



WASCANA PRESBYTERY THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA

Letters to the Editor
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Below is a copy of the letter that Wascana Presbytery of The United Church of Canada wrote to Sabreena Haque from the Islamic Association of Saskatchewan. We feel that it is very important for Christians whose understandings are quite different from the group described in the article, who are praying to convert Muslims, to make their views known publicly. The signees below are all active members of Wascana Presbytery.

Linda Anderson, Secretary

Dear Sabreena,

It was with shock and surprise that we read the article in the June 22nd edition of the Regina Leader-Post regarding the Regina Christian group that is "power praying" to convert Muslims. Thank you so much for your enlightened and reasoned responses within the article that corrected misinformation and urged all faiths to listen to one another and to create understanding.

The Wascana Presbytery of The United Church of Canada has actively been a part of inter-faith/multi-faith groupings such as the Regina Multi-faith Forum and Multi-Faith Saskatchewan. We believe that the teachings of Jesus lead us to seek truth, justice and inclusion for all members of our society. No one faith is superior to another. If indeed the greatest commandment in our bible is to love our neighbours as ourselves the only way we can do that is to reach out to one another in love and respect.

Several United Church congregations are currently involved in welcoming and supporting refugees from various parts of the world. We expect that the relationships that are formed will not only be of benefit for people who have had to flee their homes but will offer rich and varied understandings of life and faith for all of us.

Once again, thank you for your wise contributions to the Leader-Post article. We hope that we can support one another on the journey to understanding and peace for all people.

Sincerely,

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