

PSC Addendum: Report by Working Group on U.S. Militarism and War

2021-2022 Annual Report

The original proposal for this Working Group, formed in September, 2021, was that its activities include study, action, advocacy, and collaborative work through coalitions with other faith, community and peace groups. Group members agreed to prioritize concerns related to military spending and nuclear weapons, plus other issues as they emerge or as people feel led.

A key goal for this Working Group is to engage more people, both in Monthly Meetings and in our communities, in the work for peace. Here are some of the activities of the Working Group in its first few months:

- Two of our members revised existing PowerPoints on military spending and on nuclear weapons for use of BYM Friends.
- We had two presentations for our Working Group members and for other interested persons in BYM:
 - Member Phil Caroom made a presentation on “The International Criminal Court—What it is and Why it is Important for Peace Activists.” Slides from the presentation can be found here:
<https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/14mNiypKup3Kj-aFT38gSSHvN-r8Vhjz0-2Z3VjBpdU/edit?usp=sharing>
 - Diana Ohlbaum of FCNL discussed the FCNL publication, Dismantling Racism and Militarism in U.S. Foreign Policy <https://www.fcnl.org/updates/2021-09/study-calls-out-white-supremacy-us-foreign-policy>
- We cosponsored two webinars, that we promoted widely within BYM: one, organized by Annapolis Friends, was on drone warfare, and the other webinar, organized by Maryland Peace Action, featured Prof. Larry Wittner on nuclear weapons.
- We organized a webinar entitled “The Peace Testimony and the Ukraine War: A Webinar for Friends.” There were 146 people who joined the webinar and others who viewed the recording. Panelists included Robert Dockhorn, Helena Cobban, and Michael Beer.

The Working Group invites Quakers within BYM to join us.

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