



Canadian Friends Service Committee

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Canadian Friends Service Committee (CFSC)

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Annual Accountability Report 2022

"What, if not all, people want is the transcendence of suffering of pain?" - Mahatma Gandhi



Members of the CFSC staff and volunteers at the 2022 Annual Meeting in Toronto, Ontario.

"We have an urgent situation here"

These were words I spoke while trying to keep a camp fire going during our 2022 annual meeting in Toronto.

We were at the beautiful Camp Nekeke, N.S., 100 kilometers north of Toronto, for the first time since 2018 as campers and staff gathered for the Service Committee's annual meeting and annual justice work. It was a refreshing and meaningful time in the east hill area.

In thinking about my words, I see that they were about more than just the fire that needed tending, but also the work we do.



CFSC staff and volunteers gathered around the fire during the 2022 Annual Meeting.

Our Annual Accountability Report is out now!

Each year we share an [Annual Accountability Report](#) to give you a sense of all that's been accomplished with your donations.

As you read the report, please remember that **you**, whose commitment to social justice makes this work possible, **were there with our small team** of volunteers and staff all along. What you'll read about are **your achievements**. Thank you for them!

[Read the Annual Accountability Report.](#)

[Stand up for justice and peace—make a year-end donation now.](#)

THROUGH THE BARS: MAKING CONNECTIONS



AN EVENING WITH CFSC AND WRITE ON!

Learn how corresponding with those locked up in our jails and prisons can make a difference inside AND outside!

Join us on December 6th at 7:00 PM EST

Register at:

<https://QuakerService.ca/WriteOn>



QUAKERS
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Write On!

Supporting Prisoners Through Correspondence



Through the bars: making connections

Join us on Tuesday Dec 6 at 7:00 PM Eastern for a conversation with CFSC's Nancy Russell and Naomi Berlyne. Naomi is the founder of Write On!—a group of students, workers, and Ontario residents who support and stand in solidarity with people in prison in Canada (both in the provincial and federal systems).

The conversation will explore how corresponding with those locked up in prisons and jails can make a difference inside AND outside. Plus, find out how you can get involved in this important work!

Register for this free online event: <https://QuakerService.ca/WriteOn>



Canada can help end cruel, inhumane, and degrading treatment of children

CFSC has written again to the government of Canada to express our dismay over the continued military detention and abuse of Palestinian children and Canada's continued silence on the matter. The letter mentions the recent case of Shadi Khouri, a 16 year old student at Ramallah Friends School, a Quaker school, who was “beaten in his home by Israeli military forces, then dragged barefoot, blindfolded, bleeding, and alone, from his home, and placed in detention in the early morning of October 18.” [Read the open letter](#). Find out more about [our concern for a just peace in Israel/Palestine](#).



FACT

Mother-Child units are located inside federal prisons. The units are intended... "to provide a supportive environment that promotes stability and continuity for the mother-child relationship."

<https://www.csc-scc.gc.ca/politiques-et-lois/768-cd-en.shtml>



New report: here's what's wrong with Mother-Child Units in Canada's prisons

Canada's Correctional Investigator released a new report this month. It highlights what CFSC has been saying for some time about Mother-Child Units in prisons: no research exists, the units are very under-used, Canada doesn't keep data about the children, and more. Have a look at this [short infographic we created](#).