AGATE PASSAGE FRIENDS MEETING.  Washington.  Contact is Judy Brown, (jubrown7@gmail.com; 206 842 3772).

We have an active PSC that meets regularly. Programs recently included co-sponsoring a pot luck and panel on local foods that featured two people from the Suquamish tribe. They also meet once a month to work on a farm being revived by one of the members.

BELLINGHAM MEETING.  Washington.  Contact is Judy Hopkinson, Clerk, Environmental and Social Concerns Committee (360 920 1728; jd.hopkinson@gmail.com).

Bellingham’s Environmental and Social Concerns Committee has just appointed a new clerk, Judy Hopkinson, so they have not yet had time to meet. However the Meeting has been active in efforts to protect the environment and Lummi tribal lands and culture in the struggle against the proposed coal port at Cherry Point. They have a strong connection with AFSC through Nan Macy. Bellingham Friends are also strong supporters of FCNL and their lobbying efforts. We continue to participate in the weekly Friday Peace Vigil in collaboration with Whatcom Peace and Justice and other peace groups in Bellingham. Members’ work for peace and social concerns has gone in many directions in the past, especially in service. Dear to our hearts are Friendly Water for the World, Mike Boehm’s My Lai project, Adrien Niyongabo’s work in Burundi, the Bellingham Food Bank, and many others. In the future, the committee hopes to focus on working for policy change that would reduce the need for direct services. We are very deeply committed to healing our environment, and in particular to reducing carbon emissions. We recently co-sponsored Paula Palmer’s experiential program on the Doctrine of Discovery in collaboration with the Bellingham Unitarian Fellowship, and continue to work closely with the Whatcom Peace and Justice Center and other local groups working toward peace, social justice, and preservation of the environment.

BOISE VALLEY FRIENDS MEETING.  Idaho.  Contact is Jude Reppell, Clerk. (208 383 0465; clerk@boisevalleyfriends.org).

Boise Valley Friends Meeting has members involved in the following: Lou Landry-spearheading the Anti-Torture Concern with newspaper editorial, outreach to churches, local speaking engagements. Ann Dusseau - Very involved in Friends Peace Teams. Has been to Africa twice and will go again this year. Organized Healing and Rebuilding Our Communities (HROC) event at Boise State University. Helps with local AVP workshops. Jim Williams - Has conducted several AVP workshops in town, both Basic workshops and train the trainer workshops. Has completed first AVP Workshop in local prison. The second workshop is planned for the end of this month.

BRIDGE CITY MEETING.  Oregon.  Tom Head, Clerk of Bridge City Meeting (thead@georgefox.edu; 503 590 5516), sent the following

As a small meeting, we found it was not feasible to keep a full committee going. We do have a person (Pat Shields) who serves an informational function for peace and social concerns
activities, and I’ve copied her on this thinking that you and she might want to be in contact with each other.

BUCKLEY WORSHIP GROUP. Washington. The contact is Laverne Harris, (360 825 3628; friendlaverne@friendlyhorseacres.com).

Buckley WG does not have a PSC. There are only four members at this WG.

CENTRAL OREGON WORSHIP GROUP. Oregon. Contacts are Bob Marvos (541 330 3937; rmmarvos@gmail.com), and Barbara Belzer (barbarabelzer@yahoo.com; 541-330-2345).

As COWG is a member of Interfaith Network of Central Oregon, we volunteered our time and talents to the following INCO-sponsored events:

- Project Connect: an annual day at the Deschutes County Fairgrounds during which the area’s professionals donate free services to thousands of our homeless and struggling populations. Available are medical and dental care, legal advice, job and housing advisors, meals on site, food to take, library books, clothing, veterinary care, buses to carry clients from outlying communities, etc.

- Crop Walk: walk to raise money; donations benefit local and international non profits.

- Spiritual Diversity Conference: held at Central Oregon Community College; the featured speaker was Muslim and described facets of his faith, followed by a panel representing diverse faith groups, each of whom also spoke. Lastly, the audience joined in a Q&A.

- Monthly donations to support the work of local nonprofits: Bethlehem Inn homeless shelter, Bend’s Community Center (meals, showers, etc.), and Habitat For Humanity.

- Kits for Kids: assisting First Presbyterian Church in their annual effort to sew 1,000 large colorful cloth bags, fill each with a dozen essential household and personal cleaning supplies, and hand them out to homeless children bound for the fall school session.

Individuals among our worship group are also involved in Peace and Social Concerns: One volunteers weekly at both the Bend and the Sisters Habitat ReStore locations. One has been fashioning purses of all types from donated fabrics and notions, selling them at Arts and Crafts Fairs, and donating all the proceeds to both a local daycare center for preschool at-risk children, and an orphanage in Tanzania where she’d spent two weeks caring for the children. Two are involved in Move to Amend working to overturn the “Citizens United” ruling. This has involved attending the Bend City Council meetings and also bringing it to the ballot in May 2014. Two are also involved in the immigration rights movement. Two participated in “Occupy Wall Street”: camping on site, donating food and supplies, attending the general assemblies, taking part in rallies, visiting the offices of our gov. representatives, and maintaining contact with some of the members.

CHELAN-METHOW WORSHIP GROUP. Washington. Clerk/Contact is Kerry Travers (509-682-8475 travers@nwi.net).

Chelan-Methow Worship Group is small, usually five to seven Friends attending. They work locally with people in need.

CORVALLIS MEETING. Oregon. Laurie Childers is the new Peace, Justice and Environment Committee clerk for Corvallis Meeting (childers@pweak.org; 541 757 9025).

Corvallis Friends Meeting has a Peace, Justice, and the Environment (PJ&E) committee. In recent years, PJ&E took on looking at our meeting’s environmental impact by insulating the building, replacing the toilets, and reducing energy use in the remodel done last year. PJ&E also
developed a questionnaire for individuals to look at their carbon footprint, and assess how it changes with lifestyle choices. The most visible concern that has endured is to care for the homeless. We coordinate volunteers for one or two weeks/year for the men's homeless shelter. For several years we have taken on hygiene needs at the South Corvallis Food Bank. Prior to 2008, the Food Bank served 15 - 20 families/month. By 2009, they were serving 200. Now, they serve 300 families/month. When the need became so great, we learned (through members that volunteer there) that clients were allowed each week to choose either one toothbrush, one small toothpaste, or one roll of toilet paper. This seemed wrong and short-sighted and PJ&E brought a proposal to the meeting to supply the food bank with enough toilet paper, toothbrushes, and toothpaste that people could take each as needed.

We create a Christmas tree of the rolls of toilet paper and cleaning supplies each year and put lights on that, and then ceremonially hand it over to a Food Bank representative each December. We order bulk toothbrushes and toothpaste (at least 1,000 at a time) and deliver them throughout the year. In the coming year, PJ&E will also take under its wing the local chapter of the Fellowship of Reconciliation. The Meeting already supports it by offering a free place to meet. (And we had an FCNL representative come teach us to lobby for our first meeting; we plan to exercise those muscles and make them strong and confident this year.) PJ&E will help plan the meetings and events this year and seek out ways to bring in people of other faiths to serve as a governing/planning board in future years.

**EASTSIDE FRIENDS MEETING.** Washington. Contact is Lynn Fitz-Hugh, Member of Faith Reaching Out (Tel: 206-417-0422 Email: lynn.fitzHugh@earthlink.net).

East Side Peace and Social Concerns was recently folded in with the Outreach Committee and renamed the combined committee Faith Reaching Out. For many years East Side has been making a homemade dinner, for example spaghetti or ham, once a month for the approximately 50 residents of East Side Tent City. Those who cook the meal usually serve, with the result that about 75% of the Meeting members have personally visited Tent City. East Side also has had a representative going once a month to the Ecumenical and Interfaith Commission meetings and helping out with projects EIC does like donate needed school supplies to East Side low-income school children.

**ELLENSBURG WORSHIP GROUP.** Washington. Contact: Alix Williams (Tel: 509-682-8475 Email: drakeg@cwu.edu).

This is a small group, often only four people. Some attend a silent protest against war at the Post Office, the one federal building in their area, every Wednesday from 12:00 to 1:00.

**EUGENE MEETING.** Oregon. The following information is from Sarita Lief and Michael Williams (michael.e.williams@comcast.net) for Eugene Meeting, which does not have a PSC committee.

A series of three sessions was held about gun violence, first a Meeting for Sufferings, asking those who attended to share from open hearts their own experience regarding guns. This was followed by a panel discussion about the issues raised, and then a session with Junior Friends who presented a skit depicting a person committing suicide with a gun, and then a re-play, trying to find ways to dissuade that person from carrying out their plan.

A major commitment has been serving as fiscal sponsor for the publication of a book by Pamela Fitzpatrick and Paul Dix about Nicaragua, called *Nicaragua: The Legacy of US Policy*. Money was raised for the publication of the book, and a Support Committee arranged for the authors. They
have been traveling for a year now, promoting the book and returning to Nicaragua.

There was a lot of involvement with Occupy earlier, and several continue to be active. Occupy Eugene has diversified, taking up several issues. One is Occupy Medical, with several Friends involved, and another is Occupy Interfaith, again with several Friends participating.

Several efforts deal with the homeless issue. Some Meeting folks are involved with Opportunity Village, a homeless camp which has recently opened semi-permanent huts. The First Day School has a continuing project of making packets with warm socks, gloves, etc. for people on street corners. Another project is joining with churches and other volunteers at the Egan Warming Center. This is an emergency shelter which opens when the weather drops below 32 degrees, offering up to 3 nights of shelter.

A new project is involvement with a workshop offered at Friends General Conference by Paula Palmer called This Land Was Your Land: Toward Right Relationship with Indigenous People, offered by Paula Palmer of Boulder Meeting. She will be traveling in the northwest this fall, with workshops planned for Bellingham and Olympia, and in Eugene October 15, 7o - 9 p.m. at the Meetinghouse. Everyone is invited to this free, interactive workshop. Friends in other areas are encouraged to consider hosting this workshop. Contact Paula at: paulapalmer@gmail.com. 303 443-0402.

FANNO CREEK WORSHIP GROUP. Oregon. Contact is Debbie Averill (503 524 3898; debbie2007@edaverill.com)

We are a very small worship group, meeting only twice a month, with typical attendance between five and nine individuals. We have no formal structure, except for a treasurer (Bob Keeler), a list-serve manager (Perry Hutchison), and a contact person (me). So, there are no committees.

We have one ongoing project related to homeless youth in the Beaverton School District. We collect toiletries; baby items (for the teen parents); warm socks, gloves, and scarves; and other miscellany. When we have a box full, one of our members delivers it to the homeless program at the school district. Even though we are small, we have managed to keep this project going for more than a year, and the folks at the school district say we are the only group that has ever come more than once!

FLORENCE WORSHIP GROUP. Oregon. Contact is Jeanne Kimball (skdwr@oregonfast.net; 541 997 4237)

There were a number of us in the Florence worship Group who were getting more and more concerned about military spending and the impact that spending has on other services so desperately needed in our country. One of our members is disabled and living in subsidized housing that is being threatened, and has had cuts in her food stamps.

Another member was encouraged by a representative from AFSC who was at Annual Session last summer in Forest Grove, OR to visit our members of congress in person, rather than just write e-mails and letters. So we contacted the staff of our senators to set up a meeting. At first we were met with some resistance until it was mentioned that we would be coming with a representative from the AFSC Washington, D.C. office who was in Oregon at the time. Suddenly they made time for us.

Two of us from our worship group went to Eugene to the offices of our senators
Ron Wyden and Jeff Merkley. We had a lively discussion with the staff members and at one office the D.C. staff was patched in on the discussion. We felt heard and believe they did appreciate the effort of we made driving the 50 miles to Eugene to meet with them. We also left letters with them from four of our group so the senators could read directly about our concerns.

HELENA MEETING. Montana. Contact is Katherine Northrup (shadowfyres@gmail.com; 406 459 2396).
In the Meeting for Worship last week, we discussed the issue of the Oil Pipeline that the government seems so keen on running through Montana. We were concerned about the environmental impact that this would have, given how much water it takes to filter out the oil, what and this might do to the water table.

We were also concerned with the impending coal trains that were also mentioned in the news. These trains would bring fuel that is a non-renewable resource, and burn up still more valuable resources. Even China is second-guessing the use of coal as a fuel. I mention these things because they are high on the Meeting’s current list of concerns.

We discussed our aversion to the idea of the transport of coal, and the concern regarding the oil briefly. We agreed that military action in Syria is wrong, though that a positive outcome was highly unlikely, given the civil unrest and in-fighting within the country and culture itself. We do hope for the best though.

LOPEZ PREPARATORY MEETING. Washington. Contacts are their co-clerks, Nancy Ewert (nancyewert@gmail.com, 360 468 2682), and Judy Meyer (judymeyer@gmail.com).
Lopez has no PSC. Individual members are active in prison work, for example, but they mostly respond to community needs as they occur.

LOWER COLUMBIA WORSHIP GROUP. Oregon. Contact is Eugene Norcross-Renner (eugenenr@centurytel.net 360 665 1263).
By way of an informal reply, Lower Columbia Worship Group meets every Sunday with ten to twelve present for worship, of whom three are members of the Religious Society of Friends. Our concerns are shaped by where we are: on the coast in the second poorest county in Washington State. Poverty and environmental issues have been our leading concerns. Our current activities include participating in the thrice yearly beach clean-up, which eliminates plastics and tsunami debris from a portion of the beach for which we have taken responsibility; also collecting donations for the local food banks monthly, as well as sending quarterly donations to them; and a new venture under the umbrella of Peninsula Poverty Response, two of us are organizing Project Homeless Connect which is intended to provide basic services for the homeless, with possibly 200 people responding, during a one day event this coming January. We are too small of a group to have a Peace & Social Concerns Committee and function as a committee of the whole. Barb Goldfeder, who is copied in this message, is the current Clerk of our worship group and the likely contact.

MARYSVILLE WORSHIP GROUP. Washington. Called David and Stephanie Janeway and left a message.

MONTANA GATHERING OF FRIENDS (MGOF) MONTHLY MEETING. Montana. Contact is Kate Weiss (406-224-2453 kweiss45@gmail.com). Includes Billings, Dillon, Great Falls and
Nothing to report at this time. However bringing your question up led to a decision to have a more in depth discussion about where our energy, in terms of our commitment to issues of peace and social justice, is as a worship group so that’s good!

MISSION VALLEY WORSHIP GROUP. Montana. Contact is Carol Werner (jkw@ronan.net) Despite small in attendance numbers, members of the Mission Valley Worship Group are large in spirit. Ages vary between 60-80 but most of us are active in local peace/justice groups and others contribute letters to the editor on a regular basis. Some of the activities we are involved in include: a peace witness in front of the Polson, MT city hall building every Mon. from noon-12:30. We are not a protest group and signs include some of Jesus's teachings as well as "Peace begins with you and me". Generally there are 6-8 community members in attendance and often as well as a dozen. Several of us also work at the local food bank either unloading the monthly commodity truck or stocking shelves and bagging food stuffs for families that arrive. On the average, 25 families are helped each time the pantry door opens--which is twice weekly. One of our members is a cook at the local soup kitchen every Wed. The soup kitchen serves between 40-60 daily and is open 4 times weekly. Another serves on the board of the largest environmental group in the state of MT. Two Friends serve on the board of the local Human Rights group which is affiliated with the state Human Rights group. Most of the issues addressed by the HR group have to do with building good relationships with the local tribes as our home here is on the Flathead Reservation. Glad to share how our little Friend's light shines in this corner of the world.

MOUNTAIN VIEW WORSHIP GROUP. Oregon. This came from Shannon Perry (peanuts@gorge.net, 541 386 6136). Current contact person is Jeff Hunter (jeffhunter1859@gmail.com; 541 386 5779).

We are such a small group that we have no committees. We are the committee. Our efforts are local, in support of a community meal project. We at times will connect with Multnomah Monthly Meeting on areas of concern. That seems to be the best way to use our energy.

MULTNOMAH MEETING. Oregon. Clerk is Debbie Averill (debbie2007@edaverill.com; 503 524 3898) P&SC report from July 16:

"I am the new clerk of the Peace and Social Concerns Committee, and we had our first meeting of my tenure on July 7. The following actions were taken: We agreed to co-sponsor the Hiroshima-Nagasaki Commemoration being put on by the Oregon chapter of Physicians for Social Responsibility. We will be arranging for an educational event related to faith action for climate change, which will be brought to us by Jenny Holmes of Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon. We also agreed to arrange for/sponsor meetings of the 350 PDX sub-group on climate and faith, also chaired by Jenny Holmes. We agreed to continue our discussion with regard to the issue of transgendered individuals, as this was brought to us at the meeting and we had had no opportunity to prepare for such a discussion. We thanked our young attender for bringing her deeply felt concern to our attention."

On September 24 she sent the following Update:

"1) We are looking at the issue of transgendered individuals and hope to put together some education around this for members of the Meeting community. This issue was brought to us by a young attender whose partner (transgendered) has experienced discrimination at another faith community. This brought us to the leading that MMM probably needs some education, too. I
remember when we were looking at same-sex marriage back in the 1980s, and I know we needed to learn a lot then. I see this as somewhat parallel.

2) On September 11th we sponsored a called Meeting for Worship with concern for the situation in Syria. It was attended by about 30 Friends, some from Multnomah and visitors from West Hills Friends Church and Camas Friends Church. After the MtW we signed letters to President Obama and our members of Congress which were sent the next day. At Meeting for Worship for Business on September 15th we presented a proposed minute regarding Syria, and the Meeting came to unity on a slight modification of that minute. I am attaching a copy of the minute for your information (this Minute has been sent to all Meetings and Worship Groups in the YM). It is being sent to local media, FCNL, AFSC, etc.

3) We are sponsoring the meetings of 350PDX.org, the local chapter of the larger environmental group 350.org. The group will be using the Meetinghouse free of charge for periodic meetings for planning.

4) We are planning a training on the current status of the abolition of nuclear weapons movement. That is in its infancy, so it may not get off the ground until the beginning of 2014.

5) Beginning on October 9th our liaison to AFSC (Eddy Crouch) and our liaison FCNL (Leslie Hickcox) will be joining facilitating worship-discussion around the joint working paper, "Shared Security," developed by AFSC and FCNL. This program will meet monthly for seven months, ending in April 2014. We are inviting Friends from around the area, as well as other faith communities and organizations, to attend."

OLYMPIA FRIENDS MEETING. Washington. Contacts are Charlotte Claybrooke, Co-Clerk, (360 705 3587 charlotte.claybrooke@comcast.net) and P&SC Gabi Clayton (360-628-8412 gabi@gabiclayton.com)

PORT TOWNSEND MONTHLY. Washington. Contact is Peter Guerrero, (studio374photography@gmail.com).

Port Townsend has an active PSC that is involved in a number of co-operative social actions in the area: homeless shelter leadership; worship on, and engagement with, Indian Island ammo center and the Bangor sub base; hosting the tribes when they come through PT as part of their annual canoe gathering; FCNL, FCWPP participation.

PULLMAN-MOSCOW. Washington, Idaho. Contact is Florence Satterthwait (fsfurville@hotmail.com, and (preferred) her phone is 208 892 0110. Pullman-Moscow does not have a PSC.

There is particular interest in restorative justice.

SALEM FRIENDS MEETING. Oregon. Rose Lewis (lewisrr@xpressdata.net; 503 792 3238) is the new clerk of the PSC committee, which has been reconstituted after several years' lapse.

Our Meeting is very small, and it has been a real challenge to keep some committees going, but we have continued to be supportive of several local projects. These include the monthly Peace Vigil held the first Wednesday of each month in downtown Salem. The children of the Meeting have adopted a nearby section of Mill Creek for upkeep and study. They visit it the third Sunday of each month to do clean-up, make observations, take photos, etc. Other Meeting activities include supporting the annual Salem Peace Lecture, the Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration, Marion-Polk Food Share, Women's Crisis Services, Salem Outreach Shelter, Farm Workers Ministry, Oregon Alternatives to the Death Penalty, and Alternatives to Violence Project
(AVP) workshops at Oregon State Penitentiary

Several members participate regularly in a Worship Group at the penitentiary. This started in 2008 when participants in an AVP workshop asked the facilitators to come in and worship with them after the manner of Friends. The group meets the first Thursday of each month, 1 - 3 p.m. for worship, followed by sharing and discussion.

An individual who had been active in Salem Meeting earlier is now a parolee, and has asked Friends to meet with him at home, since he cannot attend public meetings. Several Friends worship with him each month.

Several from our Meeting were very active with Occupy, and we have continued to provide meeting space for a small ongoing Occupy discussion group each Friday evening. The Meeting has close ties with the Fellowship of Reconciliation and a number of individuals participate in Salem FOR’s monthly programs. The PSC committee has begun to meet regularly, and is considering projects in support of various issues, including prison reform, immigration issues, homelessness, and supporting Peace Plaza. Most recently we arranged a meeting for Katherine Phillipson of FCNL to report about her work and train us in lobbying, encouraging us to meet with Senators Merkley and Wyden about the Syrian crisis and budget priorities. The meeting was well attended, with an informative article in the local newspaper.

**SALMON BAY FRIENDS MEETING.** Washington. Barbara Leutke ([bluetke@ymail.com](mailto:bluetke@ymail.com)).

Salmon Bay has had a strong FCWPP presence on Quaker lobby Day. Prison ministry has been a strong focus, with some members (Mary Helen Lewis, 206-669-9070 and Peg Bernstein 206 734 1914) meeting, talking and worshipping with inmates as often as monthly.

**SAN JUAN WORSHIP GROUP.** Washington. Contact is Kathy Cope, [kcope@rockisland.com](mailto:kcope@rockisland.com), 360 378 3063 [Note: Sandy Herald is moving to Port Townsend!] San Juan WG does not have a PSC.

**SANDPOINT FRIENDS MEETING** Idaho. Contact - Steve Willey ([steve@willey.com](mailto:steve@willey.com); 208 263 4788). Met with congressional representative Raul Labrador’s staff last year. The staffer came to our meeting house where we had about 6 people around a conference table with him discussing keeping the Pentagon cuts in the budget “sequester”. He agreed, though mostly for budget cutting concerns. Labrador is rated 50% peace voter by Peace Action charts, again mostly for money saving reasons. But presently he is one of those pushing the shut-down.

As we have a small meeting, usually 10 to 18 people attending, it’s pretty informal. As the contact person for FCNL, I receive their action alerts emails weekly (and they have several other topical weekly email choices too). I make 9 photocopies of the message and distribute them to alternate chairs in our circle, being aware that some folks read them immediately, others pocket the sheet, and still others will ignore it. So far no one has objected to the hand-outs, and several have thanked me. Perhaps once a month I will comment on an urgent need for letter writing or other action in the sheet, during announcements, or someone will ask what is going on with an issue. I do not speak of this information during worship. This process seems effective in keeping people aware of the issues being worked on by FCNL and the successes they have. Even if few people take action, it is educational. But sometimes someone will offer to write a letter to the meeting to process and approve and sign newspaper for on.

This month we are working up a statement that is intended as a letter to the paper, also a version to be edited as a letter to congresspersons, pointing out that in this time of budget and debt crisis a giant pool of cost savings is available in military spending, without compromising security. In past years we have had street demonstrations against war, for peace, and
against torture and Guantanamo. We have the FCNL “War is not the answer” sign outside the meetinghouse and make them available to the public. We did find that some public demonstrations attracted a few new members.

SKY VALLEY WORSHIP GROUP. Washington. Jean Roberts (360) 793-0240

SOUTH MOUNTAIN MEETING. Oregon. Co-clerks are Herb Rothschild (541 531 3730; herbertrothschild@hotmail.com), and Rebecca Cecil (beccacecil@cyber.mesa.com)

South Mountain PSC committee meets each month, and presents both written and oral reports to Business Meeting. South Mountain is involved in a wide variety of concerns, including:
- Hurricane relief on the East Coast
- Project on Islamophobia
- Permanent sponsor of Ashland Pride Parade
- Spring and Fall letter-writing after worship
- Sponsored conference at Southern Oregon University on "De-bunking the 'Clash of Civilizations:' Understanding Islam and the Middle East:
- Single payer health care
- Interfaith project on religion and politics
- International Day of Peace program - co-sponsoring the Global Feast for Peace at the Ashland Methodist Church
- Ashland Food Project
- Ashland recycling plastics roundup.
- AFSC Connection - a national AFSC program to work more closely with Friends meetings.
- Exploring the Quaker Quest project.

Most recently, the Meeting arranged a special meeting with Katherine Phillipson of Friends Committee on National Legislation, to encourage Friends to lobby our senators, especially about budget priorities - cutting Pentagon spending to increase funds for human needs. This was followed by visits with the field representatives of Senators Merkley and Wyden.

SOUTH SEATTLE FRIENDS MEETING. Washington. Contacts are Dee Dee (Committee Clerk) and Jerry (Meeting Clerk) Evergreen, (206-709-9787 jevergreen@cablespeed.com). Faith in Action Committee.

South Seattle has been working consistently to reduce gun violence. The Meeting passed a minute calling for background checks and gun regulation, and has written to their representatives about the issue. Another major concern is opposing racism, so they sent Gillian Burlingham from their Meeting to the Friends General Conference gathering in Minnesota this September that focused on white privilege.

TACOMA FRIENDS MEETING. Washington. Contact is Angelia Alexander (253-531-3747 Alexander.angelia0618@gmail.com).

Tacoma Meeting has very few members, and they have different concerns, so have not worked together on issues. Individual members work on issues including housing and assisting special needs children. Together with Hillside Church, the Meeting hosts Fellowship of Reconciliation meetings once a month.
UMQUA VALLEY WORSHIP GROUP. Oregon. Contact is Elee Hadley (541 679 8889; eleehadley@mulberryorchard.com).

Umpqua Valley is small enough that we do everything as a committee of the whole. We had some small involvement with Occupy Roseburg early on. One (former) member of UVWG was heavily involved, but he and his family have moved to Olympia area now. Our practice is to support individuals in their efforts, and most of us are involved with many areas -- global warming, mediation and compassionate listening, food banks, just to name a few off the top of my head. We have a weekly sharing, where what we are doing is made known and discussed at our Meeting time. But we rarely operate as a group and we don’t have a P&SC committee. We have a "poster" about our current outreach and visibility effort, where we hope to share testimonies with the interested general public and relate them to current affairs in the local area and the world.

UNIVERSITY FRIENDS MEETING. Washington. Contacts are Mike and Ruth Yarrow, Co-clerks (206-722-1669 myarrow@gmail.com).

University Friends host a SHARE shelter, a group of self-governing homeless people who sleep on the carpet in our worship room every night. When there is a program using the space, their entrance is delayed. A very important aspect is providing a space in cupboards for their bedding and personal items. The Subcommittee on Homeless People at UFM (a subcommittee of P&SC) notes how grateful the participants are; one man talked about being able to study effectively to earn a degree because he has a secure place to stay. The Meeting has dealt with problems as they arise, such as treating bedbugs, providing a supplemental store of toilet paper and towels, and an outdoor picnic table and cigarette container. Several fundraisers by Meeting members for this effort have been successful not only in raising money but creating community as members danced and sang together. Every six months the Meeting reconsiders their contract with SHARE. The only time the shelter has been closed was at SHARE’s initiative because they felt the SHARE person in charge of the keys had not been responsible.

Once a month University Friends contribute for canned goods that members of Peace and Social Concerns bring to Meeting. For each dollar, a can goes in the bags that P&SC members take to Tent City 3. The Committee finds that total contributions of at least $70 or $80 makes it worth the effort. Tent City residents have been grateful.

For a decade Peace and Social Concerns has made an effort to encourage Meeting members to attend Friends Committee on Washington Public Policy’s Quaker Lobby Day, some years calling everyone in their directory over 250 households. The Committee thought this was important not only for the boost to lobbying for key issues, but for acquainting Meeting members with their representatives, and building some community during shared rides to Olympia.

P&SC has recruited speakers for a month each year of Adult Education sessions from 9:30-10:30 on Sundays. Periodically the Committee brings information (often FCNL priorities) and a variety of letter-writing materials (so the letters appear more individual) for Friends to write to their representatives during lunch.

VASHON ISLAND WORSHIP GROUP. Washington. Contact is Jim Hauser (206-463-5117 jameswhauser1943@gmail.com).

The Worship Group has a list of around three dozen causes to which it gives donations on a schedule of about three per month. Marcy Summers, a member of the group, launched an ecology/development project called Tompotika in Indonesia, and the group is cares deeply about
this effort. Some members have participated in the Women in Black vigil every Thursday from 5:00 to 6:00 pm for the past Three years, where they encourage people to send postcards to their representatives as a “Do it yourself petition.”

WALLA WALLA FRIENDS MEETING. Washington. Contact is Dan Clark (509-522-0399 Email: clarkdn@charter.net).

Walla Walla Meeting has been working closely with the STAR Project (Successful Transition and Reentry) for prisoners returning to the community, both with volunteer time and funding. They are concerned with decreasing our dependence on coal and resisting efforts to mine, use or export coal. Walla Walla Friends have been volunteering for their local Walla Walla Diversity Coalition’s activities, including the September 2013 Freedom from Discrimination Month in the Walla Walla Valley, focusing on gender and sexual identity respect and equality and other concerns.

WHIDBEY FRIENDS MEETING. Washington. Contacts are Michael Seraphinoff (mjseraph@whidbey.net) and Tom Ewell (tewell@whidbey.com).

Whidbey has an active PSC. During this past year, for example, we have sponsored and co-sponsored movies, speakers, and a Syrian refugee awareness and fundraiser. We have done a public petition against war in Syria in the local paper. We have encouraged members and attenders to go to the FCWPP Quaker Lobby Day and held informational meetings related the FCNL priorities.