

CONVERSATION STARTERS

SOUTHRIDGE COMMUNITY CHURCH

November 24, 2024 | Hope Lives

EAT TOGETHER | *Showing up regularly to share life and build relationships*

1. Mark your calendars for [Christmas at Southridge](#):
 - Welland | December 23rd @ 6:00pm
 - St. Catharines & Vineland | December 24th @ 6:00pm
2. As you reflect on our *Hope Lives* series about becoming good relatives with Indigenous Peoples, what has caught you most by surprise and how has it made you feel?

PRAY TOGETHER | *Joining in on conversations of life and faith*

1. What stood out to you in [this week's service](#)? Was there a song that spoke to you? Was there a moment when you sensed God's presence? Did you meet someone new? Did you learn something from the message? Feel free to watch the [message recap](#) to review the big ideas of the message.
2. In the message, Nate Dirks shared about the epidemic of depression and suicide in Attawapiskat. How did this story make you feel? What are some of the factors that have contributed to such a tragedy?
3. In the service, we listened to the fictional story of a young woman who becomes Canada's Prime Minister and learns of their broken treaties, which Nate paralleled to the story of King Josiah learning of their broken covenant with God in [2 Kings 22:8-13](#) & [23:1-3](#).
 - a. What did you notice about the parallels in these stories?
 - b. What next steps could the Prime Minister have taken in response to the treaties?
 - c. What can we learn from these stories?

LOVE TOGETHER | *Being real to care and make a difference*

1. What next step do you sense God is calling you to as we seek to become good relatives together?
2. Check out these *Becoming Good Relatives* [invitations and action steps](#) that are available at Southridge. Which one interests you? Are there any we could participate in together as a group?
3. Take time to pray together, inviting Jesus to keep changing our hearts and leading our actions as we take one small step at a time toward love, truth, and reconciliation with Indigenous Peoples.