



Canadian Friends Service Committee

E-Newsletter

Annual Accountability Report 2023

"For Friends the wellspring of faith is the search for what George Fox and early Friends described as the Inner Light... the Truth."—Faith and Practice, Canadian Yearly Meeting



CFSC members and staff during planning meetings of Camp Neekauwa, September, 2022

A refreshing breath in (of hope)

CFSC is the national peace and social justice agency of Quakers in Canada and I am both a loyal donor and CFSC's Clerk (chair of the board of directors).

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It's hard to believe, but we're already in December! It's once again time to share our [Annual Accountability Report](#).

The report gives you a quick sense of the many accomplishments that your [donations](#) to CFSC helped to realize this year.

This year's report hits brief highlights from work in support of Indigenous peoples' human

rights, peace, and criminal justice initiatives. It also includes an opening letter from our Clerk (Chair of the Board of Directors) Vince Zelazny.

Our donations are down this year, which is troubling as we rely on a small base of donors to realize all of the peace and social justice work talked about in the report. If you're able to, please [donate now](#) and get your 2023 tax receipt.



Indigenous Voices On Reconciliation



New videos added to our on-going series Indigenous Voices on Reconciliation

In the newest videos in our ongoing [Indigenous Voices on Reconciliation](#) series our friends Mary Lou and Dan Smoke explain to us how their understanding of reconciliation has changed over the years, what they think Canada should focus on, and how non-Indigenous people can be good "allies."

Have a look at these and other videos from the series [on our website](#) or [on YouTube](#) where you can let us know your thoughts and questions!



Gaza, Dec, 2023, CC-BY 4.0 Tasnim News Agency/Wikimedia Commons



Continued calls for a ceasefire in Gaza

The undersigned organizations are writing to express our deep concern regarding the Canadian government's evolving stance on the Israeli-Palestinian conflict since October 7th. Your government has aligned itself more closely with the Israeli government's position, disregarding the majority of Canadian voices calling for a permanent ceasefire and an end to the conflict. This shift raises serious questions about Canada's commitment to a just and lasting peace in the region.

Canadian civil society, faith based and human rights groups have observed, with great concern, that the current political discourse in Canada has indirectly emboldened institutions - including public agencies, corporations, and educational establishments - to suppress expressions of support for Palestinian rights.

[Keep reading this open letter](#) sent on December 4 signed by many groups including CFSC. Note that Canada has since voted at the UN in support of a ceasefire.

Donate [humanitarian relief to Gaza](#). Learn more about our support for a [just peace in Israel/Palestine](#).

