

Medical Aid Fund for Iraqi People



For 350 years, in times of peace, members of the Religious Society of Friends (Quakers) have worked tirelessly for international understanding and cooperation. In times of war, we witness for peace by acknowledging no sides and by trying to help any victims of war. We are praying for guidance in best witnessing to our beliefs.

Toronto Quakers are now collecting funds to send desperately needed medical supplies to Iraq. These will be identified as donations from Canadians committed to peace. We ask interested Meetings to appoint a member to focus efforts to collect financial donations (items in kind are not useful at this time). We assure you that your donation will provide supplies that will reach those in need. □

You can help! Make cheques payable to Toronto Monthly Meeting and designated "Iraqi Fund". Donors will receive an income tax receipt. Send your donation to:

Toronto Monthly Meeting of Friends (Quakers)
60 Lowther Avenue, Toronto, Ontario M5R 1C7

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.

If you need a listener, the first step 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. □