



Friends Committee
on National Legislation

Lobbying with Quakers

June 2023

To our Friends at Southern Appalachian Yearly Meeting and Association,

Please welcome **Mwandeyi “Mwan” Kamwendo** as she visits the 2023 Southern Appalachian Yearly Meeting and Association sessions. We are excited that she will have ample opportunities to hear your concerns and leadings while sharing in worship and holding your meeting in the Light. She is grateful to be in community with you.

As FCNL’s Advocacy Team Organizer, [Mwan](#) works to support new and prospective members of FCNL’s Advocacy Teams program in developing deep advocacy skills and connecting with the national network of Advocacy Teams around the country.

Before joining FCNL in November 2022, Mwan graduated with honors from Columbia University in the City of New York with a B.A. in Political Science. As a student, she worked in youth empowerment and policy advocacy through several projects, including leading an international relations non-profit offering young people the skills and knowledge to engage with global issues. Additionally, she contributed to multiple grassroots mobilization initiatives at Beyond the Bomb, an organization empowering everyday citizens to advocate for progressive nuclear weapons policies.

We at FCNL seek to strengthen our connection to Friends meetings and churches around the country and find areas where FCNL can offer opportunities for action on issues concerning Friends. We are supporting this travel in the tradition of Friends’ intervisitation with hope to stir our spirits and open opportunities for understanding one another’s experiences of how the Spirit is working in the world toward peace and justice.

We send you greetings, hold you in our prayers, and trust that God will bless your time together in loving community.

In peace,

Mary Lou Hatcher

Clerk, FCNL General Committee

Lehigh Valley Monthly Meeting

Philadelphia Yearly Meeting