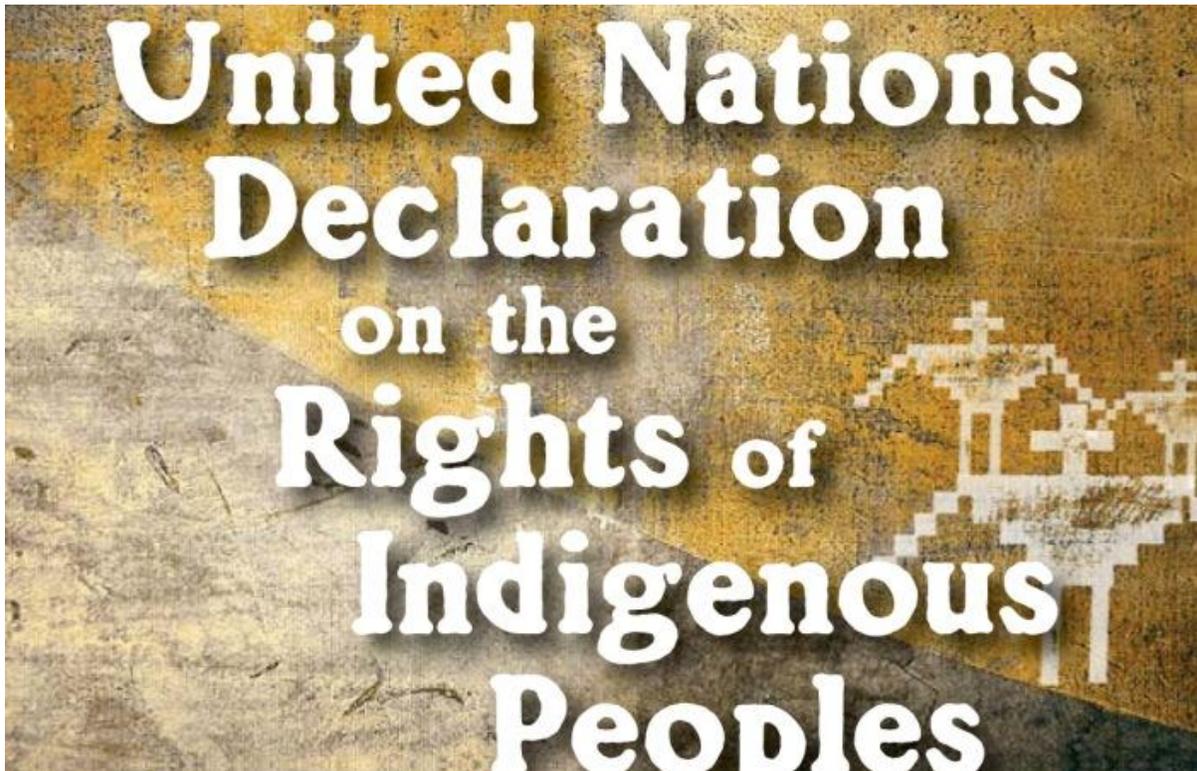


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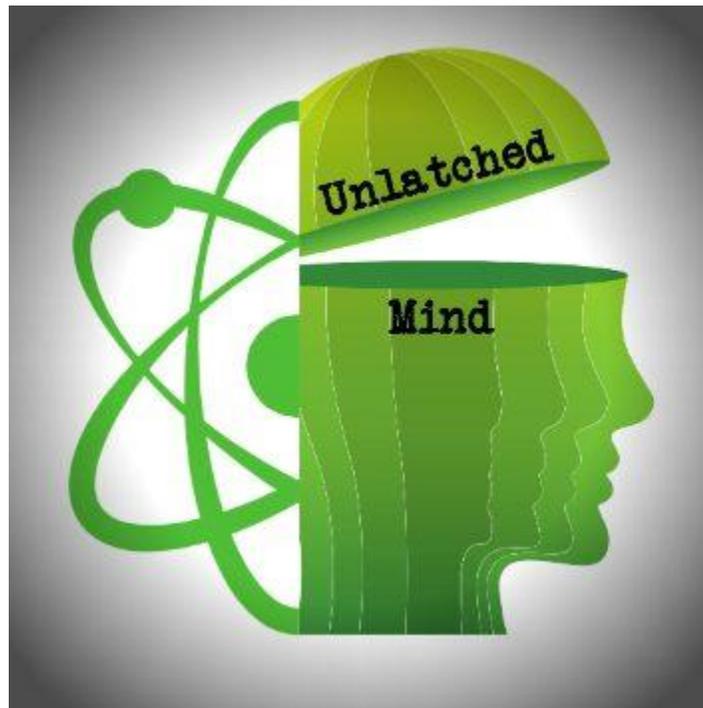
### **Implementation legislation must not be delayed**

CFSC was one of the signatories of a new open letter to the Minister of Justice calling for legislation to implement the [United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples](#) as soon as Parliament convenes this fall. This will be a timely, positive step toward upholding Canada's human rights obligations. The letter explains that:

- there is already a legal obligation to implement the *UN Declaration*;

- legislation is necessary for [reconciliation](#) and for implementation of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's *Calls to Action*;
- we already know that implementation can succeed;
- the previous Bill C-262 can serve as a model and floor for the new legislation; and more.

Read the letter at: <https://quakerservice.ca/implementation> and, if so led, let your own MP know that you support legislation to implement the *UN Declaration*.



### **New podcast, workshops, and book discount**

Popular psychology podcast *The Unlatched Mind* featured CFSC's Peace Program Coordinator Matt Legge to discuss what we can do to have better quality disagreements on sensitive topics. It is episode 30 available at <https://unlatchedmind.com/ep-30-lets-fight-right> or wherever you get your podcasts.

If you'd like to delve into these issues in more depth, Matt and CFSC associate member Trevor Chandler are co-facilitating an interactive online workshop series exploring content from CFSC's book [Are We Done Fighting?](#) Find out more and register at <https://quakerservice.ca/register>

Don't have your copy of the book yet? You're in luck. The publisher is offering a 40% discount from September 14-22. You can get the deal here:

<https://newsociety.ca/books/a/are-we-done-fighting>



### **Join in KAIROS Climate Month activities**

September is Climate Action Month at the ecumenical justice agency KAIROS (we are founding members). This month you can take daily steps to address the urgent climate crisis. Find out more and get involved: <https://www.kairoscanada.org/what-we-do/ecological-justice/climateactionmonth>

Learn more about CFSC and climate change: <https://quakerservice.ca/climatechange>



*Phyllis Fischer in a shirt in support of [Grass Narrows](#), 2015.*

### **Giving thanks for the Spirit in the life of Phyllis Fischer**

Phyllis Fischer—a long-time CFSC member and associate member who provided mentoring and support to our Indigenous rights work—died peacefully on August 21 at the age of 91. She was a deeply valued Friend of CFSC. General Secretary Jennifer Preston remembers spending lots of wonderful time with Phyllis over the past few decades, including on a road trip together to visit Quaker Meetings on the east coast of Canada. Some pictures and special tributes to Phyllis are available at:

<https://www.thomasfuneralhome.ca/obituaries/Phyllis-Fischer?obId=17998860#/celebrationWall>