

War Tax Resisters Penalty Fund

Appeal #48 Winter 2015

Share amount requested of each member: \$30.00

Seeking a total: \$4,290 in contributions

See details of the requests from the resisters below

Make checks payable to CMTTC (PO Box 2096, Mars Hill, NC 28754)

or pay by credit card at www.wtrpf.org

Please respond within two weeks after receiving this appeal if possible.

NOTE: We welcome all contributions, even if they are less (or more!) than the share amount.

Report on appeal #47: (August 2015)

Number of active contributors: 106

Inactive members: 109

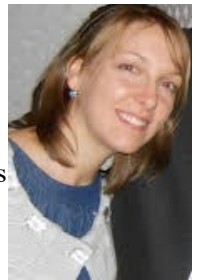
Amount requested: \$4,338

Total collected: \$3,732 (86%)

Note: we've collected MORE than the target amount at other times.

WTRPF statement of purpose: *“The War Tax Resistance Penalty Fund provides a process of mutual support through which war tax resisters and their supporters can distribute financial assistance to war tax resisters whose taxes are collected and for whom the collection of penalties and interest is a burden. In providing this mutual support, the Penalty Fund hopes to sustain and expand war tax resistance as a form of conscientious objection to war.”*

Rachel Soltis. “I resist paying war tax because I believe in Love. I resist paying war tax because saints and prophets have refused to pay war taxes too. I resist paying war tax because it is a little crazy, and crazy can really shake things up. Now I am being collected for much more than I initially resisted. I feel disappointed and a little defeated. But I know that the collection doesn't change the truth of our action. And I know that action is important, even if it is like the quiet, hopeful act of planting seeds. A seed can wait in dormancy for decades, even centuries, before the conditions are right for it to rise to the light. I know Love is rising.”



Rachel has refused to pay up to half of her assessed income tax since her graduation from college. She asks for assistance to pay statutory additions for years 2009, 2012, 2013, and 2014 in the amount of **\$2,176**. The steering committee has decided to ask for only **\$1,848** for her in this appeal in order to keep the share affordable. We will ask for the remainder of the amount that Rachel has requested in the next appeal.

Andy McKenna. “During college I was a short-term volunteer with Peace Brigades International, where our team observed the workers at a thread factory who were on a long-term strike. The union members, including a 16-year old, were locked inside the facility grounds with armed guards watching them 24 hours a day for over a year. One day, the factory owners sent a semi-trailer to remove the raw cotton. With guns literally at their heads, the workers blockaded the gate and refused to budge on principle. I saw this brave act of nonviolence and asked myself, 'How can I, with all my privilege as a white, North American male, not follow their example and take a more courageous stand for peace and justice?' A few years later, after the first Gulf War, I met some war tax resisters who asked me why I was still paying taxes for war if I didn't believe in it.”

Andy has been a non-filer for 22 years and has worked toward passage of the Peace Tax Fund Bill. He asks for assistance to pay statutory additions for years 2004 and 2007 in the amount of **\$2,936**. The steering committee has decided to ask for only **\$2,445** for him in this appeal in order to keep the share affordable. We will ask for the remainder of the amount that Andy has requested in the next appeal.

To make a contribution to our work: visit www.wtrpf.org Questions: email webmaster@nwtrcc.org or call Peter at 574-532-3720. Since online donations go through Paypal, a \$1.17 fee is deducted from a \$30 donation.

Send checks payable to our fiscal sponsor CMTC to:

Conscience and Military Tax Campaign
PO Box 2096
Mars Hill, NC 28754

Note: Please do NOT make your check payable to WTRPF. We will not be able to deposit it in our CMTC account!

If you or someone you know is currently having their assets seized by the IRS and needs help with the penalties and interest, or if you know someone who would be willing to become a supporter, please let us know.

WTRPF Steering Committee: Peter Smith (Indiana), Shulamith Eagle (Vermont), Bill Ramsey (North Carolina), Shirley Whiteside (Colorado), Steve Leeds (California)