

Grace Peace Group meets our MPs.

On Tuesday afternoon at 3 pm, December 19, 2023, Grace Mennonite Church's Grace



Peace group, as part of the Mennonite Day of Action for a Ceasefire, went to the office of Chris Bittle, Liberal MP for St. Catharines, Ontario. While Mr. Bittle was not in the office, we were able to speak with his Outreach Staffer - Ben Hughes. We gave him a letter – laminated to make it stand out – expressing our concern for the people of Gaza and our desire for a ceasefire. Mr. Hughes was very understanding and said he would convey our message to Mr. Bittle. He appreciated that we met him in person and desired discussion, not conflict. He also indicated that many people have contacted Chris Bittle's office, expressing similar concerns. We thanked him for his time and gave a bottle of Palestinian olive oil and a Palestinian-made

Christmas card for Mr. Bittle. We also left a basket of food for the Community Care food bank, since he has been very involved with this association.

On Wednesday morning at 9 am, December 20, Grace Mennonite Church's Grace Peace group, again as part of the Mennonite Day of Action for a Ceasefire, went to the office of Tony Baldinelli, Conservative MP for Niagara Falls and Niagara on the Lake, Ontario. Tony was very welcoming and well prepared for our visit. We also gave him a letter – laminated to make it stand out – expressing our concern for the people of Gaza and our desire for a ceasefire. Mr. Baldinelli maintained that that a ceasefire could not happen until criteria were met that we believe were not possible. Still, he appreciated our thoughtful concerns. We thanked him for his time and gave Mr. Baldinelli a bottle of Palestinian olive oil and a Palestinian-made Christmas card. We also left a basket of food for the SHARE food bank, since he has expressed strong concern about people needing to use them.



Peace, Joy, Hope, Love, Immanuel (God with us!)

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