

### PUBLICITY AND OUTREACH

Trump's second term and the controversial works of the Department of Government Efficiency (DOGE) resulted in a very busy start to 2025. Although the previous year with the start of the genocide in Gaza brought an exponential increase of interest among younger people, the work of the Trump administration expanded new interest to older taxpayers. NWTRCC offered war tax resistance workshops almost every single week of tax season. Often, these were in collaboration with other groups, including the Black Response Cambridge, Choose Democracy, National Tax Strike, Pace e Bene, and Ignite Peace.

Tax Season 2025 also saw the release of the War Resisters League's new edition of *War Tax Resistance: A Guide to Withholding Your Support from the Military*. The NWTRCC office was happy to provide feedback on certain chapters of the book before it went to press. Without a doubt, this resource was the most popular item ordered from the website in 2025.

Interactions on NWTRCC's social media also increased substantially. In 2025, followers on Instagram increased from 21,800 to over 28,000. As always, we printed literature materials to be circulated on Tax Day and throughout the year. Our bimonthly newsletter and social media presence are ways for people to stay abreast of changes in the tax code and IRS policy.

### ACTIONS AND REDIRECTION

Tax Season 2025 was very active with nearly two dozen exciting and creative actions. The Little Platte Catholic Worker Farm was proud to host the first annual Dubuque Tax Day Bike Ride. Penny Polls were offered in many places, including Colorado Springs, Ithica, Eugene, and Portland, Oregon.

In Manhattan, NYC War Resisters League vigiled in front of the IRS to call attention to

US wars and militarism, despite an officious sergeant from the Department of Homeland Security unsuccessfully demanding that they move away from the building. In Portland, Oregon, local resisters held signs on local overpasses on Tax Day morning.

The Dorothy Day Catholic Worker in Washington, DC hosted a panel discussion titled, "Breaking Free from the War Machine: Stories of

Tax Resistance." The panel featured several local long-time resisters.

Northern California War Tax Resistance held their annual redirection ceremony and granted \$80,000 to community organizations. Collective redirections were also organized by New England War Tax Resistance, the Oregon Community Peace Fund, and Madison Area War Tax Resistance.

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A WTR gathering in Portland, Oregon celebrates pies for peace. Photo provided by Paul Stretch.



In Manhattan, Tax Day protesters leaflet to a passing tourist bus. Photo by Ed Hedemann.



# NATIONAL WAR TAX RESISTANCE COORDINATING COMMITTEE

## MEETINGS & GATHERINGS

Each year, NWTRCC holds two national gatherings (May & November). Our May gathering was on Zoom and our November gathering was in Worcester, Massachusetts. With the recent re-election of Trump, our May gathering focused on resisting taxes in the Trump era and David Gross provided a compelling presentation on how Trump may change the tax landscape and the influx of Trump tax resisters who were less focused on war.

Our November meeting began with a presentation by Congressman Jim McGovern, who is the current sponsor of the Peace Tax Fund legislation. We also heard from National Priorities Project, The Black Response Cambridge, Center for Nonviolent

Solutions, 350.org, National Tax Strike, and finished the conference with a concert from Charlie King.

## ADMINISTRATION

NWTRCC's Coordinating Committee (CC), which meets on the Sunday morning of our gatherings, makes organizational decisions. The CC includes representatives of our 40 affiliates, 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 43 years without dedicated and skilled volunteers!

## FINANCES AND FUNDRAISING

NWTRCC has always been very frugal and relies on the generosity of its members. NWTRCC saw an increase in its donor base since the invasion of Gaza and this trend has continued. Many younger resisters—even with limited means—made donations to NWTRCC this past year. 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 1/1/2025 – 12/31/2025

#### INCOME

Individual Contributions .....	\$50,937
Grants/Alt. Fund Grants .....	\$5,012
Affil. Fees/Religious Grps/Honoraria .....	\$5,417
Raffle .....	\$833
Conference Income .....	\$1,976
Newsletter Subs & Ads .....	\$1,562
Lit & Other Sales .....	\$1,954
<b>TOTAL INCOME .....</b>	<b>\$67,691</b>

#### EXPENSES

Coordinator/Office Help .....	\$27,081
Health Ins./Retirement .....	\$6,450
Outreach Consult .....	\$19,879
Rent/Supplies/Postage/Phone .....	\$4,912
Meetings/Travel .....	\$2,578
Newsletter/Literature/Web .....	\$6,660
Publicity/Local-Regional Outreach .....	\$131
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES .....</b>	<b>\$67,691</b>
<b>NET GAIN (OR LOSS) FOR THE YEAR .....</b>	<b>\$0</b>



Christina from National Tax Strike brought M&Ms to our November conference with messages geared toward our crowd.

Photo by Lincoln Rice.

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NWTRCC acknowledges the deep links between militarism and the social ills of poverty, racism, sexism, xenophobia, homophobia, transphobia, economic exploitation, environmental destruction, and militarized law enforcement.

We believe war tax resistance can help build a world of justice, community, harmony with nature, and peace.

We seek collaboration with others working for a non-militarized society.