



Canadian Friends Service Committee E-Newsletter

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CFSC completes successful visits to Burundi and DR Congo

With so much going on at Canadian Friends Service Committee, did you know that we're actively supporting the work of Friends in Burundi and DR Congo? CFSC's peace committee clerk Bertha Small was recently in Bujumbura and Kinshasa to visit partners, learn about their work, and support Alternatives to Violence Project (AVP) training for Kinshasa Monthly Meetings' Muinda Peace Project.

Friends in these two countries are working in difficult conditions and continually building peace. In Burundi, the focus is on health promotion and addressing gender-based violence. In Kinshasa, the focus is on training local groups of volunteers to help transform conflicts in their neighbourhoods.

Read about Bertha's time in Burundi: <https://quakerservice.ca/BurundiVisit>

Find out more about CFSC's support of African partner organizations:
<https://quakerservice.ca/our-work/peace/africa/>

CYM sessions a success

The national gathering of Canadian Quakers - Canadian Yearly Meeting in session - was held in August at Georgian College in Barrie Ontario. Canadian Friends Service Committee was heavily involved. Many staff, members, and associate members of CFSC were present and active in the many events throughout the week.

CFSC staff Jennifer Preston helped organize the daily Quaker study on the topic of reconciliation (<https://quakerservice.ca/our-work/indigenous-peoples-rights/truth-and-reconciliation/>) with CFSC members and associates presenting each day. Program Coordinator Verena Tan delivered two discussion/workshop groups related to criminal justice (<https://quakerservice.ca/our-work/justice/>). Members of CFSC's Israel/Palestine Working Group led a discussion/workshop on the *No Way to Treat a Child* campaign (<https://quakerservice.ca/nowaytotreatachild>).

Some content from CYM in session will be available on <https://quaker.ca>

Congratulations to Lynn Salvo on her record-setting ride for peace!

On August 26 Lynn Salvo reached the Atlantic Ocean – the end of a Guinness World Record setting cross-Canada ride to support the peace work of CFSC and our sister agency American Friends Service Committee. Lynn biked 6,616 km across Canada, becoming the oldest woman to do so. She had the chance to visit eight peace monuments and meet Friends and friends along the way. Congratulations Lynn!

Lynn's final blog post about reaching the Atlantic:

<https://lifeislikeabike.wordpress.com/2018/08/27/into-the-atlantic-ocean/>

Blog post by Penni Burrell (Annapolis Valley Meeting) about meeting Lynn at the end of her long ride for peace: <https://quakerservice.ca/peacebikeride>

An article from the final peace site Lynn visited on her journey:

<http://www.thechronicleherald.ca/novascotia/1593764-cyclist-stops-by-thinkers-lodge>

World Quaker Day

October 7th 2018 will be the 5th annual World Quaker Day (#WQD). Friends World Committee for Consultation (FWCC) the international body which represents Friends and works to deepen Friends connections across cultural and geographic divides is inviting “a description, a poem, a short video from a mobile phone, a few photos” from Quakers wherever they may be worshipping together and celebrating WQD 2018. Find some ideas and inspiration at:

<http://www.worldquakerday.org/resources/>



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