



**2021 February 23**

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## **LIVING**

“Be still and know that I am God.” — Psalm 46:10

In our busy lives, we are constantly being pulled in every direction, drawing us continually away from moments of stillness before God. But when we make time for moments of quiet, and set aside the demands and cares of the day to encounter and wait upon God, we begin to feel the compulsions of the world fall away and we create space to hear that still small voice.

Take a moment of stillness today. Put aside all distractions and allow the hurriedness of life to give way to a calmed and quieted mind. Take some deep breaths and ask the Spirit of God to meet you. Reflect on the experience. What was it like?

*O God of peace, who has taught us that in returning and rest we will be saved, in quietness and confidence will be our strength: By the might of your Spirit lift us, we pray, to your presence, where we may be still and know that you are God; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

From: [Good Shepherd Church Lent Guide](#)

## **LEARNING**

### **Initiating FLEx**

Do you find yourself wanting to move past Covid conversations/protocols and engage students in “real work that meets real needs for real people?”

“[A Christian Justice Manifesto](#)” provides some great biblical foundations for FLEx, worthy causes (preventable disease, poverty, loss of innocents, violence and creation care) and some practical ideas. Kelli B. Trujillo opens the post with this call to action:

We get caught up in the next deadline, the next work day, the next distraction blinking up

on our phone. We get caught up in me-centered living. Even when faced with the world’s profound needs, our self-preoccupation can slip into complacency. The end result is apathy—somehow, we’ve just stopped caring.

Apathy is the easy road when the horrors of life-gone-wrong disconcert us. Before we

realize it, it becomes our default habit because it requires so little change. Rejecting apathy, on the other hand, is a radical counteraction. It's the about-face to the gravitational pull of self-centeredness.

We reject apathy because God calls us to embrace something far stronger: life.

## **#Lent21PCCE**

Last week we kicked-off our ["CONTEMPLATING LENT"](#) initiative. The idea is that you will spend time each day inviting students to reflect on the connection between the word for that day and Lent. Ask your school leadership for more information concerning the logistics of sharing any artifacts your students create in response to these discussions. You can also take to your own social media platforms and use #Lent21PCCE to share your reflections/thoughts on the word for that day. This week's words are: lift, doubt, stand, provide and watchful.

Check out an [example](#) from the Grade 6VL class at Covenant Christian for the February 18th word "help."

## **Mental Health Symposium**

A [virtual conference](#) with Gordon Neufeld, Ross Greene, Deborah MacNamara and many more will be held on April 23-25. Cost is reasonable (\$162) and you get access to the resources for 60 days.

# **LEADING**

## **Wilson Videos**

The latest video, [The Nature of Encouragement and How to Do It](#), is now available. Share it with your teachers, use it during a staff meeting or at devotions! Here is the [link](#) to the series.

## **Labour and Employment Year in Review webinar**

To learn more about "the most interesting and significant developments with topics such as employment, human rights and privacy," sign up for this [session](#) on March 2 9:00-12:30.

## **Critical Worker Benefits**

if your school is a member of AISCA, they are hosting a webinar about CWB on February 26 at 1:00. Click [here](#) to register.

## **Compensation Report**

PCCE was very pleased to finalize our first annual Compensation Report earlier this month. This first edition concentrates on compensation for independent school employees. If you would like to receive a copy of this report, please contact [Gayle](#). Also, if you would like to see us expand the report's contents in future editions, please let us know what you'd like added.

## **Code of Conduct/Lifestyle Agreements**

If you require your staff to sign a lifestyle agreement of some sort, please send a copy to [Gayle](#). We are gathering samples so that we can share them among our schools for further reference.



**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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