



## NATIONAL WAR TAX RESISTANCE COORDINATING COMMITTEE (NWTRCC)

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Dear Friends,

I've only thought of myself as a war tax resister for a very short time, maybe just over a year, but I've recently realized that the journey to this point began a long time ago when a small seed of peace was planted inside of my psyche and my heart. **NWTRCC, as you'll read, has been key in nurturing that seed of peace.**

The seed was planted when my mother took me to Take Back the Night rallies. It began to germinate when I experienced the difficulties of living in a low income household and participated in my first Earth Day. It sprouted leaves when I struggled to walk past people begging on the street. It grew larger in college as I studied ethics, peace, and justice and then put those ideas into action by marching against the tyranny of the World Trade Organization and the illegality of the Iraq War. It sent out buds when I got scared about the climate crisis and started looking for ways to reduce my carbon footprint. And on and on the list could go.



Lindsey Britt at Women's March in  
Washington, DC (2017)

That seed of peace has continued to grow and flower as I've made my way past young adulthood and into my late 30s (gasp!), leading me to embrace ways of resisting and living that I never could have imagined five, ten, or more years ago. Somewhere along the way (I wish I could pinpoint when, but it's lost to time) I discovered NWTRCC. The ideas I found on the website were one more element in nurturing the seed of peace and gave me the courage to continue growing in new ways. **If I'd been alone with the idea of tax resistance I don't think I could've made the leap to actively resisting; NWTRCC was vital in that process.**

I'm so grateful to the people who came before me that made NWTRCC's resources available. **Acting as an information clearinghouse, source of support, and friendly community is priceless.** Over the past few years I have realized how the issues I care so much about intersect with one another in the realm of taxes:



**Lindsey Britt Protesting at  
Brett Kavanaugh Confirmation**

- War taxes fund a military that wages war on the environment
- War taxes foster a culture of violence that leads to the abuse of humans and nonhuman animals

When I put all of that together it just made sense to make tax resistance part of the way I live my life. NWTRCC made it possible to put that realization into practice, which for me involves a combination of lowering my taxable income and refusing to pay a portion of my income taxes.

I contribute financially to NWTRCC so that others will have access to the information, support, and community that I found within the organization and so that they, too, can learn and

grow as practitioners of peace. **I'd invite anyone, whether a tax resister or not, to contribute to NWTRCC as a way of nurturing the seeds of peace in us all.**

In solidarity,

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