

"Now that the hour of worship is over, may the service begin".

- Quaker/Friend closing prayer

"Evangelize, if necessary use words." (A further rejoinder)

Every new beginning is a doorway to adventure... a threshold of discovery.

(Posted on senior's doorway)

While it is true most members within the Mennonite Church are married and among these there exists the knowledge that "you have to kiss a lot of frogs before you find a prince(ss)", how is it, when it comes to a new political voice, the doors are often closed in favour of the status quo with, "Ah politicians! They are all the same!"?

A variety wisdom sources indicate there are only two paths in the use of power.

One of these may be referred to as the "pecking order". Like a coin having two faces, the "pecking order" too presents two faces, which are sometimes described as "Kick-down" and "Kiss-up".

The language in Martin Buber's, "I and Thou", helps to define and to differentiate, one from the other, both paths of power. From his "pecking order" would be akin to "Subject-Object" relationships, while the only other available path is defined as being "Subject-Subject".

The latter path, regardless of the size, colour or age of our hat, is defined by a relationship that is egalitarian. A meeting along this path, builds community and invariably starts with gatherings as little as 2 or 3...

In the face of the status quo, **"Silence means consent"**

"War silences all debate"

"Who is not against me is for me."

Or is it "Who is not for me, is against me."

Luke 9:50 & 11:23 respectively

"The conventional view serves to protect us from the painful job of thinking." - J. K. Galbraith

"Fascism should more properly be called corporatism, since it is the merger of state and corporate power." - Benito Mussolini

"It is not enough to say 'we must not wage war'. We must concentrate not on the eradication of war, but on the affirmation of peace." - Martin Luther King

In Kildonan St. Paul, on January 23, will you vote Eduard Hiebert (Independent)?

And between now and then build community by speaking in 2 and 3's with your neighbours? Such grass-roots up activity is a working alternative to the corporate-down "we do it all for you".

For more information or to help in the campaign, check out Eduard Hiebert's web site at <http://www.eduardhiebert.com> or call 864-2102.

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