Thank you for being part of this community — through your financial support, your advocacy, and your prayers. We are confident that FCNL’s vital witness will thrive in the next 75 years!

Diane Randall, Executive Secretary

Bridget Moix, Clerk, General Committee
LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES for the 116th Congress

• Peacebuilding, diplomacy, and the peaceful prevention and resolution of violent conflict with an emphasis on the Middle East.
• Reduction of military spending and armed interventions.
• Nuclear disarmament and non-proliferation.
• A criminal justice system that is just and equitable, eliminates mass incarceration, and promotes law-enforcement that is community-oriented and demilitarized.
• An immigration system that promotes and respects the rights, safety and dignity of all immigrants, refugees, and migrants.
• Equitable access for all to participation in an open and transparent political process.
• Ending gun violence including through the support of policies informed by public health best practices.
• Witnessing and advocating on Native American concerns. Honoring the treaties.
• Economic justice and equity; strengthen programs that meet basic needs, including universal access to quality, affordable healthcare.
• Sustainable solutions to climate change, including reducing fossil fuel use, increasing renewable energy, strengthening environmental protections, promoting international cooperation, and protecting vulnerable populations.

The FCNL General Committee approved these priorities on December 1, 2018.
WE SEEK A WORLD FREE OF WAR AND THE THREAT OF WAR
In 104 communities, FCNL’s Advocacy Teams are building meaningful relationships with their members of Congress to advance peace and justice.

In 2018, teams urged Congress to support legislation barring the executive branch from using taxpayer money to launch an unprovoked military strike on North Korea.

The Santa Cruz, CA Advocacy Team with Rep. Jimmy Panetta
WE SEEK A SOCIETY WITH EQUITY AND JUSTICE FOR ALL
Following issue briefings and lobby trainings, this diverse group from many different backgrounds fanned out over Capitol Hill, sharing their stories with their representatives. When members of Congress consider important spending legislation in the coming weeks, they cannot cast their votes without remembering the passion and commitment of those who came to FCNL’s Spring Lobby Weekend.

We look to them to lead us—now, and in the future.

Learn more: fcnl.org/slw
WE SEEK A COMMUNITY WHERE EVERY PERSON’S POTENTIAL CAN BE FULFILLED
In 2018, FCNL celebrates 75 years of dedicated commitment to the world we seek. We recognized the importance of a vital community that advocates for peace, justice, and a sustainable planet.

In May, our Executive Committee traveled to the Quaker Hill Conference Center in Richmond, IN, where FCNL was founded in 1943. We marked the anniversary with a weekend of speakers and community-building and with renewed energy to carry our work into the future.

Thanks to our generous donors and last year’s capital campaign, we began moving forward with confidence and faith into our next 75 years.
“It is our community that keeps us strong as we look towards the world we seek – the world we know we can achieve if we keep working for another 75 years and longer.

Amelia Kegan,
Legislative Director, Domestic Policy, FCNL,
May 2018
WE SEEK AN EARTH RESTORED
“YOUR PASSION AND ACTIVISM IS MAKING A CRITICAL DIFFERENCE IN SHIFTING THE DIALOGUE IN CLIMATE CHANGE. YOUR ACTIONS HAVE AN IMPORTANT ROLE IN OUR DEMOCRACY.”

MOVING CONGRESS ON CLIMATE CHANGE

FAITH IN ACTION
JOEY HARTMANN-DOW

Joey, a member of Lehigh Valley Friends Meeting, created Seeks, a comic book focused on lobbying for climate justice.

The project’s goal was to show the humanity involved in lobbying, to expose how we are all connected when it comes to social justice, and to empower anyone, no matter their background, to engage with their representatives to effect change through policy.

Learn more at fcnl.org/seeks-series.
YOUNG ADULT PROGRAM

ADVOCACY CORPS

Over nine months, the 20 members of FCNL’s fourth Advocacy Corps class connected hundreds of local activists with their members of Congress to advance bipartisan action on climate change.

ADVOCACY CORPS BY THE NUMBERS

17 states represented
164 lobby visits in nine months

“It’s important to take action, especially in local government. Everyone has a voice and by doing something as simple as lobbying, we can help make a difference in another person’s life.”

Chau Phan, Advocacy Corps organizer 2017-2018
The new Quaker Welcome Center (QWC), opened in 2017, expanded FCNL’s physical presence on Capitol Hill by providing space for reflection, training, and conversation. The QWC, made possible by generous FCNL donors, has already hosted hundreds of people — from members of Congress and religious leaders to school groups and Friends meetings.

Each Wednesday, we offer lobby training and silent reflection – a time for collective stillness in the heart of Capitol Hill. All are welcome to the Quaker Welcome Center.
and the work of FCNL ... It is my hope that a group of Friends from Pittsburgh can visit the Welcome Center and have a firsthand experience of the important work being carried out by you and your colleagues.”

Von Keairns, participant of a Witness Wednesday lobby training
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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.