



Canadian Friends Service Committee turns 90!

It may seem like just yesterday when CFSC was helping unite young Friends across three different Yearly Meetings in Canada who wanted to work together for justice and peace. Or when we were shipping medical supplies to Vietnam for all sides affected by war. Or when we were helping to ensure that the UN adopted the *Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples*. But in fact 2021 marks our 90th birthday!

Many of the stories and images that have shaped CFSC over decades of justice and peace work are captured on a new webpage we've created.

Help us celebrate. Visit our 90th anniversary webpage and share your memories and stories about CFSC: <https://90years.quakerservice.ca>

We're also excited to launch a **twelve part speaker series** so you can hear the personal stories of some of the Friends behind our decades of service work. Below is the poster for the first event coming up on January 28th (download [this poster in PDF](#) to share!).

Find out about this and other events in the series and register at <https://quakerservice.ca/GetToKnowThee>



Get to Know Thee, Friend

**A twelve part series in honour of
CFSC's 90th Anniversary**

Brew some tea and join Canadian Friends Service Committee on the **last Thursday of every month this year** for an online evening of discussion, sharing, and Friendship. Our series *Get to Know Thee Friend* is a chance to meet Friends from across Canada and learn about their experience with Friends and with service work.

Part One:

A Conversation with Carol Dixon

Member of Ottawa Monthly Meeting,
Former Clerk of Canadian Friends Service Committee and
Canadian Yearly Meeting

Thursday, January 28th

8:00 - 9:30pm Atlantic / 7:00 - 8:30pm Eastern / 6:00 - 7:30
Central / 5:00 - 6:30 Mountain / 4:00 - 5:30 Pacific

Learn more and register:
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Toronto Friends' Climate Change Initiative

Toronto Friend Lyn Adamson is supported by Toronto Meeting to offer a program to Friends and other community and faith groups across Canada. Designed by ClimateFast in an initiative called [Kitchen Table Climate Conversations](#), it has also been adopted by KAIROS and Citizens for Public Justice and developed into a faith-based model called [Faithful Climate Conversations](#).

The conversation model is suitable for small groups, and focuses around sharing and consideration of solutions in response to the climate crisis. Lyn is available to arrange for facilitators for these conversations. If your Meeting or group would like to offer one (or more), please feel free to [contact her](#).



Because their government failed to sign the Treaty, individual Canadians got together in many parts of the country and did so themselves. This photo is from Toronto, 2017.



UN Treaty on Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons to become law. Where does Canada stand?

The *UN Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons* will become law this Friday and multiple groups are planning events and actions to celebrate! Find details here:

<https://worldbeyondwar.org/122canada/>

We joined hundreds of organizations and individuals in taking out a multi-page ad in the *Hill Times*. The ad explains that Canada did not take part in negotiating the *Treaty* and has since refused to sign or ratify it. The ad concludes:

The undersigned, therefore, respectfully call upon the Government of Canada to have Parliament debate the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons and to allow the House of Commons Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Development to hold public hearings on the Treaty and on Canada's role in advancing global nuclear disarmament.