



Yonge Street Monthly Meeting
Religious Society of Friends (Quakers)
17030 Yonge Street, Newmarket

July 28, 2021

Prime Minister, Justin Trudeau
House of Commons
Ottawa, Ontario,
Canada
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Dear Justin Trudeau,

We have been learning about the history of the residential school system and the government of Canada's involvement in it. We deeply regret any involvement in the past that Quakers may have had in supporting a program that led to such abuses as have come to light over the past number of years.

Our Monthly Meeting has met to discuss this issue and we have passed the minute below:

“The discovery of the remains of hundreds of children at Indian Residential Schools across Canada should shock and has shocked the conscience of our nation. We at YSMM are of one voice when we ask the government to meaningfully implement the United Nations Declaration of the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Act, as well as the Calls to Action of the country's own Truth and Reconciliation Commission.”

We are encouraged that Parliament has passed Bill C-15 and urge you to now direct your government to take meaningful steps to fully implement the spirit of this Declaration and modify all Canadian laws to make them consistent with the UNDRIP.

Sincerely,

George Ivanoff, Clerk
On Behalf of Yonge Street Monthly Meeting