



Friends Committee
on National Legislation
Lobbying with Quakers

2026 Report to Yearly Meetings

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Dear Friends,

I share greetings as you gather for your Annual Sessions and gratitude for your support for the Friends Committee on National Legislation's work to change federal policy to advance the world we seek.

The challenges to this vision of peace, justice, and an Earth restored have only intensified in the last year. So have our efforts to meet the moment.

War Is Not the Answer—At Home or Abroad

Again and again, we are witnessing the Trump administration's overreach and abuse of authority. In Venezuela, Iran, in Minneapolis and on our neighborhood streets, the executive is grabbing at power and pursuing violence. In the face of these challenges, FCNL is equipping people of many ages, backgrounds, and faith traditions to speak truthfully and strategically to lawmakers. More than 3,250 people lobbied with FCNL in 2025, on a range of issues.

Congress has the power to rein in the administration. We know that persistent, nonpartisan advocacy can pay off. In October 2025, Congress repealed the 1991 and 2002 Authorizations for Use of Military Force in Iraq, a focus of FCNL's work for decades. FCNL Advocacy Teams, more than 130 strong in all 50 states, are building on this success with this year's "No War at Home or Abroad" campaign, focused on accountability for unlawful and unjust military action around the world and in U.S. streets.

Love Thy Neighbor (No Exceptions)

Our advocacy on just migration focuses on ensuring everyone, including immigrants, can find safety in places like churches, meetings, and schools. The 10th cohort of our young adult Advocacy Corps is organizing around this portfolio.

In this and other areas, we work closely with people across Quaker and other faith traditions, for example in hosting an in-district faith leader lobby day in Richmond, VA, focused on aid to Gaza, and a gathering of faith leaders held at Friends Place on Capitol Hill to advance passage of the Truth and Healing Commission on Indian Boarding Schools.

Find updates about these and other issues at fcnl.org/issues, and see current legislative priorities at fcnl.org/priorities.



FCNL now supports Advocacy Teams in all 50 states!

Looking to the Future

Gathering in November 2025, FCNL's governing General Committee adopted new policy language around Artificial Intelligence (AI). It states, "AI policymaking must be continuously probing, nimble, anticipatory, and protective." See fcnl.org/WeSeekStatement for more. FCNL has also adopted a new preamble to its statement on Antiracism, Anti-bias, Justice, Equity, Diversity, and Integrity (AJEDI) to make clear our ongoing commitment to this work. Find out more at fcnl.org/ajedi.

In April 2026 we hosted our first intentionally intergenerational lobbying conference, Friends Changemaker Weekend. This hybrid event brought together leaders and advocates from across the FCNL community to push back against this administration's unprecedented, militarized actions. Among the participants were organizers from our Advocacy Teams and Advocacy Corps; members of our campus chapters, located around the country; and participants in our Diaspora Organizers program, which supports members of diaspora communities to be leaders in advocacy for peace and justice.

We are also looking ahead to the 120th session of Congress, which begins in January 2027. Thank you to the hundreds of Friends meetings and churches who regularly take part in discernment around FCNL's legislative priorities. The Policy Committee is weighing your responses and will bring recommendations to FCNL's 2026 Annual Meeting, to be held in Washington, DC and online November 12-14.

Thank you, Friends, for being part of this work, and for all the ways that you participate in building a better world. 

In peace,



Kitty Ufford-Chase

Clerk, FCNL General Committee

Northeast Kingdom Friends Meeting » New England Yearly Meeting



Bridget Moix (General Secretary), Kitty Ufford-Chase (Clerk), and Michael Fuson (Assistant Clerk)



Senator Raphael Warnock (GA) shows off his Love Thy Neighbor(No Exceptions) pin.



FCNL's Advocacy Corps is training a new generation of advocates.