

MARCH 2026 CALL TO ACTION:

Action Alert: Discerning FCNL Legislative Priorities for the 120th Congress

Since 1943 the Friends Committee for National Legislation has been lobbying for Quaker values in our federal government. Every two years, we are asked to discern our priorities within the framework of [FCNL's statement of legislative policy: The World We Seek](#). FCNL's national lobbying is rooted in the discernment of Friends and is deeply spirit led.

The Witness in the World Committee invites you to join us for Moorestown Meeting's discernment of legislative priorities for the 120th Congress which will convene in January 2027.

On **March 1** at the rise of Meeting in both Moorestown and Mount Laurel Meetinghouses we will present "The World We Seek" and explain how you can offer your priorities.

On **March 15**, after hospitality, we will hold an in-person discernment session in the D'Olier room so that we can consider our priorities together.

On **March 28** members of the Witness in the World committee will meet to collate the input we have received from the Meeting and then consolidate that input into 5 priority statements that will be submitted to FCNL.

Priorities have real integrity because of you. Join us in this important process of speaking truth to power.

FEBRUARY 2026 CALL TO ACTION:

Action Alert: Waging Nonviolence

- Concerned about how the US is slipping into authoritarianism?

As Quakers, our peace testimony includes nonviolence:

“Our historic peace testimony is a living testimony, as we work to give concrete expression to our ideals, often in opposition to prevailing opinion. We recognize that the peace testimony requires us to honor that of God in every person.....” <https://www.pym.org/quakerism/quaker-testimonies>.

- How have Quakers expressed their opposition? And how do they resist while avoiding physical violence?

During the Civil Rights Movement of the 60’s and the Vietnam War, non-violent protests were used effectively by Quakers who became peace activists, often putting themselves in harm’s way. MLK used the words “militant nonviolence”.

<https://www.youtube.com/shorts/BDZZqkz092A>

Nowadays anti-democratic threats have resulted in massive street protests, acts of non-compliance, lawsuits, rallies, boycotts, heckling of and non-cooperation with ICE in cities.

- Did you know that [Waging Nonviolence.org](https://www.wagingnonviolence.org) was founded in 2009 by Bryan Farrell and Eric Stoner and that it contains a Global Nonviolent Action Database? Our own George Lakey, a Quaker sociology professor, added the concept of nonviolent revolution.

Take Action Now

- Join Waging Nonviolence
<https://wagingnonviolence.org/>
<https://wagingnonviolence.org/2026/01/10-rules-of-resistance-for-iceout/>
- Want to protest? Go to <https://afsc.org/newsroom/how-stay-safer-protest>
- Donate to Minneapolis Mutual Aid Funds
<https://linktr.ee/Mplsicewatch>
- Nonviolence International
https://www.nonviolenceinternational.net/resistance_to_presidential_take_over_of_us_government

Related Reading

- *Dancing with History – a life for peace and justice*, by George Lakey. www.sevenstories.com
- *Surviving the ICE Age – Children of Immigrants in New York* by Joanna Dreby.
www.russellsage.org
- *On Tyranny-Twenty Lessons from the Twentieth Century* by Timothy Snyder
www.timduganbooks.com
- The first two books are available at MMM. <http://www.moorestownfriendsmeeting.org/>
- Click on Library and Search catalogue.

**JANUARY 2026 CALL TO ACTION:
Action Alert: Human Trafficking?**

Overview

- Human trafficking, also known as trafficking in persons, includes both forced labor and sex trafficking. It not only represents a threat to international peace and security but also undermines the rule of law, robs millions of their dignity and freedom, enriches transnational criminals and terrorists, and threatens public safety and national security everywhere.
- In 2024 there was estimated to be more than 27.6 million people — adults and children — subjected to human trafficking around the world, including in the United States.
- Traffickers often take advantage of instability caused by natural disasters, conflict, or a pandemic to exploit others.
- January is National Human Trafficking Prevention Month

(From <https://www.state.gov/national-human-trafficking-prevention-month/>)

10 Ways you Can Act Now

1. Learn the indicators of human trafficking on the TIP Office's [website](#) or by taking a training. Human trafficking awareness training is available for individuals, businesses, first responders, law enforcement, educators, and federal employees, among others.
2. If you are in the United States and believe someone may be a victim of human trafficking, call the 24-hour [National Human Trafficking Hotline](#) at 1-888-373-7888 or report an emergency to law enforcement by calling 911. Trafficking victims, whether or not U.S. citizens, are eligible for services and immigration assistance.
3. Be a conscientious and informed consumer. Find out more about who may have picked your tomatoes or made your clothes at [ResponsibleSourcingTool.org](#), or check out the Department of [Labor's List of Goods Produced by Child Labor or Forced Labor](#). Encourage companies to take steps to prevent human trafficking in their supply chains and publish the information, including supplier or factory lists, for consumer awareness.
4. Volunteer and support anti-trafficking efforts [in your community](#).
5. Meet with and/or write to [your local, state, and federal elected officials](#) to let them know you care about combating human trafficking and ask what they are doing to address it.
6. Be well-informed. Set up a web alert to receive current human trafficking news. Also, check out [CNN's Freedom Project](#) for more stories on the different forms of human trafficking around the world.
7. Host an awareness-raising event to watch and discuss films about human trafficking.
8. Organize a fundraiser and donate the proceeds to [an anti-trafficking organization](#).
9. Encourage your local schools or school district to include human trafficking in their curricula and to [develop protocols](#) for identifying and reporting a suspected case of human trafficking or responding to a potential victim.
10. Use your social media platforms to raise awareness about human trafficking, using the following hashtags: #endtrafficking, #freedomfirst.

More ideas can be found here <https://www.state.gov/20-ways-you-can-help-fight-human-trafficking/>)

Helpful Resources & Organizations

- NJ Coalition Against Human Trafficking <https://www.safernj.org/about-us>
- Because Organization (based in Media, PA) <https://www.becauseorganization.org/>
- Love Justice International <https://www.lovejustice.ngo/>
- International Justice Mission <https://www.ijm.org/>