

Friends Committee on National Legislation Representatives Report to PYM Annual Session 2018

SUMMARY

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All six representatives to the Friends Committee on National Legislation were able to participate in the Annual Meeting (governing body) last November 2017. The Annual Meeting was preceded by the Quaker Public Policy Institute which had over 400 people lobbying. These gatherings in Washington, DC are Spirit-led sessions that exhibit great Quaker practices.

There are many opportunities for Friends locally to become involved in being citizen activists with FCNL: letter writing, weekly actions, participation in a local Advocacy Team of Friends and non-Friends (this year focusing on US/North Korea relations), and generally holding our elected federal officials accountable, working on long-term issues, and entering into pastoral relationships with members of Congress and their staff members.

There are eight Advocacy Teams functioning in the Yearly Meeting: Berkeley CA, Pasadena CA, Irvine CA, Los Angeles CA, Morgan Hill CA, San Jose CA, Santa Cruz, CA, and Reno NV. Representative Carolyn Levering will conduct an interest group at this annual session on Sunday evening.

FCNL was founded 75 years ago this year! FCNL's Christine Ashley, Quaker Field Secretary, will be with us through Monday.

The Representatives are:

Anthony Manousos, Orange Grove MM (Pasadena CA), Carolyn Levering, Santa Cruz MM (CA), Robert Levering, Santa Cruz MM (CA), Klara East, Visalia MM (CA), Julia Thompson, Palo Alto MM (CA), and Stephen McNeil, Strawberry Creek MM (Berkeley CA), Convener.