



Canadian Friends Service Committee E-Newsletter



Our staff member Sandra and board member Geoff visited the Canadian Museum for Human Rights in July.

Civil society groups support curatorial independence of the Canadian Museum for Human Rights

You may have heard some buzz around a small exhibit, *Palestine Uprooted: Nakba Past and Present*, at the Canadian Museum for Human Rights. CFSC has joined over 100 groups in supporting the museum's curatorial independence:

<https://QuakerService.ca/HumanRightsMuseum>

This issue goes far beyond just one museum or just one exhibit. Museums need to maintain

their independence from organized political interference. We support reasoned and evidence-based critiques and dialogue on decisions that museums make. If you're able, we encourage you to visit the museum and reflect on it for yourself.



Trans and gender-diverse inclusion amongst Friends

CFSC is pleased to release first drafts of two new resources to support trans and gender-diverse inclusion. Primarily aimed at Quakers, these resources contain information that may be useful to a wider audience as well. Both are available as PDFs.

The [first document](#) is an open letter about current experiences of trans and gender-diverse Quakers in Canada and what Friends can do to promote inclusion. It also shares queries for reflection and a draft Minute of Record that Quaker Meetings can use as a starting point when they're ready to make a formal call for the care and inclusion of trans and gender-diverse people.

The second document is a [double-sided handout](#) with a list of resources for spiritual reflection, to learn about biology, and to understand what being an "ally" means.

We are happy to [receive feedback](#) on these draft documents.



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This resource is for Friends
and Quaker communities
seeking to actively work
towards the decolonization
of Canada through actions
including reparations.



Truth and reconciliation: Quakers and reparations

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Featured resource: *Truth and reconciliation: Quakers and reparations*

Are you ready to move beyond good intentions and into real action for reconciliation? No matter where you are on your reconciliation journey, this resource will help.

Most importantly, it will guide you in discerning what you can do in your own context—from learning and relationship-building to advocacy, land return, financial restitution, and support for cultural revitalization work.

The resource includes not only clear steps you can take, but also inspiring case studies from several faith communities that are at different places on the journey.

<https://QuakerService.ca/Reparations>