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As we enter into Black History Month, this quote from Martin Luther King Jr may provide a context for framing discussions:

The trouble isn't so much that we don't know enough, but it's as if we aren't good enough. The trouble isn't so much that our scientific genius lags behind, but our moral genius lags behind. The great problem facing modern man is that the means by which we live have outdistanced the spiritual ends for which we live. So we find ourselves caught in a messed-up world. The problem is with man himself and man's soul. We haven't learned how to be just and honest and kind and true and loving. And that is the basis of our problem. The real problem is that through our scientific genius we've made of the world a neighborhood, but through our moral and spiritual genius we've failed to make of it a brotherhood.

From the sermon "Rediscovering Lost Values" delivered February 28, 1954

LEARNING

Black History Month

Here are a few resources for you to check out as you think about how to engage your students in conversations/learning around Black History Month:

- [Why Christians Should Celebrate Black History Month](#) (discussions questions included)
- [Honouring the Legacy of Black Canadians in our Faith Communities](#)
- [Government of Canada](#) official site that includes a substantial [list](#) of noteworthy

Black Canadians

Graduation Deep Hopes

Last week Gateway Christian School's graduating class crafted Deep Hope's that were used as the backdrop to their "Stand and Deliver" speeches and will be displayed at their graduation. Jeremy led them through some reflection prompts that encouraged the students to think about WHO and WHOSE they wanted to be, rather than WHAT they wanted to be. Here are a few of their Deep Hope statements:

- My deep hope is to be balanced through everything in life, where the people I love can trust and count on me, that I am able to thrive at what I love and praise God throughout my life.
- My deep hope is to live in consistent, confident humility, no looking out for my own interests but to the interests of others. To be a light of joy for my community, loving others the way God loves me.
- My deep hope is to learn and carry out my purpose here on earth, to build a legacy rooted in faith and family, walking daily in God's wisdom and grace, serving others and walking a Christ-like path.

Thank you to Cathy Tilstra and Darren Graham for the idea and the invitation to Zoom into their classroom. It was a pleasure for the PCCE to be a part of this and lead these amazing grads through the process. If you are interested in doing something similar with your graduating students, please email jhorlings@pcce.ca.

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2021-22 Calendars

Make sure you include the PCCE Teachers' Convention on your calendar for next year (October 21 & 22). October 21 will be a PCCE-wide synchronous event, with October 22 as a PCCE-supported site-based asynchronous day.

Sharpening Your Leadership

Have a look at this list of recommended leadership [books](#) (many from a Christian perspective). If something catches your eye and you'd like to read and discuss the book with some other PCCE leaders, contact [Gayle](#).

PCCE AGM

Mark April 17 on your calendar for our **virtual Annual General Meeting**. In addition to the business aspect of the meeting (reports, budget, new board member, etc), we will be including some workshops of interest to board members, leaders and teachers.



February 2 & 4 Tft 101 - Session 3 - Throughlines
February 11-12 [CSI Bible Symposium](#)
February 19 [Christian Deeper Learning Gathering](#)

March 2 & 4 Tft 101 - Session 4 - FLEx
April 17 The PCCE AGM (virtual)
October 21-22 Teachers' Convention (Hybrid Model)



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