



# Canadian Friends Service Committee E-Newsletter

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## Year-end so far

The end of the year is always exciting for us at CFSC. We launch our *Annual Accountability Report* and year-end giving appeal (<https://report.quakerservice.ca>) and we get to feel the trust and support of our donors from across Canada and beyond. It's also a nerve-wracking time though, because we're heavily dependent on individual donors. So far we have received \$53,720.64 from 252 donors. Thank you all! If you haven't donated to CFSC yet, please take a few minutes now to read about our work and make a one-time or monthly donation. Whatever you're able to give helps tremendously:

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## The Deer Hunt

Each year in St. Catharines, Ontario, the Haudenosaunee hold a whitetail deer hunt in Short Hills Provincial Park. The right to hunt there is guaranteed under Treaty, but each year the entrance to the park is cut off by a group of anti-hunt protesters. In response to this informational workshops have taken place during the hunt to educate anyone interested in knowing more about treaty rights, the Haudenosaunee community, and/or Indigenous-settler relations.

On November 17th, CFSC Program Assistant, Keira Mann spoke on a panel together with members of other churches. The panel was organized by members of the Haudenosaunee and surrounding community. Keira spoke about what Friends have been doing to engage in reconciliation with Indigenous Peoples and how what is happening at Short Hills is part of a larger issue of disrespecting Indigenous Peoples' human rights and treaty rights.

The event was held around a community fire, where after the panel there was discussion and sharing until the time came for the 55 hunters that were in the park that day to leave. To learn more about the hunt and workshops being offered, visit: <https://sixnationsrighttohunt.com/>

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## CFSC signs on to peace declaration

Following a gathering held in Toronto and attended by several Friends, including members of CFSC and our Israel/Palestine Working Group, CFSC has signed on to the World BEYOND War

declaration. The brief declaration, signed by groups and individuals from over 160 countries, states:

*I understand that wars and militarism make us less safe rather than protect us, that they kill, injure and traumatize adults, children and infants, severely damage the natural environment, erode civil liberties, and drain our economies, siphoning resources from life-affirming activities. I commit to engage in and support nonviolent efforts to end all war and preparations for war and to create a sustainable and just peace.*

Sign the declaration and access free online courses and materials at: <https://worldbeyondwar.org>

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### **Cree Nation Government to host conference on justice**

A two-day conference hosted by the Cree Nation Government from December 4-6 in Gatineau, Quebec has an incredible lineup of speakers including two sessions offered by CFSC staff Jennifer Preston and associate member Paul Joffe. The theme of the conference is Indigenous Peoples' Justice - Reconciliation and Capacity Building. Find out more and register at:

<http://creejustice.ca/index.php/ca/events/indigenouspeoplesjustice/conference-2018>

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### **Canadian School of Peacebuilding registration open**

Offered in Winnipeg, the Canadian School of Peacebuilding will run two five day sessions again next year: June 10-14 and June 17-21, 2019.

Topics for session 1 are: Indigenous Perspectives on Salvation, Repentance, Peace, and Justice; Peace Skills Practice; Alternative Approaches to Monitoring and Evaluation; and Making Music, War, and Peace.

Topics for session 2 are: Building Change with Human-Centred Design; Justice, Peacebuilding, and a Theology of Struggle; Trauma, Peacebuilding, and Resilience – Level 1; and Generous Dissent: Nonviolent Activism and Resistance. Find out more and register at:

<http://csop.cmu.ca/registration/>

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### **Report back from climate change meeting**

CFSC is a longtime financial supporter and partner of The Quaker United Nations Office (QUNO). QUNO was recently in South Korea for a meeting of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change. The meeting was about the potential to stabilize global warming at 1.5C above pre-industrial levels. Read QUNO's report:

<https://quakersandclimatechange.com/category/international-political-engagement/>

If Friends would like to share news of recent efforts, be they specifically on climate change or more broadly on healing environmental damage, for the Quakers and Climate Change website please contact QUNO staff person Lindsey Fielder Cook [lfcook@quno.ch](mailto:lfcook@quno.ch)

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