

Conscientious Objector Workshop



Saturday, May 16, 2026

10:00 am – 12:00 pm

at Salem Mennonite Church

(1045 Candlewood Dr, Keizer, OR 97303)

Join us with Nathan Toews, Peace Education Coordinator with Mennonite Central Committee, to learn how to apply for conscientious objector status.

With recent conflicts around the world, many young people are exploring their convictions about participation in war. This workshop will guide participants through the process and help them prepare the necessary documentation.

The Selective Service will begin to automatically register young men between the ages of 18-25 in December as part of the 2026 National Defense Authorization Act and the Army has raised its "maximum recruitment age" to 42 years, which causes concern over a possible military draft. Men, in particular, are in this pool and it's important that if you are a CO, that you begin the process of identifying and making it known that you are a CO as soon as possible.

With the automation of Selective Service Registration, you will no longer be able to write on a card that you are a Conscientious Objector, so it's imperative to begin that process sooner than later. Please share this information with those who you believe would be in this age range of 18-42 years of age.

Who should attend:

High school and college students (both men and women), recent graduates, parents, grandparents, pastors/youth pastors, and interested adults.

For more information:

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