



## Canadian Friends Service Committee E-Newsletter

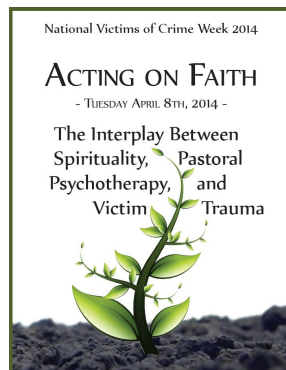
April, 2014

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### CFSC Individual Grants – for Friends undertaking a peace or social concern

CFSC Individual Grants help Friends follow leadings. Friends and regular attenders of a Quaker Meeting in Canada who are undertaking an activity related to peace and social justice, or are working to meet a social need (local, national, or international) may apply. Proposals should have a clear relationship to a Quaker Testimony, be well articulated in the application, and be supported by the applicant's Monthly Meeting. **The maximum grant is now \$2,000** (increased at the last board meeting). Eligible expenses include travel, living allowance, supplies and materials, and communications. Tuition and training expenses usually are not eligible. There are reporting requirements for those who receive grants (narrative and financial). Interested? Email Jane Orion Smith for an application or more information – [cfsc@quakerservice.ca](mailto:cfsc@quakerservice.ca)

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### Acting on Faith

Friends are members of the Church Council on Justice and Corrections (CCJC). CCJC will be hosting a full day workshop in Ottawa on April 8th, titled "Acting on Faith". The workshop will provide participants with the chance to examine the relationship between spirituality, pastoral psychotherapy and victim healing from trauma. The day will include a Panel Discussion with front-line psychotherapists from the Ottawa Pastoral Counseling Centre who practice trauma counseling with a spiritual/holistic approach.

To register visit <http://ccjc.ca/acting-on-faith/> or call (613) 563-1688 ext. 105

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### EACOM Timber says no to conflict wood

Friends have been active in their support of the rights of the Grassy Narrows First Nation since the mid-1970s. As Ontario gears up to approve a new 10 year clear-cut logging plan for Grassy Narrows Territory without the consent of the Grassy Narrows Nation, a major logging company, EACOM Timber, has committed not to use this conflict wood.

"To hear a huge logging company commit not to use trees from our territory is such good news in our struggle to protect the forest and to keep our culture alive," said Judy Da Silva, a Grassy Narrows mother of five, clan mother, and logging blockader. "I am hoping that Weyerhaeuser Corp. will do the same and listen when we say 'no' to logging. This is for the good of all future generations who need clean water and air." The Supreme Court of Canada will hear Grassy Narrows' case against Ontario on May 15. More information at: <http://www.freegrassy.net>

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### Supporting recommendations from Ashley Smith inquest

CFSC has endorsed letters from the Canadian Association of Elizabeth Fry Societies (CAEFS) and from the National Associations Active in Criminal Justice to Steven Blaney, Minister of Public Safety Canada, urging implementation of the recommendations of the jury at the Ashley Smith inquest after it returned a homicide verdict. The death of Ashley Smith while in custody highlights the need for Canadians to

examine the impacts of our justice system on children and youth, which has become a key focus of the work of Quakers Fostering Justice. The letter from CAEFS is available at: <http://bit.ly/1gqHgTT>

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## Interview – Refusing to be Enemies

Maxine Kaufman-Lacusta (Vancouver Meeting) was recently interviewed about her book *Refusing to be Enemies: Nonviolence in Palestine & Israel*. The interview, done by Wisconsin-based Friend Mark Judkins Helpsmeet for Northern Spirit Radio, is packed with insights and information about Israel/Palestine.

Maxine received support from CFSC while doing the interviews that she wrote up in *Refusing to be Enemies*. Hear more about this fascinating work, what brought Maxine to it, descriptions of some of the groups involved in nonviolent peacebuilding in Palestine/Israel, “normalization”, and some “outside of the box” ideas (beyond a two-state solution) that might work:

<http://www.northernspiritradio.org/audiolisten.asp?showid=660335846945&email=&ename=>

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## This Light that Pushes Me



British Friends have launched a new book and accompanying photo exhibition titled *This Light that Pushes Me*, which shares stories of Quaker peacebuilders from nine different sub-Saharan African countries, all of whom have directly experienced some form of violence.

If you will be in London in April or May you could see the photo exhibit in person. If not, the book can be ordered from Quaker Peace and Social Witness by contacting the Quaker Centre UK: [quakercentre@quaker.org.uk](mailto:quakercentre@quaker.org.uk)

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## Hope in Hell

The magazine *Kingston Life* features an article about the work of Kate Johnson (Thousand Islands Meeting) as a prison chaplain. The article, entitled *Hope in Hell* is well worth a read and can be found at:

[http://eedition.kingstonlife.ca/doc/kingston-life/\\_kl\\_feb2014/2014031001/24.html#24](http://eedition.kingstonlife.ca/doc/kingston-life/_kl_feb2014/2014031001/24.html#24)

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## QCEA seeks Programme Assistant

The Quaker Council for European Affairs is seeking a Programme Assistant for its office in Brussels, Belgium. The position is for one year and is ideal for applicants who are early in their careers.

This is a great opportunity to gain program experience, work on one of the QCEA areas of focus (economic justice, peace, or sustainability), and assist in the day-to-day tasks of QCEA.

Find out more and apply at: <http://www.qcea.org/home/involved/vacancies/>

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