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To our Friends of North Pacific Yearly Meeting:

Please welcome Amelia Kegan, Kerri Colfer, Larissa Gil Sanhueza, and Bobby Trice as they visit the 2020 North Pacific Yearly Meeting. We are excited that they will have ample opportunities to hear your concerns and leadings while sharing in worship, holding your business meeting in the Light, and leading workshops, July 22-26. They are happy to be in faith and community with you.

Amelia is FCNL’s Legislative Director for Domestic Policy. She’ll be giving a plenary on how Quakers are being bold with prophetic voices. Amelia leads the domestic policy team’s work in analyzing legislation, advocating on Capitol Hill, and developing legislative strategy. Prior to coming to FCNL, Amelia worked at a variety of other national non-profits in D.C. and Chicago, focusing on federal budget, tax, and low-income policy.

Kerri manages the Native American Advocacy Program, lobbying on legislation that affects Native communities. She’ll be leading an interest group on the importance of the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) for indigenous women and girls. Prior to working with FCNL, Kerri worked in the Temple Legal Aid Office in Philadelphia, helping clients in both disability and family law matters. She is a member of the Tlingit tribe of Southeast Alaska.

As the coordinator for FCNL’s Advocacy Corps, Larissa manages 20 young adult organizers around the country that lobby on one legislative issue every year. Larissa also oversees recruitment for our Spring Lobby Weekend, a four-day lobbying and educational event. She will be leading an interest group on supporting young adult advocacy with Bobby.

Bobby (Quaker Engagement Associate) fosters open channels of communication between FCNL and the wider Quaker world and coordinates FCNL staff engagement with Quaker communities. Bobby comes to FCNL from Swannanoa Valley Friends Meeting (NC) and currently attends Friends Meeting of Washington (Baltimore Yearly Meeting).

We at FCNL seek to strengthen our connection to Friends Meetings and Churches around the country and find areas where FCNL can offer opportunities for action on issues concerning Friends. We are supporting this virtual “travel” in the tradition of Friends’ intervisitation with hope to stir our spirits and open opportunities for understanding one another’s experiences of how the Spirit is working in the world toward peace and justice.

We send you greetings, hold you in our prayers, and trust that God will bless your time together in loving community.
In peace,

Ron Ferguson
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