The Peace Institute at Salem State University has selected American Friends Service Committee - New England Region for its Champion of Peace Award, to be given on Tuesday, Sept. 21, 2010, International Day of Peace, at a peace festival.

American Friends Service Committee - New England Region has shown extraordinary commitment to the ideals of peace and justice. Their leadership for nuclear weapons non-proliferation, advocacy of bringing US troops home from Afghanistan and Iraq, and support of reducing the military budget deserve recognition.

Founded in 1926 and now consisting of 5 field offices, AFSC is a Quaker organization devoted to peace programs throughout the world. Their efforts are based on belief in the worth of every person and faith in the power of love to overcome violence and injustice. Specific projects include advocating for withdrawal of US troops from Afghanistan and Iraq, shaping a just federal budget, eliminating nuclear weapons, strengthening relationships so that conflict is prevented, reforming immigration policy, transforming criminal justice systems, meeting economic needs of communities, and responding to humanitarian crises.

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