WTRCC’s 39th year was again affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. The pandemic resulted in NWTRCC holding several events online that normally would have been held in person, including both of our national conferences in May and November 2021. We began Tax Season 2021 online with a webinar in January, featuring a fantastic panel with war tax resisters from around the country.

PUBLICITY AND OUTREACH

NWTRCC publicity and outreach occurred primarily online during 2021. Since a major piece of feedback from the young adult focus groups we ran during 2019 and 2020 was that the website looked dated, which might dissuade younger folks from trusting the information on the website. The website now sports a more modern look and color palette.

We also made two additional upgrades to website. First, we added a resource page connecting the war tax resisters from around the country.

NWTRCC made its presence known at the gatherings of several groups during 2021, including Peace and Justice Show out of Chico, California. Of special note, Bob Bady spoke on the resistance and Wally and Juanita Nelson during a February episode that connected war tax resistance with Black History Month.

The pandemic caused problems for local war tax resistance groups that normally take their message to the streets on Tax Day. Adding to this confusion, Tax Day was delayed until May 15. Nonetheless, close to two dozen actions took place across the United States. In Brattleboro, Vermont, folks tabled outside the local co-op and invited folks to participate in their flower poll.

In San Diego, several groups co-sponsored the program, “Move our Money from Death to Life,” to mourn the deaths, pain, and suffering caused by U.S. policies at the U.S.-Mexico border and to demand “Free them All” for those detained.

In Manhattan, several groups went out in April and May to protest taxes for war. They leafleted outside the IRS office, the General Post Office, and at Time Square’s military recruiting center. Resisters in Eugene also went out twice during tax season with environmental activists, visiting farmers markets as well as the local federal building and IRS office.

The Northern California People’s Life Fund hosted a redirection ceremony to invest $61,000 in 25 different community organizations addressing needs in the Bay Area. A spokesperson from each group gave a brief intro to their mission and their work in a small group Zoom chat room with other recipients.
MEETINGS & GATHERINGS
Each year, NWTRCC holds two national gatherings (May & November). Both were forced online by the pandemic.


Our November meeting took on a European flavor, featuring a panel on “Tax Resistance with Money Rebellion and Grup Antimilitarista Tortuga,” with author Jane Rogers and biologist Alex Penson of Extinction Rebellion, plus area contacts, counselors, and meeting attendees. The six-member Administrative Committee provides oversight outside of meetings, with each member serving a three-year term. Volunteers carry out many tasks, including website updates, hosting gatherings, fundraising, writing and reviewing literature, and brainstorming outreach strategies. NWTRCC would not have survived 39 years without dedicated and skilled volunteers!

RESOURCES AND COUNSELING
NWTRCC not only keeps our vast website resources up to date. but also keeps a stock of printed literature materials to be circulated on Tax Day and throughout the year by our affiliates and friends.

ADMINISTRATION
NWTRCC’s Coordinating Committee (CC), which meets on the Sunday morning of our biannual conferences, makes organizational decisions. The CC includes representatives of our 40 affiliates, plus area contacts, counselors, and meeting attendees. The six-member Administrative Committee provides oversight outside of meetings, with each member serving a three-year term. Volunteers carry out many tasks, including website updates, hosting gatherings, fundraising, writing and reviewing literature, and brainstorming outreach strategies. NWTRCC would not have survived 39 years without dedicated and skilled volunteers!

Administrative Committee:
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Jerry Maynard, VP/Director of Programs .........................$433
Lida Shao, Co-Treasurer ............................................$0
Ruth Benn, Chairperson .............................................$0

FINANCES AND FUNDRAISING
NWTRCC has always been very frugal and relies heavily on the generosity of its members. But in addition to our members, we are also very thankful for significant funding from the Northern California People’s Life Fund, Southern California War Tax Resistance, the War Resisters League and a bequest.

NWTRCC is here because of all our generous donors and supporters. Every donation, no matter the size, keeps NWTRCC going. Thank you!

FINANCIAL REPORT
FISCAL YEAR 1/1/2021- 12/31/2021

INCOME
Individual Contributions ..................................$36,878
Grants/Alt. Fund Grants ..................................$11,078
Affil. Fees/Religious Grps/Honoraria ..................$4,500
Bequests .........................................................$2,500
Conference Income ......................................$679
Newsletter Subs & Ads .......................................$1,298
Literature & Other Sales ..................................$100
TOTAL INCOME ..........................................$57,035

EXPENSES
Coordinator/Office Help ..................................$22,424
Health Ins./Retirement .....................................$5,470
Social Media/Outreach Consult. ..................$17,433
Rent/Supplies/Postage/Phone .........................$3,370
Meetings/Travel .............................................$408
Newsletter/Literature/Web .........................$5,187
Publicity/Local-Regional Outreach ..................$121
TOTAL EXPENSES ..................................$54,413
NET GAIN (OR LOSS) FOR YEAR ..................$2,622

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