



Canadian Friends Service Committee E-Newsletter

The image shows a YouTube video player interface. At the top left is a red play button icon. To its right is the video title "Supporting Youth With Incarcerated Fa...". Further right are icons for "Watch later" (a clock) and "Share" (a red arrow). The main title "SUPPORTING YOUTH WITH INCARCERATED FAMILY" is displayed in large, bold, yellow capital letters. Below the title is a red play button icon and a row of four small video thumbnails showing people in various settings. At the bottom left, it says "Watch on YouTube" with the YouTube logo. At the bottom right is the "YOUTHREX Research & Evaluation eXchange" logo.



Supporting youth with incarcerated family

CFSC's Nancy Russell recently took part in a webinar on supporting youth with incarcerated family. The webinar was designed for front line workers (social workers, child and youth care practitioners, youth outreach workers, etc.). More than 150 took part. The event helped them understand the unique experiences of youth whose family members are incarcerated. How can youth workers intentionally build healing

relationships from a place of empathy and non-judgement? Find out in [this hour long recording!](#)



Reconciliation Queries for Friends



As Friends engage in the work of upholding Indigenous rights; actively pursuing the decolonization of Canadian society; and building practices of reconciliation, we are committed to grounding our actions in our spiritual practices, the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, the Royal Commission on Aboriginal Peoples, the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's Calls to Action and Principles of Reconciliation, and Quaker testimonies.

We honour the good work that Canadian Yearly Meeting¹ and Canadian Friends Service Committee² are undertaking on the path of Indigenous rights, decolonization, and

Queries

1. How am I learning about and building respectful relationships with Indigenous people in the communities in which I live, work, and/or worship? How am I building relationships of truth and understanding with non-Indigenous people in the communities in which I live, work, and/or worship?
2. What protocols or practices do we honour in our Monthly Meeting and collective gatherings to recognize Indigenous lands, waters, lifeways, and rights? How do we ensure these do not become tokenistic or rote over time?
3. How can we increase our awareness of the local history of



Reconciliation queries now available with a fresh design

We're pleased to share a new design for the reconciliation queries developed for Canadian Friends. Quakers have a tradition of using queries to provoke spiritual reflection. Queries are usually simple questions used to stay grounded and to gain deeper insights. They promote work on oneself and can help a person to keep expressing their positive values during their day to day life.

Any non-Indigenous person, whether Quaker or not, may find these queries helpful in prompting reflection on their knowledge and actions for reconciliation. [Download the queries](#) (PDF).

IS NEW NUCLEAR A SMART CLIMATE OPTION ?!

THURS. APRIL 27

7 - 8:30 P.M. ET

Dr. Gordon Edwards
Dr. Dale Dewar
Candyce Paul, Water Keeper
English River First Nation
Angela Bischoff, OCAA
in person & on line



Nuclear power event video

In April we joined Ontario Clean Air Alliance and Ottawa Quakers in cosponsoring the event *Is New Nuclear a Smart Climate Solution?* [Video of the event](#) is now available.



Peace Research

The Canadian Journal of Peace and Conflict Studies



New article on “culture wars” and how conflict experts can contribute to social justice

Peace Research: The Canadian Journal of Peace and Conflict Studies is the premiere academic journal in Canada covering peace issues. It has been in publication since 1969.

Peace Research has a new edition out and CFSC’s Matt Legge was invited [to contribute an article](#). Since the readership is likely to be Peace and Conflict Studies professors and students in Canada, Matt focused the article for them.

The article explores the phenomena of bitter polarization and “culture wars”. It discusses what they are. It presents some of their drivers (including the thorny topics of truth and of victimhood). Most importantly, though, the article encourages experts in peace and conflict studies to be bold and to actively contribute their knowledge to inform social justice activism.