

FCNL Report to Representative Meeting, November 2019

Claudia Wilson, John Fletcher, Gail Fletcher, Suzanne Cole and Liz Yeats attended the recent FCNL Annual Meeting as your representatives. Lon Burnam, FW Monthly Meeting, and Larry Kelly-Mahaffey, Friends Meeting of Austin also attended. It was a spirited and very active meeting proceeded by lobbying our legislators about ending endless war on Capitol Hill. 400+ Quakers and others from all over the country spread out all over the Senate and House office buildings to support ending the President's authorization to use military force and bring that power back to the Congress.

Of note this year was the increased diversity of the Congress, especially the House office halls and the number of demonstrations about gun violence, the death penalty (Rodney Reed), environment, and others. The FCNL attenders were noticeably more diverse as well. FCNL governance involved approving changes to the policy statement and the acquisition of responsibility for William Penn House. More about both of these will be available in a longer report at 2020 SCYM Sessions.

To hear more about joining an FCNL advocacy team, supporting the Advocacy Corps workers in Dallas, sending young adults to Spring Lobby Weekend, and other FCNL opportunities ask one of us reps or go to fcnl.org.