



Prisoners for Peace 2016

A list of some of those currently in prison for their work for peace. We include those whose addresses we can obtain, and who are happy to have their names and stories made public. In some cases, nicknames are used and 'care of' (c/o) addresses given, where that person is happy to be contacted, but does not want their contact details spread publicly.

In November and December some draft refusers in Israel will also be going to prison, however we do not yet know where they will be imprisoned, or for how long. Please check back at www.wri-irg.org/inprison if you would like to write to them.

Eritrea

Eritrea continues to imprison conscientious objectors. WRI has no recent information on the situation of the conscientious objectors listed below, who have not been charged. The below are all Jehovah's Witness, imprisoned for conscientious objection to military service.

[Paulos Eyassu](#) (24 Sep 1994—)

[Negede Teklemariam](#) (24 Sep 1994—)

[Isaac Mogos](#) (24 Sep 1994—)

[Aron Abraha](#) (9 May '01—)

[Mussie Fessehaye](#) (1 Jun '03—)

[Ambakom Tsegezab](#) (1 Feb '04—)

[Bemnet Fessehaye](#) (1 Feb '05—)

[Henok Ghebru](#) (1 Feb '05—)

[Kibreab Fessejaye](#) (27 Dec '05—)

[Bereket Abraha Oqbagabir](#) (1 Jan '06—)

[Amanuel Abraham](#) (1 Jan '07—)

[Yosief Fessehaye](#) (1 Jan '07—)

[Yoel Tsegezab](#) (26 Aug '08 -)

For all above, write to **Sawa Camp, Sawa, Eritrea**

[Nehemiah Hagos](#) (26 Aug '08—)

[Samuel Ghirmay](#) (1 Mar '09—)

For all above, write to **Meitir Camp, Meitir, Eritrea**

Finland

[Otto Absetz](#) (30 Aug 2016 — 8 Dec 2016) Total objector, found guilty of 'refusal of civilian service'

Write to **Ojoisten osasto Tampereentie 29 13600 Hämeenlinna, Finland**

[Mikael Hänninen](#) (7 Sep 2016 — 16 Mar 2017) Total objector, found guilty of 'refusal of civilian service'. Sentenced to home detention. Write c/o **AKL, Peace Station, Veturitori, 00520 Helsinki, Finland**

[Risto Miinalainen](#) (4 Oct 2016 — 26 Mar 2017) Total objector, found guilty of 'refusal of civilian service'.

Write to Risto at: **Suomenlinna C 86, 00190 Helsinki**

Korea, South

All COs in Korea face 18 months imprisonment, with no opportunity for substitute service. This is a list of COs known currently to be in prison. Additionally, there are around 600 Jehovah's Witness COs in prison.

[Young-Gwang Hong](#) (29 Mar 2016-28 Sep 2017) Write c/o **World Without War P.O. Box 03598, 3F, 57 Mangwon-ro, Mapo-gu, Seoul, South Korea**

[Yoon-bo Nam](#) (29 Mar 2016 = 28 Sep 2017)

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Action ideas

- Set aside time on 1 December to write to those imprisoned for their peace work, and get your friends, peace group, class, faith or community group to organise a card-writing session;
- Join an international day of action to support refusers in Israel by telling governments and companies in your region that as objectors refuse to serve the occupation, we should refuse to profit from it. More info wri-irg.org/refuse-to-occupy

For the most up to date *Prisoners for Peace* list go to: wri-irg.org/inprison

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For updates on the status of COs, counter-recruitment work and conscription, subscribe to our CO Update – the bimonthly newsletter of the Right to Refuse to Kill programme, at lists.wri-irg.org/sympa/info/co-update

[Sung-hyun Hong](#) (#526) (6 Apr 2015 - 5 Oct 2017)

Write to **Yeoju Prison Yeoju P.O. Box 30, Yeoju-gun, Gyeonggi-do, South Korea**



A sketch of Yoon-bo Nam

United States of America

[Rafil Dhafir \(11921-052\)](#) (26 Apr '00—26 Apr '22)

Write to **FMC Devens, Federal Medical Center, P.O. Box 879, Ayer, MA 01432, USA**

22 years for convictions resulting from providing humanitarian and financial aid to Iraqis in violation of U.S. sanctions.

[Chelsea Manning](#) (15 May '10-1 Aug '48)

35 years imprisonment for espionage and theft, espionage and other charges.

Write to **Chelsea E Manning, 89289, 1300 N Warehouse Rd, Ft Leavenworth KS 66027-2304, USA**

[Norman Edgar Lowry Jr. \(KN 9758\)](#) (1 Aug '11—31 Aug '18)

Sentenced for third trespass at military recruiting office in Lancaster, Pennsylvania. Serving one to seven years - 31/08/18 is the last release date.

Write to **SCI Dallas, 1000 Follies Rd., Dallas, PA 18612, US**

Turkmenistan

[Soyunmurat Korov](#) (18 Nov 2014—)

Jehovah's Witness conscientious objector. He has not yet been tried.

Write to **Seydi Labour Camp, Turkmenistan, 746222 Lebap vilayet, Seydi, uchr. LB-K/12**

Sending cards and letters

- Send your card in an envelope;
- Include a return name and address on the envelope;
- Be chatty and creative: send photos from your life or drawings;
- Let the prisoners know what you are doing to stop war and war preparations;
- Don't write anything that might get the prisoner into trouble;
- Think about the sort of thing you'd like to receive if you were in prison;
- Try not to begin your correspondence with "You are so brave, I could never do what you have done";
- Remember that the prisoner may not be able to reply.