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

August 2023 News from your Ministry Manager (we were closed for holidays for the month of July)

The **Urban Father's Day Picnic** at the Orioles Site on Burnell Street was wonderful! Bagged lunches, baseball, races, prizes and treats, and fellowship! So much fun and **the picnic photos are on our website**! Thanks to our communication director Rick Scherger (Fate Communications) for taking the photos and creating the photo pages. Our last annual picnic there was 2019 before the pandemic!

At the men's, women's and co-ed sharing circles last week the topic was courage and inner strength. An elder also brought many traditional plants to our co-ed circle and explained their history, uses and traditions going back centuries.

**In my June Newsletter** I spoke about reconciliation and getting to know each other. It's so appreciated when our MNO city congregation members and clergy drop in to our circles and worship services. This is reconciliation in action. You don't have to let me know you are coming by, just ring the doorbell. Here are details for our Sunday worship services and our sharing circles:

## <u>Please drop in anytime</u> to sit with us in our Urban Sharing Circles - for great conversations and fellowship or come and worship with us!

Sunday Worship Service: door opens at 1:00 p.m. Worship service from 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 stop by *(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 <u>4:30 p.m.</u> (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

Kind regards, 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