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July 3, 1947.

Mrs. Marjorie B. Votaw,  
603 So. Blaine Street,  
Newberg, Oregon.

Dear Friend:--

Enclosed are some suggestions along the line of your request. I did not <sup>know</sup> exactly what you wanted nor what you wanted it for. It may be that there is far too much of it.

I am hoping that the minutes may be out sooner than they are some years, as I'd like to get some letters on their way to quarterly meeting superintendents as soon as possible.

Sincerely your friend,

Levi T. Pennington.

P.S. You'll see that I made some mistakes in writing this material, for I was too sleepy to make the proper indentations at times. Too much getting up early and going to bed late. Hope to end one of those soon.

NATIONAL SERVICE DEPARTMENT  
OF  
OREGON YEARLY MEETING SERVICE BOARD.  
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OBJECTIVES AND METHODS OF ACHIEVEMENT.

FIRST OBJECTIVE -- Thorough information of all Friends, especially youth of draft age, on Friends' peace testimony, to aid in making right decision when facing compulsory military training, conscription, etc.

Method of achievement.

1. Cooperation with peace department in education, through
  - i. Literature.
  - ii. Public meetings, sermons, addresses, etc.
  - iii. Study groups.
  - iv. Individual conferences.
  - v. Information service, to keep youth informed as to changes in laws, etc.

SECOND OBJECTIVE -- Assistance of all whose conscientious objection to war and war preparation requires change in normal life, to take up non-military service to government, to go to prison, etc.

Method of Achievement. Will vary with situation.

1. At present, aid in readjustment of C.P.S. men, assist in providing educational opportunities, help men to get jobs, aid families of these men if necessary.
2. If conscription of compulsory military training come, help young people to understand their rights, and assure them of the church's help if trouble comes to them through obedience to conscience.
3. If C.P.S. or other non-military service is taken, provide support for men who takes it, and for his family if necessary; visit camps; write cheering and appreciative letters, provide comfort kits, and other conveniences; etc.
4. If prison results from obedience to conscience, aid prisoner by visits as permitted, cheerful letters, provision of literature and such other comforts as may be permitted.

THIRD OBJECTIVE -- Assistance wherever practicable to those who make decisions not in full accord with Friends peace testimony.

Method of Achievement

1. If youth accepts military service, combatant or non-combatant, give assurance of the continued love and care of the church, by letters, gifts and literature when permitted, etc.
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WORKING OUTLINE FOR YEARLY MEETING DEPARTMENT.

1. Meeting of Yearly Meeting and Quarterly Meeting heads, though desirable, probably not practicable.
  2. Get letter containing suggested objectives and methods to Quarterly Meeting heads as soon as practicable.
  3. From time to time give encouragement and any necessary information, especially about new developments.
  4. Get report blanks, in adequate quantities, to Quarterly meeting superintendents in ample time.
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## WORKING OUTLINE FOR QUARTERLY MEETING DEPARTMENT.

1. Hold meeting of Quarterly meeting and Monthly Meeting leaders early.
2. Outline objectives and methods suggested, giving opportunity for suggestions from any and all.
3. Encourage Monthly Meeting leaders to get program under way early in the year.
4. Hold other meetings of leaders as occasion demands, through new laws, development of special needs, etc.
5. Get report blanks out in adequate quantities and in ample time.
6. Then get them in in ample time, by request and if necessary by insistence.

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WORKING OUTLINE FOR MONTHLY MEETING DEPARTMENT.

1. Keep yourself informed as to Friends position, present laws, any new laws or other developments. (Best source of information, Friends Committee on National Legislation, 2111 Florida Avenue, N.W., Washington 8, D.C. Every leader of this department, from Yearly Meeting to Monthly Meeting should be on their mailing list.)
2. See that every young person (older ones, too, but especially the young) is fully informed as to Friends position, the law, the privileges of the conscientious objector.
3. Have someone in the meeting especially appointed as advisor to the youth in these matters, unless arrangement is made for a quarterly meeting advisor.
4. Provide necessary funds for assistance of C. O.'s of last war whenever required.
5. Assist C.P.S. men to complete adjustment through education, employment, etc.
6. If conscription or compulsory military training come, give adequate support to any who need it because of obedience to conscience.
7. Help in any way possible any who take a position not in accordance with Friends testimony.
8. Keep proper records of work done during the year, by appointed leaders and others.
9. When time comes for report, make it out and send it in promptly.

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BIBLIOGRAPHY, SUPPLEMENTARY MATERIAL, ETC.

1. The New Testament, especially the teachings of Jesus.
2. The Discipline of Oregon Yearly Meeting, especially the Richmond Declaration.
3. Standard Quaker works on peace, service, etc.
4. Works of other peace writers, such as Kirby Page, Frederick J. Libby, J. Nevin Sayre, etc.
5. Literature put out by Friends Committee on National Legislation, mentioned above.
6. Peace Action, published by the National Council for Prevention of War, 1013 Eighteenth St. N. W., Washington 6, D.C.
7. Tracts and other literature issued by the Peace Section of the American Friends Service Committee, etc.