



*“Seek the peace and prosperity of the city
to which I have carried you into exile.
Pray to the Lord for it, because if it prospers,
you too will prosper.”*

— Jeremiah 29:7



What is the Centre for Public Dialogue? We promote a positive voice of Christian faith in Canadian public life that seeks justice, hope, and reconciliation in political dialogue and active citizenship.

Peace and well-being. That's something we all desire. As Christians we feel that call to seek the peace and flourishing of the place that we are in. We make daily decisions to participate in our communities and to experience the faithfulness of God where he has placed us even when the brokenness around us can feel disorienting, like exile.

The COVID-19 pandemic, the ongoing challenges experienced by refugees, and the realities of climate change and racial reconciliation make it clear that people all over the world are interconnected and interdependent. Your well-being is linked to your neighbour's and that well-being is dependent on the systems that can bring harm or help thrive.

As we sit in the ashes of Lent let us consider our interdependence and how injustice experienced by

one of us will impact the peace and prosperity of all. Consider some of the issues that the Centre for Public Dialogue advocates for, such as equity in education for Indigenous children, the disproportionate impact that a changing climate has on vulnerable people, or reforming systems that make it difficult for refugees to succeed in Canada.

As we come to a greater understanding of our interdependence with one another, let us seek the creation of good policies and systems that will prosper all who we are interdependent with in the places where God has carried and placed us.

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