

# Viral Times

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## Monuments

The word monument comes from Greek and Romans sources, meaning "to remind," "to advise" and "to warn." They are often larger than life. And many commemorate events of the past or prominent people who have died.

In the last few years some monuments have been toppled: Lenin and Stalin in some eastern European countries where Russia has lost control, Saddam Hussein in Iraq after the fall of his government, Confederate generals in the southern US as racism is confronted.

Here in Canada a monument dedicated to Edward Cornwallis, the commander in charge of the founding of Halifax, has been removed from a public square after decades of protests. In his efforts to wrest control of the Nova Scotian mainland he posted a bounty for Mi'kmaq scalps.

And in places across the country monuments and statues in honour of our first Prime Minister, John A. Macdonald, have been questioned. Here's an 1879 quote from him, to help you understand why:



*When the school is on the reserve, the child lives with it parents, who are savages, and though he may learn to read and write, his habits and training mode of thought are Indian. He is simply a savage who can read and write. It has been strongly impressed upon myself, as head of the Department, that Indian children should be withdrawn as much as possible from the parental influence, and the only way to do that would be to put them in central training industrial schools where they will acquire the habits and modes of thought of white men.*

These are the kinds of things we could discuss in a fall Bible study, based on "21 Things You May Not Know About the Indian Act" by Bob Joseph.

## Black Lives Rally

Rain forced postponement of the rally rescheduled for June 27. The event will now be held at Pierrefonds Community (formerly Comprehensive) High School from 1:00 until about 2:30 on Saturday July 4.

The event has been coordinated by Youth Stars. Local leaders at the federal, provincial and municipal level will join others in denouncing racism and calling for justice, peace, and harmony. Music will also add to the peaceful tome of the gathering.

Brandon Normandin will speak on behalf of Christ the Redeemer. Mischa Bertschmann (daughter of Chris & Rosie) will also appear.

Everyone is welcome to the event. Bring your masks, sunscreen and lawn chairs.

## Sumba Family

Contact Pastor Jim in regards to furniture and other household goods needed by the family, recently arrived in Canada.

## Life Line

We're in the process of gathering Zoom Greeters for our Sunday worship. We're looking for folks who can go on-line by 9:30, welcome other worshippers who enter our waiting room, encourage conversation, and count attendees. Contact Pastor Jim. A training session will be help in a week or so.

Yours in Christ, Pastor Jim Slack

## This Week at CTR

July 5	Worship 9:30/10:00 am
	Zoom Meeting ID 879 6252 4151
July 8	Lessons' Study 7:00 pm
	Zoom Meeting ID 879 1570 3753

