



# Taxes for Peace Not War!

**A mini-conference exploring the actions of those who refuse to pay for war and the efforts to direct federal tax dollars from war to peace**

Please join us in the beautiful Shenandoah Valley this May to share stories of resistance, strategize with activists, and find out how to stop paying for war. There will be a special focus on the legislative campaign for a Peace Tax Fund, its current status, and the pros and cons of the bill from a range of perspectives.

**Friday Evening, May 1 – Saturday, May 2, 2009**

**Community Mennonite Church, 70 South High St., Harrisonburg, VA**

Hosted by National War Tax Resistance Coordinating Committee (NWTRCC) and area friends.

The program is open to everyone with an interest in war tax resistance.  
Come for the whole weekend or one session (see back for program outline).

Sunday morning, May 3, is an open organizational business meeting for NWTRCC.

## REGISTRATION FORM For full or partial weekend *Please fill out front and back*

I am (we are) coming to the war tax resistance gathering in Harrisonburg.

NAME(S) \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

# Attending: \_\_\_\_ Adults \_\_\_\_ Children for:  Full weekend  Partial weekend

If partial, please check meals you will need:

Friday:  Dinner

Saturday:  Breakfast  Lunch  Dinner

Sunday:  Breakfast  Lunch

### Accommodations:

Out-of-town guests will be housed in homes.

I live in the Harrisonburg area and can offer housing for \_\_\_\_ person(s).

I/we need a bed(s)\_\_\_\_ please  Floor space ok

*(Organizers will contact you if you need to bring a sleeping bag.)*

I/we will find our own accommodations.

I/We will be staying over these nights:  Thurs.  Fri.  Sat.  Sun.

### Special needs:

Vegan  Food allergies: \_\_\_\_\_

Pet or other allergies: \_\_\_\_\_

Other: \_\_\_\_\_



## Program

Representatives of war tax resistance (WTR) groups from around the country will attend and join local war resisters as presenters and facilitators for panels, group discussions, and workshops. The schedule below is subject to change. Check the website [www.nwtrcc.org](http://www.nwtrcc.org) or call (800) 269-7464 for updated information.

### Friday Evening, May 1

5 – 7:30pm: Arrival, registration, dinner

7:30pm: War tax resisters and the Obama budget, plus reports from Tax Day Actions (personal or group) and War Tax Boycott results.

### Saturday, May 2

9am – Noon: Intros/welcome – Small and large group discussions on the status of the War Tax Boycott, organizing strategies, possible preview of NWTRCC's new introductory film; update on IRS activity and trends in war tax resistance.

Noon: Lunch

Afternoon: Panel presentation on the Religious Freedom Peace Tax Fund Bill followed by discussion; WTR 101-introductory/how-to workshop; supporting WTRs/strengthening the network; strategies for economic survival.

6:00pm: Dinner

Evening: Free time to tour the area. We will also have available some recent war tax resistance/peace tax campaign films for viewing.

### Sunday, May 3

9am – Noon: NWTRCC Business meeting.

Agenda includes continuing work on boycott and video; consultant review; check-in on priorities and budget approved at November meeting; selecting new Administrative Committee members; renewal of endorsement of Peace Tax Fund legislation; literature updates and new resource ideas. **All welcome!**



*The National War Tax Resistance Coordinating Committee (NWTRCC) is a coalition of groups from across the U.S., formed in 1982 to provide information and support to people involved in or considering some form of war tax resistance.*

## Logistics

**Location:** Harrisonburg, Virginia, hosted by local war tax resisters and friends. The mini-conference and meetings will be held at Community Mennonite Church, 70 South High St., [cmcv.org/online](http://cmcv.org/online). The Sunday meeting location will be at a local office or home. Our meetings will be near the campus of Eastern Mennonite University, [emu.edu](http://emu.edu).

### Travel:

**Driving:** Harrisonburg is right off Interstate 81. We will try to help connect folks for car pools.

**By Rail:** Amtrak stops in Staunton and Charlottesville. (Staunton a bit closer.)

**By Air:** Shenandoah Valley Airport, 20 minutes from Harrisonburg; Charlottesville (CHO), an hour away; Dulles International (IAD), 2 hours distance. Dulles will be cheaper, but please factor in the extra time. We will help with transportation between DC and Harrisonburg. *(Please fly to Dulles if you fly to DC; it is the closest of the DC airports.)*

### Housing:

Housing is in homes with local hosts.

### Meals:

The program begins with dinner on Friday and ends with lunch on Sunday. All meals are simple, vegetarian meals. Everyone will be asked to share in preparation or cleanup.

### Costs:

\$15 registration fee in advance for the full weekend for those who can afford it; those attending for part of the weekend are asked to make a contribution in advance or during the weekend. No one will be turned away.

### Local Contacts:

Ray Gingerich, [gingerrc@emu.edu](mailto:gingerrc@emu.edu) or (540) 434-6876.

For additional travel info contact: Rick Bickhart, [ricksinspace@yahoo.com](mailto:ricksinspace@yahoo.com) or (434) 953-9938. *Further travel and housing details will be sent after you register.*

### Travel Information

I will be arriving by:  Air  Car  Train  Bus

Airline/Flight Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Bus/Train Info: \_\_\_\_\_

Date/approx. arrival time: \_\_\_\_\_

Air/bus/train departure time: \_\_\_\_\_

I need driving directions.

I can offer rides to \_\_\_\_\_ people from my area.

It is difficult for me to take public transportation.  
I hope to be picked up on arrival.

### Fees and Registration Deadline

We are asking \$15 registration fee for the weekend or donations if you are attending part of the time. No one will be turned away for lack of funds, although a collection may be taken up during the weekend if costs have not been covered.

Enclosed is \$15 registration fee. *Please make checks payable to NWTRCC.*

**Please register by April 17** if possible (mail, phone, fax, email!) – especially if you need housing. Harrisonburg area folks coming for part of the weekend may register with the local contact above.

*Return this form to:*

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