



CANADIAN FRIENDS SERVICE COMMITTEE

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

Annual Appeal 2013

*"Each of you must give as you have made up your mind,
not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver."*
~ 2 Corinthians 9:7

*"A small body of determined spirits, fired by an unquenchable faith in
their mission, can alter the course of history."*
~ Mahatma Gandhi

Dear Friends,

Thank you for your generous and cheerful support last year – as we do each autumn, I am writing to ask that you continue in that support. Thinking of Gandhi, our strength lies in our collective dedication and our shared commitment to support the causes of Peace, Justice and Equality.

When I wrote this letter last year, we were facing the very real **threat of having to shut down some of our programs.** But thanks to the strong, heart-felt response of Friends and supporters, together with higher-than-expected bequest income, we were able to keep all our doors open and fulfill our commitment to our partners.

Thank you!

Our goal this year is to once again grow our long-term revenue from donors such as yourselves so that we can continue to meet our commitments, without relying on bequests. Let me briefly tell you what your financial support will enable:

Justice

Improving the system for youth at risk: This fall, CFSC is bringing together leaders in the field to initiate a much-needed national working group to address the juvenile justice recommendations for Canada by the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child and to define best strategies for sharing information that will enhance their work.



Advancing human rights: CFSC staff Jennifer Preston (right) works on the international stage with Indigenous partners, like Roger Jones and Brenda Gunn, to realize the implementation of the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples in Canada and abroad.

Supporting local initiatives: In all our work, CFSC partners with grassroots organisations to provide concrete assistance to those in need, such as supporting "Circles of Support and Accountability" which provide practical support to released sex offenders (Fredericton, NB); these programs are proven to reduce re-offending.

Deepening our faith: Workshops and visits to Meetings across Canada to strengthen Friends' understanding of the "why" and "how" of our work, and to explore the foundation of service: leadings, discernment, and listening to the Spirit within.

Peace

Seeding peace at the local level: Project Muinda in Kinshasa, DR Congo, which has established "peace cells" to reduce conflict in neighbourhoods across the DRC, is now offering legal education workshops to strengthen their skills in conflict resolution, dispute settlement, and basic law.

Helping victims of war: CFSC's support of the Refugee Committee of Toronto Meeting helps hundreds of individuals and families each year seeking refuge, including people displaced by war and conflict.

Asking questions:

Sometimes asking the right questions – or raising concerns – can help prevent harm. Through dialogue with Friends and the government, we are starting an ethical conversation about the approach that Canada takes towards synthetic biology – the creation of new biological systems. This biotechnology has far-reaching significance, is on few peoples' radar, and is an area where Friends can make a difference in how it is regulated.



Supporting local: A new database will better match people like Martine Friesen and Nicole Nykorak - from Winnipeg's "Open Circle" program - to foster relationships between people in prison and volunteers towards successful reintegration back into community.



Engaging Friends: The board and staff of CFSC are from across Canada. They bring dedication, diverse skills, and experience to the discernment and delivery of CFSC's program.

Equality

Supporting Indigenous peoples' rights: CFSC is intervening at the Supreme Court of Canada to encourage the court to use international human rights law when examining and interpreting Aboriginal title and rights – an important precedent that we can set. Reconciliation requires a respect for good governance, human rights, and the rule of law.

Educating Canadians: This fall, CFSC is publishing a fabulous new book, *"The Four Elements of Peacebuilding: How to Protect Nonviolently"*. For people struggling to understand alternatives to military intervention, this book will provide some answers.

Working in partnership: Working together with ecumenical and other partners on common concerns increases our impact. The KAIROS Intergenerational Gathering will educate over 150 people about ecological and Indigenous issues who will then take it back to their communities. CFSC is supporting two Friends' participation through our Individual Grants program.



Living our faith: At the heart of Quakerism is our belief in peace as the way and that there is "that of God" in all. As such, much work focuses on building peace and supporting communities after the experience of conflict.

To continue and sustainably expand exciting initiatives like these, your support is vital.

You are making positive contributions to local communities and on the international stage. Turn over this page to find out how to make your 2013 gift to support Quaker witness that seeks to help local communities, and foster deep and lasting change to prevent poverty, conflict, and injustice.

In Friendship,

Handwritten signature of Lesley Robertson.

Lesley Robertson
Clerk, Canadian Friends Service Committee (Quakers)

PS I could write a great deal more about the work that dedicated staff and volunteers are doing to effect positive change! For more information, please read our "Annual Report" at <http://bit.ly/CFSCReport> and visit www.quakerservice.ca

How can you help?

Join our Monthly Donor Program. Why? Your monthly donation - even as easy as \$10 or \$20 a month (though more is always welcome!) - helps people in communities in Canada and around the world working for peace and sustainability. Tick the box on the donor card and we will send you the form - it is easy, safe and you receive one tax receipt at year-end. If you need to change arrangements or cancel, we are glad to take care of this for you without question.

If you are already a monthly donor, thank you! Would you consider increasing your impact with an increase of \$5 or \$10 a month? You might feel it a little, but our partners will feel it a lot!

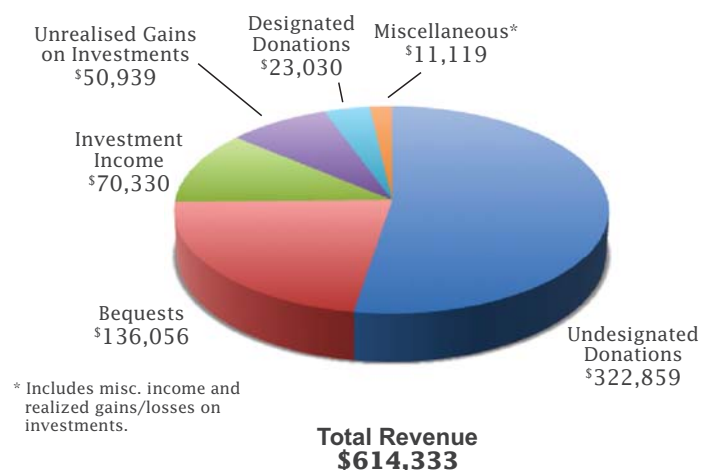
If you are most comfortable with a one-time annual gift, would you consider increasing your contribution?

We thank you for your support.

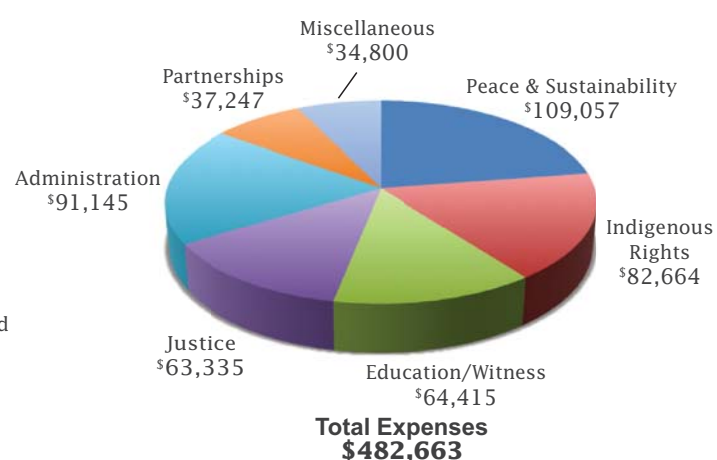
Financial Report 2012 – 2013

Sustaining donor and Annual Appeal gifts, including a \$100,000 gift, boosted undesignated donations to a record \$322,859, altering a forecasted deficit. For the first time in decades, there was no revenue from the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA). \$136,056 was streamed into operations from the Bequest Fund (bequests are amortized at 10-20% per year). Due to increasing requirements for charities and a decrease in grants (which affects revenue and expenses), administration costs represents a larger percentage of expenses. Increased donations and revenues will be used for programs, bringing back down the admin ratio.

REVENUE



EXPENSES



Reminder for Quaker donors: 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. Donate directly to CFSC to support CFSC's work.



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