



Canadian Friends Service Committee

E-Newsletter



A girl walks to get food in Gaza, 2024. Photo CC-BY Jaber Jehad Badwan/Wikimedia Commons

Quakers discern genocide is happening, urge courageous action

After deep communal and prayerful discernment, informed by our direct witness in Palestine/Israel and our readings of the positions of international human rights organizations, international and Israeli genocide scholars, and experts on the UN Genocide Convention (1948), we are exercising our religious conviction to speak the truth as we see it. We believe with moral clarity, and in line with the definition of the crime of genocide, that the current actions in Gaza perpetrated by the Israeli government, constitute

genocide.

Our peace and equality testimonies are clear: Apparent security for some, bought with the insecurity of others, tears at our shared humanity and cannot bring peace. Peace built on systematic oppression is a lie. We name what we see as genocide after deep discernment – not to incite, but to open eyes, minds, and hearts. We name this painful truth with the fervent hope that the violence it describes will cease, and with continued commitment to help heal the wounds of war on all sides...

Article II of the UN Genocide Convention defines genocide as acts committed “with intent to destroy, in whole or in part, a national, ethnical, racial or religious group”. We believe the Israeli actions in Gaza meet this threshold.

Read [the full statement from eight Quaker agencies](#), which includes a list of actions.

Use [this page](#) if your Quaker group would like to discern about endorsing the statement.

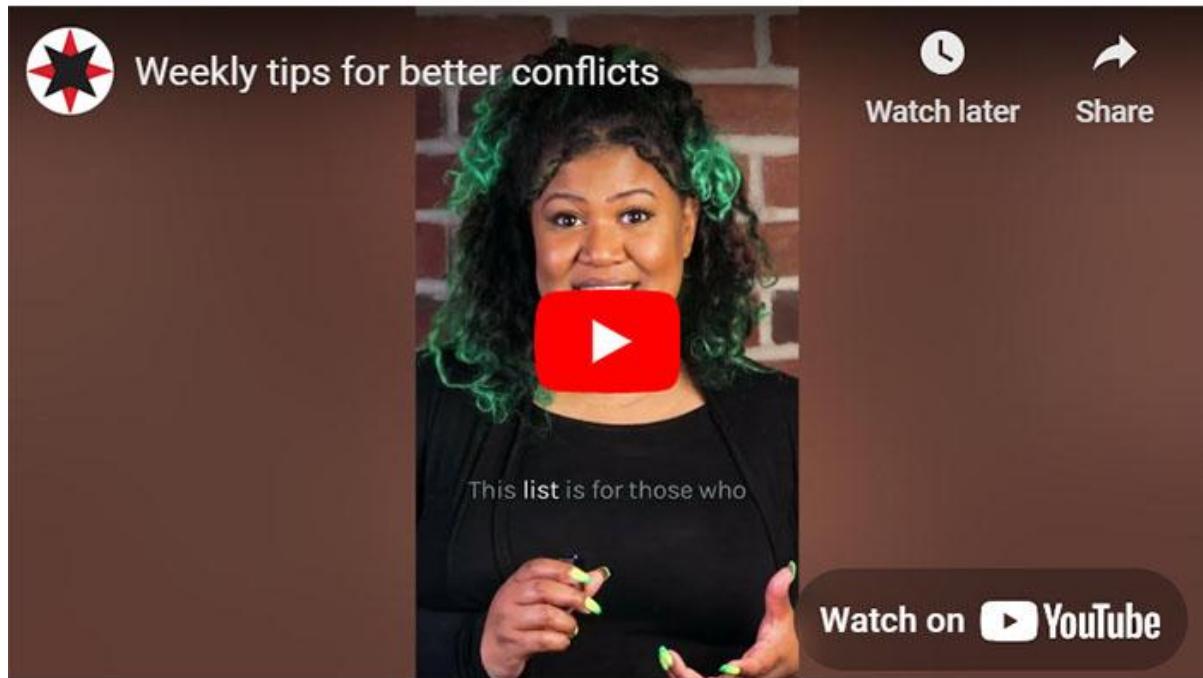


Hassan Diab holding up one of the postcards.

Send a postcard for Hassan Diab

The Justice for Hassan Diab campaign is asking you to consider sending a postcard to the Prime Minister. To order postcards email diabsupport@gmail.com with your mailing address and the number of

postcards you'd like to receive. Then fill in your information and send the post card to Ottawa (no postage required). Find out about CFSC's [concern over the treatment of Hassan Diab](#).



Featured resource: Weekly tips for better conflicts

Our *Weekly tips for better conflicts* series has been running for almost 10 months now!

Each week we share one short tip to reflect on and practice if you want.

You can check out [all of the tips videos on YouTube](#). You can also visit <https://QuakerService.ca/Tips> to watch the videos, read the tips in one PDF, or sign up to get a tip sent to you by email each week.