

**Peace and Social Action Committee
Annual Report
2012-2013**

During the past year the Peace and Social Action committee organized the following events:

Soup and Sharings -

June 3, 2012 A.T. Miller talked about Friends Committee on National Legislation(FCNL)

October 7th, 2012 Andy and Bess Simkin talked about experiences in India

Feb 3, 2013– a sharing on FCNL Policy Queries

March 3, 2013– a sharing on Climate Change

Movie Nights:

May 4th Tapped

October 19 - Amazing Grace

Nov 16 - Brother Outsider

Dec 14 – To be and To Have

Jan 11 – Forgiveness (2nd Part)

March 15- Home Front

The movies were generally followed by informal group discussion. The movies in January and March were shown at the meetinghouse using a digital projector. It is hoped that this venue will make the event accessible to a larger number of people, in spite of the lack of comfortable seating. (Folks were encouraged to bring their own seating if desired).

Prism Articles: Starting this year Committee members took turns submitting a short monthly article to the Prism on current political concerns.

Christmas Project: Coordinated by Jane Simkin and Karen Brennan, assistance was provided to 3 local families at Christmas time.

Friends Committee on National Legislation (FCNL) :Members of the committee attended a coordinating meeting in Ithaca, shared information about FCNL Lobbying weekends, and other national priorities such as cutting Pentagon spending, and responded to requests from FCNL for feedback on their priorities and policy decisions.

Other Activities: Members of the committee have also been involved with wider Quaker and community groups/actions: for example, San Pedro Sister Community Project; Bolivian Quaker Education fund, AVP, prison concerns, anti-war/stop the drones vigils, and promoting understanding of the environmental consequences of hydro-fracking.

Committee members during 2012-13:

Jane Simkin, Trudy Buxenbaum, Dill Otis, Laura Buffam, Larry Buffam, Shirley Way, Suzanne O'Hara, , Andy Simkin, Karen Brennan

The committee met on the first Tuesday in May, August, October, December (2012), January, February, March and April(2013).

Laura Buffam was the Clerk of Peace and Social Action this year, Suzanne O'Hara and Shirley Way were recorders, and Suzanne was also our representative for the Funds Committee.