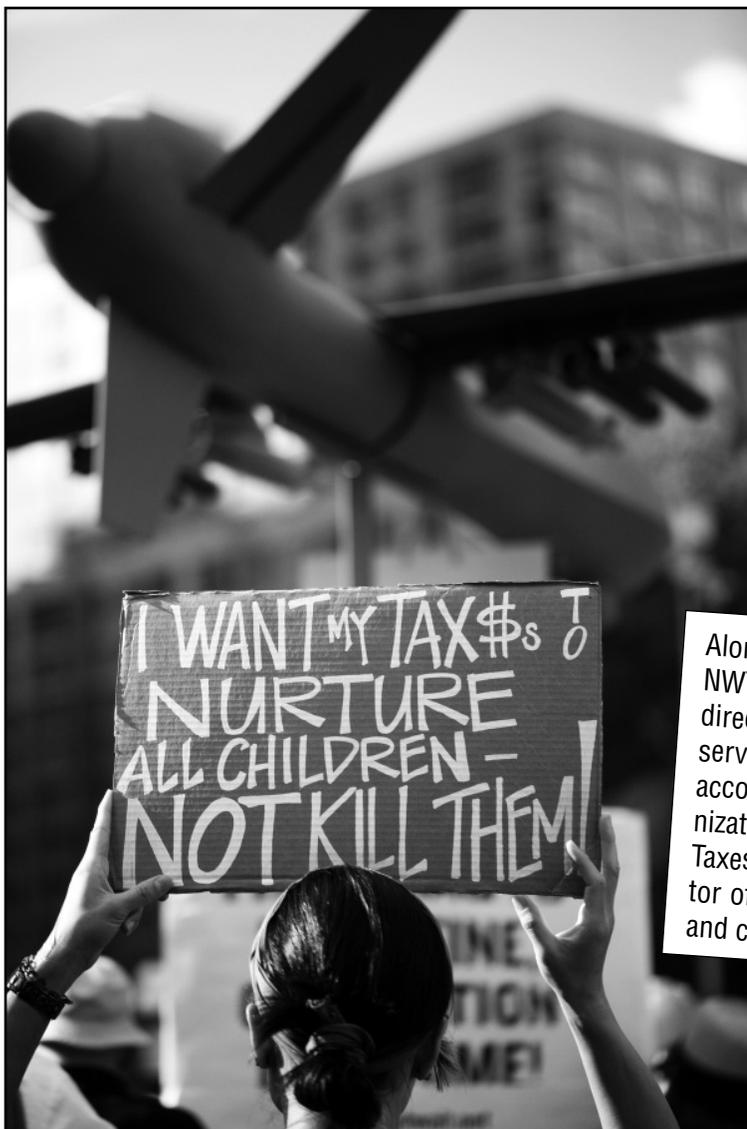


NATIONAL
WAR TAX RESISTANCE
 COORDINATING COMMITTEE
2014 ANNUAL REPORT

War tax resisters take seriously the message on the left. We believe a world without war is possible, and we want our money and resources used to create that world. The National War Tax Resistance Coordinating Committee (NWTRCC) exists to connect and support all the activities that are part of withdrawing support from war and encouraging others to do the same. From individual resistance to mass action, NWTRCC provides tools to strengthen and unite our message.



Along with thousands of individual redirections, six groups in NWTRCC's network reported more than \$60,000 of taxes re-directed from the government to grants for organizations that serve the common good. Northern California People's Life Fund accounted for more than half the total with grants to 27 organizations. Below, Sue Barnhart (left) of Lane County (Oregon) Taxes for Peace Not War presents a grant to Julie Daniel, Director of Bring, which focuses on issues of wasteful consumption and climate change.



Thousands filled the streets of New York City for the September 21 Climate March. War tax resisters, including NWTRCC Coordinator Ruth Benn (right), carried signs and banners connecting the environmental destruction of war to the changes needed to slow climate crises.



As April 15 approaches each year, NWTRCC gathers information about tax day actions and war tax resistance stories. In 2014 resister Lida Shao was interviewed on *Democracy Now!*, an excellent forum for outreach to potential resisters.



Media outreach is great, but most of our efforts involve more direct actions, like holding signs along a busy avenue in Milwaukee or this display set up by Tom Shea at a Martin Luther King Jr. Day event sponsored by the Ground Zero Center near Puget Sound in Washington. NWTRCC is also a partner in the Global Day of Action on Military Spending, connecting what we do to a worldwide network.



THE BUSINESS OF NWTRCC

There would not be much point in NWTRCC's existence without the individuals around the country who take on the risks of war tax resistance. "Coordinating Committee" is a bulky but important part of our name. NWTRCC was founded in 1982 as an umbrella for the groups and individuals who participate in this method of war resistance.

The founding objectives, which are still the heart of our work today, include Information, Referral and Support; Producing Resources; Publicizing War Tax Resistance; Sponsoring or Supporting Initiatives and Campaigns; and Participating in the International Network.

Ruth Benn has served as NWTRCC Coordinator since 2003, and thanks to generous grants from the craigslist Charitable Fund and the support of so many individuals, we have been able to maintain a second part-time position since April 2013. Erica Weiland, Social Media Consultant (right), manages the Facebook, Twitter, and YouTube accounts and the blog. She began producing online discussions and podcasts in 2014. Her article, "You Have Already Been Drafted" was published on Z-Net, and she adds links to NWTRCC's website when the topic of taxes and war comes up in internet discussions.

NWTRCC sponsors two national war tax resistance gatherings each year. The weekend includes a mini-conference and our business meeting. The Peace Resource Center of San Diego and director Mariah

Gayler hosted the May gathering at their eco-friendly building. We shared a potluck dinner with the nearby Brethren Church and heard from the Project on Youth and Non-Military Opportunities, a group that has received WTR grants.

In November, our hosts were Professor Lonnie Valentine and the Earlham School of Religion in Richmond, Indiana. Before the gathering, Erica Weiland spoke at the weekly Peace Forum, cosponsored by Bethany Theological Seminary. During the weekend Lonnie spoke on the history of Quakers and WTR, and attorney Peter Goldberger presented an analysis of the Supreme Court's "Hobby Lobby" decision and how it might impact WTR legal cases.

New England war tax resisters held their 29th annual gathering in Maine, featuring a talk by CodePink activist Lisa Savage titled "How a Nice, Middle Class Girl Became a War Tax Resister."

NWTRCC continues to publish a newsletter six times a year, both in print and online. The work of a Strategy Committee led to the publication of two new outreach cards, which we offer free to those who ask. We also began a push to update much of our literature, including the popular "Practical War Tax Resistance" series, especially in light of the impact of the Affordable Care Act on WTRs.

The office maintains the Network List of counselors, affiliates, contacts, and alternative funds around the country. It can be found on the NWTRCC website. The Gandhi Institute in Rochester, New York, sponsored



two workshops with NWTRCC counselors in 2014, and other workshops were held at conferences, including the Veterans for Peace convention in Asheville, North Carolina. Perhaps the most exciting Network development was the revival of the War

Tax Resisters Penalty Fund, which helps reimburse resisters when the IRS has seized interest and penalties. Every reader should join the Penalty Fund today! See wtrpf.org for details.

While NWTRCC pays two part-time consultants, volunteers do an incredible amount of work, serving on committees, writing articles, taking photos, staffing lit tables, updating publications and the website, and lots more.

Then there are all of you great local activists who take the message of refusing to pay for war far and wide, from the School of the Americas in Georgia to the Fellowship of Reconciliation's conference at Seabeck, Washington; from the Maine Walk for a Sustainable Future to the Peace and Justice Studies national conference in southern California.

Thanks to everyone who, in ways large and small and donations little and big, has helped to keep this network going for more than 30 years!



RUTH BENN

NWTRCC sees poverty, racism, sexism, homophobia, economic exploitation, environmental destruction and militarization of law enforcement as integrally linked with the militarism that we abhor. Through the redirection of our tax dollars, NWTRCC members contribute directly to the struggle for peace and justice for all.

FINANCIAL REPORT	
FISCAL YEAR 12/1/2013 - 12/31/2014 *	
INCOME	
Individuals Contributions	\$26,210
Grants.....	\$19,890
Affil. Fees/Alt. Fund Grants.....	\$7,460
Newsletter Subs & Ads.....	\$2,378
Literature & Other Sales.....	\$908
Grants transferred to reserves.....	(\$13,043)
TOTAL INCOME.....	\$43,803
EXPENSES	
Coordinator.....	\$20,519
Social Media Consultant.....	\$9,456
Office Supplies/Postage/Phone.....	\$3,224
Meetings/Travel.....	\$3,266
Rent.....	\$768
Newsletter/Literature	\$2,753
Publicity/Local-Regional Outreach	\$1,997
TOTAL EXPENSES.....	\$41,983
NET GAIN (OR LOSS) FOR YEAR.....	\$1,820
*In 2014, the fiscal year extended 13 months in order to adjust NWTRCC's fiscal year to the calendar year going forward.	

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