**Waging Peace: 100 Years of Action**  
Main Gallery, August 27 – November 5, 2017

Guilford College Art Gallery, in association with the College’s Friends Center and the Peace and Conflict Studies Department, is proud to host an exhibition marking the centennial of the American Friends Service Committee (AFSC), a Quaker organization that includes people of various faiths who are committed to social justice, peace and humanitarian service. Its work is based on the belief in the worth of every person and faith in the power of love to overcome violence and injustice. Presented in partnership with the local AFSC Office, the exhibit is one in a series of events in 2017 celebrating AFSC’s 100 years of activism.

“Now as we face serious challenges to civil rights, peace, and justice, we have much to learn from movements of the past that overcame similar threats,” said AFSC General Secretary Shan Cretin. “Our centennial exhibit highlights examples of social change work from the American Friends Service Committee’s 100 year history—from World War I to the Movement for Black Lives—and offers valuable lessons to us today.”

“Guilford College Art Gallery is pleased to partner once again with AFSC to present an exhibition reflecting social and cultural issues congruent with the College's Quaker tradition,” said Art Gallery founding director and curator Theresa Hammond. “The exhibition includes significant artifacts such as Martin Luther King's Letter from Birmingham City Jail, and interactive experiences such as following a path to citizenship and redistributing the federal budget. We look forward to welcoming community members to engage with the timely and powerful lessons from the AFSC's 100-year history of activism.”

**Waging Peace: 100 Years of Action** demonstrates the effectiveness of nonviolence to build justice, overcome oppression and prevent violence using the provocative stories of those who fought against injustice and those who have been helped in the fight during the last century. The exhibit addresses issues we continue to struggle with today: Building Peace, Ending Discrimination, Addressing Prisons, Just Economies, and Immigrant Rights. The final section is a Call to Action, inspiring visitors to engage in justice work beyond the museum.

The opening reception for the exhibition will be in concert with the AFSC’s southeast regional meeting, being held on Guilford’s campus Saturday, September 9, and all are welcome to attend.