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Annual Report 2017-2018

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SHARING KNOWLEDGE, INSPIRING HOPE, AND EMPOWERING CHANGE

Amid World War II, Friends came together to create the Friends Committee on National Legislation, dedicated to bringing a Quaker perspective to federal policy. In our 75th year (fcnl.org/75years), it is a joy to see how FCNL is growing and thriving, faithfully living into the gracious calling to witness and act for peace and justice.

People are more aware of systemic oppression that has been with us and seems to be growing. Racial injustice, tolerance for violent conflict, disregard for the rule of law, and the degradation of our planet are contrary to the world we seek. We are called to be bold witnesses to the power of God's love as advocates in our nation's capital. FCNL offers a spirit of hope and vitality: Our community is grounded in our Quaker faith, sharing knowledge, inspiring hope, and empowering change.



This year, we engaged record numbers of people in this advocacy. We built relationships with new people and strengthened relationships with long-time supporters. Our community grew — with 286 Quaker meetings and churches helping to discern our legislative priorities, nearly 450 young adults advocating at Spring Lobby Weekend, and 89 Advocacy Teams opposing war with North Korea. We are fostering the gifts of diversity in our network, becoming a stronger organization.

Our persistent advocacy, relationship-building, and deep listening are also bringing results. After years of work, we are close to seeing the Elie Wiesel Genocide and Atrocities Prevention Act (H.R. 3030) become law. The bipartisan Climate Solutions Caucus now has 90 members of Congress committed to addressing climate change. FCNL's leadership in faith-based coalitions is helping to save vital human needs programs for people who are poor and to advocate for compassionate immigration policies.

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

Diane Randall, *Executive Secretary*

Bridget Moix

Bridget Moix, *Clerk, General Committee*

LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

The Friends Committee on National Legislation seeks to bring spiritual values and Friends' testimonies to bear on public policy decisions. FCNL asked Quaker meetings, churches, and organizations around the country to help discern the following priorities for our lobbying and public education work during the 115th Congress (2017-2018):

- Promote peacebuilding, diplomacy, and the peaceful prevention and resolution of violent conflict with an emphasis on the Middle East.
- Reduce military spending and armed interventions.
- Promote nuclear disarmament and non-proliferation.
- Advance equitable criminal justice systems that eliminate mass incarceration, and support law enforcement that is community-oriented and demilitarized.
- Pursue policies that promote and respect the rights, safety, and dignity of all immigrants, refugees, and migrants.
- Promote equitable access for all citizens to participate in the political process.
- Promote policies that reduce economic inequality and poverty; encourage fair compensation for workers and health care for all.
- Work to end gun violence.
- Witness and advocate on Native American concerns.
- Advocate for sustainable solutions to climate disruption and its consequences.

In each priority, FCNL and Friends are called on to identify, expose, and work to eliminate institutional racism in order to promote genuine equality of opportunity and communities in which everyone can safely live, learn, work, worship, and love.

FCNL seeks to collaborate across the political spectrum to advance these priorities. FCNL's work will be based on legislative opportunities, specific expertise, leadings, and available resources. In addition, *The World We Seek* (FCNL's Policy Statement) gives FCNL the flexibility to respond to crises and to other important legislative opportunities, as Way opens.

The FCNL General Committee approved these priorities on November 13, 2016.



**WE SEEK A WORLD
FREE OF WAR AND
THE THREAT OF WAR**

FCNL is encouraging Congress to push back against President Trump's aggressive approach to U.S. intervention across the globe. Our advocacy this year led Congress to pass peacebuilding legislation, reject deep cuts in diplomacy and development budgets, challenge U.S. support for the war in Yemen, and reassert its constitutional role on war issues.

We faced an enormous challenge from the president's expanding militarism. FCNL opened bipartisan space for new conversations on peacebuilding. Through our strengthened connections with members of Congress and their staff, we are building a strong foundation for support of U.S. efforts to prevent wars and violent conflict.

The North Carolina delegation shows their lobbying energy after advocating with their members of Congress to oppose increasing the Pentagon budget during FCNL's Annual Meeting 2017. (Photo: Jennifer Domenick)



**“I’D LIKE TO THANK THOSE ADVOCATES,
THE FRIENDS COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL
LEGISLATION ... AND SO MANY OTHERS THAT
STAND WITH THE VICTIMS OF GENOCIDE AND
MASS ATROCITIES. IT’S AN HONOR TO BE WITH
... THE ADVOCACY GROUPS THAT STAND FOR
MILLIONS WHO SAY ‘NEVER AGAIN.’”**

Rep. Ann Wagner (MO-02),
speaking on the House floor, April 2017

THE JOURNEY TO PEACE IS PAVED WITH PERSISTENCE

This year brought major milestones: The House passed the Elie Wiesel Genocide and Atrocities Prevention Act (H.R. 3030) by a 406-5 vote, and the Senate Foreign Relations Committee approved the companion bill (S.1158). Only a few steps remain before this bill, which will put in place proactive policies to prevent violence, becomes law.

This success is the result of more than a decade of work, and FCNL led the strategy and lobbying that got us here. In 2010 our advocacy, along with that of our coalition partners, led to the creation of the Atrocities Prevention Board. In 2015, hundreds of advocates at FCNL's Quaker Public Policy Institute helped catalyze a bipartisan bill that preceded the Elie Wiesel Act.

A key factor in passing the Elie Wiesel Act was FCNL's persistent efforts to build relationships with both Republicans and Democrats in Congress. We find the perspective each decision-maker needs to hear and ensure that those conversations happen. This work creates long-term champions, such as Rep. Ann Wagner (MO-02), whose leadership on the Elie Wiesel Act led her to speak out for other peacebuilding policies.

At a time when global violence is on the rise, action to support peacebuilding is needed more than ever. We will continue to work for the Elie Wiesel Act, as well as other legislation that invests in peace.



“Let us do more than just remember. Senator Corker, let’s act and honor our commitment to ‘never again.’”

*“Tennesseans and Bob Corker Can Help Prevent Global Genocide,” by FCNL’s Allyson Neville and the Hudson Institute’s Tod Lindberg, in the **Tennessean**, April 12, 2018*

KEY MOMENTS IN FCNL’S HISTORY

1943: FCNL is founded.

1945: Two weeks after the Hiroshima and Nagasaki bombings, E. Raymond Wilson joins religious leaders pressing President Harry S. Truman for “commitments by all nations outlawing the atomic bomb.”

1947: FCNL successfully organizes to stop a vote on legislation to deny citizenship to pacifist immigrants.

REINING IN PENTAGON SPENDING

We continued to oppose war, including its funding. The Pentagon budget is enormous, wasteful, and skews our country's priorities. FCNL is ensuring that Congress hears this message. In November 2017, 450 participants in the Quaker Public Policy Institute asked members of Congress to reject increases in Pentagon spending. This lobbying built on the work of FCNL's grassroots Advocacy Teams, which spent 2017 working to rein in the Pentagon budget.

This advocacy increased bipartisan support for legislation requiring the Pentagon to pass an audit or face budget cuts. Our efforts to reduce Pentagon spending were less successful: Congress increased spending to levels even higher than President Trump requested. However, Congress will revisit this decision in 2019 — providing FCNL and others another opening to change directions on the militarization of the budget.

*Annual Meeting attendees plan their lobby visit on Pentagon spending, November 2017.
(Photo: Jennifer Domenick)*



1948: Byron Haworth, a North Carolina Quaker, testifies on FCNL's behalf before a House Judiciary subcommittee in support of federal anti-lynching legislation.



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“FCNL has been the leading faith-based advocacy organization mobilizing people around the country to end U.S. complicity in the world's largest humanitarian crisis.”

Kate Gould,
Legislative Director, Middle East Policy, FCNL

Kate Gould and Yemeni thought leaders Waleed Alhariri (left) and Farea Al-Muslimi (right), from the Sanaa Center For Strategic Studies, urged Senators to oppose all U.S. military support for the Saudi-led war on Yemen. (Photo: Emily Sajewski)

REASSERTING CONGRESS' ROLE IN WAR AND PEACE

Congress has largely abdicated its responsibility to decide matters of war and peace. The 2001 Authorization for Use of Military Force (AUMF) granted the executive branch a blank check for military action. FCNL seeks to end this state of endless war by revoking the president's permission to send U.S. troops to these undeclared wars.

As Congress prepared to further expand presidential war powers in spring 2018, FCNL's advocacy helped keep the AUMF bill from coming up for a vote. Collaborating with members of the Liberty and Congressional Progressive Caucuses, we organized a bipartisan hearing on the need for Congress to have a full debate and vote on the case for war, as well the repeal of the 2001 AUMF.

President Donald Trump's escalation of U.S. military activity has led more members of Congress to question this

broad war authority. We came within seven votes of convincing the Senate to condemn unauthorized U.S. support for the Saudi-led war in Yemen, which is fueling a massive humanitarian crisis. We are working closely with key congressional offices to continue to push for an end to U.S. complicity in Saudi atrocities.

We also galvanized congressional voices to speak out against the escalation of tensions with North Korea. The powerful partnership among our Advocacy Teams and expert Capitol Hill lobbyists increased support for legislation to prohibit the president from launching a first military strike. Members of Congress drew on FCNL's talking points to make the case against the president's authority to go to war. This shift in congressional dynamics made diplomatic openings with North Korea more possible.

1952: The House fails to pass legislation requiring universal military training for young men. FCNL led the campaign to oppose the proposal.



“As a matter of faith, we believe torture is wrong, no exceptions.”

Jim Cason, quoted in “Collins, King Under Pressure to Oppose Controversial CIA Director Nominee” by Joe Lawler. Published in the *Press Herald*, May 8, 2018.

Jim Cason, FCNL Associate Executive Secretary for Strategic Advocacy, speaks at a press conference outside the U.S. Capitol on May 9, 2018 opposing Gina Haspel's nomination as CIA director. (Photo: Susan Nahvi)



ADVOCACY TEAMS PREVENTING WAR WITH NORTH KOREA

In 89 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 lead sponsors of this legislation, Rep. Ro Khanna (CA-17) and Sen. Chris Murphy (CT), both personally briefed the teams. The teams' lobby visits and letters to the editor motivated members of Congress to speak out for the first time to oppose a war with North Korea.

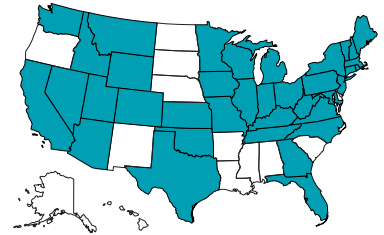
BUILDING RELATIONSHIPS

With the strategy of relationship building, the Santa Cruz, CA, Advocacy Team successfully convinced Rep. Jimmy Panetta (CA-20) to support legislation opposing unauthorized war with North Korea. Team members went to town halls, were published in local newspapers, and lobbied their members of Congress. Congressional staff raised many questions about the legislation but the team was persistent and did additional research. When they sent their polite thank you letter after their visit, it included their findings. Their perseverance and strong relationships with Panetta's office paid off: Two days later the team got a call from his staff telling them Rep. Panetta would co-sponsor the legislation.



The Santa Cruz, CA Advocacy Team with Rep. Jimmy Panetta

ADVOCACY TEAMS BY THE NUMBERS



89 teams in 37 states



456 lobby visits this year

1956: FCNL successfully lobbies for a last-minute farm bill amendment to increase surplus food distribution abroad, meeting with 33 senators and 16 aides in one week.

1957: FCNL begins an eight-year campaign to oppose "civil defense" measures, including building fallout shelters.



WE SEEK A SOCIETY
WITH EQUITY AND JUSTICE
FOR ALL

Much of our work this year focused on preventing damaging proposals from becoming law. It has also been a year of opportunities. We built new relationships and strengthened existing ones with faith groups, a diverse array of allied organizations, and Native American tribes. In an environment where the Trump administration routinely denigrates immigrants, people living in poverty, and those receiving public benefits, congressional offices were eager to hear the faith and moral perspective FCNL brings. We laid the groundwork for change with every visit and conversation to promote a society with equity and justice for all.

Cristian Aparicio, from New Jersey, prepares for his lobby visit, during which he advocated for Congress to protect young adult immigrants known as "Dreamers" from deportation. (Photo: Jennifer Domenick)



“I’M HERE TO BRIDGE THE GAP BETWEEN THE REALITY AND THE TALK. I WANT TO ADVOCATE FOR MY PEOPLE, MY COMMUNITY. I FEEL A REAL SENSE OF EMPOWERMENT BEING ABLE TO TALK TO THESE PEOPLE FACE TO FACE AND HOLD THEM ACCOUNTABLE.”

Andres Lerma, El Paso, TX,
on lobbying for immigration reform
at Spring Lobby Weekend 2018.



NATIVE AMERICAN ADVOCACY

With the launch of our Native American Congressional Advocacy program, FCNL is building stronger connections among tribes, tribal organizations, and non-Indian allies, particularly in the faith community. These partnerships are critical for ensuring that Congress addresses tribal needs to honor treaty obligations and other promises to Native Americans.

This year, FCNL's advocacy helped move legislation to prevent violence against Native women, who are more likely than other women in the U.S. to experience violent crimes. FCNL advocated for increased funding to address this issue and helped secure new cosponsors for legislation to increase tribal access to federal criminal databases. For the first time in its annual appropriations, Congress set aside money for tribes as part of the Crime Victims Fund.

Angela Maves, United Methodist chaplain (left), and Abigail Echo-Hawk of the Urban Indian Health Institute (right) gather at the Quaker Welcome Center for a community dialogue in observance of National Day of Awareness for Missing and Murdered Native Women and Girls, May 5, 2018. (Photo: Emily Sajewski)

NATIVE AMERICAN ADVOCATE LACINA TANGNAQUDO ONCO

Lacina Tangnaqudo Onco joined FCNL as the first Native American Congressional Advocate. In this 26-month fellowship, Lacina leads the Native American



advocacy program and lobbies on legislation that affects Native communities. She has traveled to New Mexico, Oklahoma, and Alaska to build connections with Native groups and with Friends concerned about these issues.

Lacina came to FCNL from Boston, where she worked on tobacco prevention and health issues in the city's urban Indian community. She is a Bill Gates Millennium Scholar and holds a Master of Social Work degree from Boston College. She is a proud member of the Shinnecock Indian Nation of New York and the Kiowa Tribe of Oklahoma.

1960: J. Stuart Innerst testifies for FCNL before the House Judiciary Committee in support of the abolition of the death penalty.

1961: FCNL helps Congress create the Peace Corps. Rep. Henry Ruess (WI-05) calls FCNL's role "pivotal."

BUILDING BRIDGES, NOT WALLS ON IMMIGRATION

As the Trump administration worked to increase immigration enforcement and detention, FCNL mobilized for legislation to protect immigrants and their communities. We focused on the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program, which the administration began rolling back in September. We urged Congress to provide a path to citizenship for these young adults, known as Dreamers, without increasing funding for immigration enforcement and militarization of the U.S.-Mexico border.

FCNL's leadership in the faith community helped advance this goal. We organized lobby visits with faith leaders from around the country, including a week of action in October to "Pray with Dreamers" on the steps of the U.S.

Capitol. We trained 700 people of faith attending Ecumenical Advocacy Days to lobby for compassionate immigration policies. Our own Spring Lobby Weekend in March brought together 426 Young Adult Friends, college students, Dreamers, and other affected communities. Their lobbying helped keep damaging administration proposals from becoming law and limit funding for deportation.

Even as courts considered the fate of DACA, we continued to encourage Congress to legislate a permanent solution for the young people who have benefited from this program. This work is key to building support for the systemic changes to the U.S. immigration system that are necessary to provide equity and justice for all.



"The Bible does not justify cruel, dangerous, and inhumane border enforcement practices."

Diane Randall,
Executive Secretary, FCNL, May 2018

Response to Attorney General Jeff Sessions' citing of the Bible to defend the administration's "zero tolerance" border policy which resulted in the forcible separation of thousands of children from their parents.

1962: During the Cuban missile crisis, FCNL calls for negotiations at the United Nations rather than direct military intervention, focusing on keeping the dispute from escalating into nuclear war.

1964: Twenty-one senators personally thank FCNL's Richard Taylor for helping pass the Civil Rights Act.

YOUNG ADULT PROGRAM

SPRING LOBBY WEEKEND

Young adults — 426 of them from 38 states — brought the power of their voices and actions to Washington, DC, in March 2018 to weigh in on U.S. immigration policy. Their message was clear: Protect Dreamers from deportation. Reject more spending on border militarization. Build bridges, not walls.

They shared their own stories and were inspired by policy leaders and activists, including Rep. Adriano Espaillat (NY-13), the first formerly undocumented immigrant elected to Congress.

While Congress did not enact a pathway for citizenship for Dreamers, the weekend’s advocacy helped members hold the line against the administration’s proposals for increased enforcement and militarization measures. Just as importantly, these young adults returned home with new knowledge, skills, and connections as they continue to work for a society with equity and justice for all.



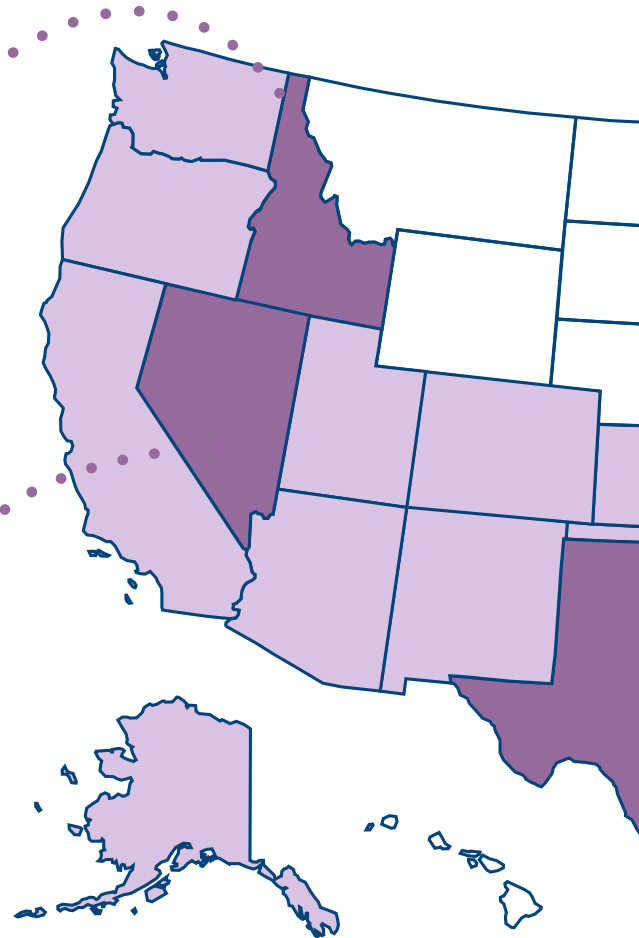
JUSTIN MARKS
Sandpoint, ID

“This is my first time at Spring Lobby Weekend but I’ve been wanting to come for a long time. I was awarded a scholarship for transportation costs. A big thanks to FCNL for that, because I wouldn’t have been able to come without it.”



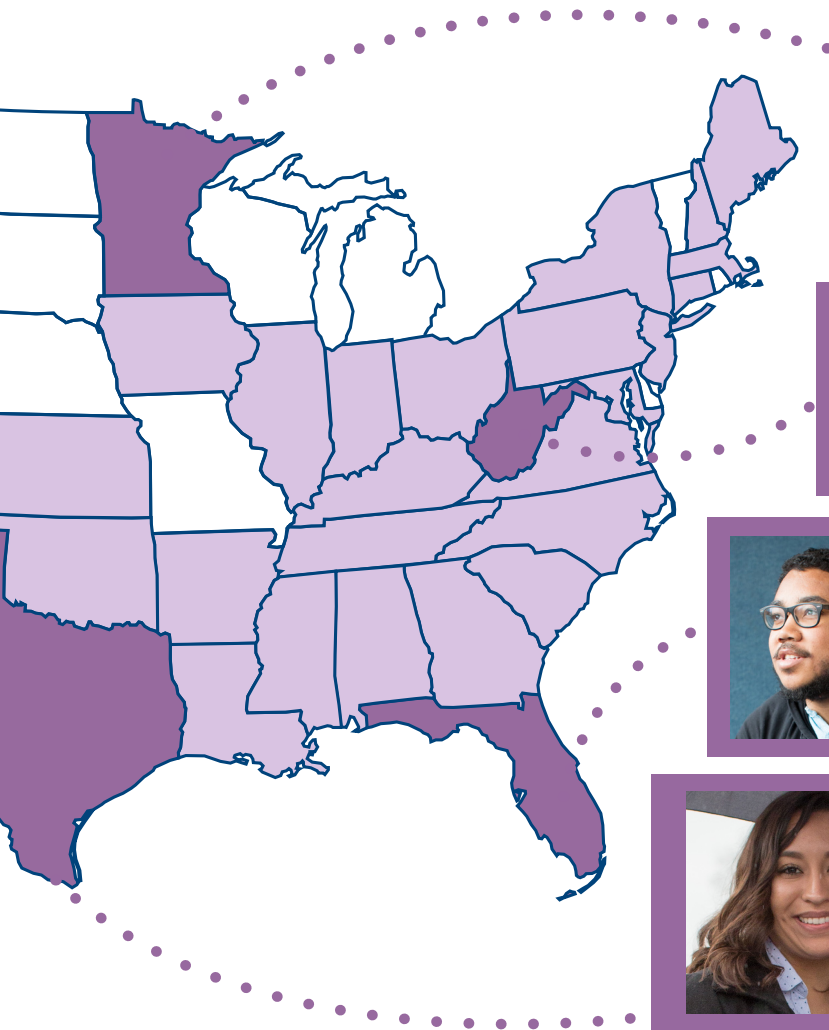
MICAJAH DANIELS
Las Vegas, NV

“Immigration is pivotal to how we view people and society. I come from a low-income family. My mom is a single mom. But the context of immigration has shown me how much I have and have been afforded. I received financial aid — which was only for citizens — and that is allowing me to study. And because I can concentrate on my studies and not worry about money, I can be engaged with activism. But it’s important now for us to pass the mic to people who are undocumented because they should be the face of their own lives.”



- Featured states
- States represented at Spring Lobby Weekend

1966: FCNL’s Friend in Washington convinces Rep. Clement Zablocki (WI-04) to hold the first congressional hearings on U.S.-China relations.



CHARLOTTE GORHAM
Saint Paul, MN

"I was raised Quaker and love being Quaker and helping causes that I want to further. Right now I think I want to work in politics or with an NGO. I'm hoping to learn more about how Congress works and how laws are made so that I can make more change."



BENJAMIN VESTER
Morgantown, WV

"Spring Lobby Weekend last year made this whole world of politics approachable for me."



AURELIO ANDERSEN
Tallahassee, FL

"At Spring Lobby Weekend, I'm feeling the spirit of 500 souls of optimism. Getting this many young adults this interested in policy and want to change their own communities—that's how you make a difference."



VASHTI MEZA
El Paso, TX

"Immigration is a tough subject for me. My father was deported in 2005 back to Mexico. Two years ago he was murdered there. I want to prevent other families from being torn apart like mine. They don't realize that their border legislation is affecting Americans too."

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Photos: Allyson Shelley

1970: FCNL sets up internship program to help young Quakers disillusioned and frustrated with the Vietnam War.

1972: FCNL's Sam and Miriam Levering lobby Congress on the importance of the Law of the Sea Treaty. The Leverings help shape the treaty from FCNL's office.

LIFTING PEOPLE OUT OF POVERTY

Many faith traditions share a strong concern for people living in poverty. As Congress threatens to cut programs that help low-income families, FCNL ensured that members heard directly from faith leaders and from those who would be affected by the cuts.

We organized the grassroots and faith communities against congressional efforts to repeal the Affordable Care Act and successfully advocated for reauthorization of the Children's Health Insurance Program. We mobilized to oppose the regressive tax legislation passed in December, then quickly shifted to stop Congress from paying for those tax cuts with reductions in assistance to low-income individuals.

The comments of faith leaders which we collected, were entered into the Congressional Record as the House debated a farm bill that included additional harsh work requirements



for Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP, or food stamp) recipients. This advocacy helped defeat the House farm bill in its first vote. Although a second vote narrowly succeeded, we helped ensure bipartisan approval from the Senate for a bill that protects SNAP. We continue to bring a strong moral voice to

congressional offices as Congress attempts to reconcile this legislation.

Rev. Dr. William Barber speaks during an interfaith vigil on health care outside FCNL's office, July 2017. After his speech, attendees prayed in the Hart Senate Office Building. (Photo: Emily Sajewski)

1973: FCNL submits proposals on human rights to Jimmy Carter ahead of the 1972 election. After his election, President Carter identifies human rights as a core priority in his administration.

1974: FCNL's Ed Snyder leads efforts to cancel the appropriations of \$474 million to South Vietnamese military, expediting an end to the U.S. war in Vietnam.



FAITH IN ACTION SAM BROADDUS & SANDRA JENSEN

Sam and Sandra believe in putting their faith into action in the world. This led them to volunteer in developing countries, where they saw global inequality firsthand. They wondered how they could affect policy changes that address real world problems; supporting FCNL helps them accomplish this goal.

They also believe listening well is one of the best gifts Quakers give to the world. They are impressed with the Quaker Welcome Center — what Sandra calls the “Listening Center” — and its practice of bringing people together across partisan lines.

Sam and Sandra support FCNL annually and have designated part of their estate to support our work. “A portion of our IRA will support charitable organizations that promote the ideals we strongly believe in. FCNL rose to the top of the list pretty quickly. To know that there’s an organization that takes Quaker faith into the political world is very heartening,” they said.

1977: The General Committee establishes seven priorities for FCNL's work, including reducing military spending, supporting disarmament, addressing global hunger, protecting civil liberties, and working on issues important to American Indians.



“I want to thank FCNL for [its] tireless work to stand up for human rights defenders like me. FCNL played a critical role in maximizing the impact of my visit to Capitol Hill to urge U.S. representatives to speak out against Israel’s crackdown on Palestinian and Israeli nonviolent activists.”

Issa Amro, Palestinian human rights defender, October 2017

FCNL Executive Secretary Diane Randall and Palestinian human rights defender Issa Amro. FCNL hosted Amro for a briefing with congressional staff at the Quaker Welcome Center. (Photo: Emily Sajewski)



WE SEEK A
COMMUNITY WHERE EVERY
PERSON'S POTENTIAL
CAN BE FULFILLED

For 75 years, FCNL has worked for policies that recognize and value that of God in each person. We recognize this powerful legacy and continue to challenge ourselves and our government to live into this ideal practice. As we advocate to welcome refugees, stop gun violence, and reform the U.S. criminal justice system, we continue to carry the values of Friends into the public policy arena. Even when progress seems slow, FCNL's consistent voice ensures that Congress does not lose sight of the human cost of its action, or inaction.

Yasmine Taeb, former FCNL Legislative Director, Human Rights & Civil Liberties, is interviewed by the media during a rally against the Muslim ban, October 2017. (Photo: Susan Nahvi)



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BE ABLE TO TELL YOUR STORY AND HAVE A
POWERFUL VOICE.”**

Susan Nahvi,
Young Fellows class of 2017-2018
Human Rights and Civil Liberties

WELCOMING REFUGEES

Amid continued efforts by the administration to keep refugees out of the country, FCNL built public and congressional support to welcome them. We organized rallies to oppose the administration's ban on travelers from predominately Muslim countries. We gathered congressional signatures to oppose the ban. On World Refugee Day in June we asked the administration to meet the current low refugee resettlement goal and increase that goal in the coming year. Through letters, interfaith lobby visits, and a press conference, we convinced five new Republicans to join the House's bipartisan refugee caucus.

We continued to lay the groundwork for policies that promote love of our neighbors, without exception.



“With a record number of refugees around the world, welcoming the stranger is no longer just an ideal — it must be the reality we practice.”

Diane Randall, FCNL, June 2018

To commemorate World Refugee Day, Rep. Ted W. Lieu (CA-33) Rep. Ilhan Omar (MN-5), former refugees and faith leaders talked about Congress's bipartisan commitment to welcome and protect refugees. (Photo: Emily Sajewski)

1982: FCNL's Ruth Flower helps unite faith groups to advocate for economic justice, working strategically to protect poverty programs from Reagan administration cuts and advance proposals to end poverty.



KEEPING A CONNECTION JONATHAN CRISMAN

Jonathan has been a monthly donor to FCNL since 2010, when he graduated from college. “I knew that I wouldn’t have a lot of stability for several years and wanted to remain connected to a faith community that was speaking up for social justice.”

Rather than responding to one crisis after another in the news, Jonathan wanted to support one organization that was working on many of his concerns. He appreciates that FCNL is focused on creating broad structural change.

Last year Jonathan participated in FCNL’s Advocacy Corps. Working closely with FCNL reinforced his commitment because he saw how his support helps create change in public policy and in the lives of young adults.

As an Advocacy Corps organizer, Jonathan arranged a dialogue on climate change in his church with several congressional staffers. He affirms: “Now more than ever, people of faith need to raise their voices for justice. Partnering with FCNL is how I take action.”



PREVENTING GUN VIOLENCE

FCNL worked to advance sensible policies against gun violence, in the face of congressional inaction. We led the Faiths United to Prevent Gun Violence Coalition to outline its priorities for federal legislation and encouraged people to question candidates about their proposals to curb gun violence in this election year.

FCNL staff and Friends gather at the Quaker Welcome Center for lobby training before March for Our Lives, March 2018. (Photo: Jim Cason)

1986: At a summit with the Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev in Reykjavik, President Reagan gives a speech that paves the way for thawed relations between the Soviet Union and the U.S. Reagan’s speech draws on proposals put forward by a broad coalition of peace groups, led by FCNL.

1987: The World Bank consults FCNL about anti-poverty and environmental action. FCNL recommends that economic development projects are best suited to lift up communities of poverty and ensure the preservation of local environments.



YOUNG ADULT PROGRAM YOUNG FELLOWS

For five decades, FCNL Young Fellows have started their careers by working as FCNL program assistants to support our advocacy for peace and justice in Washington, DC. The nine fellows in this year's class came from Maryland, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Minnesota, North Carolina, and Colorado. They lobbied Congress, organized events, managed coalitions, engaged FCNL's network to advocate at key moments,

and traveled around the country to talk about their work. All of them enriched FCNL's community and helped move policies forward to advance FCNL's priorities.

FCNL's 2017-2018 Young Fellows. Left to right: Marina Golan-Vilella, Scott Greenler, Susan Nahvi, Maya Ulin-O'Keefe, Tommy Raskin, Emmett Witkovsky-Eldred. (Photo: Emily Sajewski) Not pictured: Michelle Beers, Leona Amosah, Abigail Stowe-Thurston.



LETTING HER LIFE SPEAK MARY-FRANCES O'CONNOR

"I feel that if I can do something in this life, with the money that I earn and can't take with me, then I want to join with an organization that has figured out how to make a difference in the long term—and FCNL is doing that with their long and storied history, their current networked presence, and into the future with their amazing vision."

Mary-Frances O'Connor is letting her life speak, not only by supporting the annual fund each year, but also providing for future generations by including FCNL in her will.

1988: Faith lobbies, led by FCNL, advocated for more generous and less punitive legislation during the welfare reform debate in Congress. Ultimately, the reform includes many of the improvements FCNL sought.

1990: Meeting in FCNL's building, lobbyists plan the strategy that leads to the passage of the Americans with Disabilities Act.

PERSISTENCE FOR CRIMINAL JUSTICE REFORM

FCNL continued to advocate for equitable criminal justice systems and the elimination of mass incarceration —building on our community’s longstanding efforts to change these policies. As co-chair of the Interfaith Criminal Justice Coalition, we ensured that Congress heard from people of faith about the need for these reforms. The Senate Judiciary Committee’s action to pass the Sentencing Reform and Corrections Act (S. 2123), which reduces mandatory minimum sentences and gives judges more discretion in sentencing, came in part because of FCNL’s persistent advocacy. Sen. Chuck Grassley (IA), a lead advocate for the

bill, spoke at FCNL’s Quaker Welcome Center in May about the importance of faith groups in encouraging Congress to advance criminal justice reform.

As the Trump administration worked to restart a Pentagon program to transfer military equipment to local police departments, FCNL strengthened its efforts to end the transfer of these deadly weapons and address increased police militarization. The young adult Advocacy Corps that started work in the summer of 2018 is focused on this issue.



“Rep. Goodlatte has a critical opportunity to leave a lasting legacy of real criminal justice reform by re-introducing the Sentencing Reform Act.”

José Woss,
Legislative Manager, Criminal Justice and
Election Integrity, FCNL, November 2018

Local faith leaders in Lynchburg, Virginia called on Rep. Bob Goodlatte (VA-6) to re-introduce his 2015 Sentencing Reform Act. From left to right: José Woss, FCNL; Cherelle Dessus, Mennonite Central Committee; Rev. Aundreia Alexander, Esq, National Council of the Churches of Christ; Pastor Rick Linthicum, Amazing Grace Outreach Church; and Marina Golan-Viella, FCNL (Photo: José Woss)

1992: FCNL is instrumental in helping to ratify the UN Convention on Chemical Weapons. This UN arms control treaty outlaws the production and use of chemical weapons.



CELEBRATING 75 YEARS



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 has become increasingly evident that our national government is, day by day, and month by month, making decisions that vitally affect the conditions of life and fundamental values of supreme importance to us, our fellow citizens, and the world. The conviction has developed that we, as Friends, have a responsibility to contribute as best we can to the shaping of wise, and right legislation in those areas in which our principles, and the causes we believe in, are most closely affected."

~ FCNL Founding Statement, 1943

Top left: Group photo of 75th anniversary event attendees.

Top center: Amelia Kegan discusses policy at the 75th anniversary celebration.

Top right: Eden Grace, Global Ministries Director, FUM, was part of the local planning committee for the celebration.

Bottom right: A.T. Miller and Becky Steele, Executive Committee members, traveled to Richmond for the anniversary.

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1997: FCNL is instrumental in securing Senate ratification of the Chemical Weapons Convention, which leads to the destruction of 93 percent of the world's declared stockpile of chemical weapons.

1998: International Code of Conduct Act passes, which calls for the U.S. to adopt a code of conduct on arms transfers. FCNL led the coalition of advocacy groups working to develop a strict set of arms export criteria.



“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



2001: The day after the 9/11 attacks, FCNL issues a statement, “War Is Not the Answer,” urging the U.S. not to meet violence with more violence.



WE SEEK
AN EARTH RESTORED

Persistence and nonpartisanship — always hallmarks of FCNL’s advocacy — are particularly evident in our work for an earth restored. As the Trump administration rolled back efforts to address climate change, the magnitude of the challenge we face was clear in the powerful hurricanes and wildfires that raged. FCNL continued to focus on bringing members of Congress together to agree on a path forward to meaningfully address climate change. We continue to believe that strong climate legislation will come only through inclusive bipartisan action, and we are dedicated to creating opportunities for dialogue that leads to action.

Advocacy Corps organizers gather outside the U.S. Capitol during their ten-day summer intensive training. After the training they returned to their home communities to organize around climate change. (Photo: Emily Sajewski)



**“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.”**

Rep. Carlos Curbelo (FL-26)
addressing FCNL’s Annual Meeting, November 2017.



FRIEND IN WASHINGTON 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/seek-series.



MOVING CONGRESS ON CLIMATE CHANGE

FCNL's multi-year efforts to change the dialogue in Congress on climate change is paving the way for bipartisan legislation to address the causes and effects of this crisis. Our advocacy helped the bipartisan Climate Solutions Caucus grow from 20 to 90 members this Congress (half Republicans and half Democrats) and mobilized them when climate-related proposals came up for votes.

With our support, Climate Solutions Caucus members protected funding for environmental work and introduced climate-related legislation – including the first Republican-led proposal to put a price on carbon in more than a decade (MARKET CHOICE Act, H.R. 6463).

These signs of progress come, in large part, thanks to our dedicated network around the country. FCNL's Advocacy Corps brought 538 people into congressional offices to personally lobby on this issue.

The Quaker Welcome Center, established in 2017, continues to provide a nonpartisan space for Democratic and Republican members to discuss climate change through bipartisan dialogue. Through numerous lobby visits, letters to the editor, emails, and phone calls, our network has encouraged Congress to address climate change as a moral issue. This dedication is vital for Congress to pass strong, bipartisan climate change solutions.

2005: FCNL moves back into its newly renovated building, the first green construction on Capitol Hill, which serves as a witness to our commitment to an Earth restored.

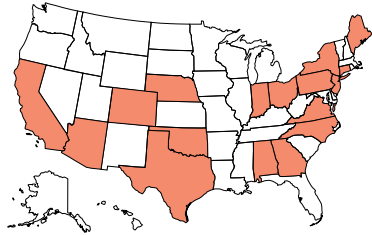
2006: FCNL leads lobbying efforts to oppose funding for a new nuclear weapon, the "Robust Nuclear Earth Penetrator."

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. Their work led directly to new congressional cosponsors for climate legislation. They brought congressional staff to schools and community groups to hear their perspectives. Through 77 published letters to the editor and op-eds, Advocacy Corps members raised the profile of climate legislation in their communities.

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**



2007: FCNL welcomes hundreds of young adults and others to Washington, DC, in March for their first annual Spring Lobby Weekend.

2009: After years of FCNL lobbying Congress to protect and expand access to health care for Native Americans, Congress includes the Indian Health Care Improvement Act in the Affordable Care Act.

2010: FCNL directs the advocacy that leads the Senate to ratify the New START Treaty.

WHERE WITNESS MEETS ADVOCACY



Quaker Welcome Center

Friends Committee
ON NATIONAL LEGISLATION

The new Quaker Welcome Center, opened in 2017, expanded FCNL's physical presence on Capitol Hill by providing space for reflection, training, and conversation. The Quaker Welcome Center, 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. For example, religious leaders joined Rep. Barbara Lee (CA-13) to discuss the intersection of racism and poverty. We are only beginning to realize this space's potential to advance FCNL's work.

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.

Along with FCNL's LEED-certified office building next door, the Quaker Welcome Center embodies FCNL's commitment to an earth restored. Solar panels, a green roof, and geothermal energy are only a few ways the building minimizes its environmental impact.

Bottom: FCNL staff gather for worship. (Photo: Jennifer Domenick)

Top left: Rep. Eleanor Holmes Norton (DC) joins Diane Randall and Eric Ginsberg at the ribbon cutting ceremony. (Photo: Jennifer Domenick)

Top right: Rep. Alan Lowenthal (CA-47) and Rep. John Faso (NY-19) discuss climate solutions. (Photo: Emily Sajewski)

Bottom right: Rep. Ryan Costello (PA-6) speaks with constituents during a climate event. (Photo: Emily Sajewski)



2012: FCNL helps convince Congress to cut the Pentagon budget by nearly \$1 trillion over 10 years by training hundreds of lobby on Capitol Hill, mobilizing domestic needs-focused national groups, and sending staff to nine states to organize and train.

2013: FCNL visits 400 congressional offices in a two-week period, pushing for a diplomatic solution in Syria. Ultimately, Congress refuses to grant the president a new Authorization for Use of Military Force to attack Syria.



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“I now have a deeper and fuller understanding of your work 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



2015: FCNL helped mobilize grassroots advocates, nuclear experts, and faith groups to advocate for the Iran deal, which President Barack Obama negotiated in 2015.

2016: Reps. Carlos Curbelo (FL-26) and Ted Deutch (FL-22) found the bipartisan Climate Solutions Caucus. FCNL helped the caucus grow to 60 members of Congress by October, 2017.

2017: Days before a vote to eliminate Medicaid as we know it, 400 young advocates went on 150 lobby visits as part of Spring Lobby Weekend, convincing representatives to stop a vote on this bill.



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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Find out more at **fcnl.org/donate** or contact Barbara Price Monahan, **800-630-1330 x2520.**

FINANCIALS

FCNL and the FCNL Education Fund continue to benefit from the generosity of our supporters, directly through Annual Fund giving and indirectly through the gifts for operations from the successful capital campaign completed last year. This generosity has enabled the organization to increase our program spending by 17 percent in 2018 and to complete construction of the Quaker Welcome Center.

FCNL’s audited financial statements can be downloaded at fcnl.org/financials.

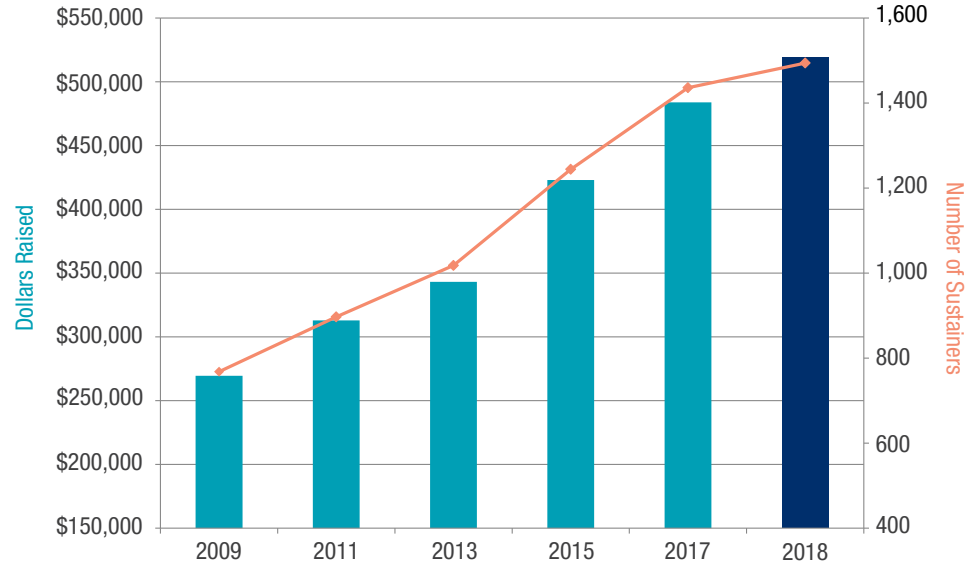
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	2018 COMBINED	2017 COMBINED
OPERATING REVENUE		
Annual Fund Contributions	\$ 4,707,713	\$ 3,831,109
Bequests	316,467	553,394
Net Assets Released	2,487,338	3,249,935
Other Income	142,477	138,997
Total Unrestricted Income	\$ 7,653,995	\$ 7,773,435
OPERATING EXPENSES		
PROGRAMS		
Legislative & Education	\$ 2,407,612	\$ 2,293,317
Advocacy & Outreach	1,529,796	1,065,175
Young Adult Programs	644,166	571,621
Total Programs	\$ 4,581,574	\$ 3,930,113
SUPPORTING SERVICES		
General Fundraising	1,591,675	1,237,905
Capital Campaign	69,040	550,811
Administration	1,003,741	856,931
Total Supporting Services	\$ 2,664,456	\$ 2,645,648
Total Expenses	\$ 7,246,030	\$ 6,575,761
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS		
From Operations	\$ 407,965	\$ 1,197,674
Non-Operating Income	1,019,724	2,066,694
Total Changes in Net Assets	\$ 1,427,689	\$ 3,264,368

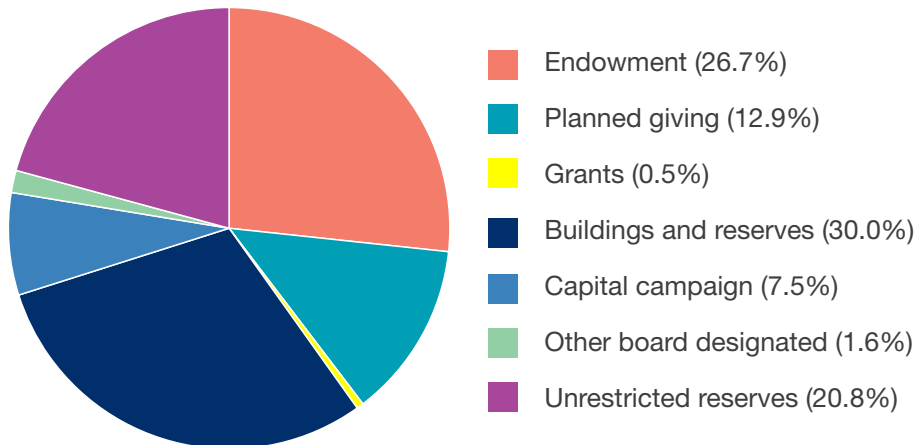
INVESTING IN OUR PROGRAMS



MONTHLY SUSTAINER GROWTH



WHAT ARE OUR RESERVES?



Investing in our programs: We continue to expand our lobbying and outreach programs through our work with young adults and Advocacy Teams.

Monthly sustainer growth: This monthly giving program continues to grow, providing FCNL and the FCNL Education Fund with a steady monthly income.

What are our reserves? The reserves of FCNL and the Education Fund include endowments, planned giving assets, building, and capital campaign reserve funds, which generate future funds for programs and operations.



FCNL 2018 Summer Interns. From left: Madeleine Gavalier, RaShawn Hall, Sergio Mata, Charlotte Gorham, Emma Blake, Ana Taylor, Ellie Kimmelman.

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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.

