



# Canadian Friends Service Committee

## E-Newsletter



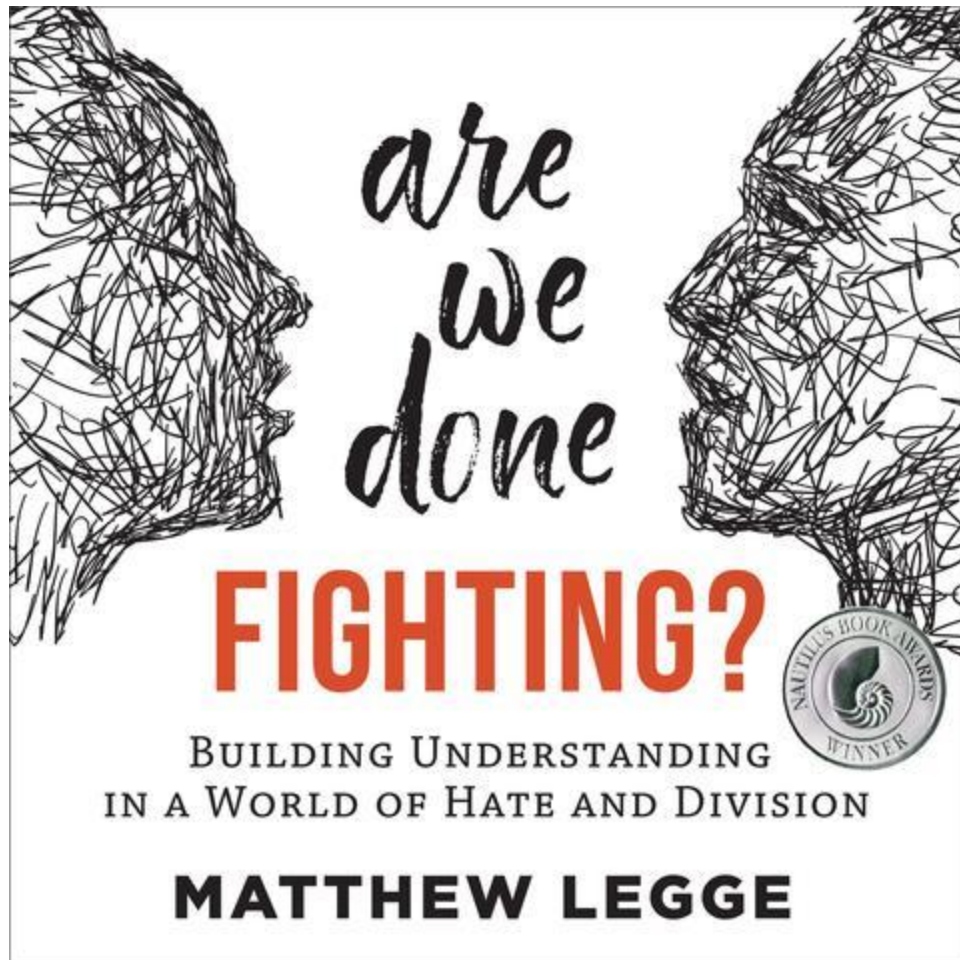
*Community members take a knee in front of City Hall in Toronto, June, 2020.*

### **Canadian Quakers condemn systemic racism, commit to act**

At Canadian Yearly Meeting and Canadian Friends Service Committee we hear the calls in the streets and in the media for an end to racial violence and injustice. This is echoed in communities across Canada. The ongoing wounds of racism are open and laid bare. We demand better from individuals, from our leaders, and from our institutions.

Many of us have seen the horrific footage of the killing of yet another Black person—George Floyd—by a white police officer. This is not an accident or aberration. Unequal

and unjust treatment of racialized people is not unique to the US, nor to the choices of individual officers. It is far-reaching and systemic.... [Keep reading this statement.](#)



**Are We Done Fighting? now in audiobook. Join our virtual book study group**

We're please to announce that CFSC's book *Are We Done Fighting?* is now available as an audiobook! You can get it from [the publisher](#) or from [Amazon](#).

CFSC staff Matt Legge and associate member Trevor Chandler are currently facilitating two study groups each week to explore content and exercises from the book, but the sessions have been very popular and both are full.

The next groups will start up in July, exact dates to be decided. If you're interested in joining these free interactive workshops/study sessions, you can register your interest

and let us know what days and times would work for you at <https://quakerservice.ca/register>.



### **War is not essential: join actions online or in person**

In the middle of the COVID-19 pandemic, Canada has lifted the moratorium on issuing arms exports for weapons destined for Saudi Arabia, and Light Armoured Vehicles (LAVs) continue to be manufactured in London, ON under the label of an "essential service."

Ending arms exports doesn't have to mean the loss of good jobs. As we confront the twin crises of COVID-19 and climate change, the call for conversion of arms industries to socially useful production must be loud and clear.

On Thursday June 11, join in-person protests or join online. This day of action is endorsed by many groups including CFSC. Find out more at:

<https://www.facebook.com/events/572459100074385>. If you're on social media, use #StopArmingSaudi and tell your elected representatives how you feel.

Find out more about this issue <https://quakerservice.ca/armstradetreaty>.