Faithfully Persisting

The Friends Committee on National Legislation (FCNL) and FCNL Education Fund FY 2022 Annual Report
The World We Seek

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.

FCNL.org/WeSeek
Dear Friends:

This fiscal year has been—and continues to be—a period of remarkable changes. We completed the 2018–2022 Forward Plan, which has transformed FCNL into a more resilient, expansive, and effective organization that continually innovates to meet challenges while remaining grounded in Quaker faith and practice.

We completed nearly $2 million worth of renovations and opened Friends Place on Capitol Hill. We transitioned to a new general secretary and expanded the leadership team. We integrated several teams into the community and culture and policy and advocacy departments.

We’ve strengthened our work on anti-racism, anti-discrimination, justice, equity, diversity, and inclusion within ourselves, our organization, and our work in the world.

We’ve learned to conduct events online and onsite simultaneously. We held our first hybrid Spring Lobby Weekend, with 330 young people in Washington, D.C., and 72 around the country. The number of constituent visits to members of Congress grew despite the COVID-19 pandemic. Our digital network of advocates also grew, now exceeding 100,000.

As we gradually returned to the office, Russia invaded Ukraine in February. War is not—and never will be—the answer.

We continue to advocate for nonviolent approaches, diplomacy, peacebuilding, and accountability amid ongoing violent conflicts around the world, while we lobby for justice, human needs, and peace in the United States.

Despite the partisanship in the United States Congress, we scored major victories by ensuring the largest government investments to address climate change and more protection for Native women and girls.

We have come a long way in our growth and evolution as the oldest and one of the most effective registered faith lobbies in Congress. Through these difficult changes, we have persisted, strengthened by the conviction that there is that of God in everyone and that love is our enduring anchor.

As we grow into the beloved community we seek, we are buoyed by what the scriptures remind us: “Faith, hope, and love abide ....” (1 Corinthians 13:13a). While love is the greatest of these, faith leads the way.

At FCNL we rely on faith’s deep assurance that Spirit is present and continually guides us in the ways of hope and love, of justice and mercy; in times of calm and in unending change. To have faith is to persist in continual openness to powerful opportunities as Way opens.

Thank you for your support,

Mary Lou Hatcher
Clerk, General Committee

Bridget Moix
General Secretary
FCNL’s answer to war and any other violent conflict has always been peacebuilding. We can help create an environment in which violence—like Russia’s invasion of Ukraine—is less likely, civilians are better protected, and diplomacy is prioritized.

All these efforts are designed to nonviolently repair injustice and transform the structural conditions that generate armed conflict.

A 1943 epistle by the London Yearly Meeting summarizes FCNL’s approach best: “True peace cannot be dictated, it can only be built in cooperation between all peoples.”
The war in Yemen, now in its eighth year, has resulted in the largest humanitarian crisis in the world. While President Joe Biden announced an end to U.S. involvement in early 2021, the United States continued to provide support for the Saudi-led offensive. This year, advocates, led by the FCNL Advocacy Teams, succeeded in convincing lawmakers to introduce the bipartisan Yemen War Powers Resolution in the House (H.J. Res. 87) and in the Senate (S.J. Res. 56). Amendments to end the war were also introduced in the House and Senate versions of the National Defense Authorization Act, which guides the Pentagon budget. The House passed amendments to their 2021 and 2022 National Defense Authorizations Acts to end support for the Saudi-led coalition. In December 2021, a bipartisan group of senators supported a resolution to block the sale of $650 million in air-to-air missiles to Saudi Arabia. Meanwhile, in Yemen there was a glimmer of hope when a two-month Ramadan ceasefire took effect in April 2022. Although the ceasefire did not entirely hold, several fuel ships have finally been allowed into Yemen. Yet, the humanitarian crisis in Yemen remained dire—half a million Yemeni citizens have died because of the conflict, and 80% of the current population depends on food assistance for survival. FCNL advocates spread the word through their local media. In an article for the Asheville Citizen-Times, Western North Carolina Advocacy Team’s Bob Lackey quoted Save the Children: “Yemen continues to be one of the most dangerous places to be a child today, and children are bearing the brunt of this crisis … They are asking us: ‘Does it matter if I die?’”

Members of Congress would not have paid much attention to the Saudi-led war in Yemen had it not been for the ongoing campaign by FCNL advocates to end it.

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Survivors could receive a one-time payment of $150,000 until the program expires in July 2022. Quick action by advocates resulted in a new bill, the RECA Amendment Act of 2021 (PL 117-139). It extends the program for two years and allows downwinders, including those from New Mexico, to claim compensation.
Why We Give

Judy Danielson and Eric Wright, Colorado

We continue to give to support the work of the Friends Committee on National Legislation because they provide an effective and hopeful way to participate in a political system that can so often feel futile and unresponsive.

Their high-quality information and value-driven approach to lobbying wins the respect of legislators across the political spectrum and offers Quakers and other activists a model for faith-based work for social change.

We often feel discouraged about the powerful corrupting influence of money in our national government, the sometimes-overwhelming dominance of militarism and the projection of national power in our foreign policy, and the continuing failure to respond to income disparities and unaddressed human suffering among the poorest and most deprived groups in our wealthy economy.

But then a new report or action request reflecting the persistent optimism and realistic strategies of FCNL staffers arrives and calls us back to this important work.

We’re grateful that they are there. We’re pleased to be able to give what financial support we can and to join in whatever practical ways we can to call and write to our representatives, work with other FCNL activists on our Advocacy Team, and tell others about our experience.

We’ve been able to increase our giving because of the opportunity to give directly from our IRA and included FCNL in our estate plans to ensure this work continues long into the future.

Your Partnership Makes FCNL’s Work Possible!

You can provide financial support in many ways:

- Becoming a monthly donor
- Leaving a legacy through your will or IRA
- Making an immediate gift through your IRA
- Donating via fcnl.org/donate

Your commitment sustains our work now and long into the future.

Contact Stephen Donahoe at stephen@fcnl.org for more info

Communications

163,164 Digital actions taken by 81,570 constituents
5,129,773 Total digital messages sent to constituents
72,751,420 Mass media impressions, more than half came through the radio
53,930 Increase in digital advocates and supporters
923,925 Unique website pageviews
44,551,86 Radio listeners for 4 PSAs, with an ad value of $346,250


782 Annual Meeting registrants
32% New registrants
209 Lobby visits

Rep. Rosa DeLauro FCNL Justice Award
Sen. Todd Young Ed Snyder Award

Lobbying by the Numbers

1,624 Total lobby visits by FCNL staff and constituents
3,478 Total constituents who lobbied Congress
123 Democrat House offices visited
74 Republican House offices visited

50/50 Senate Democrat Offices Lobbied
42/50 Senate Republican Offices Lobbied
Part of the world that FCNL seeks is a society with equity and justice for all. This is manifested in all the areas that we work on as we seek justice—for migrants, low-income and marginalized communities, the environment, our neighbors who struggle to make ends meet, those who are incarcerated, and Native Americans.

Last year, FCNL recommitted to work for justice as one of the central pillars of our work, along with anti-racism, anti-bias, justice, diversity, equity, and inclusion. Only with these pillars undergirding our work can we remedy past wrongs and build a just and equitable future.

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The Legacy of Indian Boarding Schools

Between 1819 and 1969, there were 408 schools in 37 states and over 1,000 other institutions that were involved in the education of Native children, including Indian day schools, orphanages, and asylums. Quakers managed 30 of these schools.

These schools, rooted in white supremacy, aimed to “assimilate” Native children by giving them English names, cutting their hair, prohibiting the use of Native languages and Native religions, and imposing manual labor.

The trauma experienced by the children did not fade away when the schools closed. It remains an open wound for tribal communities today.

In June 2021, Interior Secretary Deb Haaland (Pueblo of Laguna) announced the creation of the Federal Indian Boarding School Initiative.

When it released its first report on May 2022, the investigation also found 53 burial sites at boarding school locations, and more are expected to be unearthed.

“The United States would not exist if not for a great deal of sacrifice, blood, and tears by Indian Tribes across the country.”

Deb Haaland (Pueblo of Laguna), Secretary, Department of the Interior

Justice for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women

After several years of advocacy, the U.S. Congress finally reauthorized the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA)—but this time through the 2022 Consolidated Appropriations Act (P.L. 117-103).

VAWA was first passed in 1994 to address violence and sexual assault across the country by providing resources and services for public safety and for survivors. The law was last reauthorized in 2013 and expired in 2018.

The reauthorized bill has strong provisions that expand tribal jurisdiction over domestic and sexual violence; sex trafficking; coercion; stalking; violations of protection orders; obstruction of justice; and assault of tribal justice personnel.

This bill is significant for tribal nations, which continue to experience the intergenerational consequences of the boarding school era.

This legislation is also significant for faith communities. Many denominations have stepped forward to acknowledge their complicity. They are committed to locating, cataloging, and sharing boarding school records as part of the truth-telling process.

The establishment of a commission is an important first step in starting the truth, healing, and reconciliation process for all of us.

While we cannot change the past, we can alter the future for many Native peoples. With the introduction of the Truth and Healing Commission on Indian Boarding School Policies in the United States Act (S. 2907/H.R. 5444) and individual and community reconciliation efforts across the country, there is cause for hope.
As the Friends Committee on National Legislation continues to transform the world into the beloved community that we seek, we are also being transformed as an organization.

This year, we integrated several teams into two: the community and culture and policy and advocacy departments.

Through this integration, FCNL is better able to coordinate its work as it continues to innovate to meet the challenges before us.

In the last five years, full-time staff has grown from 47 to 67, Friends Place has been added, the leadership team has been expanded, and our finances have grown more complex. Despite this expansion and transformation, our work remains grounded in Quaker faith and practice.
Larissa Gil-Sanhueza, senior manager of the Young Adult Program, is instrumental in training youth to be effective lobbyists.

FCNL’s First Hybrid Event

This year’s Spring Lobby Weekend, March 12–15, 2022, was historic as the first online and in-person event FCNL hosted. It was attended by 400 young adults—330 in-person and 72 virtually—coming from 40 states and representing 59 colleges and other groups.

It was also a diverse group—47% were white, 29% Latino/a, 12% African American, 8% Asian American, and 1% Native American. “I was able to meet with other Muslim and Arab Americans and it was really refreshing to connect with people and feel like we shared a community even if we come from different parts of the country,” wrote one participant.

They gathered to ask their legislators to publicly support and pass legislation to provide a pathway to citizenship for the estimated 11 million undocumented immigrants in the country today.

They conducted 97 lobby visits—48 in the Senate and 49 in the House. In all, they lobbied 59 Democrat and 38 Republican offices.

In addition to learning to lobby, participants explored other ways to be a part of the political process—including running for office, registering to vote, and pursuing careers in nonprofits or working for Congress.

Organizing a hybrid Spring Lobby 2022 presented unique challenges, especially after two years without gathering in person and amid an ongoing pandemic. Housing options were limited due to the closure of several hostels.

Extra precautions had to be taken to mitigate COVID-19 risks. Full participation and access had to be ensured for all participants and speakers, whether joining remotely or in person. Scheduling lobby visits was also challenging since congressional offices had not re-opened fully.

Still, the vibe throughout the event was that of joy—joy that young adults could safely gather in person once more and joy in collaborating to bring critical messages to congressional offices.

As word spread of the success of Spring Lobby Weekend 2022, it became the model for other organizations in organizing large hybrid events.

From 2018, when the program started, until this year, a total of 1,937 young adults have participated in Spring Lobby Weekend, or an average of 387 annually. Participants have lobbied on migration, climate change, and police reform.
Beautiful Space, Divine Welcome

After two years of renovations, costing nearly $2 million, Friends Place on Capitol Hill (formerly William Penn House) finally opened its doors in January 2022.

The renovations to the century-old building included new bathrooms, an exterior green wall, two meeting rooms, energy-efficient appliances, updated bunk rooms, a wheelchair lift, and permeable paving stones.

So far, Friends Place has hosted more than 40 groups. The guesthouse can accommodate up to 40 people at one time. Most of the visitors consist of students.

The guesthouse has also served as a temporary resting spot for recent migrants, many of whom were bussed up from Texas and Arizona. “The space was beautiful, and the welcome was Divine,” said one of the migrant guests.

Quaker Changemaker Series

Each month, FCNL brings individual Friends’ witness in the world into conversations through our Quaker Changemaker event series. Here are some highlights from this past years’ events.

Photo by Eric Bond/FCNL
Amid Congressional negotiations on legislation to address climate change, energy security, and environmental protection, FCNL led a group of more than 60 organizations in calling for historic action to address the impact of environmental racism.

The coalition was united in its belief that no community should be left behind in the process of building a just and sustainable low-carbon society.

In a letter to Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer and House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, the group asked them to prioritize funding for environmental justice in the final budget reconciliation package.

“All of us have a right to clean air; clean water; and healthy, vibrant communities,” they wrote.

“Environmental justice embraces the principle that all people and communities have a right to equal protection and equal enforcement of environmental laws and regulations.”

– Dr. Robert Bullard

▶ FCNL’s Clarence Edwards, Amelia Kegan, and Bridget Moix gather at the White House to celebrate the passage of the Inflation Reduction Act.
Congress Passes Transformative Climate Change Bills

After nearly two years of advocacy, Congress finally passed two bills that represent the largest government investments in addressing climate change and shifting the country from a fossil fuel-based economy into a greener one.

Perhaps the most transformative of the two is the Inflation Reduction Act (P.L. 117-169). It includes $369 billion in climate-related programs and incentives. This includes tax credits and incentives to spur greater investments in solar and wind power, energy storage technology, and clean energy manufacturing.

The IRA also sets aside $60 billion for local-level pollution monitoring, workforce development, and strengthening the capacity of communities to engage in environmental justice public policy processes.

Researchers estimate that the IRA would put the United States on the path to a 40% cut in its greenhouse gas emissions in the next eight years.

The $1 trillion Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (P.L. 117-58) will finance investments in the country’s core infrastructure.

It also addresses fundamental environmental justice challenges and funds long-needed infrastructure for Native American communities.

This includes $21 billion to remove pollution from the water and soil; a $1 billion program to remove or retrofit highways that run through low-income neighborhoods; and $39 billion for public transit.

The bill also allocates $11 billion for infrastructure needs in Indian Country, which represents the largest investment tribal nations have seen in American history.

Young Adults Advocate for Environmental Justice

At the end of his training as a community organizer, Taylor Powell-Abbinante of Wilmington, Ohio, learned to be confident as a lobbyist.

“It gave me a great sense of pride and confidence that will only help me in my work now and in the future,” he wrote.

Powell-Abbinante is a member of the 2021-2022 Advocacy Corps. These 18 young adults from around the country are organizing their communities to urge the passage of the Environmental Justice for All Act (H.R. 2021).

So far, they have conducted 74 lobby visits with 226 advocates participating. Aside from writing articles for local media, they have also trained others on how to lobby.


Five Years of Lobbying

From FY 2018 to FY 2022, constituents conducted 4,372 lobby visits or an average of 874 lobby visits annually. There were more Senate visits (2,241) than House visits (2,131). Online actions (phone calls, emails, or letters to legislators) totaled 308,582 during this period.

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Friends Committee on National Legislation, FCNL Education Fund, and Friends Place on Capitol Hill continue to benefit from the generosity of our supporters through their monthly, annual, and estate giving. Thank you! This generosity has enabled the organizations to sustain core programming despite investment losses. Net assets, shown in the combined balance sheet, have helped support FCNL’s Forward Plan initiatives. FCNL’s audited financial statements can be downloaded at fcnl.org/financials. For more information on financials, contact Thomas Swindell at tswindell@fcnl.org.*

Financials

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Combined Balance Sheet (Unaudited)

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**Net Assets** | $15,607,937 | $18,178,513 | $33,786,450 | $37,923,923 |

* There was an error in the balance sheet in the printed version which has been corrected on the electronic version.
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.

In Memoriam

Will and Anna Alexander
Catherine L. Anderson
Carolyn Arond
Jean Barker
David Bassett
Anne Baxter
Tony Borton
Philip Bradley
Eleanor and Bill Bradley
Judith Reynolds Brown
Jack T. Carney
Stephen Cary
Velma Cochran
Harold and Ann Cope
Donald H. Cremer
Martin Crouch
David Culp
June Quakenbush Denham
Jane H. Detenber
Felix and Irene duBreuil
Anne McKinne Heitkamp
Eglinton
Alexander Michael Evans
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Margaret Kummenow
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Besse Manney
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Pat Seng McCue
Stephen McNeil
Beat and Paul McVickar
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Morton Meisler
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Tyler Swanson
Wilhelmina Taggart
Joseph Tanfani
Hal Taylor
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Helen Zukas

"With our charitable gift annuity, we enjoy seeing the good things FCNL is doing, knowing we’re helping in the future too. And we trust that when we need that cash stream, our charitable gift annuity is going to be there for us. FCNL is part of our long-term support team."

David and Gloria Mog
Virginia

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Home Rule Globally

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Advocacy Teams by the Numbers

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

- **Advocacy Teams launched during FY 2022**: 8
- **Total Advocacy Teams launched as of June 2022**: 170
- **Total people in Advocacy Teams lobby visits**: 2,020
- **Advocacy Teams lobby visits**: 328
- **Member-level lobby visits**: 29
- **Letters to the editor**: 152
- **Community outreach events**: 19

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  New England Yearly Meeting
- **Jonathan Brown**, finance clerk
  North Pacific Yearly Meeting
- **Lauren Brownlee**, at large (through 7/14/22)
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- **Kathy Guthrie**, nominating clerk
  Lake Erie Yearly Meeting
- **Deb Hejl**, field clerk
  Philadelphia Yearly Meeting
- **Jane Hiles**, Annual Meeting planning clerk
  Southern Appalachian Yearly Meeting and Association
- **Ebby Luvaga**, policy clerk
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  Yearly Meeting
- **Steve Oshevsky**, treasurer
  (Conservative)
- **Jonah Kroll**, New England
  Yearly Meeting
- **Bridget Moix**, general secretary
  Baltimore Yearly Meeting
- **Kathy Guthrie**, Lake Erie
  Yearly Meeting

Friends Place Board

- **Deb Hejl**, Philadelphia
  Yearly Meeting
- **Jane Hiles**, Southern Appalachian
  Yearly Meeting and Association
- **Ebby Luvaga**, Iowa Yearly Meeting
- **Doug McCown**, New England
  Yearly Meeting
- **Anna McCormally**, Baltimore
  Yearly Meeting
- **Kathy Guthrie**, Lake Erie
  Yearly Meeting
- **Lynn Oberfield**, Philadelphia
  Yearly Meeting
FCNL General Secretary Bridget Moix shakes the hand of King Abdullah II bin al-Hussein of Jordan at an event in May 2022.