



LET'S CHAT!
with Pastor D



A Call To Stand

“He has shown you, O man, what is good; And what does the LORD require of you But to do justly, To love mercy, And to walk humbly with your God?” Micah 6:8.

I reflected on the irony of this week. We coordinated and led a protest for justice in the city of Portland with the youth from the Hispanic Seventh-day Adventist community. I was overjoyed to see so many from Sharon Church in the march.

I remembered the first day my family traveled to Portland and we drove to the city to survey the new surroundings. I saw a young white lady with a black lives matter shirt. I stopped and looked in amazement and was proud of her taking such a powerful stand. Ironically, this is now the focal issue of our nation. I have seen and met so many diverse groups of youth who are passionately protesting.

Some have asked; what do you think will change by protesting? Others equate it to rioting, a public disturbance and a nuisance.

Honestly, a protest is supposed to be a disturbance. It calls attention to wrongs that are usually unheard.

No, it is not about looting and rioting. However, some people attend these gatherings who are mentally unstable and are determined to destroy property. Those who view a peaceful protest as a nuisance may be the ones that are part of the problem.

Has protesting achieved anything?

There are multiple issues that have occurred this week because of the nation wide protests. Here in Portland the police chief stepped down as the calls rise for police reform.

Many companies like Adidas have committed to employ black employees and become safe places to foster their retention.

Others have acknowledged their past racism and bias and have set new policies to have black leadership and inclusion.

However, one of the gutsiest moves is Nascar’s ban of confederate flags at all their events. The flag has become a symbol of white nationalism and promotes the racist and hurtful historical points of the USA. This is a pivotal part of history, and I pray we choose to take a stand for justice.

SHARON SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH WEEKLY SERVICES

Sunday

- 9-9:30am Morning Prayer and Devotion via Prayer Line 1-360-602-2931

Monday

- 9-9:30am Morning Prayer and Devotion via Prayer Line 1-360-602-2931
 - Noon Bible Study via our new Prayer Line 1-360-602-2931

Tuesday

- 9-9:30am Morning Prayer and Devotion via Prayer Line 1-360-602-2931
 - 5:00pm Banner Team Connect via Prayer Line

Wednesday

- -9:30am Morning Prayer and Devotion via Prayer Line 1-360-602-2931
 - 3-5:00pm Banner Ministry Practice– Sharon Church Parking lot
 - 7-8:00pm Prayer Meeting via Prayer Line 1-360-602-2931

Thursday

- 9-9:30am Morning Prayer and Devotion via Prayer Line 1-360-602-2931
 - 3-5:00pm Banner Ministry Practice– Sharon Church Parking lot

Friday

- 9-9:30am Morning Prayer and Devotion via Prayer Line 1-360-602-2931
 - 7-7:30pm Devotional Thought via Facebook Live and YouTube

Sabbath

- • 9:45am Adult Sabbath School via Zoom
- 10:00am Youth Sabbath School via Zoom
- 11:15am Church Service via Facebook Live and YouTube
 - Noon Prayer via Prayer Line 1-360-602-2931
- 2-4:00pm The last 2 Sabbath's of the month the Food Pantry will be open with restrictions and strict adherence to social distancing.

Online {Donations ~Tithes ~ Offerings) Giving:

We would like to encourage everyone to continue giving financially. There are several ways this can happen, via the Sharon church web page at: sharonsda.net or mailing your contribution to the church (5209 NE 22nd Ave. Pdx97211) also by CashApp—send to SharonChurchPDX@gmail.com, please designate how you would like your funds distributed.

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Solution

GOD is our **refuge** and **strength**, an ever-present help in trouble. Therefore we **WILL NOT FEAR**, though the earth give way and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea. - Psalms 46:1-2