

Midlothian Friends Meeting Meeting for Discernment February 11, 2018

17 Friends were present. The majority of meeting took the form of worship sharing on the topic of Friends Committee on National Legislation (FCNL) legislative priorities for the next two years.

The legislative priorities established previously for the 115th Congress (2017-2018) are as follows:

- Promote peacebuilding, diplomacy and the peaceful prevention and resolution of violent conflict with an emphasis on the Middle East.
- Reduce military spending and armed interventions.
- Promote nuclear disarmament and non-proliferation.
- Advance equitable criminal justice systems that eliminate mass incarceration and support law-enforcement that is community-oriented and demilitarized.
- Pursue policies that promote and respect the rights, safety, and dignity of all immigrants, refugees, and migrants.
- Promote equitable access for all citizens to participate in the political process.
- Promote policies that reduce economic inequality and poverty; encourage fair compensation for workers and health care for all.
- Work to end gun violence.
- Witness and advocate on Native American concerns.
- Advocate for sustainable solutions to climate disruption and its consequences.

The following decisions were made after reaching the 'sense of the meeting':

- We are in unity with the first and second legislative priorities from 2017-2018, deleting "with an emphasis on the Middle East" from the second priority.
- Regarding the third priority, we support any Congressional efforts to create new checks and balances on the President's ability to order the preemptive use of nuclear weapons. We oppose any policy change or technological development that makes it easier to use nuclear weapons.

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REGULAR SCHEDULE - All welcome to all of our gatherings.

- **Youth "First Day" (Sunday) School** on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month from 11:15am until 12pm. Young ones worship with adults for the first 15 minutes (your toddler's chatter during this first 15 minutes is OK with us).
- **Circle of Friends** gathers every Sunday at 10:15am for 30 minutes for spiritual sharing (except for the 2nd Sunday of the month - see below).
- **Meeting for Worship** based on 'expectant waiting' at 11am each Sunday except the 2nd Sunday of the month, when we hold our monthly **Meeting for Discernment**.
- **Meeting for Discernment** on the 2nd Sunday of each month at 11am, where our spiritual community collectively turns to the Spirit for guidance. On that Sunday early worship is available starting at 10:15am, based on 'expectant waiting'.
- **Shared Potluck Meal** on the 4th Sunday of each month after worship.

ADDRESS INFORMATION:

- **Driving directions:** Corner of Preservation Rd. and Huguenot Springs Rd in Midlothian, VA. Huguenot Springs Rd. connects Rt. 60 and Rt. 711 just west of Rt.288. More detailed driving directions: www.MidlothianFriends.org
- **Mail:** Send mail to **Midlothian Friends Meeting, PO Box 1003, Midlothian, VA 23113.**
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Meeting for Worship – Sun, Feb 18, 11:00 AM–12:00 PM

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