

# ACT JUSTLY ♥ LOVE MERCY WALK HUMBLLY with your God

MICAH 6:8

NASHVILLE ROAD COMMUNITY CHURCH NEWSLETTER JUNE 12 - JUNE 19, 2020



It has been encouraging to hear the announcement this week from our Provincial government, to allow the re-opening of places of worship! While we look forward to returning to gathering under the same physical roof as soon as possible - we want to engage a safe and phased return with the same emphasis on care and concern for our community that we practiced when we halted our physical gatherings at the beginning of the COVID-19 crisis.

Each church body has their own unique situations and Nashville Road's uniqueness includes serving our community through both a school and a Day Care Center. So our planning to return to gathering together, must include a wise approach that reflects our commitment to the health and safety of all who enter our building.

For the time being we will continue to gather online under a digital roof, even as we develop our return plan – taking into consideration our own specific needs as a body *and* making sure all the Provincial, Municipal and various community needs are fully met. At this point our timeline for returning to meet in person will be based on when we can do so safely and allow the full body of NRCC to gather together.

As we ask for your patience we also will ask for your input and engagement to make sure we understand your feelings and expectations regarding a wise return to meeting again in person.

While we work on that plan we will be intentional regarding:

**DIRECTION:** We will communicate consistently and provide guided leadership as we formulate plans and prepare to reopen.

**PROTECTION:** We will provide sound governance, management and implement wise procedures in consultation with our Regional Health Care professionals to ensure the continued health and safety for our community upon that return.

**REFLECTION:** We know that God has been working in and through all of us over this challenging season. So we are asking each of us to reflect on what God is inviting us to now and challenging us to consider as we return to a gathered church body.

We very much look forward to returning to gathered celebrations as the Nashville Road body! As we live out the love of God - we continue to pray for our community: for those who are sick, for those who have lost loved ones and for all those front-line workers who are serving so faithfully.

## **FAMILY HAPPENINGS!**

- > **BELEATED HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO** Steve Elliott who celebrated his birthday on June 10<sup>th</sup>!
- > **HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO** Dave Jordan who celebrates his birthday on June 12<sup>th</sup>!
- > **HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO** Roger Elliott who celebrates his birthday on June 13<sup>th</sup>!
- > **HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO** Judi Guaragna who celebrates her birthday on June 15<sup>th</sup>!
- > **HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO** Janice Elliott who celebrates her birthday on June 15<sup>th</sup>!



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## **PRAISE + PRAYER:**

*There are so many ways to worship God and practice our faith thru praise and prayer. Here are just a few items we can focus on today:*

- > Praise the Lord for more answered prayer in the form of a return to employment for Travis Kennedy!
- > Please continue praying for Martha Lawson's friend Brenda in recovery at home after her kidney transplant and also for her son Daniel serving in the Canadian Forces overseas.
- > Continue praying for Barbara Anne - the mother of Todd - a colleague of Christine Calzato's. Barbara Anne is out of intensive care but still recovering in hospital. She can now have her family members visit which is an encouragement.
- > Pray for the provision of a full-time dedicated qualified Christian "House Mother" for Imani's Place
- > Ask God for wisdom and humility to respond to His prompting with regards to racial injustice and what we are witnessing and experiencing as a community and especially for our black brothers and sisters. Ask how we can Act Justly.
- > Pray for the Caldwell family - friends of the Redlich's and Kennedy's. Hugh is now in palliative care at home.
- > Continue praying for LeeAnn and the KCA staff leadership as they plan for a physical distance "graduation" for the KCA Grade 8's in June. Also pray for LeeAnn as she and her team discern the steps necessary in planning for the safe re-opening of the Daycare and then for similar wisdom and clarity in planning for the eventual re-opening of KCA in the fall.
- > Pray for our Nashville Road leadership team as they plan and prepare for the return of our in-person gatherings.
- > Pray for Reta Campbell in Jamaica as she continues to serve her community and looks to return to Ontario June 17.
- > Pray for parents who are continue trying to balance their work at from home while helping their kids with their distance learning. Pray for teachers who are helping students wrap up end of year assignments online. Pray for students who are approaching a very different end of school year or school career.
- > Pray for students who are looking for wisdom as they decide what the fall will look like in terms of post-secondary education. Pray for those looking for jobs to pay for school.
- > Pray for those who are facing increased financial struggles as a result of loss of job or income due to the pandemic and for others who are looking for employment or working long hours keeping their businesses running and supporting their employees.
- > Continue praying for those working to keep essential services and supplies moving. As we now engage in re-openings, please remember them as they go to work each day and also for the stress this puts on their families - our Healthcare Workers - Nurses and Doctors and our First Responders - Fire, Police and Ambulance. Charissa Redlich, Janet Body and Judi Guaragna in healthcare. Mark Redlich serves with the Region of Peel.
- > Pray for those serving on mission globally right now:
  - > Pierre & Sharon Roux in Beaufort West
  - > John & Jacky Taylor in the Ukraine
  - > Brian & Carol Foutz in Manila
  - > Brent & Lynn Austring with North American Indigenous Ministries
  - > Joe & Loredana Antignani in Italy

*When you have an item for praise or prayer or become aware of items that we as a community can join together with in praise and prayer - please contact [Melanie](#) in the church office and let her know or [you can click here to share a praise or prayer request from our church website](#)*





### AWESOME-AVA!

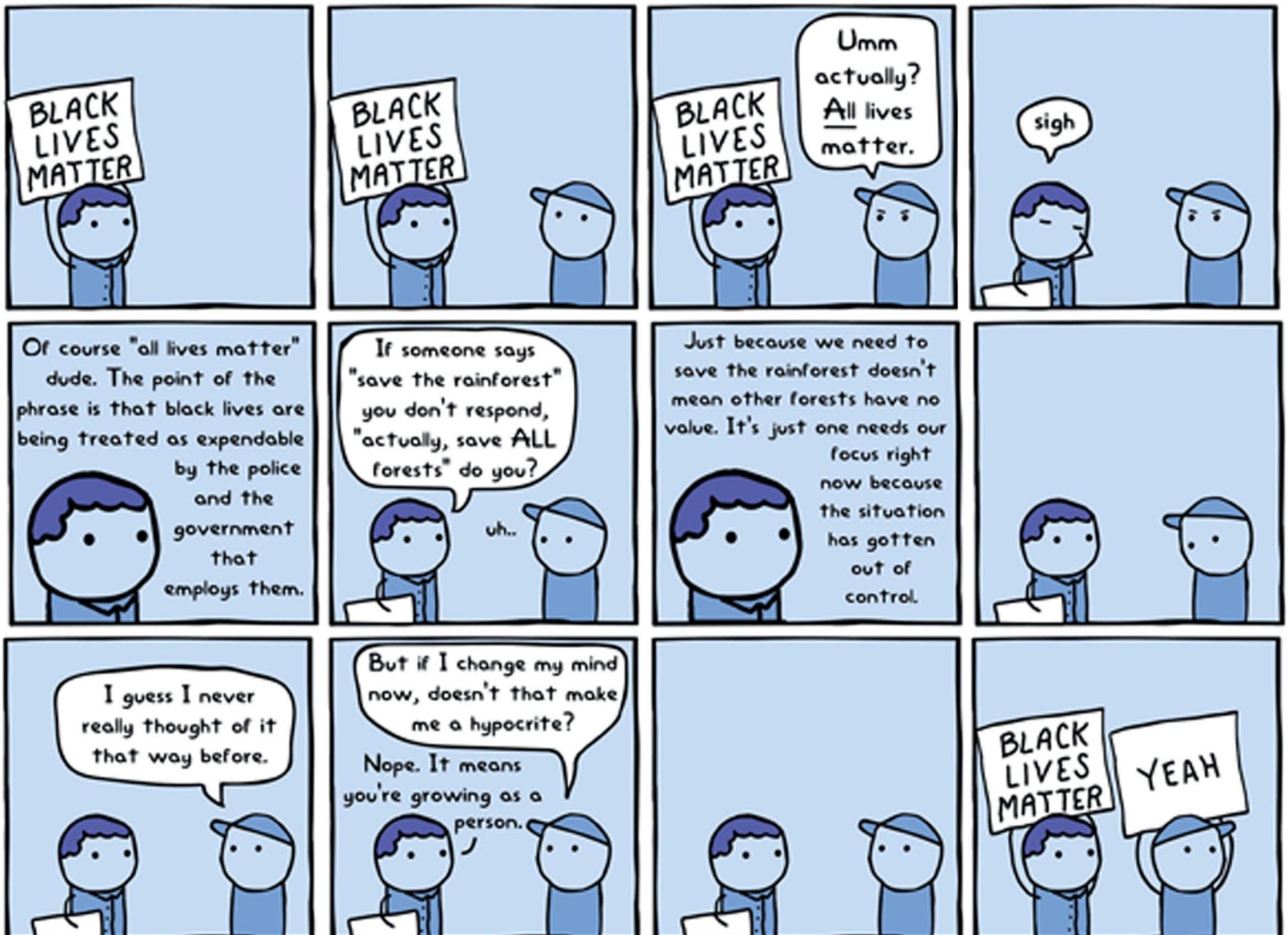
After reading what happened in Caledon (the OPP took down children's Black Lives Matter signs - later apologizing) she wanted to do this. Thanks for showing us a great example Ava of how to Act Justly, Love Mercy and Walk Humbly!

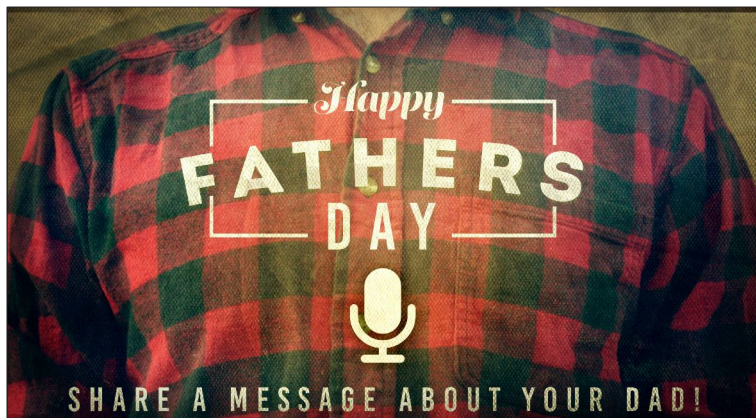


### JUSTICE AND EQUALITY RESOURCES TO CONSIDER:

As Christians we are members of one spiritual family, pursuing one God, redeemed and rescued by one Savior. But we're also from different ethnicities and cultures, and we're influenced by a world that is marked by those divisions. How should the church respond? What is our role as followers of Christ to Act Justly, Love Mercy and Walk Humbly with our God in authentic and helpful ways? Our RightNow Media Library has some excellent resources on Justice and Equality for us to consider as we embrace this significant opportunity in our history.

You can check out those resources by [clicking here](#).





## RECORD A MESSAGE ABOUT DAD & SEND A PIC!

We're putting together a video for Father's Day which is next Sunday (hint, hint!) and we'd love to have your voice and a picture of your dad included! You can share a favourite memory of your dad, what you love most about dad or a simple I love you dad! Just click the image to the left and record a short word of encouragement for the dad or dad's in your life! We know it's hard to sum up greatness in a few words but if you could please keep your message to 20 seconds or less and we'll do our best to include them all in the video. As well - if possible - please send a picture of your dad to [Dean](#) for the video as well!

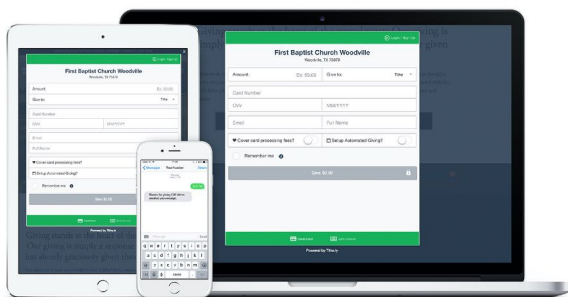


## WOMEN'S CONNECT+GROW ONLINE GATHERING

**TUESDAY / JUNE 16 / 7PM / ZOOM**

Ladies, we're gathering online again this week to check in, encourage and support each other and there's plenty of room around the digital table for you! To get more info or to request the Zoom room details - [click here](#) or the link onscreen at the end of our Sunday morning gathering.

## NRCC ONLINE GIVING



## SHARING YOUR OFFERING

The heart of Nashville Road Community Church has always been to show the hope found in Jesus by living out His love to everyone. Generosity is an act of worship that expresses our gratitude, faith and love for others. We are grateful for how God provides for Nashville Road through your generosity of time, talent and finances!

We want to make it easy for you to be generous, should you choose to support the mission of NRCC financially.

Check out [the GIVE tab on the NRCC website](#) for info on the options for giving online as well as thru regular envelope donations.





## **TOGETHER!**

Nashville Road is a people who! Our desire has been to practice bring family and ensure no one feels isolated or alone even as we wisely practice physical distancing. As we work towards a return to in-person gatherings under the same physical roof - we'll continue to gather under a *digital roof* thru our phones, computers and TV's!

Sunday mornings at 10:30 we continue to join together online to worship God! Our gathering "place" is our NRCC TOGETHER space! It gives us the opportunity to engage together from our own living rooms around our city and connect, sing, pray, chat and encourage one another to live out God's love as good neighbours in our communities.

You can check out the interface anytime. If you're new to that - there's no need to sign up or login to be part of the gathering and there's some basic "how-to" info on the next page in order to take advantage of our online time together. We go live on Sunday morning at 10:30. So stay in your PJ's if you want, grab some coffee, gather your fam, and click the button below and be NRCC Together!

There are other ways to stay connected as the NRCC family throughout the week - like Instagram and Facebook. If you're not already connected on those social media platforms - [just click here](#) to head over to our website where those links are posted to help you connect.

And if you missed gathering live at 10:30 - we'll also post the video from that gathering there immediately afterwards.



## **SUNDAY ONLINE INFO:**

Just like the "lobby" of the physical church building is open prior to our physical gatherings for people to chat and engage - when you gather under our digital roof on Sunday mornings - the chat function is available at 10:15am for those who arrive a little earlier and remains open for roughly 30 minutes after the Sunday video feed is finished. Also if you arrive anytime before 10:30 on a Sunday morning - a standard looping video that plays throughout the week is onscreen. Our Sunday video feed should begin automatically at 10:30 with a 1 minute countdown so you don't need to press play. If the video doesn't begin automatically then clicking the REFRESH button should fix any lag. If you're unable to begin the gathering at 10:30 and arrive later - think about it like you're coming into the gym from the lobby at 10:40 and joining the gathering live. To do that - just hit REFRESH and you can join the gathering in progress - which allows you to be in sync with wherever the gathering is at that point in time. Whereas if you press play and "start" the gathering from the beginning manually at another time, say at 10:40 - then you'll be 10 minutes behind and slightly out of sync - which you may notice affects the timing of your comments in the chat window. Oh and please remember to also click the **UNMUTE** button on the main view screen to have sound!



## **PARENTS AND KIDS TOGETHER!**

We're excited to have a space where kids can learn about Jesus together with their families! With the help of RightNow Media - we're taking our KidsKonnection activities online - it's the @Home Version! If you don't have a RightNow Media account - don't worry - it's free and you can get one anytime - [just click here!](#) So once you've got a RightNow Media account - head over to our [KidsKonnection page](#) to engage and be ready during our Kids Konnection moment during our Sunday morning online gathering!



## BASIC TECH INFO FOR OUR SUNDAY ONLINE GATHERINGS

We're excited to have a space to gather together on Sunday mornings under a digital roof!

Since most of us are new to this experience - we've put some basic info on our website that will be helpful if you want to get familiar with what the interface looks like as well as the resources that are available like chat, online bible, live prayer etc.

[Just click here](#) and you can head over to our website where you can get a visual tour of the interface and other helpful info if needed.



## SUPPORTING OUR LOCAL BUSINESSES!

We're all working to pull together during this challenging season. To emerge with our communities strong and intact, we need to ensure that what makes them special — the coffee shop down the road, the local car dealership, our neighborhood music teachers and other instructors — are able to stay afloat. When you need to place an order for a service, supplies or perhaps a takeout meal - please consider supporting local businesses and restaurants where it's possible. You could even purchase gift cards on their website to bless others. Then consider giving that business a shout out on social media to let others know too!

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