



Tulalip Charitable Contributions Funds Distribution Report

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GENERAL GOALS: Faith Action Network is a statewide interfaith advocacy 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization through which thousands of people and over 100 faith communities across Washington State partner for the common good. Together, we are a powerful voice of the faithful building a more just, peaceful, and sustainable world.

SPECIFIC USE FOR THIS AWARD:

To assist with general funding of this charitable organization's projects.

For more information, see the attached reports by Faith Action Network.



Faith Action Network

is an interfaith, statewide partnership striving for a just, compassionate and sustainable world through community building, education, advocacy and courageous public action.

Join us in keeping flames of hope alive!



Faith Action Network Staff & Board

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*Celebrating
FAN's 5th
Birthday...*



*Together, fanning the
flames for justice!*





In the past year FAN:

Grew our network to 109 faith communities pledging to take action with FAN for the common good.

Convened Interfaith Leaders quarterly and in meetings with the Governor, and issued statements against hate crimes and Islamophobia, against racially-motivated violence after Charleston, SC, and calling for just budget and policies.



Statewide

We reached further this year:

Visited, Taught, Preached at more than 57 faith community forums and conferences, reaching more than 4,000 people.

Convened 17 Cluster Gatherings across the state in summer/autumn.

Organized four Spring Summits for 200 advocates to strategize in Seattle, Spokane, Vancouver and Yakima.



Education & Advocacy

The Heart of our Organizing Work:

Organized Advocacy Days in Olympia, Spokane and Yakima, raising the voices of over more than 400 advocates.

Facilitated 40 meetings with state legislators and 16 with Congress members, engaging 250 FAN advocates.

Trained District Coordinators, NAFC liaisons, and FAN committee members to provide leadership in their communities.

Sponsored two special Tax Forums, one in Western WA, one in Eastern WA.

WON legislative victories: FAN human trafficking bill to include labor in definition; with coalition partners, Certificates of Restoration of Opportunities Act; Homeless Students Stability Act; Toxic Free Kids & Families Act; and Task Force on the Use of Deadly Force.



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Fueling the Flames



2015 Income:

Denominations	\$	63,242
Faith Communities	\$	34,577
Individuals	\$	38,608
Community support	\$	4,095
Fundraising events	\$	120,510
Grants	\$	75,771
Interest	\$	192
	\$	336,994

2015 Expenses:

Program: Organizing, Education & Advocacy	\$	284,523
Administrative	\$	34,828
Fundraising	\$	35,153
	\$	354,504

Thank you for your support.

With you we can do even more in the next five years!



Faith Action Network is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization (tax ID# 91-0687337).

2016 LEGISLATIVE AGENDA

Reducing Wealth Inequality

- Pass Wage Theft prevention bills (misclassification, anti-retaliation, triple damages, and wage recovery)
- Increase minimum wage and fund paid, sick, & safe leave (Proposed to be on 2016 Nov. ballot)
- Pass Gender Pay Equity bill
- Pass Aerospace Tax Preference Accountability bill
- Increase Jobs & Contracts for African American community
- Protect current Payday Lending statute

Fully Fund & Protect Health & Human Services, Mental Health programs, and Public Education

- Fully restore the monthly TANF grant (\$15M) and protect our state's Disability Lifeline program (HEN/ABD)
- Pass Breakfast After the Bell
- Fully fund our broken Mental Health System (e.g. Workforce Recruitment & Retention, \$10.5M)
- Fully fund the state Supreme Court's level for the McCleary ruling
- Pass the Capital Gains Tax
- Supplemental Budget Requests (\$250K for Small Farm Direct Marketing/Farm to School Program & Civil Legal Aid Program, \$555K)

Dismantling the Culture of Violence

- Pass Criminal Justice Reform bills (Post-Secondary Education for Prisons, LFOs-Legal Financial Obligations, CROP-certificate program for Re-entry from prison, replace death penalty statute with no parole, Fair Chance Act, support creation of Ombudsmen Office for Dept. of Corrections)
- Reform our state's Deadly Force statute
- Pass Gun Safety legislation (Extreme Risk Protection Order and Safe Gun Storage)
- Pass Human Trafficking Prevention legislation
- Establish Dairy Worker Protections
- Pass Voting Rights Act

Protect Housing & Prevent Homelessness

- Pass Fair Tenant Screening bill
- Increase funding for Housing Trust Fund
- Prohibit Income Discrimination in housing rentals
- Allow for local control (90 day notification) for significant rent increases
- Support HB 1682—Fey to create dedicated voucher system for homeless youth and their families

Sustaining Washington's Environment

- Pass Toxic Free Kids bill
- Extend Solar Tax Credits for Homeowners
- Pass Pesticide Notification bill
- Support the Governor's Rulemaking process to Reduce CO2 Emissions

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June 1, 2016

Marilyn Sheldon, Director
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Dear Marilyn,

We are pleased to submit the following report and attachments in reference to **Q2 2015 14.2** and in gratitude for all your grant helped us to accomplish this year. Tulalip Charitable Contributions enabled us to reach a network of more than 11,000 people in our state to build advocacy capacity across faith traditions and geographic regions, take action on specific public policies, and promote a more just and sustainable future for all residents of Washington.

In last year's proposal, we said we measure our success by the following indicators (bolded text). We will comment on our progress on these below, and also in the attached documents:

- **Successful outcomes in the State Legislature in how well the budget serves the low-income and the poor and how many of the items on our legislative agenda are successful.** The 2016 Washington state legislative session was challenging. FAN focused on many bills and supplementary budget issues to fund critical needs. We celebrated some legislative victories and continue to advocate for legislation in several areas (see our 2016 Legislative Agenda and End-of Session Successes attached):
 - FAN worked hard to successfully pass a **human trafficking bill** this year, with unanimous, bipartisan support: SB 5342. This legislation expands the definition of human trafficking in our state to include labor trafficking. Particularly, this bill includes the words "forced labor" in the definition, which accounts for the largest portion of human trafficking.
 - FAN worked on several bills related to **criminal justice reforms** this session. A Senate proviso concerning post-secondary education in prisons made it into the final budget; a bill established a task force regarding police-community standards and deadly force reforms; and the Certificates of Restoration of Opportunity Act also passed.
 - FAN successfully advocated for budget provisions for **housing and homeless programs**, and celebrates the passage of the Homeless Student Stability Act, offering a voucher systems in public schools to give homeless students and their families more stability.
 - As part of the Environmental Priorities Coalition and with our partner Earth Ministry, FAN advocates helped pass **toxics free kids and families** legislation. There is still more work to do on the important issues of clean, safe, and renewable energy for our state.
 - FAN worked alongside the statewide **Anti-Hunger and Nutrition Coalition** to promote Breakfast after the Bell and Farm to School programs to increase child nutrition.

- **Increasing the number of faith communities beyond 99 in our Network of Advocating Faith Communities and the breadth of faith traditions and diversity of communities engaged.** Our statewide Network of Advocating Faith Communities (NAFC) continues to grow, and now numbers 109—a network that includes a Friends meeting, seven Unitarian congregations, three Buddhist communities, five Jewish congregations, and a Sikh gurdwara, along with many Christian congregations that include five African American churches, two Spanish-speaking congregations, two predominantly Asian congregations, and one congregation comprised of predominantly homeless members. These communities commit to partnering with FAN to educate, advocate, and promote the common good through advocacy on our legislative agenda and on issues of concern in their own areas.
- **Increasing the number of our advocates mobilized to participate in our four annual Spring Summits.** In 2015 we convened 200 advocates in Seattle, Spokane, Yakima, and the largest ever gathering in Vancouver. This year, our advocates are currently helping us develop our 2017 legislative priorities through our four regional Spring Summits: Seattle and Spokane summits occurred on May 15 and 22, and Vancouver and Yakima summits will occur in June. These annual gatherings are an opportunity to review our work in the state legislature, begin to identify and prioritize the issues we'll focus on next year, and build capacity for action among our advocates. This year, we are gathering into issue work groups so that advocates can organize around the issues they are most passionate about.
- **Increasing the number of our legislative District Coordinators until each of the 49 districts in our state is represented.** This is goal that requires more effort in the year ahead, as people need to be engaged with FAN for a while before they are willing to take this responsibility. We have the same number of District Coordinators, but have trained and provided technical support to increase their confidence and effectiveness. Organizing by district is a unique strength of FAN, and we plan to continue to build this capacity.
- **Increasing the number of advocates attending our Interfaith Advocacy Day in Olympia to attend issue workshops and to meet with their legislators on this day and between sessions.** This year on February 4, more than 250 advocates from 39 of our state's 49 districts joined in Olympia to learn about the issues, network and strategize with others from their legislative districts, and meet with their legislators. We convened 180 additional advocates in legislative conferences in Spokane and Yakima.
- **Maintaining and increasing beyond 5,400 the number of new subscribers to our e-news and advocacy alerts and the numbers who contact their legislators through advocacy tools, or who are mobilized to attend promoted FAN events, or sign online petitions.** This year we have been communicating weekly with more than 5,800 subscribers. New in 2016, we employed electronic advocacy software to make it easier to take actions and track them.

- **Increasing involvement of faith and civic leaders from the broader diverse communities sharing FAN’s mission—on the Governing Board, Program Committee, Interfaith Leaders Council, and in other decision-making capacities.** In 2015-16, we had good success with convening our Interfaith Leaders Council more regularly, resulting in public statements and press conferences against hate speech and anti-Islamic rhetoric, and engaged them in two meetings with the Governor. We also expanded our Governing Board with two new members reflecting Unitarian, Buddhist and Quaker faith traditions; we are still working to increase racial diversity on our Board.

Among our successes, we can also include FAN’s engagement in an initiative campaign to further our economic justice goals. Our advocates are highly involved in the efforts to gather signatures for Initiative 1433 to raise the minimum wage in Washington to \$13.50/hr and guarantee paid sick and safe leave for all employees. Instrumental to this effort has been the formation of an issue work group around economic justice, supported by staff and led by volunteer advocates. They have helped to track and promote signature gathering in faith communities and at public events.

We were pleased to host two public forums in fall 2015 on tax reform entitled “What Kind of State Do You Want to Live In?” A forum held in Bellevue and one in Spokane were intended to educate advocates about Washington’s tax structure, the most regressive in the nation. As well as welcoming local legislators to that meeting, FAN brought faith community leaders to speak about economic justice and the importance of systemic change at the state level.

Please see attached our 2015 Annual Report, our 2016 Legislative Agenda and End of Session Successes, and some additional photos of activities mentioned above. Your support helps FAN have a stronger and more effective voice for justice with elected officials statewide.

We have submitted by mail an application for 2016-17 funds and hope to continue to partner with you in the year ahead to make Washington a better, more equitable place for all to thrive. Please see in the proposal our developing plans for an Interfaith response to the 30th anniversary of the Apology to Northwest Native American tribes, which we hope will include listening sessions, education about the issues facing Native American communities, and work to revoke the Doctrine of Discovery.

Thank you for your generous presence in our communities and your support this past year.

Gratefully,



Elise DeGooyer & Rev. Paul Benz
Co-Directors, Faith Action Network

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FAN's 2016 End-of-Session Successes

On March 29, the Washington State legislature adjourned its special thirty-day session with a final supplemental budget. FAN celebrates four budget victories from our legislative agenda:

- Washington's **mental health system** received about \$40 million in funding for more staff, particularly at our state's largest mental health hospital, to help provide better care and reduce the boarding of mentally ill people.
- **Housing and homeless programs** received about \$15 million, \$2 million of which went to address youth homelessness with a voucher system for homeless students in our public schools.
- **The Office of Civil Legal Aid** received about \$552,000 to continue coordinating the statewide effort to provide a variety of legal needs for those in our state who are otherwise unable to afford legal assistance.
- **SB 6260, concerning post-secondary education in prisons** was stalled in the Senate for some time, but a proviso (amendment) that captured the essence of his bill went into the final budget that was adopted. It will give some who are getting ready to come out of prison a 'step up' in regards to having better skills to be successful in their re-entry into society.

Six policy bills on FAN's legislative agenda also passed during this session. Our successes include:

- **The human trafficking definition bill** (SB 5342 – Hasegawa) will expand how our state legally understands human trafficking in terms of enforcement. Particularly, this bill includes the words "forced labor" in the definition, which accounts for the largest portion of human trafficking.
- **The Certificates of Restoration of Opportunity Act (CROP)** (HB 1553 – Walkinshaw) will establish a program that will reduce the chance of someone coming out of our prison system to recidivate.
- **The Use of Deadly Force bill** (HB 2908 – Ryu) will establish a task force of about 17 members that will meet four times before the next session to bring forth recommendations regarding police-community standards and reforms on the use of deadly force by law enforcement.
- **The Homeless Student Stability Act** (HB 1682 – Fey) will begin a voucher system in our public schools to give homeless students and their households more stability, therefore allowing them a better chance to succeed in school.
- **The Fair Tenant Screening bill** (SB 6413 – Mullet) requires transparent, accurate, and fair reporting standards and limits the amount tenants can be charged for a tenant screening report, which will improve access to housing.
- **The Toxics Free Kids & Families bill** (HB 2545 – Van De Wege) will now require the elimination of certain chemicals in kids' products that are sold and manufactured in this state.



On March 31, Co-Director Paul Benz represented FAN to celebrate Gov. Inslee's signing of HB 1553, concerning certificates of restoration of opportunity (CROP).

Thank you to all of you who diligently called or emailed your state legislators this session regarding these budget issues and policy bills. Thank you for your advocacy and support; you continually help, along with our many partners, to make our state more livable for all!

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FAN was asked in October 2015 by Governor Inslee to convene Interfaith Leaders to meet with him on climate change and a rulemaking process on carbon emissions.

Front row, l to r: **Rev. Jenny Phillips**, Minister for Environmental Stewardship and Advocacy, PNW-United Methodist; **Rabbi Seth Goldstein**, Temple Beth Hatfiloh, Olympia; **Rev. Meighan Pritchard**, Minister of Environmental Justice, United Church of Christ; **LeeAnne Beres**, Executive Director, Earth Ministry; **Donna Christensen**, contract lobbyist, Washington State Catholic Conference. Back row, l to r: **Rev. Mike Denton**, Conference Minister, Pacific Northwest Conference, United Church of Christ; **Bishop Richard Jaech**, Southwestern Washington Synod, Evangelical Lutheran Church in America; **Anise Ahmed**, environmental engineer, Masjid Al-Nur, Olympia; **Sr. Sharon Park**, Executive Director, Washington State Catholic Conference; **Rev. Paul Benz**, Co-Director, Faith Action Network; **Jasmit Singh**, Gurdwara Singh Sabha of Washington, Renton.



Yakama Tribal Elders Patsy Whitefoot and Matt Tomaskin address FAN Legislative Conference February 2016 in Yakima.



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Advocates gather in the Capitol Rotunda in Olympia to pray and sing before meeting with their legislators.



FAN interns Erin Parks and Gretchen Brown distribute materials to help collect signatures for Initiative 1433 to raise the minimum wage and provide paid sick and safe leave in Washington.