

May 14, 2015

We write to you from the Canadian Friends Service Committee, the national peace and justice agency of the Religious Society of Friends (Quakers), to request your position on Canada's January 18 Memorandum of Understanding with Israel. Of particular concern is the targeting of the Boycott, Divestment, Sanctions (BDS) movement as "the new face of anti-Semitism".

Specifically:

1. Do you agree with the present government's assessment that the BDS movement is "anti-Semitic" - why or why not?;
2. If your party formed a government, what would be your response to the BDS movement?; and
3. What would be your position for seeking a lasting peace in Israel/Palestine?

Enclosed for your information are Frequently Asked Questions that explain the positions taken on Israel/Palestine and BDS by The Religious Society of Friends.

in Friendship,

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Lana Robinson,
Clerk
Canadian Friends Service Committee