and Democrats, who are more receptive than ever to the idea that they have a moral obligation to address climate change.

When Bob Schultz of Hanover, New Hampshire asked his representative to join the bipartisan Climate Solutions Caucus at a virtual town hall meeting, she took note. Bob was a regular correspondent with her legislative aide, and he was persistent in his request. In April, Rep. Ann Kuster (NH) paired with Republican Mike Coffman (CO) to join the group, which gives its nearly 60 members a forum to work across the aisle on climate change solutions.

FCNL is helping constituents across the country offer their members of Congress concrete ways to act on climate change. In addition to the Climate Solutions Caucus, which FCNL has supported since its inception, we’ve encouraged more than 20 representatives to back a Republican resolution urging Congress to address human-caused climate change.
DONOR PROFILE: CHRIS & JACK HJELTS

Chris and Jack Hjelts have spent their lives putting their faith into action, including by supporting FCNL for the past 15 years.

The Hjelts have lived and worked internationally, primarily in Africa, for most of their professional lives. Chris and Jack are active members of Edwards Church (United Church of Christ) in Northampton, MA. They are faithful annual contributors to FCNL, and Chris has a deferred charitable gift annuity with the FCNL Education Fund.

They explain that supporting FCNL has become increasingly important to them: “Now more than ever, there needs to be thoughtful action for both positive short term interventions and long term strategies. Resistance is necessary but not sufficient. FCNL is well suited to address the issues of injustice, racism, inequality, governance and the elite, moneyed ‘corporatism’ that plague our nation.”

“The Friends Committee on National Legislation [has] been a catalyst for bipartisan progress on issues important to our community, including environmental stewardship.”

Rep. Ryan Costello (PA), via Instagram

This spring at Mohawk Valley Friends Meeting in Clinton, NY, 20 people gathered to learn about effective lobbying. Guided by FCNL’s National Field Organizer Maiya Zwerling, by evening’s end the group had come together as an FCNL Advocacy Team. The 65 teams launched as of June 2017 include Quakers and friends who are using their power as constituents to build meaningful relationships with their members of Congress to advance peace and justice.

Advocacy Teams focus on a single issue over a period of months; this year, the program’s third, they are asking Congress to rein in Pentagon spending. And they are seeing results: after meeting with an Advocacy Team, a Virginia Republican representative cosponsored Pentagon audit legislation. People across the country are looking for effective ways to make a difference, and FCNL is growing our Advocacy Teams outreach to meet that need and help change policy.
“A budget is a moral document. It shows us who we are. And the budget proposed by the House this summer shows us to be a country that invests in foreign wars but not American families.”

Geoff Hilsabeck, Morgantown (WV) Advocacy Team
September 2017

“‘We now have advocacy teams around the country who are pursuing relationships with their members of Congress and senators,’ said Jim Cason, who directs [FCNL’s] strategic advocacy... ‘With this structure of support, we’re finding that if we ask people to do more, many of them will do more than they think they can do.’”

The New York Times

Putting Citizenship Back in Congress
David Bornstein

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Photo: Los Angeles, CA Advocacy Team lobbies Sen. Dianne Feinstein’s office on Pentagon spending.
President Trump came to Washington arguing that military force — rather than cooperation — is the centerpiece of U.S. foreign policy. Thanks in part to FCNL’s work over the last two decades, Congress is telling a different story.

Lobbying by FCNL staff, as well as the influence of the Prevention and Protection Working Group that we coordinate, led 22 senators and 27 representatives to introduce the bipartisan Elie Wiesel Genocide and Atrocities Prevention Act. FCNL staff has worked closely with the bill’s authors on its provisions, which will help the U.S. prevent the worst kinds of violence. We are collaborating with congressional allies, including Democrats and Republicans on key House and Senate committees, to move the legislation forward in 2017.

We also meet regularly with administration officials, seeking to build support for peacebuilding efforts such as interagency Atrocities Prevention Board. Keeping these lines of communication open means that we are practicing the engaged conversations we encourage our government to undertake to increase understanding across differences.

As the national election approached in Kenya, we collaborated with Quakers around the world to coordinate prevention of election-related violence. Along with Getry Agizah of Friends Church Peace Teams in Kenya, we met with policymakers to urge support of fair and peaceful elections.

“The United States has a moral and strategic imperative to help prevent and respond to acts of genocide and other mass atrocities.”

Sen. Todd Young (IN) on his introduction, with Sen. Ben Cardin (MD) and 20 others, of the bipartisan Elie Wiesel Genocide and Atrocities Prevention Act
RECRUITING A CONGRESSIONAL ADVOCATE ON NATIVE AMERICAN POLICY

In an exciting step for FCNL’s more than six decades of advocacy on Native American issues, we are launching a two-year fellowship. This program gives a young professional with a passion for protecting the rights, culture, and future of Native communities a chance to influence federal policies in Washington, DC.

Throughout this year, FCNL’s Ruth Flower (pictured below) consulted with tribal educators and leaders to develop this program and recruit candidates. The program will launch in November 2017.

AFFILIATED YEARLY MEETINGS & QUAKER GROUPS

American Friends Service Committee
Alaska Friends Conference
Friends General Conference
Friends United Meeting
Quaker Earthcare Witness
United Society of Friends Women
The New Association of Friends
Western Association of the Religious Society of Friends
Baltimore Yearly Meeting
Great Plains Yearly Meeting
Intermountain Yearly Meeting
Illinois Yearly Meeting
Iowa Yearly Meeting (Conservative)
Lake Erie Yearly Meeting
New England Yearly Meeting
New York Yearly Meeting
North Carolina Yearly Meeting (Conservative)
North Carolina Yearly Meeting (FUM)
Northern Yearly Meeting
North Pacific Yearly Meeting
Ohio Yearly Meeting (Conservative)
Ohio Valley Yearly Meeting
Pacific Yearly Meeting
Philadelphia Yearly Meeting
Piedmont Friends Yearly Meeting
South Central Yearly Meeting
Southeastern Yearly Meeting
Southern Appalachian Yearly Meeting and Association
Western Yearly Meeting
Wilmington Yearly Meeting

#Love Thy Neighbor (No Exceptions) sign outside Santa Fe Monthly Meeting.
NOW IS THE TIME TO LOVE OUR NEIGHBORS

#LOVE THY NEIGHBOR (NO EXCEPTIONS)
This year has revealed much about the brokenness of our country, from our criminal justice and immigration systems to our politics. Our president campaigned with and has implicitly condoned racism, misogyny, Islamophobia, homophobia, and other manifestations of fear and hatred.

In this challenging time, FCNL strengthens our commitment to loving our neighbors, without exception. We advocate with people harmed by government policies and engage with people who promote them, seeking that of God in everyone we encounter. And we foster opportunities for our leaders to work collaboratively to address our country’s problems.

Yasmine Taeb, FCNL
January 2017

WELCOMING MUSLIMS & REFUGEES

One of Donald Trump’s first actions as president was to issue an executive order gutting the refugee resettlement program and barring people from certain Muslim-majority countries from entering the United States. FCNL has been at the forefront of efforts to oppose these policies, lobbying for bills to rescind the order, securing congressional support for an amicus brief in support of court challenges to the order, and organizing public demonstrations in support of refugees. Our lobbyist Yasmine Taeb is a sought-after speaker on countering Islamophobia in the United States.

“If the rights of any community are going to be infringed upon, we’re all going to stand up and support one another.”

Yasmine Taeb, FCNL
January 2017
President Trump campaigned on a promise to roll back the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program, which protects undocumented young people who grew up in the U.S. from deportation. Through both our own lobbying and that of the Interfaith Immigration Coalition, which we co-chair, FCNL encouraged Congress to enact their own protections for this vulnerable group – and to do so without simultaneously increasing funding for more militarized enforcement on the U.S.-Mexico border.

We worked closely with Sens. Durbin (IL) and Graham (SC) to build bipartisan support for temporary protection through the BRIDGE Act. With the announced end of DACA, we are working with those and other legislators to pass a more comprehensive Dream Act.

The work of the 18 Advocacy Corps organizers bolstered our lobbying around the country, both to advance positive reforms and to oppose harmful proposals, such as increased deportation, detention, and a military-style build up in border communities. We continue to provide training and resources to grassroots advocates to advance welcoming and just immigration policies.
DONOR PROFILE: 
JOAN SMITH

Joan Smith knows that War Is Not the Answer from first-hand experience. She grew up in war-torn China during World War II, where her parents were medical missionaries.

She says: “I arrived in the U.S...on a refugee and prisoner-of-war exchange ship: MS Gripsholm. After 22 hours in immigration lines, we became ‘Gripsholm, Class of August 1945.’ That is why I must send messages—postcards, letters, emails, phone calls—to my elected representatives with pleas for the U.S. to welcome refugees. I yearn and hope today’s refugees will find safe refuge as well.”

Besides being a faithful advocate, Joan is a faithful FCNL supporter. She has included FCNL in her will to help ensure that our work continues for many generations to come. She says, “I hope FCNL lasts forever.”

“The destruction of black and brown bodies is hidden in statistics on poor health, poor housing, inadequate schooling, over-policed communities, and mass incarceration. Friends can help to correct these social ills.”

José Woss & Aristotle Jones, FCNL
July 2017
REMEMBERING WITH GRATITUDE

We recognize and honor those in the FCNL community who have included FCNL in their estate plans and those in whose memory we have received gifts from relatives and friends. For FCNL, these gifts are legacies that make a transformational difference in our work.

2016-2017 ESTATE GIFTS

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Janet R. Becker
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Ralph B. Johnson
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Toshiko Salzberg
Lee M. Steelman
Gudrun Williams
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Robert V. Williams

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Mary Margaret Bailey
Ann Baker
Isabel Needham Bliss
Iris Brooks
Yani Burgos
Patrick K. Chase
Dr. Carl Christ
Elizabeth B. Cochran
David M. Culp
Patricia Donovan
Calvin Edinger
Georgana Foster
Howard Fullerton
Herbert Greider
Audrey Baker Gundlach
Wini Hall
Herbert Hamsher
Ruth F. Hooke
David Horn
Ruth P. Johnson
David Johnston
Ralph O. Kerman
Richard Taylor Lewis
Tedford & Margaret Lewis
Betty Lovelady
Helen Ruth Lucas
Ralph Lugbill
Patrick Mackin
John I. & Esther E. Masterson
William F. Maxfield
Robert McNemar
Clara & Raymond Millett
John Moon
Carol Morris
Edith Shepherd Neece
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Christine Oldham
Joyce C. Rawitscher
Peter O. Rees
Edward F. Snyder
Marian G. Solomon
David Lane Swartz
Bob Sweet
William Upholt
Dr. James H. Warram
Robert L. West
Rebecca Wiebe
Faith Woolson
Frank D. Zeigler, Jr.

David Marshall Culp, Jr.
1950-2017

David Culp passed away in February after leading FCNL’s advocacy for a world free of nuclear weapons for more than 15 years. At a memorial FCNL organized this spring, his colleagues from across Capitol Hill, including Sen. Ed Markey (MA), offered remembrances of David’s dedicated work for peace.

Read and share memories of David’s life: fcnl.org/davidculp
FOUNDATIONS SUPPORTING OUR WORK 2016-2017*

The Allen Hilles Fund
Colombe Foundation
Craigslist Charitable Fund
D’Olier Foundation
Ettinger Foundation
Humanity United
Jackson Social Welfare Fund/First Unitarian Congregation of Ann Arbor
J & L Foundation
Lindley Murray Fund of New York Yearly Meeting
Lippincott Foundation
Nuclear Threat Initiative
Obadiah Brown’s Benevolent Fund
Open Society Policy Center
Ploughshares Fund
Sara Bowers Committee of Kennett Monthly Meeting
Stewart R. Mott Foundation
1199 SEIU Labor Management Initiatives

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Southern Appalachian Yearly Meeting and Association

Diane Randall
FCNL Executive Secretary

“Does not include grants to the capital campaign, “The World We Seek: Now Is the Time.”"

Your support makes our prophetic, persistent, and powerful work together possible. Thank you!

Whether you make a one-time gift to the Annual Fund, a regular monthly gift as a sustainer, a bequest to ensure your commitment continues beyond your lifetime, or a lifetime income gift, you are contributing to our ability to make change together.

Find out more at fcnl.org/donate or contact Barbara Price Monahan, 800-630-1330 x2520.
**FINANCIALS**

FCNL and the FCNL Education Fund continue to benefit from the generosity of our supporters, directly through Annual Fund giving and indirectly through the gifts for operations from the capital campaign. This generosity has enabled the organization to increase our program spending by 7% in 2017 and to complete the construction of the Quaker Welcome Center without drawing down reserves or externally financing the project.

FCNL is required by GAAP to include all expenses incurred for fundraising for the capital campaign in our operating expenses. Because gifts to the capital campaign are temporarily restricted, we cannot show the revenue earned in our income statement except as a transfer when the funds are spent. Please refer to Campaign Financials on p. 18 and FCNL’s audited financial statements at [fcnl.org/financials](http://fcnl.org/financials). For more information on financials please contact: Jeri Rhodes, 800-630-1330 x 2535

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<td>Legislative &amp; Education</td>
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<td>From Operations</td>
<td>$ 1,197,674</td>
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<td>Non-Operating Income</td>
<td>2,066,694</td>
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<td><strong>Total Changes in Net Assets</strong></td>
<td><strong>$ 3,264,368</strong></td>
<td><strong>$ 930,527</strong></td>
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INVESTING IN OUR PROGRAMS

Investing in our programs: We continue to expand our lobbying and outreach programs through events, lobby visits, and our work with young adults and Advocacy Teams.

MONTHLY SUSTAINER GROWTH

Monthly sustainer growth: This monthly giving program continues to grow, providing FCNL and the FCNL Education Fund with a steady monthly income.

What are our reserves? The reserves of FCNL and the Education Fund include endowments, planned giving assets, building, and capital campaign reserve funds, all of which will generate future funds for operations.

WHAT ARE OUR RESERVES?

- Endowment (22.8%)
- Planned giving (14.4%)
- Grants (0.1%)
- Buildings and reserves (25.1%)
- Capital campaign (21%)
- Other board designated (1.6%)
- Unrestricted reserves (14.9%)
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.

Friends Committee on
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fcnl summer interns
2017 from left: Renad Uri, Hannah Misangyi, Lindsay Bencick, Aurelio Anderson, Miriam Myers, Zöe Laky, and Piersen Briggs