

FCNL Report for Piedmont Friends Yearly Meeting & Fellowship  
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A couple of key FCNL announcements. First, this spring FCNL is soliciting Friends' participation on what should be FCNL's legislative priorities for the coming congressional year. FCNL requests that Friends submit responses by April 15. [View additional information](#) including how to submit the responses, some ideas on facilitating with your meeting, and what happens after meetings and groups submit their responses. You can also see the current list of legislative priorities at the link above.

Second, young adults are invited to attend [FCNL's Spring Lobby weekend March 16-19](#). The event will be happening in Washington D.C. and online. To join in-person register by March 1. Participants will be advocating to pass the Truth & Healing Commission on Indian Boarding Schools legislation. There is an easy process to request financial assistance to defray costs. If Friends are interested in supporting young adults attending, Avela Chiya, a Guilford College student serving as an FCNL Advocacy Corps Member is organizing a group of about six or seven students to participate. She is seeking financial contributions to allow others to join. Reach out for further information: [achiya@guilford.edu](mailto:achiya@guilford.edu); 336-253-7493.

Two things for Friends to note that were approved at FCNL's Annual Meeting held in November 2023. First, FCNL's General Committee approved [this addition](#) to the FCNL Policy Statement related to reproductive healthcare. Second, the General Committee also approved the [2024-2028 Strategic Plan: Toward the World We Seek](#).

Friends can view the recorded sessions from the [Annual Meeting here](#). Many of these are inspiring and worth a listen!

FCNL continues to host several virtual sessions that might interest friends, including an upcoming [Special Session: Glimmers of Hope in the Middle East](#) on Feb. 15, 2-3pm ET.

Across the state of North Carolina, Friends continue to participate in FCNL's Advocacy Teams and lobby for peace. The focus this year is for Congress to rein in the Pentagon's wasteful spending. These meetings still happen virtually and it's easy for you to join our efforts! Email Lizzie Biddle, at [esbiddle@gmail.com](mailto:esbiddle@gmail.com) for more information.

I encourage Friends interested in learning more about FCNL & engaging in any of the lobby efforts to explore [FCNL's website](#), sign up [to receive content-rich emails](#), [reach out to FCNL's expert staff](#), and of course, [consider a financial gift to support their work](#).

I continue to serve as the Piedmont Friends Yearly Meeting representative and thusly as a General Committee Member. This year I am co-clerking, along with Tracey Peterson, the Anti-Racism, Anti-Bias, Justice, Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion (AJEDI) Working Group. A working

group made up of General Committee members tasked with guiding our collective work toward a more [just and equitable world](#).