

Viral Times

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Fall Book Study

For more than a decade the ELCIC and its Eastern Synod have sought to establish right relations with our Indigenous neighbours.

To that end our fall study (on Zoom) will examine a book from Bob Joseph, "21 Things You May Not Know About the Indian Act." Beginning on Wednesday September 16 at 7:00, and for a total of five weeks we'll become more familiar with Canada's Indian Act. The 1876 document gave the federal government the power to determine who would be regarded as "Indian" and how they would live in this country.

It included the imposition of municipal/local governments, reduced the status of women, created reserves, and forced children to attend residential schools. The problems stemming from this Act continue to plague many Indigenous communities to the present day.

You'll find the study more helpful if you purchase the book from your favourite seller for about \$20 plus shipping. But you can probably manage without it.

Confirmation Class Meeting

In 2020-2021 our class will make a quick tour through the whole Bible.

We'll learn about Scripture and its interpretation, including context, history, geography and theology.



Last year's students and their parents have already received an invitation to our Zoom meeting on Saturday September 19 at 1:00. But new students (those in grade 7 or older) and their parents are also welcome to join us.

Together we'll set a schedule for fall classes; probably two 2-hour sessions per month from now until Christmas.

Life Line

It has been a strange summer; disappointing in some ways. The usual cues that lead from spring to summer did not occur, or instill in me a sense of anticipation or delight.

Though no longer a student I missed the end of school events in June. Found myself in the middle of August before noticing that the season of leisure had come. And then lamented that a trip to Nova Scotia (to see family) or to other overnight destinations even within Quebec were no longer possible.

But I did enjoy my backyard garden more than ever. And learned to enjoy vacation one day at a time. Jars of preserved fruits and vegetables will be winter reminders of hot and sunny days. Some of them might even be opened with friends or family, as we slowly put this pandemic behind us.

Yours in Christ,
Pastor Jim Slack



Cancellations

It is with regret that we have decided to cancel the Fall Retreat at Mont Tremblant, and our Oktoberfest dinner.

We have not yet made a call about the Advent Dinner at the end of November.

This Week

Sept 13	Worship 9:30/10:00 am Zoom Meeting ID 896 9570 9825
Sept 16	Book Study 7:00 pm Zoom Meeting ID 852 0435 4673
Sept 19	Confirmation Class Meeting 1:00 Zoom Meeting ID 861 2983 3203

