



Canadian Friends Service Committee

E-Newsletter

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CFSC working with Indigenous partners on emerging issues

Canadian Friends Service Committee (CFSC) continues working closely with our Indigenous partners to monitor the current events unfolding nationally. The joint statement that CFSC created with our partners has been endorsed by more than 40 organizations, and messages of solidarity are coming in from around the globe. As is the practice of Friends, we have been engaging with partners at a substantive level and providing support as requested. Download it at: <http://bit.ly/ZMJkxN> (if the link does not work, visit www.quakerservice.ca as an updated version may have been posted).

It is unfortunate that some reports are misconstruing facts, and trying to divert people from the real issues. The Government of Canada needs to commit in good faith to work with Indigenous peoples to reset the First Nations-Crown relationship. The First Nations-Crown relationship is being seriously impaired in numerous ways, including:

- Ongoing reliance on the racist doctrine of discovery to deny or severely limit First Nations' rights to lands, territories and resources;
- Failure to fully honour and implement First Nations' Treaties;
- Unilateral federal actions on domestic policies and legislation that potentially affect Aboriginal and Treaty rights; and
- A devaluation of the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples in Canada and internationally.

CFSC will continue our long-term educational work in solidarity with Indigenous partners in addressing these and other critical issues. This concern is moving quickly. For the most up to date news, even if you don't have an account, you can always check our Twitter: <http://bit.ly/TU9OVS> and Facebook: <http://bit.ly/ScO2gs>.



CFSC supported election monitors in the Democratic Republic of Congo

The 2012 tax season is done, but you can still support our work for 2013: CFSC Annual Appeal and Report

For all those of you who read and responded to our *Annual Appeal and Report 2012* - **Thank you!**

Your kind words, the trust you put in the Service Committee to act effectively on your concerns, and your commitment to social justice and positive change are truly inspiring. Individuals like you help to achieve our shared vision of a world where all are freed to reach their fullest potential. If you have not made a contribution yet: please consider making a one-time or monthly donation for 2013.

You can donate online through CanadaHelps:

<http://www.canadahelps.org/CharityProfilePage.aspx?charityID=s43255>. You can mail donations, payable to "Canadian Friends Service Committee", to: CFSC, 60 Lowther Avenue, Toronto, Ontario, Canada, M5R 1C7.

Questions? Just call 416-920-5213 or email info@quakerservice.ca. Read our Annual Report and Appeal 2012 here: <http://bit.ly/VXBFm>.

*(Note: Individual and Meetings' donations to Canadian Yearly Meeting do **NOT** support CFSC programming. Please consider responding to the CYM Appeal but to support CFSC's work, please give directly to CFSC).*

Ever wondered what life is like at CFSC? Apply to be the 2013 intern and find out!

CFSC is offering an internship from May 1st to August 31st.

Do these seem like you (or someone you know):

- 20-29 years of age;
- Seriously committed to Quaker service work and having previous community service experience; and
- Looking to be based in Toronto, but potentially in Ottawa or and/or BC?

Want more details? Download the package at: <http://bit.ly/RoBaIQ>. **Application deadline: February 15th.**



Kim Rivera likely to be tried before a court martial – urgent support needed

Conscientious objector to the Iraq war Kimberly Rivera remains at the Fort Carson military base in Colorado with the prospect of serving up to five years in jail.

If you feel called to, please visit Amnesty International's page where you can find a petition and contact details to write individual letters in support of Kim: <http://bit.ly/VTWm6Q>.

Church Council on Justice and Corrections turns 40

Entitled *Be the Light*, the address at the 40th anniversary of the Church Council on Justice (CCJC) was delivered by Pierre Allard. Allard discussed the history of corrections in Canada over the last 40 years and challenged churches not to forget the vision of CCJC, "to serve as a shining light for restorative approaches to justice and corrections". He asks, "Have we bought into the Roman values of justice...the justice of the state?"

Listen to the address here: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=w8VoezaldPQ>

For more on the CCJC please visit: <http://ccjc.ca/>

Apply now for the Canadian School of Peacebuilding

With course offerings from *Human Rights and Indigenous Legal Traditions* to *Train the Trainer: Working for Conflict Transformation*, the Canadian School of Peacebuilding, has many short (five day) courses for those interested in justice and peace.

Courses will be held in Winnipeg in June 2013. Find more details at: <http://bit.ly/UgYck1>.



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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