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- Information and registration form for Canadian Yearly Meeting

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Dear Friends,

As I write this editorial, Canada's so-called "Anti-terrorism" legislation is much on my mind (after the January raiding of an Ottawa Journalist's home and office) as well as the ongoing, seemingly increasing level of violence in the world. I ponder Advices and Queries 34: "Remember your responsibilities as a citizen for the conduct of local, national and international affairs. Do not shrink from the time and effort your involvement may demand." and Lloyd Lee Wilson's words written in 1993: "Meeting is not a place of shelter from the world so much as a place where we are shaped in order to become God's instrument in the world."

It is my hope that *The Canadian Friend*, which binds us together in the Spirit of Friendship, also helps shape us to become God's instrument in the world. This issue offers many examples of Friends' faith and courage in the Spirit, wherein we can find renewed spiritual strength and determination.

The mute testimony of the empty benches in the powerful cover photo by Jane Zavtiz-Bond sets the tone for an issue that challenges us, symbolising the ongoing witness of those who came before us, as well as those who continue that witness today. Donald Bowyer tells of the continuing presence of Friends and others in the annual vigil at the School of the Americas; Bert Horwood writes of taking his witness for peace to the streets; and Jane McKay Wright shares with us a powerful sermon she gave at the Providence Bay United Church. (As we go to press, Jane is once more back in Iraq, with many Friends holding her in the Light and in their prayers.)

An open letter to Canadian Friends from Chuck Fager offers some provocative questions on such mat-

ters as how we might work with U.S. peace activists and refugees. Another thought-provoking article by Wendy Read reflects on the role of faith in healing the traumas of childhood abuse.

There are some corrections in this issue, as well. Meredith Egan wishes to clarify mis-perceptions concerning "a great Canadian Friend's myth", while I, apologising for a mistake in the ending of the last issue's article about what various CYM committees do, offer the corrected ending—once again on page 19.

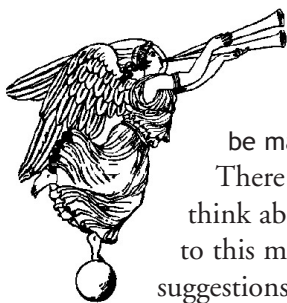
We have also given images of universal appeal through the beautiful word pictures of Michael Phillips, Keith Maddock and Janeal Ravndal, and through Margaret Slavin's examination of writing and peace—and as she considers whether writing is work.

There are special delights here for book-lovers as we have been blessed with a number of book reviews, plus a special treat. A long-standing example of faithful service is exemplified by Dana Mullen, and it is a pleasure to include her pamphlet reflecting on a quarter-century of experience with the Quaker Book Service.

So, dear Friends, as you see, we are once again blessed with abundance. I give thanks to the many inspiring writings and images presented here. Their message to me is to see what there is for me to see, feel any fear and uncertainty as it arises, ask to be shown what is required of me, and then put one foot in front of the other as best I can.

As Dorothy Day wrote, "I am not called to be successful; I am called to be faithful."

In Friendship,
June Etta Chenard



Hear ye! Hear ye!

Please note the registration and other information for CYM (insert) and for Camp NeekauNis (page 27). Friends are especially asked to note that CYM registrations must be made BEFORE the deadline. Late registrations for CYM will no longer be accepted!

There is a little surprise for you on page 28 — a chance, dear Friend, to tell us what you think about *The Canadian Friend*. Please know that we would love to read about your reaction to this magazine, and that I am personally looking forward to reading your comments and suggestions,— so, please, please make an effort to fill it in and return it by April 15!