

**Shared via Pacific Yearly Meeting  
Peace and Social Order Committee**

**Southern California Quarterly Meeting  
National Commission on Military, National, and Public Service  
SCQM Appeal for Minutes and Action  
November 2, 2019**

Southern California Quarterly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends' Peace and Social Concerns (P&SC) Committee is sharing this appeal with our affiliated P&SC clerks and monthly meeting clerks, with hopes that they will consider this issue within their committees and monthly meetings.

Friends have traditionally united in their opposition to war, and were instrumental in creating the option to serve as a Conscientious Objector during times of mandatory enlistment. Our country is undertaking a review of procedures for Selective Service System (SSS), mandatory registration for conscription into military service (the "draft"). The panel created for this process, National Commission on Military, National, and Public Service (NCMNPS), is accepting public comments until the deadline of December 31, 2019. The NCMNPS will make recommendations to the U.S. Congress in Spring 2020. We are encouraging our meetings to create and approve minutes addressing this issue, which can be shared with your senators and representatives as well as the National Commission. If there is sufficient participation in this effort, we may be able to consider minutes voicing the support of the Quarterly and Yearly Meetings. Although this imminent deadline may not offer adequate time for Quaker process in drafting and approving our responses, we encourage you to consider contributing your voices in any way possible. This seems a particularly important and urgent time for Quakers to speak up.

Truth in Recruitment, a project of the Santa Barbara Friends (Quaker) Meeting, is helping raise public awareness of the sometimes deceptive and invasive recruitment techniques being used by the military in our public schools, and has been instrumental in sharing some of these developments with our Quaker meetings. They are also actively working with allied groups, such as Committee Opposed to Militarism and the Draft and the Center on Conscience and War, to end SSS and the removal of lifelong disabilities, such as qualification for college financial aid if a person does not register. TIR has issued a statement for abolishing the SSS, please see the link and those of other anti-war organizations. Feel free to contact Kate Connell, from our Santa Barbara Meeting, for more information and to learn additional ways you can participate.

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