Homewood Friends Meeting

FCNL Liaison Report 2019

Homewood Meeting’s Liaisons with FCNL during 2019 were Gary Gillespie and Sarah Bur, then since October, Barbara Bezdek. The principal points of liaison this year were to circulate opportunities for Homewood Friends and community to write to their elected representatives in the US House and Senate on matters related to Quaker testimonies. FCNL action alerts offer model letters, the opportunity to write your own letter, direct-send to your representatives online, and issue briefs, at https://www.fcnl.org/action/act-online. The liaison alerts the office, and our beloved Mina Brunyate circulates the call to online action via the Homewood list, and records the number of respondents if they notify her that they wrote a letter.

2/6/2019 – Stop fueling war in Saudi-led war in Yemen

3/18/2019 – More aid for families struggling with hunger


4/23/2019 - Caring for Creation: 2 respondents

5/28/2019 – No War with Iran: (Prevention of Unconstitutional War with Iran Act; President cannot unilaterally declare war without authorization by Congress). This was passed with bipartisan support in Feb. 2020.


10/7/19 - Tell representatives to vote for peace provisions in the National Defense Authorization Act: repeal the authorization for war with Iraq in place since 2002; no funds for war with Iran; end US aid in support of war in Yemen. https://www.fcnl.org/updates/bipartisan-group-urges-congress-to-prevent-war-through-ndaa-2311

11/9/19 – Need to respond to the humanitarian crisis on US-Mexico border; no more detention beds or border walls. https://www.fcnl.org/search?q=border

[Thus far in 2020:

1/6/20 - No war with Iran (following assassination of Soleimani); and


Forthcoming: online Priorities Setting discernment, TBD.