Recommended Legislative Priorities of Redwood Forest Friends Meeting — to FCNL:

Climate is the overwhelming emergency, and we must act now. The climate crisis is a source of armed conflicts, hardships, and forced migration. An escalating carbon tax with dividends that automatically increase until the American economy is carbon neutral (by 2030) will reduce the costs burdening poor people, to arrest global warming.

Reduce the huge military budget. It is corrupting the soul of the nation by over-reliance on weaponry, while children go under-nourished, families live in squalor, and the environment is degraded. No agency in the world puts more Co-2 into the air than our military and we have many more foreign bases than we need.

Grant federal protection of voting rights for ALL Americans: Get the John Lewis bill passed, do away with the electoral college, stop gerrymandering, allow universal mail-in ballot options, and assure that no-one can meddle with the vote counts.

Increase graduated income tax rates for the wealthy. Reduce the ability of billionaires to dominate political campaigns, and save our democracy. “When machines and computers, profit motives and property rights, are considered more important than people, the giant triplets of racism, extreme materialism and militarism are incapable of being conquered.” (Martin Luther King)

Require total financial disclosure by all elected officials, and all “super-PACs.” The first step to limiting corrupt influence is to make the flow of money to campaigns visible. Privacy of elected officials and the entities that support their campaigns is less important than stopping corrupt influences. The disclosure should occur from the moment they declare candidacy until several years after leaving office.

Pass the Equal Rights Amendment. It’s past time.