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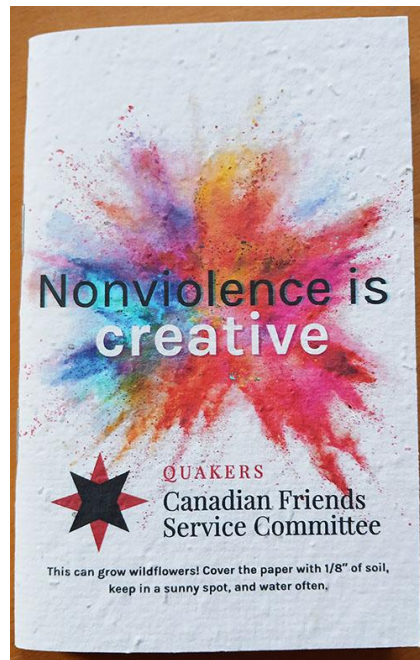
Annual accountability report 2025

Each year Canadian Friends Service Committee releases our *Annual accountability report*. The report shares a letter from the CFSC Clerk and is packed full of stories and highlights from our work for a more just and peaceful world. Curious what we've been up to?

[Read the 2025 Annual Accountability Report](#)

P.S. Have you donated to CFSC yet this year? If not, now's the time to get your

2025 tax receipt. Donors over \$150 will also get a special thank you gift: this beautiful *Nonviolence is creative* pocket notebook! What makes it extra cool? Not only is it ethically sourced, but if you plant the paper it can grow wildflowers.

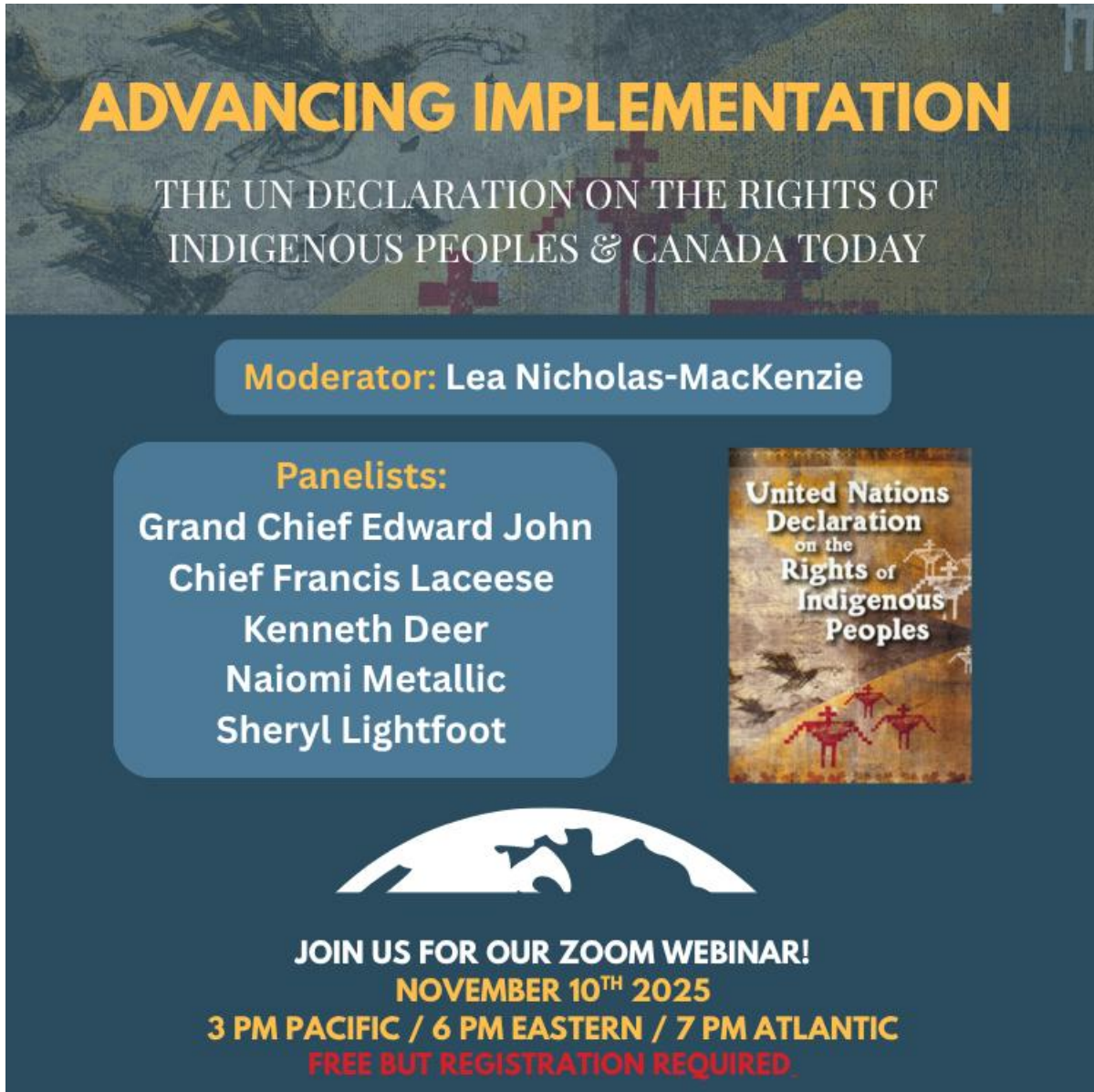


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Here's all the legislation CFSC is tracking right now

Did you know that 60 government bills have been introduced in the House and 40 in the Senate since June? Unless you've been paying careful attention you might have missed some of the flurry of possible changes to Canada's laws. Our Ottawa office is working hard together with various coalitions and partners. [Here are 10 pieces of legislation that we're tracking.](#)

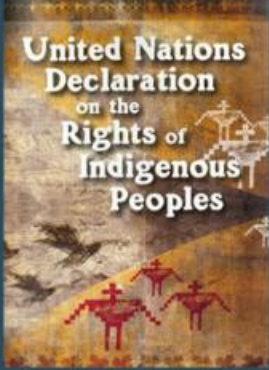


ADVANCING IMPLEMENTATION

THE UN DECLARATION ON THE RIGHTS OF
INDIGENOUS PEOPLES & CANADA TODAY

Moderator: Lea Nicholas-MacKenzie

Panelists:
Grand Chief Edward John
Chief Francis Laceese
Kenneth Deer
Naomi Metallic
Sheryl Lightfoot



JOIN US FOR OUR ZOOM WEBINAR!
NOVEMBER 10TH 2025
3 PM PACIFIC / 6 PM EASTERN / 7 PM ATLANTIC
FREE BUT REGISTRATION REQUIRED

Advancing implementation: The UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples and Canada today

Join us **November 10th at 3 PM Pacific / 6 PM Eastern / 7 PM Atlantic** for a dynamic conversation about Indigenous rights today.

Canada's new federal government has moved quickly on several pieces of legislation with significant impacts on the human rights of Indigenous Peoples. Relatedly, the Supreme Court of Canada and other lower courts have released several decisions that reference the *UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples*. One case refers explicitly to the *UN Declaration* as being part of Canada's positive law. This webinar will explore the importance of a sustained commitment to implementation of the *Declaration*, how that implementation should look, the legal implications of the *Declaration*, and the political challenges of the day.

Our expert panelists include Grand Chief Edward John, Chief Francis Lacey, Kenneth Deer, Naomi Metallic, and Sheryl Lightfoot.

Register here:

https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_P3lel6vgRZOgAePJalkvRg

We would love to see you there. Please also **share widely!**



Canada must do more to respond to violence in Sudan

CFSC has tracked and supported the work of Inter Pares for many years. We wanted to share with you this report from them, which is an important reminder of the violence happening in multiple parts of the world right now, and the poor appetite of the global community to hold more than one violent conflict in mind at once. We recommend reading the piece, and for those who feel led to take action, spreading it and talking

with your elected representatives about it:

<https://www.mcleodgroup.ca/2025/10/sudans-war-of-atrocities-and-canada-action-needed>



Alternatives to Prison: 5 Effective Methods

Featured resource: alternatives to prison video and handout

What would Canada look like *without prisons*? This provocative question is addressed in a [double-sided handout](#) (PDF) that highlights: community-based sentences; restorative justice; education, employment, and training; addiction and mental health services; Healing Lodges; and what can be done about the “dangerous few.” We’ve also turned the handout into a [short video](#).