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“Reconciliation is getting to know one another”, Mary Simon, Governor General: National Post, July 26, 2021

September 2024 News from your Ministry Manager

“If you are neutral in situations of injustice, you have chosen the side of the oppressor. If an elephant has its foot on the tail of a mouse, and you say that you are neutral, the mouse will not appreciate your neutrality.”

- **Desmond Tutu**

School has begun and **bullying** was our topic of discussion in our Men’s, Women’s, and Co-ed Sharing Circles this first week of September. We talked about the impact of experiencing physical or verbal bullying. Lots of memories were shared about personal experiences or knowing those endured by a friend or family member. A few in the circles talked about being bullies themselves when they were young and how they feel about it now.

Online bullying is a relatively new phenomenon and we talked about how self-esteem can be affected in the teenagers today.

Bullying occurs around the world - on the playground, in the classroom, the locker room, the workplace, the military, within the family structure, or from a neighbour, to name a few examples. The memories of being made to feel “insignificant” or “powerless” can remain in the memory of an individual well into their senior years – often like little one-minute YouTube videos.

A pat answer to address all circumstances isn’t possible. Walking away, or standing firm, or telling someone about it are some various possibilities to sometimes complex situations. A school slogan this year in Winnipeg schools is **“Be kind and never mind”** and that can be a possible response!

To our MNO Congregation Members and Clergy: A wonderful opportunity to have fellowship with our Urban Community - please drop by anytime to our:

Sunday Worship Service: door opens at 1:00 p.m. with coffee/tea. Worship service 1:30 – 2:15 p.m.

Men’s Lunch/Sharing Circle every Wednesday - Downstairs at Noon

Please stop by at 12:00 p.m. Noon (*ring the doorbell*) for lunch and great fellowship and conversation!

Women’s Sharing Circle every Wednesday at 2:00 p.m. (until 3:30 p.m.)

Please arrive at 2:00 p.m. (*ring the doorbell*) for coffee/tea/dessert and great fellowship and conversation!

Women’s Drop-in every Wednesday from 4:00 – 5:30 p.m.

Please drop in (*ring the doorbell*) for coffee/tea/cookies and visiting together! Kids & grandkids welcome to come with you and we have colouring and arts and crafts to keep them busy.

Co-ed Sharing Circle every Thursday at 4:30 p.m. (please arrive at 4:30 p.m.)

Please stop by at 4:30 (*ring the doorbell*) for great fellowship and conversation! And coffee/tea/dessert.

- Rhonda Gorham, Ministry Manager, Lutheran Urban Ministry Corp.

We welcome all because God welcomes all, regardless of age, ability, health, ethnicity, gender identity, gender expressions, language, sexual orientation, life circumstances, marital status, race, or anything else which sometimes divides us. The Urban is committed to racial equity. We welcome diversity and uniqueness. Our unity is in Christ, whose grace is freely given to all. All are welcome. The Lutheran Urban Ministry Corp. is a member of Reconciling Works – Lutherans for Full Participation www.reconcilingworks.org