



Pastor's Message

You know the old proverb: "If you world gives you lemons, make lemonade."

We've had our share of lemons lately. The racial tension has been the latest serious addition against the backdrop of coronavirus.

I'd like to share a couple thoughts this week regarding especially the virus and all the stay-at-home we've been given.

I grew up in a family of devout Lutherans. Most nights the family would get together sometime after. We had a Bible story book written with children in mind and the whole family would share in evening devotions. Every time we gathered we would read one of the stories from that book. At its conclusion we would take turns closing our time with a prayer. There were even some occasions when my mother would call us around the piano and as she played we would sing a few familiar hymns.

When my wife and I started our own family we often tried to repeat that tradition. However once the kids reached an age when they became involved in school or community activities the evening devotions tended to go by the wayside. We didn't even have time to sit down to eat as a family, let alone assemble for Bible stories and prayer.

It occurs to me one lemonade moment might be the opportunity for families to come together to share devotions. The kids are at home and possibly parents are as well. Sports and other activities are temporarily obsolete. Why not take the common time we're given in order to come together to share some faith building minutes with our God?

I don't know what that might look like for your family, but there are resources on line as well as good devotionals and Bible story books. (One advantage of a Bible story book is that it benefits not only the kids, but it also allows mom and dad to get reacquainted with the accounts as well).

So I guess I'll issue a challenge. Explore these new opportunities for family gatherings, set aside just ten or fifteen minutes for devotion and prayer. After all why not make lemonade during these times. We certainly have enough lemons.

Pastor Walt



Hello Church!

As we have mentioned before, your Transition Team has been meeting and working with Pastor Walt in this season of Transition for ALC. Part of our job has been to develop some means of getting congregation input into what ALC means to each of us and how we see the church moving forward. To start us off, we have written a short questionnaire that we would appreciate you taking a few minutes to complete. It is included in the July Newsletter. You can remain anonymous if you wish but it would help us if you could indicate what age bracket you fit in. Also, if there is more than one person in your household, please feel free to copy the questionnaire and have everyone fill out their own.

We would love to hear from everyone!

If you do not receive the Newsletter by mail, we are also sending it by email for those of you whom ALC has your address. We are also working on having the questionnaire on the ALC website that could be filled out online and submitted as well.

To return your completed questionnaire to the Transition Team you can either mail it to the church to the attention of the Transition Team, bring to the church and put in a box on the porch by the church office marked Transition Team or email a scanned copy to alctransition@gmail.com.

Please return the questionnaire by September 1, 2020.

We look forward to the time we can be together again for worship and fellowship. Until then...

Your Transition Team:

Nancy Loftis, Matt Kerschbaum, Jim Fors, Kristen Nations, Jane Nelson, Boyd Veer and Pastor Walt.

Transition Team Questionnaire for ALC members

What is your age group? Under 19____ 20-30____ 31-45____ 46-60____ 61-80____ over 80____

All are welcome to participate in this questionnaire in your household, just make additional copies.

1. What words describe Anacortes Lutheran Church to you? (circle all that apply)

Adventurous	Enthusiastic	Musical
Christian	Fellowship	Structured
Conflicted	Happy	Challenging
Curious	Inviting	Creative
Encouraging	Loving	Involved
Family-Oriented	Stewardship	Educational
Graceful	Caring	Explorative
Inclusive	Community Involved	Forward Thinking
Joyous	Cooperative	Hospitable
Spontaneous	Doctrinal	Introverted
Bible-based	Established	Powerful
Comfortable	Formal	Progressive
Consistent	Homogenous	Traditional
Diverse	Instructive	Zealous

Others:

2. What are your top 4: _____

3. What do you see as the top three ministry mission goals of ALC? List in priority order.
(Example: Community Outreach)

4. What programs/activities are you currently involved in at ALC or would like to be involved in?

5. What programs/activities would you like to see ALC offer?

6. What brings you back to ALC on a regular basis?

7. What challenges do you feel could hinder ALC from fulfilling its' ministry mission and goals?

Name (Optional) _____

From the Treasurer...

Blessings and Thank you to all. Many have been faithful in getting your offering to the church.

4 months into our fiscal year now and we are on the positive side of revenue to expense by +\$4,158.

Average weekly giving is \$6,665.

Benevolence dollars paid to date \$8,500.

Added to that benevolence total this month was \$1,000 used to buy 5 - \$200 gift cards from Fred Meyer.

Maggie Santos, our preschool director, mailed these to 5 of our scholarship families from preschool.

\$1,000 was sent to Josephine Caring Center in Stanwood.

We are blessed to have ample reserves and faithful family members at ALC that will see us through the special times. We ask you to continue your offerings as you are able.

Blessings, Lane Phelan; Council Treasurer

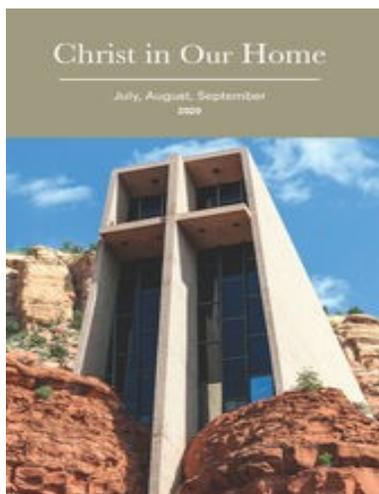


1. **Mail** or drop in the mailbox outside the office door
2. **Mobile** - GIVEPLUS+ app.
3. **Church website** - www.anacorteslutheran.org
4. **Simply Giving Program** - pick up a form from office

Devotionals Available

The “**Christ in Our Home**” devotionals for July, August, September are here. Pick one up for yourself and a neighbor from the basket outside the entrance doors by the church office (Mon-Fri, 9:00 am- 4:30 pm).

When you stop by give Rachel or Becky in the office a wave “Hello!”



The Salvation Army

A notice on a white background with a wood-grain border. The text is in black and red. It reads: "ATTENTION: We are offering rental and utility assistance during this time. Even if you've received help within the last year, you may qualify for assistance. PLEASE CALL TO MAKE AN APPOINTMENT Our food bank is open! We are operating as a drive-through. Mondays and Wednesdays 1:10pm-3:30pm Call us at 360-293-6682 The Salvation Army 3001 R Ave Suite 100 Anacortes, WA 98221". There is a small red Salvation Army logo at the bottom.

Curious what our Scouts have been up to?



Our BSA Scouting Troop 4084B has been up to all kinds of good even during the COVID-19 lockdown. Our Scouts still meet every Monday night, but via Zoom rather than in person. They've kept very active, with flags on the graves of veterans at Grand View Cemetery for Memorial Day, goodies delivered to hospital essential workers, backyard virtual camp-outs, and food drives. These Scouts work hard and hope to make you proud.

Speaking of proud, we are so very proud to announce the awards we, that is you as a church and our Scouting team, have earned this year! **Anacortes Lutheran Church has been recognized as the Outstanding Charter Organization of the year for your longstanding partnership and support of our Cub Scouts and**

Scouts. At the Court of Honor on June 6th, the upcoming development of another Troop, Troop 4084G, was announced. Troop 4084G is a space for young women to have their chance to learn the same skills, leadership, and confidence as their male counterparts. 4084G starts with 6 young women, five of whom are siblings to young men in Troop 4084B, and 5 leaders, four of whom already have a lot of experience in BSA and even in Girl Scouts. They are their own stand-alone unit, not tied to 4084B, and they are so thankful for the opportunity Anacortes Lutheran Church has given them. With three BSA units chartered by Anacortes Lutheran, we can honestly say this is an award long overdue, and well deserved. What a terrific way to offer a variety of learning and character building opportunity to the youth of Anacortes.

Chris Anderson was awarded the District Award of Merit. Chris has been in BSA for over 65 years, and over 50 of those years were in adult leadership. In that time he's covered several leadership positions, but frequently moved due to military service, so he had never been awarded the District Award of Merit previously. Chris is an Eagle Scout and has been actively supporting others achieve greatness in every way he can find possible.

Mia Troy is the Secretary for Troop 4084B. Mia has dedicated countless hours ensuring our Scouts have everything they need to go to special events, camps, and ensures excellent record keeping for our Committee. She actually does far more than can be described in a short paragraph. Mia's son aged out of the program, and has moved on to other outstanding educational opportunities, but Mia still remains as dedicated as ever for the youth of our Troop.

Thank you Anacortes Lutheran, Chris, and Mia, for all that you do, and all that you have done, for the youth in our Scouting programs.

Trying times are not the times to stop trying.

—Ray Owens

On June 22 Anacortes Lutheran Preschool had an **“End of Year Preschool Drive by Celebration”**

Parents lined their cars up on O Ave and entered the church parking lot through designated cones tied with colorful balloons & a big bubble machine, rented for the event.

Maggie Santos; Preschool Director had all teachers present 6 feet apart saying good bye, handing off end of year gifts, left items, reimbursement checks for prorated tuition not used, and diplomas to the preschoolers as we graduate some of them to Kindergarten and wish all a summer filled of joy.

Thank you to the Preschool Teachers Tori, Jill, Sarah, Kathy, Michelle, Peggy and Amy for all their hard work and dedication to the Children through out this whole year.



Thank You from the Heart 

Dear ALC:

Thank you so much for awarding a church scholarship, particularly during an incredibly challenging time for the congregation. The support of the church has meant everything to this family, and the congregation can never know how much the scholarship and unwavering faith and support has helped. Special shout out to Dave White and Rachel Devine for going above and beyond to assist in the application process, and being ever guiding and present.

We are lucky to have Anacortes Lutheran Church.

*Thank you again, so much,
Ryan Franulovich and family*

Thank You to my ALC family for all of the prayers, cards and “Goodies” during my recent surgery and recovery. Your love and support has been overwhelming.

*Thanks Again,
Les and Carol*

Dear Anacortes Lutheran Church & Scholarship Committee,

I am deeply appreciative of the Scholarship given to me. Like I have said before, the church has been such a blessing to me throughout my life. I am so happy to have the church family for support as I step into the next chapter of my life. Thank you once again!

Sincerely,
Logan Hanrahan

Thank you everyone for that wonderful parade for my birthday, today! I was so, so surprised! It was so wonderful to see everyone and wave and hoot and holler! My neighbors loved it also! I could not have asked for anything better – to see you, my family, on my 60th birthday was a Blessing!

*Thank you so much!
Love, Laurie*

Ps – if anyone got any pictures, I would love it if you shared!

Prayer Time - The Power of Prayer!

Join these members of the congregation as they pray for the people on the Prayer Chain & Prayer List.

Every Tuesday BY PHONE at 1 pm
Or Pray from where you are.

If you feel a call to join them or would like more information contact Peggy 360-299-1184

If you have a **PRAYER REQUEST** for the **“Prayer Chain”** (confidential) or **“Prayer List”** (printed in the Sunday Scoop & published on the ALC Website Prayer Page)
Call the church office 360-293-9586

Sewing Circles - Faith & Julia

*Be Strong and Courageous. Do Not be afraid.
Do not be discouraged for the Lord your God
is with you wherever you go. Joshua 1:9*

Greetings to everyone. We are all hanging in there. Staying home and being safe. We are really looking forward to when we can all be together. Keep on sewing your projects. at home and gathering things for our Kits. You can bring them to the church when we get back to sewing. We will be putting school kits together along with our other kits as well.

Take Care and Gods Blessing, Faith and Julia



Visit our Website **“Prayer Page”**
for a list of people we are praying for.
www.anacorteslutheran.org

To add to or update the “Prayer Page”
call or email the church office.

ALC SENIOR ADULT MINISTRY PRIME TIMERS™

Fantastic News !!!

We are looking forward to an Outing in July and will keep you posted as the date draws near.

TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED

Wednesday, July 22

GLEN ECHO GARDENS VISIT & LUNCH

in Bellingham

Entry fee - \$10. / Lunch - \$14.

Meet in Conference Rm #3 at 9:00 am

Thank you, Judy Holmes & Noel Johnson for organizing this event. Please call Judy or Julie to sign up.

ARE YOU LOOKING FOR A FUN OUTING? **JULY IS PICNIC TIME!**

Maybe have one in your backyard.

*Hope you are having a Happy
and Healthy Summer.*



We look forward to getting Together soon.
We miss y'all.

LWR Knitting News - Linda Anderson

~~July 20th, 2020 Knitting 1:00 — 3:00 pm~~

CANCELED

Our church ships about 100-150 baby layette sets every 6 months to Lutheran World Relief. One sweater/hat goes in each layette set. This year there will be one shipment in the Fall.

Our last counts were:

Sweater/hat sets – 71

Hats – 6

Sweaters – 6

We will update the count when we get together.

We use a fun, one piece sweater pattern. Beginners are welcome and teaching is always available.

I have yarn. Please call me if you want more.

I hope you are all healthy.

~Linda Anderson, 360-588-1730

Sunday School's News - Dave White / Children's Ministry

If you are reading this, it's July. However, I'm writing this in the middle of June. Consequently, there may have been many decisions made concerning the church. The Church Re-Entry Task Force will have met and, quite possibly, set some guidelines on when and to what extent we can open up the church and it's various programs. As of now, we are still on lock down. Sunday school opening is uncertain at this point. That being said, it is my hope that you are taking advantage of the various virtual programs that we have suggested and are available on internet.

We have been directing the kids to the **Sparkhouse skits** and to the **Sermons 4 Kids** website during this Covid-19 situation.

In addition, I hope you were able to take advantage of the **"WOW VBS"** program whose goal was to reach out to 1,000,000 kids during the four day program from June 22 to 25. Anacortes Lutheran Church made a donation to the WOW VBS ministry to help support their efforts in reaching out to children all over the world. One of the contributors to the program was **Faith Kidz**. The Faith Kidz website is another excellent source of Bible lessons for our Children during these uncertain times. I encourage you to utilize these resources and to feel free to contact me, or the church office, if you have some great resource suggestions.

Coming Events:

"Celebration of All Things Missed."

Wednesday, August 26 at 5:30 pm
in **ALC parking lot.**

The Education Committee has proposed the date of August 26th to sponsor an all church event which they are calling "Celebration of All Things Missed." As of this writing, the event would take place in the church parking lot at 5:30pm. The 26th is a Wednesday. Some of the details will be in a state of flux until the re-opening procedures are determined. The theme is: Let's celebrate all the special occasions we missed during our time away from church.

Here are some examples: Birthdays, confirmation, graduation, scholarship awards; etc.. There will be more about this as details become more clear.

Here is a nice little child's prayer that I found on the internet to share; A prayer of thanks,

Dear God,

I'm thankful for all you give: for food, for love, a place to live. I thank you for my family too, And I want you to know that I love you! Amen

Well, that's about it for the Sunday school news right now so may the Lord richly bless you and keep you safe,

Dave White; Children's Ministry Director.

Go check this out!

The skitguys bedtime stories on Facebook are FREE

https://www.facebook.com/pg/skitguys/videos/?page_internal



We are still unsure of when we will resume our in person Sunday Worship and gatherings. So please continue to join us for on-line services.

Meet us for Worship Online
by visiting our Website:
www.anacorteslutheran.org
Or see what's up on our [Facebook page](#).

If you would like to record yourself doing a reading for an online Worship Service please contact the church office or Becky. It would be a joy to see your faces once again.

JULY - Sunday Worship Readings & Gospel

Follow along as you listen and watch our online worship.

	July 5	<i>Readings:</i> Zechariah 9:9-12 / Romans 7:15-25 <i>Psalm:</i> Psalm 145:8-14 <i>Gospel:</i> Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30
	July 12	<i>Readings:</i> Isaiah 55:10-13 / Romans 8:1-11 <i>Psalm:</i> Psalm 65:1-13 <i>Gospel:</i> Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23
	July 19	<i>Readings:</i> Isaiah 44:6-8 / Romans 8:12-25 <i>Psalm:</i> Psalm 86:11-17 <i>Gospel:</i> Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43
	July 26	<i>Readings:</i> I Kings 3:5-12 / Romans 8:26-39 <i>Psalm:</i> Psalm 119:129-136 <i>Gospel:</i> Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

C.D. Recordings of our Services are Available

Would you like to receive recordings of our On-line Worship Services? We have C.D.'s available for all services dating back to before Easter. If you would like them delivered directly to you, please call the church office, 360-293-9586, and ask to be put onto the delivery schedule. Please state if you would like all the c.d.'s or just the current Sunday. If you would like to pick them up, they are at church in a basket outside the parking lot door.

Thank you to:

Becky Eggleston, Matt Kerschbaum, Pat Carrie Smith and Treva King for making this all possible.

July Birthday Blessings to You!

2	Lara Coggins	17	Jerry Pollard
3	Carl Ellsworth III	21	Jake Anderson
3	Kim Trafton	21	Faith Legan
3	Emma Bakke	22	Dorothy Bjornson
3	Bonnie Kennedy	22	Nikki Bakke
4	Amanda Elling	22	Emilee Forbes
5	Michael Sullivan	23	Jacob Elling
5	Ralph Heacox	23	Dorothy Hermstad
6	Randy VanSweden	24	Ruth Backlund
7	Mildred Bushy	24	Loren Knutsen
7	Tanner Sahnou	25	Gil Harvey
8	Julie Dusenbury	26	Ashlee Long
9	Rachel Devine	26	Reed Meyers
12	Katie Parker	27	Jan Nations
12	Megan Angier	28	Caitlin Kirby
14	Rebecca Eggleston	28	Leone Zimmerman
15	Brenda Thomas-Lust	30	Brian Bakke
16	Alec Mavar	30	Christie Schoebel
16	Penelope McCaughan	31	Megan Anderson-Smith
17	Ellyn Cavanagh	31	Beth Benson
17	Troy Kunz		



Pastor Deborah Butler

In Loving Memory

Graveside Service at Fernhill Cemetery
Tuesday, June 16, 2020

William "Bill" Pete Christensen

February 23, 1933 - June 5, 2020

Graveside Service at Grand View Cemetery
Friday, June 19, 2020

Muriel Ailene Burtness

January 21, 1932 - June 11, 2020

July - Wedding Anniversary!

1	Marv & Gunilla Wold
2	Wayne & Elaine Olsen
5	Dave & Dorothy Bjornson
7	Rod & Cathy Odegaard
9	Jason & Erin Kurz
11	Kevin & Andrea Long
17	Michael & Eryn Hanes
17	Brian Hanrahan & Treva King
21	Wen & Teresa Chang
23	Robert & Barbara Atterberry
24	Doug Thompson & Carol Kirby

June - Online Worship Views

Date	Church Closed due to COVID-19	Views
7	Holy Trinity	106
14	Graduation Recognition	116
21	Father's Day	95
28	Not available at time of printing	

Our 2020 ALC Church Council

President	• Bill LeDuc
President –Elect:	•
Treasurer	• Lane Phelan
Secretary	• Melanie Sahnou
Education	• Kendra Kennedy
Youth	• Bob Ford
Fellowship	• Kathy Khile
Outreach	•
Personnel	• Steve Richards
Preschool	• Jo Rockwood
Properties	• Les Olsen
Financial	• John Parker
Stewardship	•
Worship	• David Bjornson
WELCA	• Jeaneen Brogan • Linda Walker
Josephine Del.	• Jerry Bongard • Grace Boggio
Lutherwood Rep	• Jim Fors
ELCA Synod Rep	• Pastor Butler • Linda Millo

ALC COUNCIL MINUTES – June 11, 2020

Attended: Via Zoom, Bill LeDuc, Lane Phelan, Pastor Walt, Melanie Sahnaw, Kendra & Kevin Kennedy, Dave Bjornson, Jeaneen Brogan, Kathy Khile, Les Olson & Nancy Loftis.

Bill opened the at 6:30pm and Lane shared a prayer.

Presidents Report: Thank you to Bob Ford for all his help on the Transition Team and the Youth Committee. Thank you to John Parker for helping with the new Financial Committee and also the Stewardship Committee. The Constitution is being worked on.

Pastors Report: Nancy Loftis gave report on the Transition Teams progress. Nancy & Pastor Walt had a meeting with the committee, they will send out a questionnaire, looking for congregation insight on what we would like to see in a new pastor. Look for that in July. Pastor Walt is still doing visitations and Pastor Deborah is reaching out to the congregation.

Treasurers Report: Lane gave report. We are up \$4,158 YTD, all bills are paid and doing ok. YTD benevolences paid equals \$8500. It was approved by council to give 5 preschool families each a \$200 gift card to Fred Meyer and Josephine Caring Community was sent \$1000.

Old Business: Jay & Kevin did a software update to speed up our WIFI at the church. Thank you to Kendra & Kevin for all your research, they gave an in-depth report about how we can live stream our church services. Dave made motion to purchase the equipment needed and proceed to make live streaming the services happen with a budget of \$3500 Jeaneen 2nd. After much discussion, all agreed MSP. Discussed with Laurie about Tech people doing training Kevin & Kendra. Pastor Walt commented, this is a great thing for the church and the community to live stream and recorded at the same time. Access via church website, Facebook and You tube. We still openings for Youth, Stewardship and Nominating Committee Chairpersons and 3 people interested in being on the Preschool Committee, please prayerfully consider this.

New Business: The Constitution says all Executive Council and Chairpersons must be ALC members.

Personnel Report: Steve says that we have a great staff. They are prepping the contracts of church employees for July 1, 2020 thru June 30, 2021 not including the Pastors. Preschool contracts are August 1, 2020 thru July 31, 2021. We may have to add hours to janitorial to address the COVID cleaning requirements. Rachel & Rebecca are job sharing.

WELCA Report: Jeaneen says they are anxious to get the back to sewing on Tuesdays.

Outreach: No Report

Property Report: We will follow the directives and recommendations of the Governor and the Regional Health Officials. This includes the size of gatherings, masks and social distancing. We have abundant opportunities to show those around us, even in this pandemic, that they are beloved children of God and that we love them. To be faithful, and we will do what's best to keep one another safe from this virus. We will follow the guidelines.

Education: Kendra met with her committee via Zoom, Dave White is on the committee now and they are planning a "Celebration of all Things Past" on August 26th at 5:30 pm. They will invite kids to bring their families to the church (Birthdays, Graduation, Scholarships) prewrapped sandwiches will be provided. Looking at setting up church members to mentor with kids grades Pre K- 12, writing letters, memorize verses, walks reading?????

Fellowship Report: Kathy's team is standing by, waiting to help where needed. When we're able to be at church, they will help keep track of attendance.

Youth Report: No report.

Preschool Report: No Report.

Stewardship Report: No report

Worship Report: The recommendation from Worship committee is to support and fund an online presence through live streaming here at ALC.

The next Council meeting is July 16th at 6:30p

Les said the Lord's Prayer and closed the meeting at 8 pm

Blessings, Melanie



Dear Beloveds of the Northwest Washington Synod,

Growing up close to an Indian reservation, I saw families living without electricity or plumbing. In the last year I have seen children crying, alone, without parents, because they were forcibly separated at the border. In March and April and May I saw families lined up to receive food at pantries because they had no other choice due to lack of work during the COVID crisis. In the last few weeks I have watched the video of George Floyd being murdered too many times. This last weekend I watched people carefully keep their masks on their faces while they lifted their fists to the sky marching for justice. And I have seen violence where there should have been unity. I am sad and tired and heavy hearted. I am reminded of Jesus' words in the gospel of Matthew, "Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these, you did it to me."

Dear Beloveds, in the Northwest Washington Synod we tell ourselves that we are open to all people, love all people, care for all people, and are church for everyone. But Beloveds, as a community, we have failed. We have been complicit in our silence. We have been cowardly instead of courageous. We have lived in our privilege without acknowledging the systemic racism that we swim in every day of our life. Today we are called to confess that we have fallen far short of God's call to love and care for those whose lives are sacred in this world, whose brown and black bodies were made in the image of God, whose very lives are in danger because those of us with privilege and power ignore or decide that "they" are too much trouble for "us."

This is our confession.

But let us not move too quickly to absolution. While I am all for forgiveness, sometimes I think forgiveness becomes a way to pretend that the injury never happened. So, let us sit in this time for a while – even if it makes us uncomfortable. Even as we lament. You see, we cannot jump from an easy "I'm sorry" to a half-hearted "we're now all back together again." If we do this, we are offering forgiveness without discipleship, grace without the cross.

The COVID-19 pandemic has ripped open the wounds that we have had in this country since before its inception. Black and brown bodies – slaves and immigrants and native peoples – have all been abused by those in power. And, we must confess, for most of this history, those in power have been white.

There is no place in this world for anyone to brutally murder another without care and without consequence. There is no place in this world where bystanders cannot intervene because they are afraid they might receive the same treatment as the one being hurt or murdered before them. Many of us as children learned the story of the Good Samaritan. How many times are we going to walk on the other side of the road?

My Beloveds in Christ, we are called to work towards God's true peace and justice in our ministry sites, our church, and our society by first, confessing our own sin, and then mindfully acting against racism and violence of all kinds. I encourage you to confess and to act. Here are some ideas as we walk forward, towards reconciliation:

- Take the Intercultural Development Inventory to understand and build cultural competence. <https://idiinventory.com>
- Participate in anti-racism training.
- Assist the members of your congregation or ministry site in accessing resources about racism, white privilege, and ensuring God's vision of justice for all.
- Encourage people to vote, and vote yourself, keeping in mind Jesus' commandment of loving God and loving people.
- Accompany and empower those who are already thought leaders in your community.
- Financially support organizations that are working in the field of anti-racism.
- Financially support businesses owned by people of color.
- Wear a mask to protect people of all races, especially protecting those most vulnerable.
- Work towards economic justice for all.
- Discover other ways that lead to God's kingdom of real peace and justice.

As we continue to be patient in entering church buildings, let us be church in the world. May we live into the words of *1 John 3:18*, "Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action." And may we pray for true reconciliation and God's wholeness and peace.

In the Hope and Love of Christ,
Bishop Shelley Bryan Wee



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