



# Rowandale Reporter

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## How to Get Along

*"Pursue peace with everyone..."* (Heb. 12:14)

Aside from the usual stresses related to Covid-19, it's been unsettling to find myself at odds with like-minded people.

Whether masks, lockdowns, vaccines, or how the church should behave, the past eleven months have sometimes put me in tension with others. At the very least, it's disorienting. At worst, it threatens to unravel relationships with people I love. Can you relate to this?

There's no quick fix. But there are some practical ways to pursue peace and minimize damage to friends, family, and church. Here are three of them:

### 1. Assume the Best of Others

Sure, maybe that friend or sister-in-law or church member is part of a sinister global plot to destroy religious freedom and usher in the Man of Lawlessness. But probably not. Or, maybe that friend or brother-in-law or church leader is selfishly obsessed with their personal rights and uncaring about the elderly or vulnerable. But probably not.

We all want others to assume our best intentions and motives. The Golden Rule tells us to treat others the same way. So, when you find yourself at odds with someone over their views about \_\_\_\_\_ (insert favourite subject), don't immediately assume that their position reflects selfishness, stupidity, or worse. Assume that they want the best for the church and the community and the country, as you do.

### 2. Admit your Own Ignorance

For all its perks, the bane of Google is that it's made experts of us all. But a few clicks, a few websites, a few articles make one an expert in nothing. Some of us are so afraid of admitting what we don't know that we come across as know-it-alls. And who wants to be friends with a know-it-all?

Even if you're a Nobel Prize winning epidemiologist or have a PhD in Eschatology, there are things you don't know and things you don't see about this world and our present moment in it. Only God is all-knowing and all-seeing, and as someone once said, "You ain't Him." So, have the humility to admit the things you don't know, and to admit that you don't know all things.

This doesn't mean we shouldn't have convictions or come to our own conclusions. It does mean we should hold those convictions and conclusions humbly, especially when they concern matters that are new and unfamiliar.

### 3. Affirm What you Have in Common

Covid-19 has thrown gasoline on the fires of controversy. Whether medical or political or theological, this pandemic has exposed our worldviews—how we see the world and the church and the government and our roles and responsibilities therein. This is not a bad thing. But, along with this, Covid-19 has also pressed on

the fractures in our churches and families and friendships, which is painful. Somehow this disease has magnified our differences and minimized our deepest and most common concerns.

A way to put things in perspective and proper proportion is to affirm what we have in common with others. It may be family history, fond memories, shared experiences, common values. If it's a fellow believer that you're in tension with, then affirm what you have most in common with him or her—faith in the gospel, love for the Lord and his church, and the hope of the kingdom that is to come.

Following these guidelines won't solve every disagreement or save every relationship. But it may save some pain, prevent some unnecessary conflict, slow the fires of destruction, and keep us together. To put these into practice might just help us get along with others and be at peace with those we care about. And that's worth pursuing.—*Pastor Jonathan Kroeker*

## Praise & Prayer

**PRAISE GOD** for good attendance and engagement in our Christianity Explored online course!

**PRAY** that the upcoming Apologetics Book Study led by Karl Truderung would help to equip our people to confidently defend their faith.

**PRAY** for those who are in care homes, or sick in hospital. Grietje Brumm at Maples PCH; Lynda Dengate at Riverview; Sieglinde Glesmann at Holy Family; Abe Goertzen at Donwood Manor; Rose-Ann Lucius at Donwood Manor; Edgar Olney at Bethania; Egon Ulrich at Donwood Manor.

### PLEASE NOTE:

**New doors have been installed at the Rowandale Avenue entrance so there is no longer a mail slot at that entrance. There is now a secure drop box for donations and mail beside the office door. If possible, please refrain from leaving envelopes with cash donations in the drop box after office hours. Hours are 9:30 am - 4:00 pm Tuesday - Friday.**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**YOUNG ADULTS VIRTUAL GAMES NIGHT** Sunday, January 31/20 at 7:30 pm. A Zoom link to connect will be sent out on the day of the event. If you are not on our email list and would like to be, please let the church office know and your name will be added! Hope to see you soon!

**CHRISTIAN APOLOGETICS BOOK STUDY** Online by Zoom, Tuesdays 7-8 pm, February 9 - March 16. Led by Karl Truderung. *The Problem With Christianity: Six Unsettling Questions You Have Asked* by Barton Priebe (\$10). Email Pastor Jon if you're interested: [jkroeker@rowandale.ca](mailto:jkroeker@rowandale.ca)

**THE COLDEST NIGHT OF THE YEAR (CNOY)-UGM FUNDRAISER** February 20, 2021 is a day focused for charities across Canada to be supported by a fundraising walk-a-thon all over the country.

We would like to invite you to consider raising a walking team and financial support for **UGM**, observing all COVID mandated protocols in existence at that time.

We have set a goal for our fundraising of \$20,000 and, we, would be excited to show the rest of Canada how amazing Manitobans are by blowing past the goal.

Register your team, or donate at: <https://cnoy.org/location/winnipegnorthdowntown>

### February birthdays

1	Lorraine Loewen	19	Werner Steinhilber
2	Tabea Crozier	19	Darolyn Walker
3	Imogen Miller	20	Helen Hawley
6	Fred Liessens	20	Marilyn Scott
6	Karina Pauls	21	Robert Olsen
7	Cory Schreyer	22	Cheryl Liessens
8	Dakota Kahler-Collins	23	Donald Lepp
9	Michael Kehler	25	Daryll Fehr
13	Candace Nightingale	25	David Piper
15	Elke Daraska	26	Edith Lehmann
15	Leo Garcia	26	Gerry Owzarek
15	Kristin Harris	26	Karl Truderung
15	Bev Sheridan		
16	Elfriede Kuenstler		
18	Cody Kahler-Collins		
19	Mary Plew		

### February anniversaries

13	Brian & Edith Matychuk
17	Hardy & Bettina Gerl
26	Ralf & Leona Owzarek



## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Rowandale's Worship Ministry is looking for volunteers to help with **SOUND and VIDEO** for our services. Training and mentorship will be provided.

If interested, please email [worship@rowandale.ca](mailto:worship@rowandale.ca)

**CHILDREN'S MINISTRY** Lord willing, we want to be ready for whatever Children's ministries we can run when we return to meeting at Rowandale. Please let Pastor Dave know if you would like to help in the Nursery, Junior Church, Sunday School or with the Summer Kids Club program. [dmiller@rowandale.ca](mailto:dmiller@rowandale.ca)

## LISTEN TO THE SERVICE BY PHONE

SUNDAYS at 10:00 am (YOU CAN CALL IN AS EARLY AS 9:45)

**STEP 1:** Call **204-272-7920**

**STEP 2:** Enter Meeting ID: **829 0930 0180** then press **#**

**STEP 3:** Wait for the service to begin

(ignore further instructions/options)

**STEP 4 (optional):** After the service you can press **\*6** to un-mute yourself and speak with others on the phone

## SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES

In-person Sunday worship services have been suspended while Code Red is in effect, until further notice. Worship services will be posted at [www.rowandale.ca](http://www.rowandale.ca) at 10 am on Sunday mornings and will be available to watch afterwards.

## ONLINE PRAYER MEETINGS

Wednesdays at 7 pm. Look for a weekly email with a link to the meeting. We look forward to having you join us!

## Thank you for continuing to support Rowandale Baptist Church

### ALTERNATIVES TO IN-PERSON GIVING

**1.** Mail a cheque to the church or drop it off in the drop box **NOW LOCATED BESIDE THE OFFICE DOOR**. 162 Rowandale Ave, Winnipeg, MB R2K 0A5.

**2.** Contact our treasurer, Jason Nickel to get set up for regular withdrawals from your bank account (use this option only for regular, ongoing donations).



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