

Rhode Island Campaign for Conscience (RICC) Q&A:

What is the National Campaign for Peace Tax Fund?

The National Campaign for a Peace Tax Fund (NCPTF) is a non-profit advocacy organization based in Washington, D.C. The Campaign works solely to pass Peace Tax Fund legislation, allowing citizens to participate in the tax system without violating their fundamental beliefs about engaging in violence.

What is the Religious Freedom Peace Tax Fund?

The Religious Freedom Peace Tax Fund (RFPTF) Bill, H.R. 2631, in the U.S. Congress would amend tax law to recognize the legal status of conscientious objection to payment of military taxes.

If enacted, the Bill would establish a Religious Freedom Peace Tax Fund in the Federal Treasury to receive the taxes of conscientious objectors. Money from this fund would be allocated annually to any non-military appropriation within the federal budget. None of the money could be used for any military expense.

Why was Rhode Island chosen for this campaign?

This campaign is about faith, hope, and conscience. Rhode Island was chosen for this campaign because of its unique history of religious freedom, which draws on founder Roger Williams' historic belief that the powers of government must not interfere with the free exercise of conscience and relationship with the Divine. Our state motto is "Hope". And just like the lighthouses that dot Rhode Island's coastline, we believe that this campaign will provide guidance and hope to others throughout the country struggling with the current legal consequences of living their faith and conscience.

What can I do?

- Attend a Peace Tax Potluck to learn more about the specific goals of RICC
- Sign-up for email Action Alerts at www.ri.peacetaxfund.org
- Endorse RICC as an individual or organization at www.ri.peacetaxfund.org
- Contact the RI Congressional Delegation at www.ri.peacetaxfund.org
- Donate to the Peace Tax Fund at address below or www.peacetaxfund.org
- Write a letter to the Editor of your local press telling them what you think
- Join the NCPTF by signing up online at www.peacetaxfund.org
- Volunteer in the RICC office

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