



CANADIAN FRIENDS SERVICE COMMITTEE

A COMMITTEE OF THE RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS (QUAKERS) IN CANADA

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"True Peace cannot be dictated, it can only be built in cooperation between all peoples. None of us, no nation, no citizen, is free from some responsibility for this situation with its conflicting difficulties..."

~ Statement by London (Britain) Yearly Meeting, 1943

November 2014

Dear Friend,

Thank you for your generous support – and, as we do each autumn, I ask that you continue in that support this year. At a time when there is so much remembrance of war, we remember Peace, and what makes for it.

In 1943, British Friends said that **"true peace requires that all people and nations recognize their common bond and act with integrity, reason, patience, and love,** never acquiescing in the ways of the oppressor, always ready to suffer with the oppressed." **That message is even more relevant today,** as war and conflict continue to plague peoples and planet.

Let me share a few stories from our work that show you how your donation helps live out this message of hope and courage.

Taking responsibility - working for Peace with Indigenous peoples:

CFSC's work is rooted in rich partnerships, built on trust developed over decades, and hearing the priorities of Indigenous peoples.

This past year, Indigenous leadership encouraged CFSC to intervene in the Tsilhqot'in land title case.

Because of your support, we were able to respond.

CFSC's submission to the Supreme Court of Canada drew on our years



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"CFSC has consistently demonstrated their unwavering support for recognition of our Indigenous rights. We are honoured to partner with CFSC", says Grand Chief Stewart Phillip, President of the Union of BC Indian Chiefs.

of experience with the *UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples*.

The Tsilhqot'in won their historic precedent-setting case, the impacts of which are being felt coast-to-coast.

While not always easy to explain - our work often includes technical, legal, and off-the-record meetings - it is towards one simple end: taking responsibility by respecting and realizing the human rights of Indigenous peoples, and working with partners to reset the broken relationship between Canadians and Indigenous peoples.



Makoso Dede (left) took Project Muinda's peace training "First for myself, and secondly for others. I'm more patient today." He sees positive impacts in his family life, and the conflicts that his local "peace cell" has helped resolve.

Photo credit: Matthew Legge

Recognizing our common bond - supporting peace-building in the DR Congo:

Peace starts within each of us, and our relationships in our communities.

Makoso Dede has been building peace in his neighbourhood of Ngaliema for 12 years. In 2002, Makoso took a CFSC-supported training program offered by Kinshasa Quakers that equips volunteers to work together, in groups of five, to resolve and prevent disputes among neighbours and offer practical peace education - workshops on everything from how elections work to dealing with trauma.

We share a common commitment with Kinshasa Quakers to end violence - in communities and between nations. With your support, people like Makoso respond to requests for help in conflicts between family members or landlords and tenants, keeping disputes out of dysfunctional courts and preventing them from escalating.

Working in cooperation - fostering change together:

An academic in the United States releases a groundbreaking study on adolescent brain development, while street workers in Toronto develop new strategies that help youth stay out of gangs. And neither group knows about nor benefits from the other's great work.

The example is hypothetical, but the fragmented sharing of information is all too real. What could be done to change this, so that researchers and



Photo Credit: Theatre of the Beat

CFSC small grants support grassroots initiatives, like the east-coast tour of *Forgiven/Forgotten*, a play by Theatre of the Beat that examines our culture's response to those affected by crime.

practitioners could access resources outside their area of expertise that might help them, and the youth they seek to help?

Following a series of consultations and a two-day workshop by CFSC with Canadians working on youth justice issues, CFSC developed and launched an electronic Youth Justice Knowledge Hub. The Hub aims to fill that gap by systematically linking research and bodies of practice supporting youth at risk. It is anchored in a child-rights framework. The Hub was recently evaluated and will be expanded to a wider audience over the coming year.

These three examples, like the many others from our program, bring about deep and lasting change because of the patient, relationship-building approach we bring to it. This is the Quaker way, and it takes time and resources to do it right. **Your consistent and growing support is vital to continue and expand meaningful and life-changing work done by Friends and our partners!**

While many conflicts and challenges may seem far from our lives, none of us is free from the responsibility for the world we have – or the world we can foster, a world in which peace and justice prevail.

Turn over the page to see how can you join me in supporting CFSC's practice of "true peace".

In Friendship,



Lana Robinson
Clerk



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George Rishmawi (pictured), Executive Director of the Palestinian Centre for Rapprochement between Peoples (PCR) started there as a volunteer at age 19. CFSC funds PCR's English language news website www.imemc.org which allows Palestinian stories to be told with care.

PS There is so much more I could share! To learn more about what our dedicated staff and volunteers are doing to foster "true peace", read our "Annual Report" at <http://bit.ly/CFSCReport> and visit www.quakerservice.ca

PPS Because of your increased donations and bequests, we have been able to maintain our core commitments to programs and partners since we stopped receiving government grants from CIDA two years ago. Thank you!

Quaker supporters:

Donations to CYM's Annual Appeal do not fund CFSC's programs (CYM only pays for board member travel to CFSC meetings). To support our work, donate directly to CFSC – and please also support CYM's Appeal!

How can you help?

Join our Monthly Donor Program – Easy, Simple, Safe. \$10 or \$20 a month from individuals can make a huge difference (see the donor card).

Already a monthly donor? Thank you! Would you consider increasing your impact by \$5 or \$10 a month? You might feel it a little, but our partners will feel it a lot!

More comfortable with a one-time annual gift? Great! Would you consider increasing your contribution this year?

Individual donors, like you, are the backbone of CFSC. **Without you, the work and witness by staff, volunteers and partners would be impossible.**

We thank you for your support.



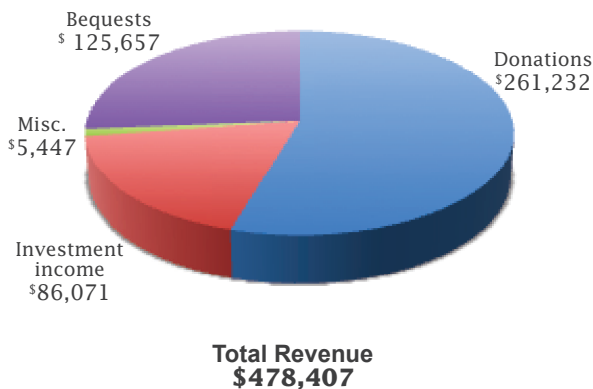
"As Friends we are called to service and CFSC helps us shine our light in the world."

~ Sheila Havard, CFSC donor, project volunteer & former board member

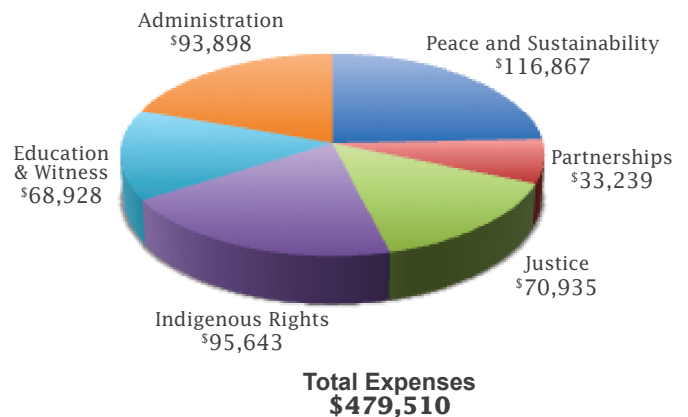
Financial Report 2013 – 2014

The foundation of CFSC's revenue – donations, bequests, investment income – is gifts from individuals, like you, and Quaker Meetings. CFSC's income and expenses balanced out last year (plus unrealized gains from investments were \$199,336; they are not in the chart because the investments were not sold for income). Looking forward, CFSC must expand its donor base and diversify its revenue sources. Administration is 19% of expenses due to the loss of CIDA funding (which affects revenue and expenses) and a high level of government requirements to operate as a charity. We are working to improve this balance.

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