

Coordinator Report for November 2020 CC meeting 4 November – 15 October 2020

General

- Weekly staff meetings with Chrissy to plan out NWTRCC work.
- Worked with Chrissy & Outreach Committee to plan May & November online meetings.
- Answer daily emails concerning regular NWTRCC business or WTR questions.
- Make weekly (usually) deposits of donations & send out thank you letters with NWTRCC updates.
- Make sure software is up-to-date for our webpage with help from our web tech support folks.
- Reach out to potential AdComm nominees and gather info for May 2020 meeting.

Outreach

- Editorial responsibilities for NWTRCC newsletter, *More Than a Paycheck*, which is published six times per year.
- Writes a post for the blog about once per month or finds a WTR to do so.
- Worked with Chrissy to organize online Tax Day 2020 demos (April 15 & July 15) with hashtags #NWTRCC & #NoTaxes4War.
- Composed reports for November 2019 meeting in Oregon and May 2020 meeting online, which were posted on the blog & newsletter.
- Filled lit orders and got lit out to folks willing to spread the work (e.g., Chrissy at SOAWatch / Kings Bay Plowshares 7 trial, Peter Smith for South Bend event in January, NYC for WTR 101 session in March, San Francisco for WTR session) – Not much lit for tabling since COVID-19.
- Connected an American WTR (living in Canada) with Conscience Canada to talk about American WTR at their World Beyond War session—the sessions for this conference got rescheduled for 2021.
- Coordinating monthly Outreach Meetings. The group worked on a Survey Monkey survey, sent to current WTRs in our Network, Facebook, MTAP, and Twitter (Thanks to Chrissy for her work on this!). We also updated the Climate Crises portion of the website. This group also plays a key role in planning for Tax Day & NWTRCC conferences. Also helped to update the Earth palm card & Peace Tax Return.
- *WTR at Glance* has been translated into Spanish: [Resistencia al Pago de Impuesto de Guerra: Un Vistazo Rápido](#).
- Facilitated interviews for article on WTR published [San Francisco Bold Italic: “Meet the People Who Refuse to Pay Their Taxes”](#)

- Facilitated interviews of [WTRs under 40 for an article written for wagingnonviolence.org](#).
- Kept the office stocked with current NWTRCC literature, having literature printed as needed.
- Posted on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram when appropriate. I was particularly active on Twitter, commenting on statements made by folks that they do not want to pay taxes anymore and those who want to #DefundThePolice. Many of these folks began following NWTRCC's Twitter feed.
- Organized rounds two & three of our Youth Advisory Council Focus Group with Chrissy (participants are paid from a grant we received from the Muste Foundation)
- Provided an interview to Rivera Sun on the connections between WTR and the military draft for a project she is coordinating on the possible consequences of another draft.
- Worked with Iowa Peace Network to have two NWTRCC article republished on their site ahead of Tax Day (July 15).
- Organized WTR panel for national online Veteran for Peace conference (August 2020). Panel included myself, Randy Kehler, and Lida Shao.

Fundraising

- Coordinate fundraising committee with monthly conference calls. Main focus on NWTRCC finances & grant opportunities.
- Submitted grant applications for Samuel Ruben Foundation for operating expenses (rejected), Muste Foundation for additional Youth Focus Groups (approved for \$2K in 2020), Barrett Foundation for general operating expenses (accepted for \$7K for 2019 and \$6.5K for 2020).
- Worked with Outreach Committee (esp. Jim Stockwell and Carlos Steward) for an online Art Charity Auction for NWTRCC that raised \$1,100. We are hoping to do it again in 2021.
- Worked with Fundraising Committee and Sam L. on the [Bequest Campaign](#), which launched at the beginning of October 2020.
- Completing November fund appeal by Bernard Offen.
- Completed the May 2020 fund appeal by Frida Berrigan and mailed it out.
- Composed 2021 budget for Fundraising Committee & AdComm, which will be discussed at this meeting.
- Sent out affiliate dues forms shortly after the May/November appeals.

Technical Assistance

- Composed Counseling Notes for newsletter.
- Have taken several of calls/emails on passports, a wage garnishment, frivolous warning letters, new W-4 form, FASFA, retirement funds, social security & an IRS home visit. When appropriate, I also connect callers and emailers to local people and groups.
- Continued the quarterly Counselors' Conference Call. The October, January, April, and July meetings were well attended (about 8 folks on the line & 2 or 3 listen to recording afterward).
- Updated all of our [W-4 lit](#) with the release of the new W-4 in Jan 2020. Also updated [Practical 2 \(To File or Not to File\)](#), [Peace Tax Return](#), and [Earth Palm Card](#). (Thanks to Ruth, Ed, and Rick for their assistance in formatting these materials.)
- Led the very first online WTR Counselors' Training on Saturday 25 January 2020. Two long-time WTRs joined the session with four people who were trained (two additional folks signed up, but did not show up).
- Led an online WTR 101 Zoom session for Peace Week (22 September 2020).
- Provided guidance for [Mennonite USA Church Peace Tax Fund](#) as they discerned how it would work best for their church.
- Worked with Susan Quinlan of Nor. Cal. WTR to update their records for people they hold money for, but have lost contact with. Also put an insert in the June/July 2020 newsletter to help track down some folks.

— Lincoln Rice, 15 October 2020