



Canadian Friends Service Committee

E-Newsletter



As a small organization without institutional funding we rely on you to keep the peace and justice work you read about going. Your support and engagement means so much.

So first off a huge thank you to everyone who has donated so far in response to our [Annual Accountability Report](#) and fundraising appeal!

For those who wait until the last minute, a friendly reminder that if you'd like to get a 2024 tax receipt now is the time to [donate](#).

Most popular content of 2024

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It's hard to believe, but the year is almost over. CFSC put out lots of high quality content in 2024. Here's what got the most attention:

Quaker Concern newsletter articles

1. [Justice: transformative, restorative, punitive—what's the difference?](#)
2. [An interview with our newest staff member, Karen Ridd](#)
3. [Seeing the Light even in the people we disagree with](#)
4. [Project Ploughshares: a peace organization supported by Friends](#)
5. [The UN Declaration has shaped my life for 25 years](#)

Website posts

1. [Disagreements don't need to be agonizing. Get your free tip each week and take your conflict skills to the next level!](#)
2. [Joint statement calls on Canada to immediately suspend all trade in arms and military technology with Israel](#)
3. [A different future is possible: Quaker organizations share a vision for peace in Palestine/Israel](#)
4. [Legal experts call on Canada to unequivocally support and cooperate with International Criminal Court](#)

5. [Canadians in prisons need access to the internet to take online courses, get informed about support programs](#)

Videos

1. [Weekly tips for better conflicts—tip 4: humanize](#)
2. [Weekly tips for better conflicts—tip 9: help them feel safe](#)
3. [Weekly tips for better conflicts](#)
4. [Monica's story: the hidden lives of kids with imprisoned moms and dads](#)
5. [Kindness is our greatest attribute!—Dan and Mary Lou Smoke](#)

Written resources (PDFs)

1. [Our submission to Canada's budget consultation](#)
2. [Reconciliation report 2020](#)
3. [Reconciliation report 2022](#)
4. [Toolkit for responding to violent conflicts](#)
5. [Open letter from Canadian churches on Ukraine](#)

Which was your favourite?





New resources to advocate for a Guaranteed Livable Basic Income

Major inequities that are being felt in Canada today are having a collective impact and as such, require a collective solution. This is an issue that touches all areas of our work, which has led us to speak out—in solidarity with many networks, coalitions, and ecumenical partners across Canada—and ask for a Guaranteed Livable Basic Income (GLBI).

Two new fact sheets were written to help explain the benefits of GLBI and to correct myths. You can read this and more on our new webpage. It also includes information about how you can support GLBI:

<https://QuakerService.ca/GLBI>

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On December 16, ten Quaker organizations from different countries coordinated to withdraw from Twitter/X. When we heard about the initiative we were immediately in unity.

Canadian Friends Service Committee—the national peace and social justice agency of Quakers in Canada—had already been debating leaving X for some time. There were three reasons for this:

1. We were troubled by weakened moderation rules that have allowed disinformation and extreme and hateful content to flourish.
2. A few years ago Twitter was the platform where we got the most engagement with our content. When it became X, changes to the algorithm caused that engagement to plummet.
3. Many of our supporters had already left X.

We were interested to learn that Quaker organizations in other countries, some with larger followings than CFSC, were having the same experiences.

In disengaging from X today we're joined by: Friends World Committee for Consultation (FWCC, the global body of Friends) including their Europe and Middle East Section and Section of the Americas, Quaker Council for European Affairs (Belgium), Quakers in Britain, Quakers in Ireland, The Friend (Quaker magazine in England), Woodbrooke (Quaker learning organisation in England), Friends Committee on National Legislation (US), Friends Journal (Quaker magazine in the US), and Pendle Hill (Quaker learning organization in the US).

Although we won't be posting any more, CFSC's account won't be deleted so that no one else can take over our username @CFSCQuakers and spoof it. You can follow us on other social media by using the links below.