

Ways to Witness with FCNL

There are many ways to work with FCNL.

We need your lobbying. The first step is to sign up for our email list. On the attendance sheet circulating (or online at fcnl.org/VFguestbook) you can check if you would like to receive updates from DC. You can receive as little as one or two emails a month or as much as 15 or 20. But I guarantee they will be short, focused and set up in a way that makes making change in Washington easy. <https://fcnl.org/email>

We need your help connecting with your Quaker community! Visit this page to sign up to receive our monthly Quaker Contacts newsletter of reflections and actions for Friends <https://fcnl.org/contacts>

We need you at our events! We host a variety of online and in-person events on a regular basis. Join us for weekly online worship at Witness Wednesday Silent Reflection, monthly for our Quaker Changemaker series and Learn to Lobby in 30 Minutes trainings, and more: <https://fcnl.org/events>

You can also request an FCNL visitor to lead an event/program for your community: <https://fcnl.org/visitrequest>

Join the Letter Writing Project: Write letters to your members of Congress once a month with other people from your community. This helps FCNL build relationships with Members of Congress. <https://fcnl.org/letterwriting>

Advocacy Teams. Quaker vision. Collective action. 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. <https://fcnl.org/teams>

Young Adult Programs. This is what a lobbyist looks like! At FCNL, we create opportunities for young adults to work for peace and justice in Washington D.C. and beyond. <https://fcnl.org/youngadults>

We need your connections – Grasstops. Help us identify local people who might already know members of Congress. We rarely find a Quaker meeting where someone isn't less than two degrees of separation from a member of Congress. Who in your community already knows your members of Congress, knows someone who knows them or could access a member of Congress because of their position in the community? We would love to connect with those folks.

We need your participation in our governance – General Committee and priorities process. Your participation in our governance and priorities setting is what grounds us among Friends.

This process begins every 2 years in January and is submitted by April when it moves to FCNL's Policy Committee for seasoning and continued discernment.

You don't have to act every week. You might only be able to act once or twice a year. There are many ways to engage with FCNL at different levels of involvement, and we're eager to support your discernment of what kind of opportunity to witness with FCNL is good and right for you.

Lastly, I'm a financial supporter of FCNL, and I do it because I see the success that FCNL has and know that my contribution goes directly towards supporting lobbyists walking the halls of Congress working towards peace and justice.

In the past decade, FCNL finished its capital campaign called "The World We Seek: Now is the Time" and celebrated 75 years on the Hill. They created an endowment for the Young Adult Program and grew our Quaker presence on Capitol Hill with the Quaker Welcome Center, the Friend in Washington Program, and Friends Place on Capitol Hill most recently. We are not only sustaining our lobbying in DC but also growing an FCNL movement through the 120 Advocacy Teams and 18 Advocacy Corps organizers across the nation.

I hope you will consider your own financial support or, if you are a financial supporter already, consider increasing your support as another way to further the mission of FCNL. If you're at a moment in your life when you need a tax deduction, you can instead contribute to the FCNL Education Fund--both further the work that Friends have asked our community to do.