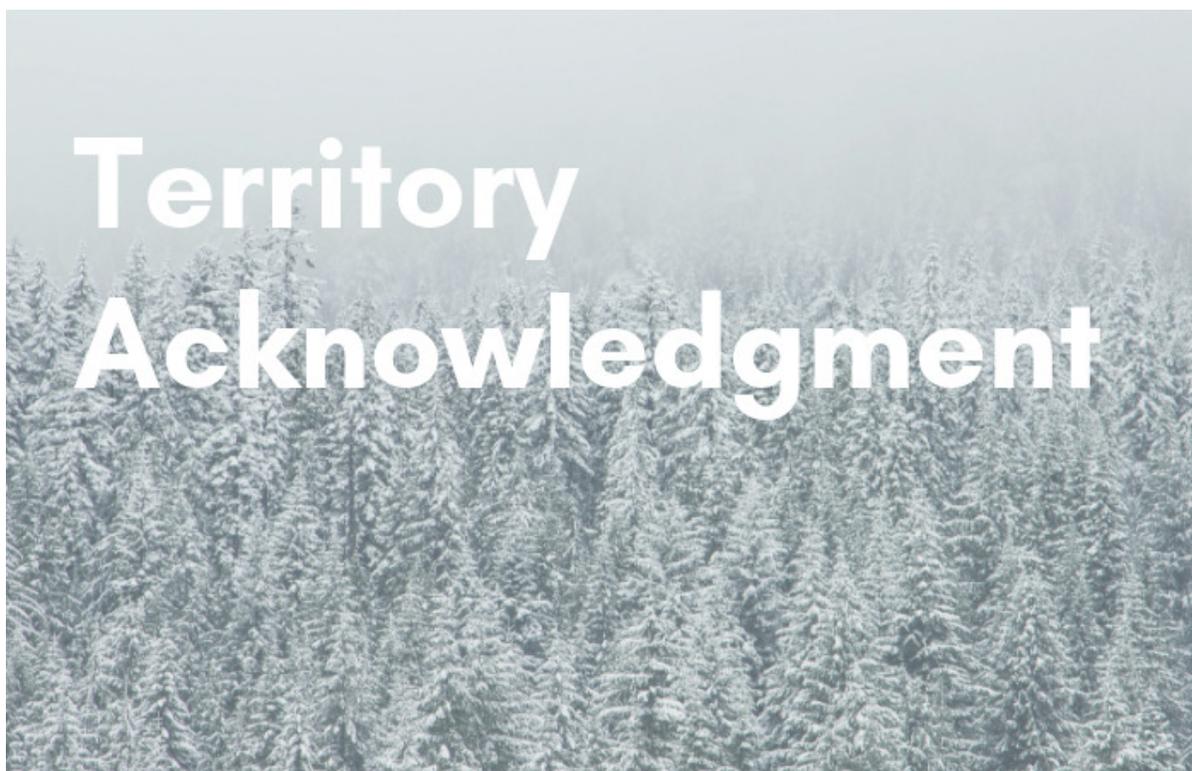




Canadian Friends Service Committee **E-Newsletter**



New resource to help with territory acknowledgement

Have you ever been to an event that began with an acknowledgment that it was taking place on the traditional territory of particular Indigenous peoples? Have you wondered what goes into such an acknowledgment or how to make one? CFSC has released a new two page handout to help with thinking through and making territory acknowledgments.

Check it out to see what we would encourage folks to include, and to avoid, when writing a territory acknowledgment. The resource also includes three great examples.

Download the handout (PDF): <https://quakerservice.ca/territory-acknowledgment>

CFSC at the International Coalition for Children with Incarcerated Parents Conference

CFSC's criminal justice program coordinator Verena Tan attended the International Coalition for Children with Incarcerated Parents Conference in Huddersfield, UK this month. The conference was an exciting opportunity to learn from international partners, foster new relationships, and hear the lived experience of youth who have incarcerated parents, like Anye Young, who has written a powerful book called *Teen Guide to Living with Incarcerated Parents*.

The conference ended with a visit to an incredible facility in York called the Askham Grange, a women's open prison that treats women residents with dignity, allowing them to work, spend time with their children and families, and learn how to transform their lives. The institution has a remarkable reoffending rate of only 2%! Learn more about Askham Grange here: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/av/uk-england-york-north-yorkshire-47498032/the-garden-centre-run-by-askham-grange-prisoners>

Report into the extradition of Hassan Diab released, but not useful

For years CFSC has been deeply concerned for Hassan Diab. We were profoundly troubled by the many apparent flaws in Canada's extradition process that led to him spending years in jail in France without trial and apparently without good evidence against him and with evidence of his innocence withheld from the extradition hearing.

We recently [wrote](#) to encourage Canada's Department of Justice to publicly release an inquiry report into Hassan Diab's extradition. We're pleased that the report was made public, but the fact that it found no wrong doing is very disturbing.

Donald Bayne, Hassan Diab's lawyer, explained: "This is basically a report that says nothing wrong was done by anybody. If Canadian prosecutors and the justice system all got it so right, why then did Hassan Diab languish in solitary confinement over three years, an innocent Canadian in a French jail? The standards we are using are clearly wrong. Anything goes in an extradition, and you can't

defend yourself. This will happen again.”

Alex Neve, Secretary General of Amnesty International Canada, remarked: “That this review effectively concludes ‘no problem here’ is the strongest possible reason why this cannot end here and there absolutely must now be a proper judicial inquiry into what happened to Hassan Diab.”

For CBC's coverage of the report see: <https://www.cbc.ca/news/politics/hassan-diab-extradition-france-1.5226033>

Illegal settlement wines aren't a “Product of Israel”

In 2014 Quakers expressed deep concern for the wellbeing of all in Israel/Palestine and, in agreement with Canada’s official policy, recognized Israeli settlements as a serious obstacle to peace in the region. We called for Canada to label products of illegal Israeli settlements accurately, so that consumers could make informed decisions.

Last year, CFSC wrote an open letter (<https://quakerservice.ca/HonestyinLabelling>) in support of a court case on this matter. We are pleased by the outcome. Federal Judge Anne Mactavish said in her decision, “Identifying the [settlement] wines as ‘Products of Israel’ is false, misleading and deceptive and interferes with the ability of Canadian consumers to make informed and rational decisions to buy conscientiously.” We hope this ruling will not be appealed.

News coverage of the ruling: <http://bit.ly/SettlementWines>

Frequently asked questions about Canadian Quakers' decision to boycott the products of illegal Israeli settlements: <https://quakerservice.ca/FAQ>

Our concern for a just peace in Israel/Palestine: <https://quakerservice.ca/our-work/peace/israel-palestine/>

Interview & excerpt from CFSC's book *Are We Done Fighting?*

In the last edition of the E-News we reported on a contest where the person who asked the best question about *Are We Done Fighting?* would win a free copy. Thank you to everyone who asked their questions!

In an interview with New Society Publishers, CFSC's peace program coordinator Matt Legge answers the winning question, "How do you have a productive conversation when everyone believes that they know the whole truth and won't accept facts or statistics that don't confirm their beliefs?"

Read the interview at: <https://www.newsociety.com/blog/2019/Interview-with-Matthew-Legge-Author-of-Are-We-Done-Fighting?>

We're also pleased to report that *YES! Magazine* has published a lightly edited excerpt from the book: <https://www.yesmagazine.org/peace-justice/solutions-peace-violence-20190715>

World Quaker Day 2019

Sunday October 6 will be the sixth annual World Quaker Day! The theme this year is *Sustainability: Planting Seeds of Renewal for the World We Love*. One activity has already been announced: Friends will be planting more than 5,000 tree seedlings at the Farmers' Training Centre in Lugari Yearly Meeting, Kenya. Visit <http://worldquakerday.org> for more resources and ideas on how to get involved and to share your story.

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