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Contributors

Edward F. Snyder has been on the staff of the Friends Committee on National Legislation since 1955 (Executive Secretary since 1962). Upon graduation from Yale Law School in 1951, he served a clerkship for a federal judge and practiced law in Stamford, Conn. In addition to his FCNL work, his experience in Southeast Asia involved several fact-finding visits for the American Friends Service Committee to Cambodia, Laos, and Vietnam as well as two years in residence in Singapore (on leave from FCNL, 1967-1969). A member of Adelphi, MD, Friends Meeting, a father of four, he has served on the AFSC Board, the National Council of Churches of Christ, the Washington-based Churches Center for Theology and Public Policy, and a number of other policy-oriented organizations. From 1975-1980 he was Co-Chairperson of the Coalition for a New Foreign and Military Policy. He and his wife Bonnie go hiking and backpacking in Colorado's wilderness areas whenever possible, and garden or split wood at home when they can't.

Daniel A. Seeger became a conscientious objector to military service during the Korean War after reading Gandhi in a required college course on "contemporary civilization." When the government sought to conscript him after graduation, the telephone directory led him to draft counseling at the N.Y. office of the American Friends Service Committee, where he is now Regional Executive Secretary. Ultimately USA vs. Seeger went before the United States Supreme Court. A unanimous decision in his favor greatly broadened the basis for religious conscientious objection. Following a B.D. from Queens College, a three-year career in Physics in which he assisted in research at Columbia University, Sloan-Kettering Institute, and Los Alamos National Laboratory "was brought to an abrupt and welcome close" when he joined the AFSC staff in 1962. He became a Friend five years later, is a member of 15th Street Meeting in N.Y., and is also active in FWCC and FUM. On the latter's behalf he recently visited 13 Friends Churches as part of a small delegation to support the pastoral ministry of Friends in the island of Jamaica. Painting, music (piano), photography, and calligraphy (in a number of languages, including Sanskrit) are hobbies he pursues schedule permitting.

Patricia Edwards-DeLancey accepted calls to pastor two Friends meetings in southwestern Ohio last summer after completing her courses at Iliff School of Theology in Denver, Colorado. In addition to preparing for her comprehensives and working on her Ph.D. dissertation for Iliff, as well as ministering to the Fairview and Martinsville meetings, she will be teaching part-time at the Earlham School of Religion (about three hours drive from New Vienna, Ohio, where Fairview is located). Patricia and her husband Curtis are the parents of Mike, Rick, and John.

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