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

June 2025 News from your Ministry Manager

Please note the Urban is closed for holidays for the month of July.

Our regular schedule resumes on August 3rd.

As forest fires rage in Manitoba and Saskatchewan we pray for the thousands of people who are frightened and worried. We pray for those who are displaced, don't know when they can return home and not sure what they will find there when they can. We pray for the children who just want to go home.

Fellowship and Spiritual Care come together in our Urban sharing circles:

- I always say that our men's lunch/sharing circle, our women's sharing circle both on Wednesdays, and our co-ed sharing circle on Thursdays - all three have their own particular charm.
- When I started these circles almost nine years ago, I had a vision and a goal for them. And surpassing my dreams, they have created a coming together of people who speak of hopes and dreams, worries, current events, faith, family stories, medical anecdotes and current medical struggles, work, school, and sports anecdotes, and humorous events, to name just a few.
- In the past few weeks our topics have been: persistence and perseverance; my favourite season and why; changing the things I cannot accept; and, how is your week going / what's on your mind.
- We are an eclectic group of Indigenous, settlers, and immigrants (India, China, Cameroon, and Jamaica).
- Before each circle begins – as people sit with their coffee and dessert – there is a din of conversation and laughter. It's a large group of friends. Yesterday, June 5, there were 22 of us in our co-ed circle.
- We hear the comment often “you are all my family”.

My heart is continually filled by the privilege of knowing our wonderful Urban community. Some of whom I've known for 20 years - first as a volunteer on Sundays, then as a board member for 8 ½ years (volunteering along with fellow board members) and nine years now as ministry manager.

To our MNO Congregation Members and Clergy: Please join us anytime in Sunday worship at 1:30 and pray with us – and join us anytime in fellowship in our sharing circles:

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.)

(*ring the doorbell*) Join us 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