

Canadian Yearly Meeting National Listeners

Canadian Yearly Meeting National Listeners, guided by Continuing Meeting of Ministry and Counsel, are available to listen to any Canadian Friend disclose harm done on matters of sexual harassment or abuse, and any other topic Friends need to discuss.

The first step if you need a listener is to approach a trusted Friend within your Monthly Meeting (MM), or to go to your MM Ministry and Counsel. If this path is not comfortable, you may approach a National Listener.

Listeners seek to be present from a place of spirit-centred openness—to hold the caller and the situation in the Light, and to listen with tenderness. We are not therapists yet we know the healing that comes from simply being heard. We offer you a safe and confidential space in which to speak. One call might be all you need; if not, we have the task of discerning with you what a next step could be: whether a committee of care, of clearness, or of oversight might be appropriate; or how to find other possible resources.

All four National Listeners have experience in listening to issues around sexual abuse, as well as other concerns. Here is who we are and how to contact us:

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Whenever possible, please contact us first to arrange a mutually convenient time to speak later.