



Canadian Friends Service Committee E-Newsletter

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CFSC seeks Peace and Sustainable Communities Program Coordinator

Are you interested in promoting a peaceful and sustainable world? CFSC has a staff position available (location: national office, Toronto). The Quaker Peace and Sustainable Communities program committee (QPASCC) Program Coordinator is a 0.6 Full-Time Equivalency (FTE) position (21 hours of work/week). S/he supports the work of the QPASCC program committee, which sets directions for the program, and is involved in program delivery.

Through partnership and led by Quaker testimonies, the QPASCC program committee of CFSC seeks to bring about a world of lasting peace and sustainable communities. Work includes overseas projects in the Great Lakes Region of Africa and projects in Canada focusing on peace and working to create the conditions necessary for peaceful communities (human rights, ecology and economics).

The work of the Program Coordinator includes:

- Program management, including policy-related work, Canada-based and international projects
- Research, education and writing skills
- Administer community-based grants program, workshops and training
- Maintain relationships with partners, meetings, policy makers
- Administrative support to the program

For detailed information (salary and benefits, full job description, gifts/abilities sought, program committee's terms of reference), visit: <http://quakerservice.ca/what-you-can-do/volunteer/>

Application Deadline: 5 pm (Eastern) on Friday, July 26, 2013.

How to Apply:

If you have the gifts and skills required, we welcome receipt of a cover letter, three references (1 personal, two work-related), a writing sample, and resume. In your cover letter, please explain what draws you to applying for this position and working for a Quaker organization. How do you feel you would be a good fit? What gifts and abilities do you bring? Submit your application package to: hiring-committee@quakerservice.ca.

Tears4Justice Walking Now

As of June 21st, Tears4Justice has launched a national walk from Membertou, Sydney, Nova Scotia to Prince Rupert, British Columbia. The walkers' mission is "to 'raise awareness' on the plight of the far too many missing and murdered women and children in Canada. Our ultimate goal is to seek justice, closure, equality and accountability for all those family members who came forward with their stories of lost loved ones and to address the overall issues of Violence against Women and Children." Regular updates on the walk are available on the Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/Tears4Justice>.



Tears4Justice walkers have also requested donated items from camping gear to accommodation along the route. If you want to support the walkers, you can contact Gladys Radek, frillyfrog2012@yahoo.ca, or Becky Big Canoe, bigcanoeb@gmail.com.

Quaker United Nations Office (QUNO) 2013 Annual Report

Canadian Friends Service Committee has had a long time partnership with QUNO, working particularly closely on issues of Conscientious Objection to war, Indigenous Peoples' human rights, and emerging issues related to prison justice. CFSC also financially supports the work of Friends undertaken at the QUNOs.

Doing this work in partnership allows us to maximize our potential together by focusing our efforts. Read more about the important work your support for CFSC is helping to bring about in QUNO's new report: <http://www.quno.org/publications/QUNO-Review-2013-english.pdf>

New Website for Canadian Quakers (and those interested in Quakers/Quakerism)

Canadian Yearly Meeting, the national body of Friends in Canada (of which CFSC is a standing committee), has launched an attractive, new, easy to use website at www.quaker.ca. CYM Youth have a Facebook and Twitter feed, which you will see on the main page of the site. There is information to find out about Quakers, and lots of material for those involved in CYM's activities and work. Congratulations, CYM! We know what a long journey it is to get a new site planned and off the drawing board.

CFSC has its own website at www.quakerservice.ca, which we also invite you to visit if you have not been there before. It is refreshed regularly with new material, so come back often to see what's happening!

Strengthening Faith Communities through Restorative Practices

A four day retreat is being offered in eastern Pennsylvania (Kirkridge Retreat Center, 2495 Fox Gap Rd., Bangor, PA 18013, USA) from September 23 to 26, 2013.

Interactive experiences will bring participants to a full understanding of how a restorative, relational framework and associated explicit practices enhance faith-community life.

Participants will consider how this approach sustains connections and facilitates healing as needed, enabling congregations to live out their mission and ministry as fully as possible.

More details at:

<http://www.iirp.edu/strengthening-faith-communities-through-restorative-practices.php>

Seeking the gathered meeting

What are the crucial factors that seem to help gather the meeting for worship (and the meeting for business) most reliably? See if you agree with this blog post on the subject by American Friend Steven Davison: <http://throughtheflamingsword.wordpress.com/2013/06/05/seeking-the-gathered-meeting/>



Through practical assistance, policy dialogue, research, and education, CFSC works toward a world in which peace and justice prevail. The values and practices we embrace are not exclusive to Quakers - we work in cooperation with a wide range of partners.

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