

A SUPPORTIVE COMMUNITY

The impact of this campaign depends on establishing local chapters throughout the United States.

For those whose motivation is rooted in the life and teachings of Jesus, the logical place to begin a local chapter is in their home church. This chapter can then spawn others in nearby churches.

For those whose motivation is rooted in social movements and communities of dissent throughout history, a support group can be formed through the many channels of social networking.

Ideas and processes for forming and maintaining a supportive community are available at **1040forpeace.org**

Beyond what is noted there, our own creativity and diligence are the best sources of inspiration for organizing supportive groups that will renew hope and enable each of us to find the courage to follow our conscience.

ESSENTIAL INFORMATION

Basically, you have it all here. But you can find more at:

1. The **1040forpeace.org** website, including articles on motivation, courage, fear, IRS, legal issues, testimonies of war tax resisters, and political strategy.
2. The website blog
3. Internet links at **1040forpeace** .
4. Other people, especially in your local group.

1040 FOR PEACE

Speak Up For Life

Resist Militarism



Express your conscience,
express your citizenship
by taxes you pay,
and taxes you don't pay.

www.1040forpeace.org

AN URGENT NEED

Our country is crippled by

- Unemployment
- Poor schools
- Lack of health care
- Ruin of small farms and families
- Decay of cities
- Neglect of infrastructure
- Pollution of air, water and land

and the government gives us....

war, permanent war!

Our taxes are conscripted to pay for these wars, while domestic needs are under-funded.

48% of the 2011 federal income tax goes to pay for current and past military costs! See www.warresisters.org for details. Since 1998, U.S. military spending has increased nearly 90%.

In 1961 President Dwight D. Eisenhower, a career military man, warned of “the acquisition of unwarranted influence by the military industrial complex.” If he was concerned then, what do your mind and your conscience tell you now?

A POWERFUL SYMBOL

Militarism is destroying our democratic traditions, distorting our economy, and taking the lives of many who serve.

It is causing the people of the world to regard the United States as a source of violence and oppression, not a beacon of hope and opportunity.

We will either act together as citizens to reverse this or we will together reap the bitter fruit of more violence, deception, and economic waste.

Therefore, we encourage U.S. taxpayers who oppose this galloping militarism to give voice to their conscience as they file federal tax returns (Forms 1040) each year.

By not paying \$10.40 in taxes, we will urge our leaders to prioritize diplomacy and development over the continued expansion of military power. By this small but powerful act, we will register our conscientious dissent to the use of U.S. military power to control other peoples and their resources.

1040 for Peace offers us a way to act together to support life, peace and the well-being of all people.

A CONCRETE ACTION

There is only one human family on earth.

The action we take will be as visible, bold and real as the tanks, planes, drones and bombs which are killing our brothers and sisters around the world.

As an expression of conscience, love for our country and support for the human family, we will withhold \$10.40 of taxes for war.

We will donate this amount to a life-enhancing project, so that the annual ritual of tax-paying will speak the same language our conscience and our daily efforts speak.

On April 15, if we owe IRS taxes, we will withhold \$10.40 of the amount owed and write a letter explaining to policy makers and our fellow citizens why we take this action.

Or if we do not owe on April 15, either because the withholding system has already taken the money from us, or because we live below a taxable income, we will write a letter explaining why we support, aid and abet others who are withholding symbolic amounts.