



## NATIONAL WAR TAX RESISTANCE COORDINATING COMMITTEE

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Dear Friends,

This will be my second year as a war tax resister. Although I have been active in the antiwar and peace movement since 2009, it was only last year I was intellectually honest and morally courageous enough to live the words “If you work for peace, stop paying for war”.

We go through life and have our own moments, our chapters and episodes in thought, word or deed. If a movie were to be made of our lives, it would feature unambiguous crossroads, transformational nadirs, heroic climaxes or satisfyingly just codas. Becoming a war tax resister was one of those decisions in my life that would make the final copy of the film and not wind up on the cutting room floor. It is something I am immensely proud of, particularly because of the company of fellow war tax resisters I now keep, and it provides a mightily needed salve for my conscience.

The peace of mind and the dignity I enjoy as a war tax resister would not be possible without the National War Tax Resistance Coordinating Committee (NWTRCC). Without the information and support I received from members of NWTRCC throughout the country, I know, in 2016, I would be currently writing and speaking against war, but still providing the means for it. That testament is not hyperbole for the sake of a fund raising appeal, but rather it is the honest truth. I know I will also continue to be a war tax resister because of the existence of NWTRCC. If not for NWTRCC I do not believe I could so ably continue my defiance of militarism and war.

If you are reading this appeal you have more than likely already made the brave and right choice to follow your conscience and to resist war taxes. You are already doing more than most and you are already part of a fellowship of gutsy and honorable men and women, a fellowship audaciously devoted to principle, justice and compassion. So, I must admit more than a bit of cheekiness in my mind and in my fingers as I type and as I ask you to do more.

I must ask for more though. To ensure that we can continue to support one another as we go forward with our war tax resistance requires the all too practical funding necessary to all organizations, no matter how virtuous they may be. To encourage more men and women, just as you did last year in your encouragement and support of me, to join your ranks and do what is right, will require more outreach, more resources and more means. So please consider making a contribution to NWTRCC, so that we can continue to maintain strength in our solidarity and to grow in our influence.

Thank you all so very much for inspiring me and for emboldening me last year to do what was correct for my conscience and what is needed for our society and for our world.

Peace to you all.

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