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From the editor's desk ...

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As I contemplated this theme of *Hallowing our daily lives*, I felt delighted to receive Amy-Jean Polster's beautiful portrait of her *Grammy*. Geographically dispersed and otherwise diverse contributions in this issue offer a variety of views on how we and others hallow our daily lives. Kyle Jolliffe once again adds richness to the readings, this time with a very moving excerpt from Sunderland P. Gardner's writing.

In many ways, this is a period of transition for all of us in Canada: winter is showing signs of slowly transitioning into spring, and our recent election results have us all transitioning into a new era of government. Thinking deeply about our callings and hallowing our daily lives, I have also entered a period of transition on the personal level.

It is with tender feelings that I have decided to resign as editor of *The Canadian Friend*. It's partly my coming of age as an official *senior citizen* this summer, and partly in answer to a promise I made myself long ago. When I was young, I promised myself that when I was old (at that time, my definition of *old* was aged 40, so you know I was really young), I would devote myself to art work for the rest of my life. Even as a child, art work felt like sacred activity, although I would not have been able to articulate that. My whole life long, art is what I have done when I need to get centred, though I have only recently been able to articulate that, too. Only since a solo art exhibit at the end of my second year at Pendle Hill did I begin to consider that art might be serious, important, possibly even my true calling. Increasingly now, it asks for more time in my life. Increasingly, I consider it is indeed my calling.

Contemplating the many ways in which people hallow their daily lives, I often think of those who do so by working on behalf of people who have gone missing — the hundreds of Aboriginals, especially women, here in Canada; people in many countries all around the globe; and of course, the four Christian Peacemaker Team workers who are still missing in Iraq as I write these words. I pray for a time of peace, when as the popular peace song (based on Isaiah 2:4 and Micah 4:3) says: *Everyone 'neath their vine and fig tree shall live in peace and unafraid ... and into ploughshares beat their swords; nations shall learn war no more.*

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— *Frederick Beuchner*

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