Where Are You on the Ladder of Engagement?

No matter where you are on this ladder, you can be an effective part of advocacy for peace and justice – and FCNL is here to help.

» Get details at fcnl.org/ladder

1. Support Quaker advocacy
   » Become a sustaining monthly donor to FCNL or the FCNL Education Fund.
   » Hold FCNL’s lobbyists and advocates in your community in the Light.

2. Pay attention to what is happening in Congress.
   » Get action alerts and updates from FCNL via email, Facebook, or Twitter.
   » Follow your members of Congress on social media.

3. Register your opinion effectively
   » Email or call your members of Congress. Interact with them on social media.

4. Share your opinion publicly, and help educate others in your community.
   » Write a letter to the editor, or ask a question at a public event or forum.

5. Talk to your member directly.
   » Lobby your members of Congress in your state or district, or in Washington, DC.

6. Organize others to lobby
   » Invite others to join you in a lobby visit.

7. Build a relationship with your members of Congress
   » Start or join an FCNL Advocacy Team, or apply for the Advocacy Corps.
As an FCNL Sustainer, you join more than 1,400 people keeping FCNL strong all year. Your monthly donation gives you a consistent, convenient way to support peace and justice.

A monthly gift saves trees, postage, and time, allowing more of your contribution to go to support FCNL's lobbying and education work.

How does it work?
As an FCNL Sustainer, you will no longer receive regular fundraising solicitations. Instead, your monthly contribution will be automatically transferred from your bank account or credit card to FCNL or the FCNL Education Fund. At the end of each year, we provide a contribution summary for your records.

How do I join?
You can sign up in two convenient ways:
1. Sign up securely online at fcnl.org/sustainers. Online sign-ups save time and trees!
2. Complete the form below, attach a voided check or fill in your credit card information, and mail it to:
   FCNL Development Office, 245 2nd St. NE, Washington, DC 20002

As an FCNL Sustainer since 2010, Caroline Anderson finds it to be a great way to support peace and justice on Capitol Hill. “I work at a non-profit,” she says, “and by donating a small amount each month I can easily work the gift into my budget—without even thinking about it. It means I can support work on issues I care about, like the Peacebuilding policy program.”

My monthly contribution, starting_____ (month) is to be allocated:
$_______ per month to FCNL for lobbying work
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and/or
$_______ per month to FCNL Education Fund
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AUTOMATIC BANK WITHDRAWAL

I hereby authorize my bank to charge my account in the amount specified above on the 20th day of each month.

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I had long questioned whether Congress cared about what ordinary citizens think, but I’ve learned through deep advocacy with my congressional offices that our elected officials really do want to hear from us.”

Sara Avery
Colorado

“As a member of an Advocacy Team, you will:

BUILD
Build a team of advocates in your local community that works alongside a national network.

LEARN
Learn the skills you need to advocate Congress and work with the media to create the news you want to see.

ADVOCATE
Foster ongoing relationships with your members of Congress and their offices.

TRANSFORM
Create congressional champions for peace and justice.

“FCNL’s lobbying based in long-term relationship building and staying engaged — of just being myself — [taught me] that the power of my voice comes from being most authentically who I am.”

Trish Bruxvoort Colligan
Iowa

The Advocacy Teams network is made up of over 1,500 Quakers and friends from across the country who use their power as constituents to make change in Washington. Our success comes from our commitment to building relationships with Congress grounded in mutual respect and listening.

Learn more and join a team: fcnl.org/advocacyteams
START AN ADVOCACY TEAM: SIX STEPS

1. Tell us you’re interested
Think Advocacy Teams are the right fit for you? The first step is easy: Answer a few questions at fcnl.org/getstarted and we’ll get in touch to start you on steps 2-6!

2. Take the leap
We’ll support you to host an advocacy workshop that starts your team with momentum. To prepare, gather 3-8 people to join an hour-long Host Committee call with FCNL. We’ll introduce you to the Advocacy Teams program and get you started with recruiting the 15-30 people for the workshop.

3. Launch a team
An FCNL staff member will lead a workshop in your community. Together, we will dive into FCNL’s approach to advocacy, the campaign, and effective grassroots tools for social change. All you have to do is bring the people, find a location, and provide some simple supplies. You and FCNL decide whether to move forward with a team.

4. Build your skills
New teams take part in a one-time series of four trainings to build a structure and get you ready to lobby as a group.

5. Sustain the momentum
Meet in person with your team once a month around a national call to hear from experts, celebrate, and learn from other advocates. In these meetings, you’ll take action and plan for the month to come. One or more delegates from each team join an additional call twice a month for legislative updates, training, and collaboration.

6. Make real change
Advocacy Teams act for change on a regular basis, using lobbying and media engagement as their tools. Since Advocacy Teams’ founding in 2015, the network of teams has expanded rapidly. We’ve taken on campaigns in support of the Iran nuclear deal, ending endless wars, criminal justice reform, and a moral budget.

Individuals can resist injustice, but only in community can we do justice.

~Jim Corbett, “Sanctuary as a Quaker Testimony”
1. Sponsor young adults in your area to come to FCNL Spring Lobby Weekend, March 23-26, 2019.

Hundreds of students, recent grads, and young adults will come to Washington, DC to lobby Congress on March 23-26, 2019 as part of our Spring Lobby Weekend. Consider whether your meeting will support young people attending FCNL’s Spring Lobby Weekend. By offering financial support, you are strengthening your ties with young adults, offering a Quaker led experience and potentially creating a new way for young adults to be a part of your community.

“...perhaps also experiencing themselves as being able to contribute through FCNL, they may find a home in local meetings where their energy and sense of leading are understood and supported.”

~Maurice Warner, Salmon Bay Monthly Meeting

2. Talk to your younger relatives, students and young Friends in your Meeting about applying for paid opportunities at FCNL.

For young adults about to graduate college, tell them to apply for the Young Fellows. Deadline is February 17th, 2020.

For college-aged young adults, tell them to apply for the Summer Interns program. Deadline is March 29, 2019.

For young adults who are between the ages of 19-30 and want to lobby in their local community, tell them to apply for the Advocacy Corps. Deadline is April 19, 2019.

3. Reach out to your local universities and connect them with FCNL.

Could you make a presentation to your local university about FCNL’s young adult program? We can provide you talking points to introduce others in your community to our young adult program. Our staff are also traveling around the country in the next six months.

If you know a professor at a local university or someone who works with young adults, you can email and connect them with our Young Adult Program Manager Katie Breslin at Katie@fcnl.org.

Learn more: fcnl.org/youngadults