

MISSION MINUTES 2019

Fighting Human Trafficking

April 7, 2019

Globally, human trafficking is the third largest organized crime after drugs and the arms trade. Close to 80 percent of human trafficking across the world is related to sexual exploitation, but exploited labor, sale of human organs, and forced marriages are also linked to trafficking. In Asia, India is considered the hub of this crime. In India, the national government reports that a child goes missing every eight minutes.

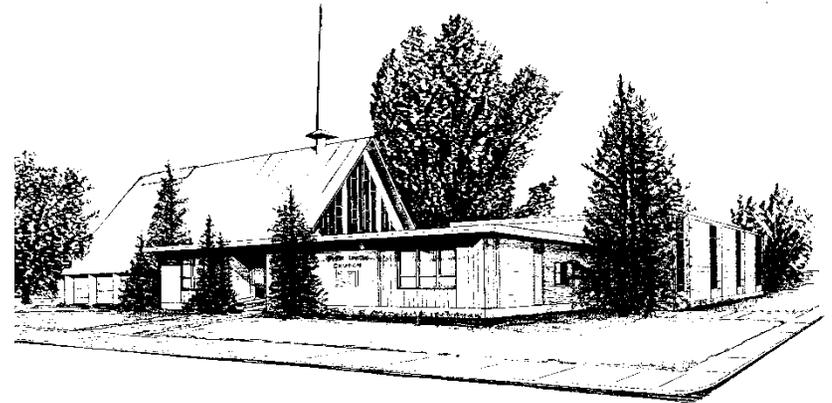
West Bengal, close to the Bangladesh border, is a hotbed of trafficking. Mission & Service partner Church of North India, Durgapur Diocese, is tackling the issue with an anti-human-trafficking program. The program educates communities and community leaders about trafficking, rescues those who have been trafficked, and provides safe haven and support for those rescued.

Japhet Ndhlovu, staff with The United Church of Canada, recently visited the project: "Children, especially girls and young women I met, told me they were taken from their homes and sold in faraway places for sexual exploitation and to work as bonded labor by agents who lured their parents with promises of education, a better life, and money. Instead, traffickers put children to work in brick kilns, carpentry units, as domestic servants, or beggars. Some are the victims of organ harvesting."

Community volunteers are collaborating to fight this evil and to care for those rescued from trafficking. Children and adults are provided with shelter, food, and education.

Mission & Service partner Church of North India is working to defend and protect the safety and dignity of all. No one should be trafficked. If Mission & Service giving is already a regular part of your life, thank you so much! If you have not given, please join me in making Mission & Service giving a regular part of your life of faith. Loving our neighbor is at the heart of our Mission & Service.

Covenant United Church



"We are Covenant United Church; an inviting Christian community who embrace change and reach out to make a local and a global difference."

PASTORAL TEAM

Minister: Rev. Cindy Désilets
Music: Tim Tonkin
Secretary: Jacqueline Girard

OFFICE HOURS

Wednesday
9:30 am to 12:00 pm

CHURCH

230 Eighth Avenue
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WORSHIP

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SUNDAY APRIL 7, 2019

Welcome newcomers and visitors to the care and fellowship of Covenant United Church. Please introduce yourself to the minister or one of the ushers so that we may help you feel at home.

REFLECTIONS ON STEWARDSHIP

Lent 5 • John 12:1-8

One of the questions today's gospel asks me is: what is my motivation in being a steward? Am I truly interested in taking care of others, or am I just worried about myself?

Potluck Dinner AND COMMUNION

Join us on *Wednesday, April 17*, here at Covenant United Church, for a Potluck Dinner with Communion, at 5:30 pm. This is a great opportunity to socialize with fellow members. Hope to see you there!

PLANTING YOUR SPRING GARDEN

For the Garden of Your Daily Living

Plant three rows of Peas

Peace of Mind, Peace of Heart, Peace of Soul.

Plant four rows of Squash

Squash Gossip, Squash Indifference,
Squash Grumbling, Squash Selfishness

Plant four rows of Lettuce

Lettuce be Faithful, Lettuce be Kind
Lettuce be Patient, Lettuce really Love one Another

No Garden is Complete without Turnips

Turnip for Meetings, Turnip for Services, Turnip to Help one Another
To Conclude our Garden, we must have Thyme

Thyme for Each other, Thyme for Family, Thyme for Friends

Water freely with Patience & Cultivate with Love.

There is Much Fruit in your Garden because you reap what you sow

Stewardship seconds

Our lives often show what we value the most.

M&S SNIPPET

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Please join us for the entire HOLY WEEK Experience

April 14: Palm Sunday at 10:30 am

April 17 Potluck Dinner & Communion at 5:30 pm

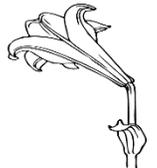
April 21 Good Friday Service at 11:00 am

April 21 Easter Sunrise at 7:00 am

April 21 Easter Sunday Worship

Celebration at 10:30

(Easter Egg Hunt)



SHARING OF FOOD

This morning, we will pray blessings both on the food and on those who share it.

*Sunday, April 7, will go towards the **Timmins Food Bank.***

Thank you for your help in fighting to end hunger in our community.



Coffee this morning is brought to you by:

Joy & Nancy's group