Addendum to Friends Committee on National Legislation Report to Yearly Meetings from North Pacific Yearly Meeting FCNL Representatives July 2020.

Greetings NPYM Friends:

Please see the Friends Committee on National Legislation Report to Yearly Meetings, which details the issues FCNL is working on, and notes some of the legislative successes we have had.

Additionally, the report describes FCNL’s efforts to make its work accessible to Quakers and others throughout the nation through a strong community of Advocacy Teams whose “work this year led to successful votes to repeal war authorization legislation.” Contributing to this effort were these fifteen Advocacy Teams from the NPYM region:

Idaho:
   Boise

Montana:
   Helena
   Missoula

Oregon:
   Corvallis
   Eugene
   Portland
   Rogue Valley (Medford area)
   Salem

Washington:
   Bellingham
   Olympia
   Port Townsend
   San Juan Islands
   Seattle
   Spokane
   Whidbey Island

NPYM’s representatives to FCNL have been busy supporting FCNL’s work and serving as liaisons between FCNL and NPYM member meetings. Most of us attended FCNL’s Annual Meeting in Washington DC in November 2019. Several of us serve on FCNL standing committees.

In the early months of 2020 we assisted NPYM member meetings and worship groups in participating in FCNL’s biannual legislative priorities setting process,
where FCNL seeks input from all its constituent meetings in determining which issues to work on in the upcoming session of Congress. This process was happening just as COVID-19 restrictions changed travel and in-person meeting options. Many meetings were able to conduct priorities-setting discernment via video conference.

The NPYM representatives to FCNL have received much invaluable assistance from other NPYM members who serve on FCNL’s General Committee as At-Large Members. We are very grateful for that support.

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