

March Update

Intercultural Ministry Program

Hello Everyone,

Hope this email finds you all well. Warm welcomes to those who are new on our distribution list. It is wonderful to see new people joining our community and activities. The diversity in our group makes us more informed about the different parts of the world and keeps us aware of the interesting things in life. I am so happy to meet you all. Please look at all the activities below and come join as many activities as you wish.

Intercultural Conversation on Thursday, at 2:30-4pm @ St Aidan's United Church

This is a good session for the newcomers who wish to improve their English and/or to have a conversation in English. We go into conversations about life in Victoria, and local customs while we learn about life of the newcomers' country and cultures. Many are practising their English, in return some are also learning Mandarin (Putonghua) in the session. I love to be able to say "Hello" and "Thank you" in different languages, so far, I can do it in English, Cantonese, French, Putonghua, Japanese, Czech, Thai. It's fun!

Thanks to the few volunteer English Speaking teachers joining us in the session, recently the newcomers are learning to write their own introduction story. We hope to help everyone of them to make an introduction of themselves and to share with everyone later.

Starting in the last week of March, Cheryl Black, the Minister will share another round of Jesus' stories. We had some deep conversations last round. Everyone enjoyed the conversations about the philosophy as much as learning English. It's wonderful to have intelligent conversations that's feeding my soul!

Intercultural Mini-Workshop

2nd Sunday, 11:30am, Mar 10 @ Cadboro Bay United Church

We will continue our discussion on Canadian Culture with the Cultural Iceberg Model.

3rd Sunday, 11:30am, Mar 17 @ St Aidan's United Church

We will apply the Cultural Iceberg Model on stories base on our perception.

Other Activities:

Ping Pong Fun Club

Thanks to your support to the lunches, we raised \$110, plus Passorn's donation of \$100, and Richard's donation of \$300, we are almost there. To make up the total cost, we would recommend a donation of \$2 per adult each time. We have ordered the Ping Pong table, the paddles, and all the required equipment. Once we know the date of delivery, we will let you know the schedule.

Choir

Catamus Choir practice on Thursday at 5pm @ St Aidan's United Church. Singing on Stage during the first 3 Sundays with usual Sunday morning practice at 9:10am

Thrift Shop @ St Aidan's

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Our Thrift Shop, the Friendly Octopus, is open every Wednesday from 10am to 2pm, and from 4pm to 8pm; AND the last Saturday of the month from 10am-2pm. You will find a lot of treasures that would enlighten your days.

If you want to make any donations of items, please bring them to the Church and place them on the cart by the office inside the Church.

Volunteer Opportunity:

- Thrift Shop: opening hours and sorting on Monday morning
- Sound system control on Sunday morning

Any questions you have, please feel free to contact me by email, or message me in any channel you have.

Blessings,
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