



Canadian Friends Service Committee  
**E-Newsletter**



**CBC**



Coalition for the Human Rights  
of Indigenous Peoples



**Coalition provides support to CBC  
on its new *National Indigenous  
Strategy***

We were pleased to provide support to the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation (CBC)/Radio-Canada recently.

The Coalition for the Human Rights of Indigenous Peoples was contracted by the CBC/Radio-Canada to provide input and advice regarding the human rights of Indigenous peoples in the development of the CBC/Radio-Canada *National Indigenous Strategy*. The strategy will be launching on February 5th, 2024 and you can tune in virtually through the livestream ([English](#)) ([Bilingual](#)) which begins at 3pm Central time.

Learn more about the [Coalition for the Human Rights of Indigenous Peoples](#) (Canadian Friends Service Committee is an active member). See also our work in support of [reconciliation](#) and of fully implementing the [UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples](#).

# Arms Embargo



## Write to the government of Canada in support of just peace in Israel/Palestine

The situation in Gaza continues to worsen. Even if you've written before to your elected officials, they need to hear from you again. We have a new letter writing tool on our website. You can use it to call on Canada to:

- Reiterate its call for a complete ceasefire,
- Impose an arms embargo with Israel, as it did in 1987,
- Reinstate funding to UNRWA, and
- Apply diplomatic action should the Israeli government not comply with the ICJ ruling.

<https://QuakerService.ca/ArmsEmbargo>

We also encourage you to:

- Donate urgently needed [humanitarian relief to Gaza](#),
- Read open [letters](#) we've [signed](#) on [the war](#), and
- Find out more about our s for a [just peace in Israel/Palestine](#).

# Discernment

Are you feeling upset about an issue? Are there lots of people posting about it on social media? Do you want someone to **do something** right now?

Learn how Quakers decide what peace and social justice work to do. Check out our free pamphlet:

## Advice and Queries: Discerning Peace and Social Concerns

<https://QuakerService.ca/PeaceAndSocialConcerns>



### Featured resource: helping Friends discern peace and social concerns

Many Friends tell us something along the lines of, "I'm upset. I see so many problems in the world and I don't know what to do. I want to do something! How do Quakers decide what causes to take up?"

One resource we'd like to highlight to help you is [Advice and Queries: Discerning Peace and Social Concerns](#) (PDF). Written for a Quaker audience, the resource explains key Quaker terminology and how to use Quaker decision-making processes to select what peace and social justice work to take on. It pairs well with another pamphlet: [Being a Quaker, Being an Activist](#) (PDF), which offers insights and advice on taking action.