

Welcome to L & L #11

Becoming an Antiracist Congregation

BOB: Welcome

PRISCILLA : Opening prayer:

Unity and division are topics that are both timely and contentious all around the world right now. In an era where politicians foment and capitalise on divisive events and topics, we need more than ever an understanding of why we believe the things we believe. Andrew Judd takes us on his personal journey of questioning his long-held beliefs and the attitudes that surround him. Serving on the District Council for New Plymouth NZ, and eventually as Mayor, Andrew was finally put in a position to act as a bridge between the indigenous Maori constituents of his district and the white European majority. But the work he embarked upon had to start with himself and his own attitudes and prejudices.

17.5 **Video:** Lessons From a Recovering Racist https://youtu.be/dOdsEgPIU_0?si=ou_2yMdZeRI8WwxM

Last month Priscilla & Gord helped us understand White Privilege and Racial Socialization.

Slide: We learned that most of us would not choose to be socialized into racism. Unfortunately, we didn't have a choice because it often starts when we are very young with our lived experience at home.
Racial Socialization

Slide: "Now it is our responsibility to grapple with how this socialization manifests itself in our daily lives and how it shapes our responses when it is challenged." Michael Dyson

We are being called by the United Church of Canada to accept this responsibility.

4:24 **Video:** Becoming an Antiracist Church https://youtu.be/elbpDfdZZ_4?si=F5Ekat9tgkx0Qu

Slide: You may have heard these comments outside these wall and perhaps inside these walls

Get over it!
That happen years ago and has nothing to do
with me!

We've already apologized!
Didn't the Truth and Reconciliation
commission deal with that ?

Time to move On!

DISCUSSION:

SLIDE: **What beliefs are operating in your mind that you have never considered or questioned?**

SLIDE: **Are you brave enough to take a similar journey to Andrew and examine your own beliefs?**

12:11 **Video:** Two Strangers who met 5 Times <https://youtu.be/BzKtl9OfEpk?si=tLTahhjxJSjvrhtb>

SLIDE: **Continuum slide**

Closing Prayer: Priscilla

SLIDE: **Vision Statement**