



Canadian Friends Service Committee (Quakers)

E-Newsletter

July - August 2012

Canadian Yearly Meeting sessions – a chance to learn and discern

Canadian Yearly Meeting's [annual sessions](#) will be held 10 – 18 August 2012 at the University of Alberta's Augustana Campus in Camrose, Alberta. This year, Canadian Friends Service Committee is on the floor of the business meeting for "reporting and clearness". We will offer a short presentation, followed by an opportunity for Friends to ask questions about our work and witness.

Two CFSC-hosted Special Interest Groups (SIGs) are confirmed, both falling into the "learn and discern" category. One will focus on synthetic biology and whether this is an issue that Friends wish to take up; it evolves out of the already established work on biotechnology (CYM approved a minute in 2000). "Synthetic biology" refers to the design and construction of biological functions and systems not found in nature. The other SIG will be a consideration of a call from Friends in Ramallah Monthly Meeting (Palestine) for Friends worldwide to consider the boycott, divestment, sanctions (BDS) strategy as a way to support those working to end this conflict and bring peace and justice to this troubled region.

Two documents have been finalized on these two topics and sent to CFSC Liaisons to share with Friends in their Meetings and Worship Groups. Friends going to CYM are welcome to request a copy directly - email cfsc@quakerservice.ca and they will be sent directly to you.

And, finally, we hope to be Tweeting, Blogging, and Facebooking from CYM this summer, so follow us online – [Twitter](#): CFSCQuakers, [Facebook](#): Canadian Friends Service Committee (Quakers), blog – visit the main page of www.quakerservice.ca.

Notification re: Toronto office hours this summer

The Toronto office of CFSC will be closed July 14 – 31; all Toronto-based CFSC staff will be away. E-mails and phone messages will be returned as soon as possible starting August 1st. If a situation arises that truly requires immediate attention, the clerk of CFSC, Lesley Robertson, can be reached at clerk@quakerservice.ca. Note that the office will also have limited coverage during CYM's annual sessions – August 11 – 18th.

Employment Opportunity – Office and Communications Associate

CFSC has a staff position opening up next fall in the Toronto office. The Office and Communications Associate is a half-time position (17.5 work hours/week). Main duties include:

Communications

- Communications resources – assist in production, distribute resources, maintain subscriber lists.
- Website and social media – upload website content, ensure visual continuity, post information on social media as instructed.

Administration

- Donor relations – maintain donor base, process donations, assist in donor communications and fundraising tasks.
- Office support – Maintain office presence, order supplies, maintain file system, general correspondence.
- Board support – Provide administrative support before, during and after board meetings.
- Assists Finance Administrator as required.

Compensation: \$18,500 – 21,000/year plus benefits.

For detailed information, including job description, visit: <http://quakerservice.ca/what-you-can-do/volunteer/>

How to Apply:

If you have the skills required, we welcome receipt of a cover letter, three references (1 personal, 2 work-related), and a resume outlining your qualifications and your interest in working for CFSC to hr@quakerservice.ca. No phone calls, please. While we wish to acknowledge all applicants, only those selected for an interview will be contacted.

Application Deadline: 9 am (Eastern) on Tuesday September 4th, 2012.

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News from CFSC's work at the UN Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues

In May, CFSC was represented at the United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues by Jennifer Preston, Monica Walters-Field and Don Alexander. Happening at UN headquarters in New York City, this was 11th session of the Forum, which had a special theme focusing on the Doctrine of Discovery. CFSC participated in several joint statements over the two weeks of the Forum; they can be found at: <http://bit.ly/MTbrCB>. CFSC will be working with Canadian Friends to develop a Quaker response to the Doctrine of Discovery, so stay tuned! Information will be sent to Meetings through CFSC Liaisons when ready.

Additionally, CFSC joined with many global partners in a [Joint Submission](#) concerning the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples and the need for procedural reforms in international organizations. This Joint Submission focuses primarily on the serious challenges Indigenous peoples face in ensuring full and effective implementation of the Declaration at the international level. This includes Indigenous peoples' human rights and related State obligations. It also involves the obligations of the United Nations, its bodies and specialized agencies. The submission has gone to many UN bodies and mechanisms. It is available at: <http://bit.ly/LOHQHI>

Employment Opportunity with ProNica in Nicaragua

Another great opportunity – ProNica, a CFSC partner organization, is hiring a Program Director (based in Managua, Nicaragua). ProNica is a Quaker-founded nongovernmental organization that assists in creating and sustaining programs by and for the Nicaraguan people. If you are Spanish-speaking and work in development issues, this position may be for you. Visit: <http://www.pronica.org/about/opps.php>

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