



## Canadian Friends Service Committee E-Newsletter



### **Video: National Day for Truth and Reconciliation**

We released a [new 1 minute video](#) in honour of the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation. Please watch, share, comment, and [learn more about our Truth and Reconciliation work](#) alongside Indigenous partners.



*The vote to adopt the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, September 13, 2007. Photo: Stefan Disko*



## **The human rights of Indigenous peoples must be respected and upheld by all sectors and at all levels of Canadian society**

“Sixteen years after the adoption of the [UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples \(UN Declaration\)](#), much more needs to be done to bring these vital human rights standards to life.”

So begins a new statement from the Coalition for the Human Rights of Indigenous Peoples. The statement was released on the 16th anniversary of the United Nations adopting the Declaration. Read the full statement:

<https://QuakerService.ca/UNDeclaration16>



## Welcoming new Peace Program Coordinator Yehuda Silverman

We're excited to welcome Yehuda Silverman as Peace Program Coordinator. Yehuda earned his Ph.D. in Conflict Analysis and Resolution with a concentration in international peace from Nova Southeastern University in Florida in 2017. This was followed by numerous fellowships, including at Ursuline College in Ohio, where he served as the Faculty Diversity Postdoctoral Fellow. Both physically and virtually he has travelled the world. He has honed his peacebuilding craft in Europe, North Africa, Qatar, and the US, and online peacebuilding projects with collaborators hailing from numerous countries.

In addition to his part-time appointment with CFSC, Yehuda currently works for another small nonprofit called Acquaint, which connects participants around the world to engage in intercultural dialogue. He is occasionally an Instructor at Northwestern University's Civic Education Project, where he teaches college-level courses in peacebuilding to youth, and a Facilitator at the International Center for Religion and Diplomacy, where he supports a dialogue podcast program (Qisasna: Our Stories) between Yemeni and US students. In his spare time, Yehuda explores family genealogy and discovers seldom known places to visit. Welcome Yehuda!

With Yehuda's hire, CFSC's [small staff team](#) has grown to eight people (four full time and four part time). This is the biggest it's ever been in our more than 90 year history. We

celebrate this expansion of our capacity to address peace and social justice concerns in the world.



## **Celebrating World Quaker Day 2023**

Lastly, Sunday October 1 is World Quaker Day. Check out Friends World Committee for Consultation's [website](#) to learn about this annual celebration of Quakerism and what events are being planned by Quakers around the world.