The Friends Committee on National Legislation (FCNL) and FCNL Education Fund FY 2020 Annual Report
As we bear witness and lobby in solidarity with Native Americans, we also honor the Nacotchtank tribe on whose ancestral land the FCNL headquarters stands. They are also known as the Anacostans, who lived along the banks of the Anacostia River, including in several villages on Capitol Hill and what is now Washington, D.C. By the 1700s, the Nacotchtank tribe had merged with other tribes like the Pamunkey and the Piscataway.
The Greatest of These Is Love

We live in a time of disruption, when institutions are assailed and the fundamental tenets of our democracy are at risk. Political divisions in our communities and partisan division in Congress challenge us, and yet we act in faith. We move forward with hope, and we approach our advocacy in a spirit of love. Consistently, we are reminded of the power of fierce love: So, faith, hope, love abide, these three; but the greatest of these is love. (1 Corinthians 13:13)

As Quakers and people of faith, we choose to love as fiercely as we are loved by the inward Spirit. Working for change requires a ferocity and fierce love that infuse our love with acts that build peace and create justice.

As this FY 2020 Annual Report, Fierce Love, indicates, we have had rich and unique responses to the disappointments and brokenness of our world.

The Global Fragility Act (H.R. 1865) was passed by Congress, as were the four COVID–19 pandemic relief bills we supported. The House passed the Voting Rights Advancement Act (H.R. 4) and the George Floyd Justice in Policing Act (H.R. 7120). The Senate passed Savannah’s Act (S.227) and the Not Invisible Act (S.982).

We equipped hundreds of people to lobby through our advocacy programs, including active Advocacy Teams in 42 states; young adults who participated in our virtual Spring Lobby Weekend; our intrepid Advocacy Corps organizers; and the remarkable Young Fellows and summer interns who work at FCNL—along with people throughout the country who share FCNL’s values.

Each day, the FCNL community practices hope as we advocate. Each day, we exercise our faith as we build relationships with one another and elected officials. Each day—and especially in times like these—we experience God’s tenacity as we co-create the world we seek.

With you, we practice fierce love by embracing the hope for a world at peace, a just society, and an earth restored. We are grateful for your advocacy, your financial support, and your prayers for FCNL.

Ron Ferguson, Clerk, General Committee
Diane Randall, General Secretary
“I can’t breathe,” George Floyd uttered 20 times as a policeman kneeled on his neck, for 8 minutes 46 seconds, killing him. His last words: “They’ll kill me. They’ll kill me.”

Photo taken with permission by Eric Bond/FCNL
“Let us be enraged about injustice but let us not be destroyed by it.”

– Bayard Rustin (1912-1987)

“....what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?” (Micah 6:8).

These words were constant reminders as the world changed following the deaths of George Floyd, Breonna Taylor, and hundreds of other Black women and men.

Millions of people were motivated to publicly protest these brutal murders and to proclaim that Black lives matter. Their deaths were the tipping point that roused the public’s conscience to confront racism and police brutality.
The United States continues to live with the legacy of slavery, white supremacy, institutional racism, and oppression. Throughout our lobbying, FCNL sought to identify, expose, and work to eliminate the structural inequities in our society.

Changing systemic racism in our society will require awareness of the extent of the problem. People must be committed to changes in public policies at the federal, state, and local levels.

Ending policing abuses is one area where we are addressing systemic racism. We advocated for, and the House of Representatives passed, the George Floyd Justice in Policing Act (H.R. 7120).

The bill would prohibit federal, state, and local law enforcement from racial, religious, and discriminatory profiling. It would also ban chokeholds and no-knock warrants.

“The professional norm at FCNL is to do work out of passion and caring, and it models the kind of work that we seek to bring into our lives in whatever we do.”

Adelle Pitsas, 2019 FCNL summer intern from Hampshire College, MA
The bill would raise the standards to prevent law officers from using lethal force and limit the transfer of military-grade equipment—the Pentagon’s 1033 Program—to state and local law enforcement. It is a major source for local law enforcers to acquire weapons of war, which have been used against communities of color.

To ensure that all people can vote, we lobbied for the passage of the Voting Rights Advancement Act of 2019 (H.R. 4).

The bill would restore the protections of the 1965 Voting Rights Act set aside by the Supreme Court. It was passed by the House; but the bill is stalled in the Senate.

Together with our interfaith partners, we developed principles on carbon pricing which we use to evaluate various environment and energy bills in Congress. A key principle states, “In the spirit of justice, any carbon pricing proposal must not harm those populations that feel the worst impacts of climate change and are least able to respond.”

We also embarked on a new initiative that committed our staff and governance to develop a strong racial equity foundation. We are working with consultants at Freedom Road and partnering with Women of Color Advancing Peace and Security and the Washington Interfaith Staff Coalition.

“Most of the time, it feels like we will never win. Lobbying can feel like banging our heads against the same brick wall for years. Then come these unpredictable moments when the wall suddenly crumbles and sweeping change washes over Washington.

“I am a sustaining donor to FCNL so that our lobbyists and organizers can steadily push for change through all the years when success seems impossible and so we are ready and waiting to legislate when the walls of injustice suddenly come tumbling down.

“Also, I am giving back what FCNL invested in me. I calculated my monthly gift so that over the course of my lifetime I will donate my Young Fellow salary.”

Jamie DeMarco, College Park, MD

I Am a Black, Latino Quaker

Racism feeds systems that keep Black and brown people oppressed. It’s easy to be apathetic. Racism has shapeshifted; it’s just not the slaughtering of Black people. It’s also microaggressions.

Racism is the assumption that having a carne asada while brown or birding while Black, is reason enough to call the cops. Black people alone cannot dismantle systems that we did not create.

Being a true ally comes in the form of using white privilege to advocate for liberation. It’s uncomfortable, but it’s necessary. It will take a multidisciplinary approach to identify and root out racism and police brutality.

José Santos Woss
FCNL legislative manager for justice reform
Mary Hey from Boulder Monthly Meeting joins other attendees in applause at the 2019 FCNL Annual Meeting. Photo: Joe Molieri/FCNL
Building peace requires vigilance—and time. We worked to secure bipartisan support for the extension of the New START treaty, which expires in February 2021. We released “Ending the Afghanistan War Responsibly,” to guide Congress on how to end our longest war.

This year, the government spent more than $2 billion daily—or more than $1 million every minute—on weapons and the military. This money fuels the endless wars we have been opposing.

But ending wars requires a paradigm shift. We cannot make ourselves more secure by making others less secure. We should use diplomacy first and choose international institutions as the primary venues for solving problems.

“Unfortunately, diplomacy is too often treated as a last recourse with a limited time-frame before military action is taken. Our goal should be to prevent war by actively working to head off conflict before it begins.”

Diane Randall, FCNL general secretary, in an op-ed published by Real Clear Religion, Nov. 19, 2019

Aug. 28 FCNL opposed the Department of Homeland Security’s reallocation of emergency and disaster funds to enable more detentions and the militarization of U.S. borders.

Aug. 29 The Providence (RI) Advocacy Team asked Rep. Jim Langevin (RI-2) to repeal the 2002 Iraq AUMF.

Sept. 1 FCNL Ed Fund assumed governance and management of William Penn House.

Sept. 12 Senators Chris Coons (DE) and Mike Braun (IN) created the first bipartisan Senate Climate Solutions Caucus.
Advocating to End Endless Wars

Nearly two decades after the 9/11 attacks, bipartisan majorities in Congress have begun to pass legislation to stop unauthorized wars. Members are questioning the sweeping law—the 2001 Authorization for Use of Military Force (AUMF)—that has been used by three presidents as a blank check for military action around the world.

This year, Congress invoked the post-Vietnam era War Powers Act to block military action against Iran. Although the president vetoed this bipartisan resolution, Congress sent a decisive message that war with Iran has not been authorized and is, therefore, unconstitutional.

The House also voted to repeal the 2002 Iraq War Authorization, which was used to justify the January 2020 assassination of Iranian Maj. Gen. Qasem Soleimani.

Working with Rep. Barbara Lee (CA-13), the sole legislator to vote against the 2001 AUMF, our Hill lobbyists and grassroots teams also helped to secure the passage of bills to repeal the 2001 and 2002 AUMFs as

“I admire FCNL more than I can say in words …. You’re persistent, you don’t give up, you’re in it for the long haul, and your advocacy is effective…. And you’ve made a difference on a lot of issues over the years.”

Rep. Jim McGovern (MA-02), during a conference call with Advocacy Teams

Although neither amendment passed the Senate, Congress made real progress towards reasserting its constitutional authorities. “I wouldn’t have been able to [do] it had it not been for the Friends Committee,” Rep. Lee told the Advocacy Teams in a national call. “You have really been not only a major advocacy organization, but really you have educated so many members of Congress.”

Much of the credit for FCNL’s work to end endless wars goes to our 1,500 Advocacy Team members in 42 states who work closely with FCNL staff lobbyists on Capitol Hill. They regularly talk with each other about the importance of persistence, effective tactics for media outreach, and building relationships with members of Congress.

While many organizations mobilize for the short-term or for one-time constituent action, at FCNL we train, support, and convene a committed network of advocates who are building long-term relationships to change Congress and U.S. foreign policy. Ending endless wars and co-creating a world at peace requires no less.

“Those [FCNL] trainings were extremely well planned, and the staff were professionals who were not only experts, but also deeply caring individuals. “I was immensely impressed by the commitment and dedication of FCNL staff to bring Quaker values and beliefs to improve our country in the most principled way through policy changes.

“I truly believe FCNL is the organization that represents my values as a Quaker. I feel honored to be a part of the entity by making a financial contribution.”

Brook Nam, Highland, NY

Oct. 23 Representatives Francis Rooney (FL-19) and Ted Deutch (FL-22) relaunched the bipartisan House Climate Solutions Caucus.

Nov. 4 Faith leaders, including Diane Randall, rebuked Donald Trump’s decision to withdraw from the Paris Climate Agreement.

Nov. 5 The Prevention and Protection Working Group (PPWG) and the Atrocity Early Warning Task Force reviewed the first Elie Wiesel Act Report. They released their review on Nov. 25.


Nov. 14-17 More than 400 people participated in the 2019 Annual Meeting and Quaker Public Policy Institute. They made 228 lobby visits to repeal the 2002 Iraq AUMF.
Building Momentum Around The Country in 2019
Advocacy Corps, 2019-2020 Class
Visiting Friends
Advocacy Team Locations

0 - 150 Advocates
150 - 400 Advocates
400 - 1000 Advocates
1000 - 1700 Advocates
1700 - 2500 Advocates
2500+ Advocates

*Circle size indicates amount of activity.

Lobby Visits
September 2019

Hannah Schrader from Wilmington College (OH) lobbies Congress on immigration. Photo: Joe Molieri/FCNL.

FCNL @ Yearly Meetings
January-June 2020

27 Yearly Meetings visited
25 Workshops and speaking engagements
21 FCNL staff visited Yearly Meetings

Capitol Hill Constituent Lobby Visits

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22% increase in lobby visits in Washington and back in home districts

2019 FCNL Annual Meeting

Lobbying to End Endless War

394 Participants
44 States
91 First-time attendees

228 Lobby visits with members of Congress

2020 Spring Lobby Weekend Goes Virtual

500 Young adult participants
38 State delegations
36 Schools and groups
100 Visits to lobby Congress to end the climate crises

BY THE NUMBERS

Participants

States

First-time attendees

Lobby visits

Young adult participants
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FCNL
BY THE NUMBERS

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Expanding Communications Reach

- 548 emails sent
- 3.27m total messages
- 24% average open rate

- 705k unique pageviews
- 6 issues of the Washington Newsletter

- 767m mass media impressions
- 10m op-ed impressions
- 12.5m television impressions

- 6 radio media tours
- 7,788 stations aired
- 52m listeners reached

Thursdays with Friends

- 6 episodes
- 80-150 selected viewers per episode

Greening FCNL

- 27 solar panels
- 8,400 pounds of CO2 emissions prevented
- 63 trees planted (equivalent)

2019-2020 Advocacy Teams

- 122 advocacy teams in 42 states and D.C.
- 170 lobby visits
- 8 were with their members of congress
- 95 letters to the editors and op-eds published

2019-2020 Advocacy Corps

- 20 organizers recruited
- 248 people lobbying to end gun violence
- 36 letters to the editors and op-eds published

Concord, NH, Advocacy Team member Sara Smith with Sen. Elizabeth Warren (MA)
Jason Craige Harris joins in a round of applause at the 2019 FCNL Annual Meeting. Photo: Joe Molieri/FCNL
“…. we must work for the community of love, peace, and true brotherhood. Our minds, souls and hearts cannot rest until freedom and justice exist for all people.”

– John Lewis (1940-2020)

In the Gospel of Matthew, Jesus calls us to love our neighbors as we love ourselves. Loving our neighbors without exception challenges us.

Our advocacy for our neighbors helped ensure that there were no increases in FY20 government funding for detention, deportation, and the militarization of our borders to keep immigrants and refugees out. In a victory for migrants brought in as children, the Supreme Court ruled that the administration’s termination of Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) violated the law.

However, using executive powers, the administration reduced refugee resettlement numbers to 18,000—the lowest since the program started 39 years ago.
Of all the major issues confronting the 575 federally recognized tribes in the United States, FCNL has worked closely with Native organizations to focus on the issue of violence against Native women. The statistics of missing and murdered Indigenous women are simply staggering. More than 84% of Native women experience violence in their lifetimes, with a murder rate 10 times the national average in some communities. These rates only worsened with the stay at home orders in place in many states and tribal communities due to the COVID–19 pandemic.

Three bills to address this crisis of violence against Native women and girls moved in both chambers of Congress this fiscal year, providing momentum for our Native American advocacy. Savannah’s Act (S.227) and the Not Invisible Act (S.982) were passed by the Senate. Earlier, they were passed by the House.

“"I’m constantly learning from FCNL experts how to lobby effectively and grounded in principles I believe. I hope other young people have the opportunity to be developed in the same way I have through FCNL.”

Karla Molinar-Arvizo, 2019-2020 Young Fellow for immigration and refugee policy
These two bills will help improve coordination among law enforcement agencies and reporting practices. This creates momentum for the reauthorization of the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA).

VAWA was first passed in 1994 (P.L. 103–322), but tribes did not get criminal jurisdiction over non-Native perpetrators of domestic violence until the law was reauthorized in 2013.

In April 2019, the House approved the reauthorization of the Violence Against Women Act of 2019 (H.R. 1585), which would expand tribal jurisdiction over non-Natives to include cases of sex trafficking, stalking, sexual assault, child abuse, and assault on law enforcement officers.

FCNL has continued to advocate for its reauthorization, but with the strengthened tribal provisions included in the House bill.

Two VAWA reauthorization bills have been introduced in the Senate. Sen. Dianne Feinstein (CA) introduced S.2843, which parallels H.R. 1585. The other, S. 2920, introduced by Sen. Joni Ernst (IA), would expand the list of crimes, but would also undermine tribal courts.

“The true horror of genocide is that it is preventable. We are haunted by the repeated failures and missed opportunities to end these tragedies before they began. There is more, much more that the United States can and must do to help vulnerable communities and persecuted people around the world.

“The reality is that good intentions and platitudes and the ‘Never Again’ have not prevented the deaths of hundreds of thousands of civilians at the hands of the Assad regime, nor the genocide of the Rohingyas Muslims in Burma, nor the persecution of the Uighurs in China.”

Rep. Ann Wagner (MO-02) on receiving the 2019 Ed Snyder Award for Peace from Diane Randall, FCNL general secretary

Photo: Varsylvia James/FCNL

▪ FCNL Education Fund Given Ownership of William Penn House

In September 2019, FCNL the Education Fund assumed governance and management of William Penn House. This hospitality house—at 515 East Capitol Street SE—is close to the U.S. Capitol and FCNL’s offices.

For more than 50 years, the two Quaker organizations have worked to advance the witness of the Religious Society of Friends on Capitol Hill. William Penn House, built in 1917, was originally purchased in 1966 by Friends Meeting of Washington. It is currently closed for repairs, expected to be completed in 2021.

William Penn House remains a separate nonprofit entity. Programs offered will provide new opportunities for Quaker education and civic engagement that are aligned with FCNL’s vision for a peaceful, just, and healthy planet.

Feb. 25 Rep. Gwen Moore (WI-4) joined the Milwaukee Advocacy Team and the End the Wars Coalition in supporting the campaign to use 3% of U.S. military spending to end global starvation.

Feb. 29 The U.S. and the Taliban signed an exit deal, setting the stage for intra-Afghan peace talks and the withdrawal of U.S. troops from Afghanistan.

March 3 FCNL completed its new Brand and Style Guide.

March 10 FCNL won five DeRose-Hinkhouse Awards in recognition of the excellence in its communications work.

March 13 FCNL moved to fulltime teleworking due to the COVID–19 pandemic.
“Quaker lobbying is a form of ministry to the nation. It is also a service to individual members of Congress and their staff.”

– Margery Post Abbott

A Theological Perspective on Quaker Advocacy (2020)

The hyper-partisanship of the 116th Congress proved to be challenging. With Democrats controlling the House of Representatives and the Republicans controlling the Senate, few bills passed by the House were taken up by the Senate.

But change was still possible with FCNL’s grassroots advocates persistently lobbying Congress. Our lobbying prowess helped mobilize trillions of dollars to benefit Americans struggling to cope with the COVID-19 pandemic, enact historic measures to restore Congress’s constitutional power to declare war, grow the bipartisan climate caucus in the Senate, and advance Native American legislation.

March 29-31 Spring Lobby Weekend goes virtual with 500 participants from 38 states. They lobbied 100 members of Congress and staff to end the climate crisis.

March 30 Rep. Jimmy Panetta (CA-20) thanked FCNL for its bipartisan approach in dealing with the climate crisis.

April 1 Yearly Meetings started consulting FCNL about best practices for virtual meetings.

April 16 Rad Campaign completed the first FCNL Social Media Assessment.
Advocacy Corps Organizer Hope Davenport and FCNL Staffer Sergio Mata Cisneros attended a D.C. meeting with Sen. John Boozman (AR). Photo: Joe Molieri/FCNL

Breaking Through the Partisanship

The deep political differences that divided our legislators were put on pause as Congress recognized the urgency of responding to the COVID–19 pandemic. Congress quickly passed four major COVID–19 pandemic relief bills in early 2020 that FCNL advocated for:

- the Coronavirus Preparedness and Response Supplemental Appropriations Act (P.L. 116-123), valued at $8.3 billion
- the Families First Coronavirus Response Act (P.L. 116-127), valued at $192 billion
- the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act (P.L. 116-136), valued at $2.2 trillion—making it the biggest economic stimulus package in modern U.S. history
- the Paycheck Protection Program and Health Care Enhancement Act (P.L. 116-139), valued at $484 billion.

By May, the partisanship returned as the House passed the Heroes Act (H.R. 6800), a $3.4 trillion package of legislation that included most of FCNL’s policy priorities like

“"Our presidents must stop using the post-9/11 AUMFs to wage military action across the Middle East without accountability or buy-in from the American public."

Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand (NY), in announcing her introduction of the War Powers Reform Resolution (S.J.Res.60) before participants to the 2019 Advocacy Teams Summit.

May 5 In a conference call with Advocacy Teams, Rep. Jim McGovern (MA-2) asked FCNL to keep up the work on ending endless war.

May 6 Donald Trump vetoed the Iran War Powers Resolution (S.J. 68). The Senate failed to override the veto.

May 18 FCNL published the report “Ending the Afghanistan War Responsibly.”

May 21 FCNL opposed U.S. withdrawal from the Treaty on Open Skies, a treaty FCNL supported.

May 21 FCNL and more than 80 other partners asked Congressional leaders to release all suspended USAID funding for Yemen.

May 27 FCNL lamented the death of 100,000 people in the U.S. due to the COVID–19 pandemic.
Friends in Washington Volunteers

Since the Friends in Washington program started in 1960, 36 Friends have joined FCNL as Friends in Washington, D.C. This year, we had two couples—Michelle (left) and George Caughey, both medical doctors from the Pacific Yearly Meeting; and Margery Post and Carl Abbott (right), both well-known authors from the North Pacific Yearly Meeting. The Abbotts served from Oregon due to the COVID–19 pandemic.


Aside from their expertise, Friends in Washington enrich FCNL’s spiritual life by sharing their faith and practice as Quakers.

> increased nutrition assistance, extended unemployment assistance, and assistance for immigrants, incarcerated individuals, and tribes. It also included no additional Pentagon funding or subsidies to military contractors.

Negotiations for the Heroes Act stalled in the Senate at the end of this fiscal year.

Although we supported the COVID–19 pandemic relief bills, we also told members of Congress that the provisions were inadequate to meet the needs of poor and vulnerable people.

Prior to the COVID–19 pandemic, about 37 million Americans lived in households that were food insecure—or unable to consistently afford enough food. The outbreak of COVID–19 and its impact on the economy doubled the number of adults experiencing hunger.

As of May 2020, more than one-third of the country’s households reported that they were unable to afford enough food. Many families scrambled for ways to put food on their tables as food banks were overwhelmed by the spiraling demand.

The impacts of the COVID–19 pandemic and the economic crises are disproportionately affecting Black, Latino, Indigenous, and immigrant households. They reflect longstanding inequities—often stemming from structural racism—in education, employment, housing, and health care.

“FCNL works well across many issues. It presents the Quaker testimony in a secular, political setting and gets results—the kind of results I stand for.

“Naming FCNL as a beneficiary isn’t just a financial contribution to a charity, it’s part of my witness on social responsibility. I hope more Quakers get involved in funding FCNL’s initiatives because its goals, objectives, and methodologies are most likely to yield results.”

George Thomas, Rio Rancho, NM

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June 2
FCNL opposed Israel’s annexation of Palestinian territory.

June 18
FCNL lauded the Supreme Court decision that the Trump administration cannot end the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrival Program.

June 28
By this time, 21 FCNL staff had participated in 27 Yearly Meetings.

June 29
More than 2.6 million COVID–19 cases were documented in the U.S., with 129,545 deaths.

June 30
FCNL endorsed a new, comprehensive climate change report issued by the Select House Committee on the Climate Crisis.
Despite the devastating impact of the COVID–19 pandemic, FCNL has been able to effectively carry out our work and our forward plan. The pandemic required us to adjust FCNL’s comprehensive roadmap adopted by the General Committee in 2017. We quickly transitioned to teleworking from our homes, reduced our budget, and shifted some tactics of the five goals of the FCNL Forward Plan. Together with the support and trust of our governors, supporters, and advocates across the country, we continue to achieve significant progress despite the challenges of the COVID–19 pandemic. What follows are highlights of what we have accomplished.

### Changing Public Policy

- Lobbied for the **passage of the Global Fragility Act** (passed as part of H.R. 1865), **Savannah’s Act** (S.227), and **Not Invisible Act** (S.982).
- Lobbied Congress to focus on the needs of low-income people in **four COVID–19 pandemic relief bills**.
- Lobbied Congress to repeal the 2001 and 2002 **Authorizations to use Military Force** and invoke the **War Powers Act** to say no to war with Iran.
- Worked to secure funding for legislation to address **mass incarceration** and to help formerly incarcerated individuals to re-enter their communities.

### Strengthening Strategic Advocacy

- **Grew our grassroots network** to more than 1,500 advocates in 120 active advocacy teams in 42 states and D.C.
- A record **500 young adults** participated in 2020 Spring Lobby Weekend (SLW) to **lobby on climate change**. With the help of FCNL alumni, we shifted the in-person event almost overnight into a virtual one.
- Developed virtual programs that allow FCNL to be present in **60 college campuses** which are our main markets for our Young Adult Program.
- Adopted new data tools to more strategically **engage our grassroots advocates** and FCNL lobbying staff.
Expanding Media, Marketing, and Communications

- Doubled FCNL’s media reach to 789,000,000 media impressions in 2020.
- Reached 7,778 stations and 51.9 million radio listeners with our radio tours and audio releases. The advertising value of this radio exposure nearly doubled to $418,450.
- Our first formal social media assessment gave us a roadmap to continue growing FCNL’s social media presence on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram.
- Through our marketing program, we gained 21,728 new digital advocates and donors (March 2019-July 2020). Of these, 32% are still actively subscribed and 26% took more than one action.

Fostering Relationships with the Religious Society of Friends

- Deepened FCNL’s presence with Friends by attending a record 28 virtual yearly meetings and other gatherings in 2020. Through these gatherings, we engaged with about 600 Friends.
- Strengthened Quaker leadership within FCNL by appointing a director to coordinate and initiate this work.
- Began Quaker program development for the William Penn House, which was acquired by the FCNL Education Fund in September 2019.
- Developed new materials about Quakers and faith-based lobbying in collaboration with FCNL Friends (not) in Washington Margery Post Abbott and Carl Abbott.

Ensuring Organizational Sustainability

- Awarded a Platinum LEED certification for FCNL’s office at 245 2nd St., NE, an upgrade from Silver LEED. New solar panels installed at Quaker Welcome Center.
- Transitioned staff to remote work by establishing new protocols and ensuring the infrastructure so FCNL continues to function smoothly during the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Invested in new staff to handle human resources, information technology, major gifts, and foundation relations.
- Improved office, financial, donor management, and IT systems—including moving them to cloud-based systems—to improve productivity and online security.

Anthony Weir (center), our lead lobbyist on nuclear weapons policy, recording a podcast. Photo: US Helsinki Commission
Financials

Friends Committee on National Legislation and the FCNL Education Fund continue to benefit from the generosity of our supporters, directly through annual fund giving and indirectly from the successful capital campaign completed in 2017. This generosity has enabled the organization to sustain core programming and operational spending, despite economic challenges. Net assets (both with and without restrictions), shown in the combined balance sheet, have helped support the Forward Plan.

FCNL’s audited financial statements can be downloaded at [fcnl.org/financials](http://fcnl.org/financials).

For more information on financials, please contact: Thomas Swindell, 800-630-1330 x 2535

### Combined Balance Sheet (Unaudited)

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<td>Other Liabilities</td>
<td>339,294</td>
<td>139,087</td>
<td>243,216</td>
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<td>Due to/from Affiliates</td>
<td>(5,614,715)</td>
<td>5,379,550</td>
<td>(235,165)</td>
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<td><strong>Total Liabilities</strong></td>
<td>$ (2,115,884)</td>
<td>$ 6,308,180</td>
<td>$ 4,192,296</td>
<td>$ 4,003,562</td>
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<td><strong>Net Assets</strong></td>
<td>$ 18,317,457</td>
<td>$ 11,242,943</td>
<td>$ 29,560,400</td>
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## Combined Operating Expenses (Unaudited)

### Operating Revenue

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<td>Contributions</td>
<td>$4,799,631</td>
<td>$5,244,140</td>
<td>$5,230,093</td>
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<td>Bequests</td>
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<td>1,076,686</td>
<td>316,467</td>
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<td>Net Assets Released</td>
<td>2,382,316</td>
<td>824,433</td>
<td>1,964,958</td>
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<td>Other Income</td>
<td>(302,908)</td>
<td>222,860</td>
<td>142,477</td>
<td>138,997</td>
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<td><strong>Total Unrestricted Income</strong></td>
<td><strong>$7,167,642</strong></td>
<td><strong>$7,368,119</strong></td>
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<td><strong>$7,773,435</strong></td>
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### Operating Expenses

#### Program

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<td>Legislative &amp; Education</td>
<td>$2,649,626</td>
<td>$2,725,680</td>
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<td>Advocacy &amp; Outreach</td>
<td>1,679,044</td>
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<td>Young Adult Program</td>
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<td>643,059</td>
<td>644,166</td>
<td>571,621</td>
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<td><strong>Program Subtotal</strong></td>
<td><strong>$4,991,859</strong></td>
<td><strong>$5,479,943</strong></td>
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<td><strong>$3,930,113</strong></td>
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<td>General Fundraising</td>
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<td>Administration</td>
<td>1,087,065</td>
<td>1,186,250</td>
<td>1,003,741</td>
<td>856,931</td>
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<td><strong>Total Expenses</strong></td>
<td><strong>$7,948,674</strong></td>
<td><strong>$8,457,466</strong></td>
<td><strong>$7,246,030</strong></td>
<td><strong>$6,575,760</strong></td>
<td><strong>$6,262,240</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Total Change in Unrestricted (Without Restriction) Net Assets</strong></td>
<td><strong>$(781,032)</strong></td>
<td><strong>$(868,739)</strong></td>
<td><strong>$1,427,689</strong></td>
<td><strong>$3,264,368</strong></td>
<td><strong>$610,163</strong></td>
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### Sources of Income FY20

- Individual Donors (63%)
- Foundations (14%)
- Endowment Harvest (5%)
- Quaker Meeting and Churches, Yearly Meetings (2%)
- Other, including investments (16%)
# 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. These gifts are legacies that make a transformational difference in our work.

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- Aida Maria Aguilar
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- William M. Alexander
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- Ruth Pino
- Rudolf S. Scheltema
- Robin D. Willits
- Anonymous
Foundations Supporting Our Work in FY2020*

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– Diana Ohlbaum, FCNL senior strategist and director, foreign policy
during her keynote address, Ending the Militarist Paradigm, during the 2019 Annual Meeting