



2018/2019 Office Update

Office of Peacebuilding and Policy

Racial Justice

The Racial Justice Associate worked to create the Native American Challenge and the Dikaios 2019 bus trip, which seek to foster understanding and reckoning about Indigenous issues for the Brethren. She co-chaired a coalition of staff from D.C. faith offices seeking to educate, mobilize, and hold accountable the faith community on racial justice. The Associate also joined a World Council of Churches delegation to the UN and National Native American Boarding School Healing Coalition conference.

Conscientious Objection

The office engaged in several hearings held by the National Commission on Military, National and Public Service, which has convened in order to suggest potential changes to the Selective Service system. We spoke out about the importance of Conscientious Objector status, our opposition to war, and the importance of volunteer service through programs like Brethren Volunteer Service.

Unarmed Civilian Protection

The office helped to coordinate legislative advocacy for the inclusion of Unarmed Civilian Protection in the 2020 Appropriations bill. 45+ students joined us during Christian Citizenship Seminar to advocate on this issue!

Regional Advocacy

Responding to specific conflicts and crises around the world, our office engages in advocacy around Nigeria, Israel-Palestine and the Middle East, and the African Great Lakes region. Through partnerships with groups like Churches for Middle East Peace, the Nigeria Working Group, and Christian Peacemaker teams, the office coordinates direct advocacy with Congress, meetings with the State Department, and coalition sign-on letters.

Creation Care

The office provides staff support to the Brethren Creation Care Network, which will support the denomination with resources to assist caring for creation. The intersection between creation care, food security, and racial justice was highlighted in written pieces as well as other educational and advocacy efforts.

Drone Warfare

The Interfaith Working Group on Drone Warfare coordinated a rally against drone warfare, which called for an end to CIA drone strikes and a ban on lethal autonomous weapons. The group also distributed two letters to Congress on the issue of drones and CIA strikes, and has participated in the planning of a grassroots advocacy conference that will focus on drones.



Director Nathan Hosler speaks at a rally against drone warfare



Racial Justice Associate Monica McFadden speaks at the Anabaptist Leadership Retreat



Monica McFadden and Tori Bateman highlighted the office's work at an Anabaptist music festival

