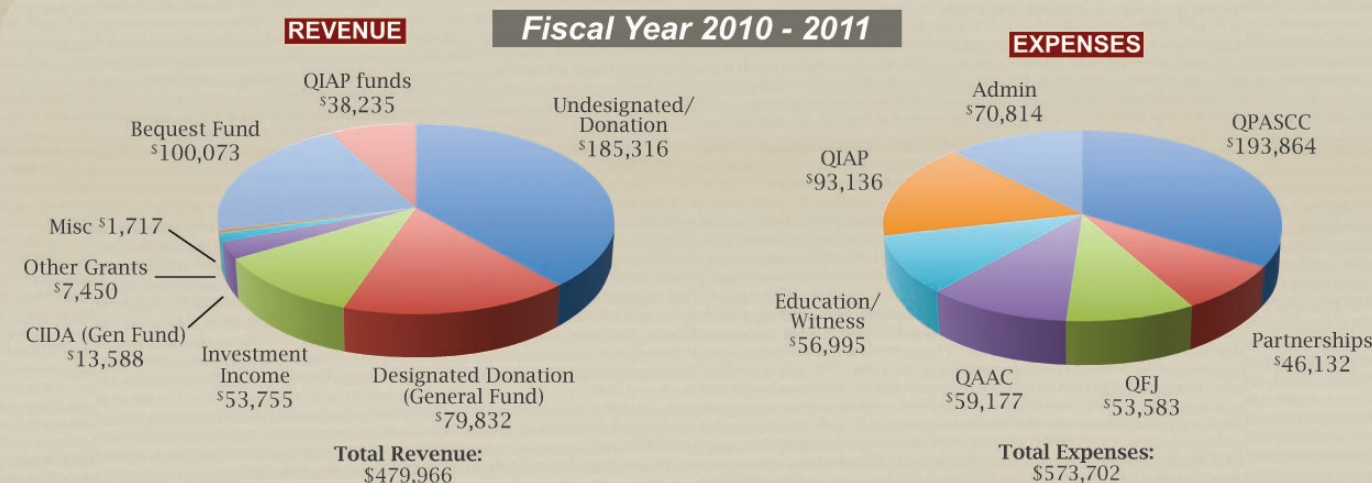


2011 Annual Appeal and Report

Financial Report

Special bequests in the past two years saved CFSC from having to cut a program. Bequest funds can help us through bad times, but what CFSC critically needs is an increase to its annual giving by our supporters. Fewer than 1/3 of the people in CFSC's database of supporters make a gift towards our work. You can change this pattern so that Quaker witness in the world is not only able to continue, but to grow. Without increased donations, CFSC will be faced with cutting a program. The Quaker International Affairs Programme (QIAP), which raised its own funds, was laid down this year due to funding shortfalls; let's not let that happen again.



CFSC's work is undertaken through three program committees: Quaker Peace and Sustainable Communities Committee (QPASCC), Quaker Aboriginal Affairs Committee (QAAC), and Quakers Fostering Justice (QFJ). Reduced income raised our administration and fundraising ratio to 12% from 9.6% last year, still below average. CFSC's audited deficit includes \$44,536 related to QIAP (the QIAP Fund's balance covered this loss, but it shows on our statements). Taking this into consideration, CFSC's portion of the deficit was \$49,200. Add to this CFSC's unrealized gains on investments (\$98,093) and CFSC ended the year in the black (\$48,893).

How can you help?

Join our Monthly Donor Program. Why? Just receiving \$10 a month from most of our donors would substantially increase revenues and provide regular, predictable income for CFSC to help others (most one-time donors give \$25 - 100 a year). A small, regular donation from your bank account is easy, safe and can be changed at any time (you will get one tax receipt at year-end). Call or email us for the form, or download it from <http://quakerservice.ca/what-you-can-do/donate/>.

If you are already a monthly donor, thank you, and would you consider moderately increasing that contribution, by \$5 or \$10 a month?

If you are most comfortable with a one-time annual gift, would you consider increasing your contribution? While many of us give the same amount to charities year after year, inflation increases our operating costs every year. A small increase by everyone can help prevent program cuts.

We thank you for your support.



CFSC encourages Friends to engage with their elected representatives on issues of concern. Pictured are staff, volunteers and partners of CFSC and KAIROS en route to Parliament Hill for a national KAIROS event on Indigenous Peoples' rights.



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Canadian Friends Service Committee (Quakers)



Since 1996, CFSC has supported the vital community-based peace-building work of Friends in the Democratic Republic of Congo, which ranks 168 of 169 countries on the UN's Human Development Index (2010) and is known as the "rape capital of the world".

"Our principle is, and our practices have always been, to seek peace, and ensue it ... seeking the good and welfare, and doing that which tends to the peace of all."

~ from a letter to Charles II from 12 Quakers, 1661.

Dear Friends,

350 years ago... the letter to Charles II became the touchstone statement of the Quaker commitment to peace and social action.

80 years ago... Canadian Friends wrote: "Canadian Friends have long needed the simple machinery of coordination and management ... to make a definite impact upon the solution of the problems which confront society today. This is now being implemented in the creation of the Canadian Friends' Service Committee..."

Today... Like the Friends in 1661, we understand that peace is a bold proposition; its realization is rooted in actions, large and small, which answer to the common good. It is built through relationships between peoples, by communities. War has not ended, but communities and nations are creating and using tools to build and sustain peace. CFSC's patient, focused and persistent work is an important and unique part of this peaceful movement.

Tomorrow... Quaker work is as much about the way we work as what we do. This summer, during a CFSC 80th anniversary event, Friends named what CFSC needs to carry into the future: mutuality, respect, kindness, perseverance, understanding different points of view, discernment, compassion, love, and hope. Our values are more than ideas or words - they are the means towards peace.

In 2010-11, CFSC valiantly kept programs running and growing despite a decrease in donations, thanks largely to generous bequests. 80 years ago they needed a "simple machinery of coordination and management". Today our program is far-reaching and not simple. Our dedicated staff, board, and volunteers work well on our behalf but for them to be as effective as possible sufficient funds are needed to carry out these programs. **Please take a long lingering look at the Donation Card and consider a new or increased monthly pledge to sustain and grow this important work of 80 years, and this 350-year commitment "which tends to the peace of all."**

In Friendship,

Lesley Robertson

Lesley Robertson
Clerk, Canadian Friends Service Committee

p.s. Important reminder for Quaker donors: Please donate directly to CFSC to support CFSC's work. A donation to Canadian Yearly Meeting's Annual Appeal does not fund CFSC's programs; CYM pays for board member travel to meetings, not program. Thank you for your support!



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Celebrating 80 years of Quaker work and witness

CFSC is guided by a vision of a world in which peace and justice prevail, the causes of war and oppression are removed, the whole of Creation is treated with respect, and individuals and communities are freed to reach their fullest potential. Some highlights of our work this past year:

Ecology and Economy

Since last year, we have more than doubled the number of Iraqi physicians trained in Advanced Labour and Risk Management program from 55 to 141, with 31 now being trainers. Hundreds of thousands of women and babies will have an increased survival rate in the coming years. Another example of how the CIDA-supported “Care to Care” project has changed lives: if infants did not cry immediately when born, they were presumed stillborn, and died. Practitioners now have a protocol to stimulate newborns, which will reduce mortality. CFSC has applied to CIDA to expand this work into Burundi which has only one fully trained gynecologist in the country.

This summer, Canadian Yearly Meeting approved a minute calling for the phase-out of nuclear fission-based energy, uranium mining, and the export of related technology and materials. This is the result years of discernment work by Meetings and CFSC. Friends are the first national church to hold such a position; education and action materials are being prepared for 2012.

CFSC continues its concern about the impact of extractive industries on overseas partners and in Canada. This summer, we released a new briefing paper that focuses on options available to regulate extractive industries, in the wake of the defeat of Bill C-300, which would have put some measures in place to address the issue.

Peace

In the DR Congo, Project Muinda has trained mediation teams (peace cells) in all of Kinshasa’s 26 neighbourhoods (population 8 million). These teams are working to provide 52 election observers to increase community-based security during the November 2011 election.

The Federal Court of Appeal case of Jeremy Hinzman returned an excellent decision, and the content of CFSC’s legal brief to the Court had an impact (given the decision’s content). The decision paves the way for other resisters to have their “sincerely held beliefs” considered as a part of their efforts for status in Canada on humanitarian and compassionate grounds.

CFSC supported two partners from Happy Grove High School in Jamaica to come to Toronto for training in peace and non-violence and to expand their relationships and resources to address conflict and violence in their community.

Indigenous Rights

The Truth and Reconciliation Commission (TRC) has a mandate to learn and inform all Canadians about what happened in the residential schools; it is a means towards healing and reconciliation between peoples. CFSC continues to educate and encourage Friends to participate in TRC events as a way to learn more about Indigenous peoples’ struggles and ways towards a more just future.

CFSC has a strong focus on implementation of the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples. Our



Dale Dewar, lead doctor on the “Care to Care” project, and Iraqi Kurdistan colleague and obstetrician Aseema Mohamad.



CFSC partners with the Bududu Vocational Institute and Children of Peace projects in Uganda.

staff plays a leadership role within an ad hoc coalition of Indigenous and human rights organizations that collectively prepares public and press statements, educational materials, give workshops and dialogue with government officials and in international forums (UN, OAS). A practical example: CFSC is supporting efforts by partners to end the discriminatory practice by the federal government of providing less funding for social services for children on First Nations reserves than those who reside off reserve. CFSC will carry on some of the work of the Quaker International Affairs Programme (laid down this summer) within the Convention on Biological Diversity by working with Indigenous partners on traditional knowledge and access and benefit sharing.

Justice

We are tracking the development of the omnibus crime legislation (C-10, nine bills rolled into one) and are preparing a brief for the parliamentary committee that debates the bill, to raise our concerns for a legislative framework that addresses the needs of victims, offenders, and communities to heal and rebuild. The Minister of Justice has said, “this [C-10] is just the beginning”; we anticipate deeply engaging Friends in this work, based on our statement of concern, called “Justice is Possible”, approved in 2010.

Education, Communications, Grants and Partnerships

Our educational materials over the past year include: research papers on the tar sands (leases and health), regulating extractive industries; fact sheets on the TRC and various justice issues; “action” bulletins on new refugee legislation (C-4); a public statement regarding Canada’s military action in Libya; letters to government on a range of issues; *Quaker Concern* and our monthly *E-Newsletter* which contains news and action items.

CFSC is improving its communications capacity. Two examples: (1) a new, better organized website (www.quakerservice.ca) with more tools to expand our ability to educate and mobilize people and (2) a new CFSC Liaison Network, with contacts in all Quaker meetings, to strengthen the two-way relationship with Meetings about our shared concerns for justice and to take action.

CFSC provides grants to grassroots initiatives such as Peterborough Community Chaplaincy to make their transition house wheelchair accessible, to “Out of Bounds” (a prisoner-run publication), to “Smoke Signals” (a syndicated Indigenous radio program), as well as a significant grant to the Toronto Monthly Meeting Refugee Committee to operate their resettlement service.

CFSC financially supports and participates in partnerships and coalitions like KAIROS, Project Ploughshares, the Church Council on Justice and Corrections, the Quaker UN Offices, the Council for International Cooperation, and the International Civil Liberties Monitoring Group, as we have more potential to create change in the world by working together.



Lynne Phillips, former CFSC board member, and Chief Robert Joseph, elder to the TRC Commissioners, at the UN Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues, after a presentation by Canada’s Truth and Reconciliation Commission.



CFSC board members Sheila Harvard and Penni Burrell review a document during a board weekend at Friends House in Toronto.

CFSC’s full Annual Report and Audited Statements are available at <http://quakerservice.ca/our-work>