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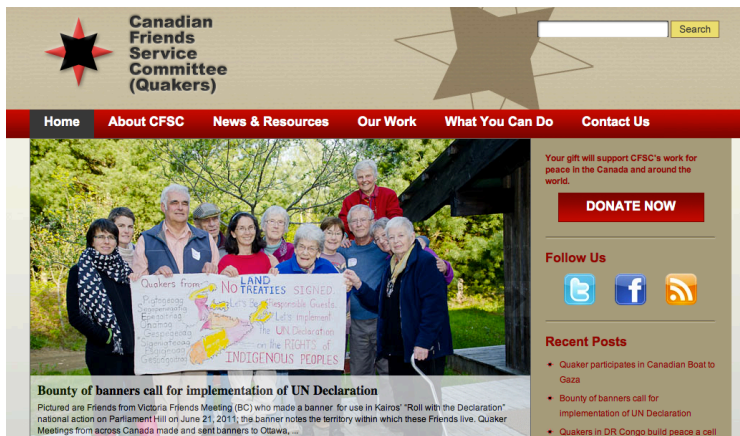
E-Newsletter

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New CFSC website – Quakerservice.ca – launches on August 4th!



Things like new websites always take longer than one expects, but we are thrilled to be launching a new, more dynamic and better organized website.

It will go “live” on August 4th (currently, it just re-directs you to our old site). When you visit www.quakerservice.ca, you will notice a number of changes and improvements:

- The home page has a rotation of stories/information – no more “what’s new page”, the home page is what’s new;
- The work is now organized thematically, so if you are looking for information on a peace project or indigenous rights, click on “our work” and find it in the menu (we will be adding tags in the near future so that you can search using key words);
- The news and resources section will help create a “one stop shopping” the *E-Newsletter*, *Quaker Concern*, educational resources, public statements, video, etc. (though many are also on the pages found in “our work”);
- Public campaigns that CFSC is leading or promoting will be posted in one place: “our work – public engagement”;
- There are links to follow up on Twitter or Facebook on the homepage, and a direct link for donations;
- There is information on the board and staff, volunteering, and a contact page.

It's been a massive amount of work but we hope that we have created a website that is more “friendly”, with the information more accessible and easy to find. Please send your feedback to [cfsc \[at\] quakerservice.ca](mailto:cfsc@quakerservice.ca).

We thank Glen Newbury and Patrick Walsh of Islandside Studio for their design work and for their warmth, support and patience in working with all the CFSC staff who have been on a learning curve about website design and information management. Our thanks also to our amazing technical support person, Doug Finley, who worked closely with everyone to get www.quakerservice.ca established and ready to go.

CFSC at CYM 2011

CFSC will be celebrating its 80th birthday at [Canadian Yearly Meeting sessions](#). Our Tuesday evening program will feature [Patricia Thompson](#) who has been working on leadership renewal within the not-for-profit (and faith) sector as an Innovation Fellow with the Metcalf Foundation. Her approach is reflective and conversational in nature. Pat has studied extensively with Quaker educator [Parker Palmer](#), founder of the [Center for Courage and Renewal](#). CFSC's General Secretary, Jane Orion Smith, has been a part of her leadership renewal conversations. And, as always, there will be cake (in case you need further enticement).

As well, CFSC is hosting several special interest groups:

- Discussion of the report in Documents in Advance on uranium mining and nuclear issues, before it comes to the business floor;
- The [Truth and Reconciliation Commission](#) including how Friends might engage in this learning and healing process;
- CYM's concern for peace in Israel-Palestine and Canadian policy – exploring ways to foster change;
- and a meeting of minds regarding the federal government's re-introduced omnibus crime legislation.

Maritime Speaking Tour for "Refusing to be Enemies"



Maxine Kaufman-Lacusta, CFSC associate member on Middle East issues, will do a speaking tour related to her book, "Refusing to be Enemies" which shares stories of non-violent activism in Israel-Palestine. Read a [review](#) of the book in *Friends Journal*. The tour is sponsored by local groups and CFSC.

Maxine will also be giving a presentation at Canadian Yearly Meeting sessions in Windsor, NS on Thursday August 11th (evening). Here is the schedule:

Charlottetown, PEI: Monday July 25, 7:30 pm at 50 Mt. Edward Rd. *Limited seating available.* RSVP required. Contact: Patricia Craig (902) 357-2127 / patriciakcraig@hotmail.com

Sackville, NB: Tuesday July 26, 7:00 pm at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, 35 Bridge St. (no contact info given)

Antigonish, NS: Wednesday July 27, 7:00 pm at the Antigonish Library. Contact: Sara Avmaat (902) 863-0898, or the library (902) 863-4276.

Halifax, NS: Thursday July 28, 7:30 pm, Spencer House, 5596 Morris St.. Contact: Jim Guild at jimguild@eastlink.ca

Mahone Bay, NS: Friday July 29, 7:30 pm Mahone Bay Centre, 45 School Street. Contact: Peggy Graham (902) 527-2466 or pg@eastlink.ca

Fredericton, NB: Monday, August 15, 7:30 PM, Room 202, Brian Mulroney Hall, Saint Thomas University. Contact: Michael Miller (506) 454 5882.

Join in on webinar on UN Declaration – August 8th, 1 pm ET

The Assembly of First Nations (AFN) is hosting a live educational webinar about the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples. Jennifer Preston, CFSC indigenous rights program coordinator, will be one of the presenters. To join the webinar, go to www.afn.ca on August 8th. You will need a computer and a high-speed internet connection.

New Quaker pamphlet on civil disobedience

Argenta Friends Press has issued a new pamphlet looking at civil disobedience from a Quaker perspective. Kenneth Hone's "*Awake and Aware*" was inspired by last summer's G8/G10 demonstrations in Toronto, Ontario.

Hone is a practicing Quaker and he explores activism through the lens of faith. This short work is both a careful analysis and a call to action. Hone urges readers to stand up for those who are unable to stand up for themselves at home and abroad. Argenta Friends Press, located in British Columbia, publishes *The Canadian Friend*, chapbooks and pamphlets on a variety of topics of interest to Quakers. For more information or to order contact the press: www.quakerpress.ca, email argentapress@gmail.com or phone 250-366-4314.

Taking action on new refugee legislation

CFSC is working on an action alert for sharing in Meetings and communities about Bill C-4 which has been re-introduced to Parliament and includes what most refugee advocates consider regressive and perhaps even measures that would contravene Canada's legal obligations to refugees. It will be available at Yearly Meeting in August, or email CFSC intern Hannah Ivanoff at intern [at] quakerservice.ca to have a copy sent to you electronically (call the office if you want us to mail it – 416-920-5213).

There are a wide range of resources available about C-4 and action that can be taken on the website of the [Canadian Council of Refugees](http://www.canadiancouncilofrefugees.ca), of which CFSC is a member agency. Our brief will draw on their materials.

Summer reading

CFSC and Canadian Quakers work in partnership with a number of agencies that have excellent e-newsletters or publications that we bring to your attention:

- ***Project Ploughshares***, of which Quakers are founding members, works on peace and disarmament issues on behalf of its member churches. They have a great new [website](#) and their newsletter can be subscribed to [here](#).
- Interested in justice issues? The ***Church Council on Justice and Corrections*** (CCJC) produces "The Well", an newsletter available [here](#).
- ***Quaker Earthcare Witness*** produces an excellent magazine, "BeFriending Creation" which now only available online; they also have many online resources that can be downloaded. Visit their publications page [here](#).
- ***Friends World Committee for Consultation*** connects Friends worldwide. Their Wider Quaker Fellowship program is often an entry point for people who are interested in exploring Quakerism. They have a new web presence called "Voices of Friends" with many resources of interest to those new (and not so new) to Quakerism. Find them [here](#).
- Interested in the UN? The ***Quaker UN Offices*** both produced excellent newsletters and

- resources about Friends work in Geneva and New York on a range of issues. To sign up to receive them, click [here](#).
- The *Canadian Council of Refugees* is the premier advocate for refugee rights in Canada; CFSC is a member agency. To stay abreast of the issues, sign up for their newsletter, the CCR Chronicle, [here](#).
 - *KAIROS*, the ecumenical justice agency of which Friends are members, produces a regular e-newsletter called “KAIROS Times” which you can subscribe to [here](#).
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Learn about CFSC Grants!

CFSC makes grants to individual Friends (and active attenders) and local Meetings for projects that intersect with Friends’ concerns. To learn more about CFSC grant opportunities, download our info sheet at: <http://bit.ly/dJiiKq>

Kairos Regional Meetings coming up in the fall

Join the KAIROS network at this year’s regional meetings taking place all across the country as the campaign on Indigenous rights continues and to explore a range of justice concerns. These gatherings are a time for sharing stories, building relationships, networking, participating in workshops and building momentum for faith based action for the coming year. All are invited and subsidies are available, just ask! Check KAIROS’ [events page](#) for updates on locations and for more information as it becomes available.

Regional meeting dates and locations:

Prairies North: September 23-September 25 at Queen’s Retreat House in Saskatoon, SK. For information: Dick Peters, dickpet@sasktel.net

Atlantic: September 23-September 25 at the Tatamagouche Centre in Tatamagouche, NS. For information: Bev McDonald, pharmin@ns.sympatico.ca

Great Lakes - St. Lawrence: September 30-October 2 at Mount Mary Retreat Centre in Ancaster, ON. Theme: "The Land, Our Life: Food, Faith, & Dignity". To register online, please go to: <http://www.surveymonkey.com/GLSL2011> For information: Pierre Paradis, pparadis000@sympatico.ca

BC-Yukon: October 21-October 23 at the YWCA Hotel in Vancouver, BC. For information: Ben Taal, btaal@shaw.ca

Cambrian-Agassiz: October 21-October 22 in Winnipeg, MB. For information: Fletcher Stewart, fletch1@mymts.net

For more information contact: Caroline Foster at connect@kairoscanada.org 416-463-5312 ext. 221 1-877-403-8933 (toll free)

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