

Nightwatch News

June, 2019

Can we all just get along?

By Rev. Rick Reynolds



Two homeless guys have a disagreement. There was yelling. One guy bumped the other smaller guy.

Homeless people gathered later, to decide the fate of the bumper. The bumpee made his case to the others, calling out the “injury.” The rule calls for banishment for a time and no more privileges going forward.

So I asked the person who was bumped: “Do you want him to leave the camp? Or can you agree to get along with each other?”

They looked at each other like school boys, then shook hands. The other campers were relieved. There is peace and justice in the community again.

Rodney King once asked plaintively, “Can we all just get along?” I think about the pain and injustice and suffering of human beings in this community. Neighbors pointing fingers at (homeless) neighbors. Making villains of an entire class of people.

When we learn to get along, beautiful things can happen. We’ve seen it at Nightwatch, thanks to your support and the hard work of many volunteers and staff.

Lord, grant us grace to get along, and turn our mere tolerance into love. ●

Team effort

By Ben Curtis, Street Minister

My homeless friend Kris was missing for a while. One night we ran into him downtown. It was a happy moment.

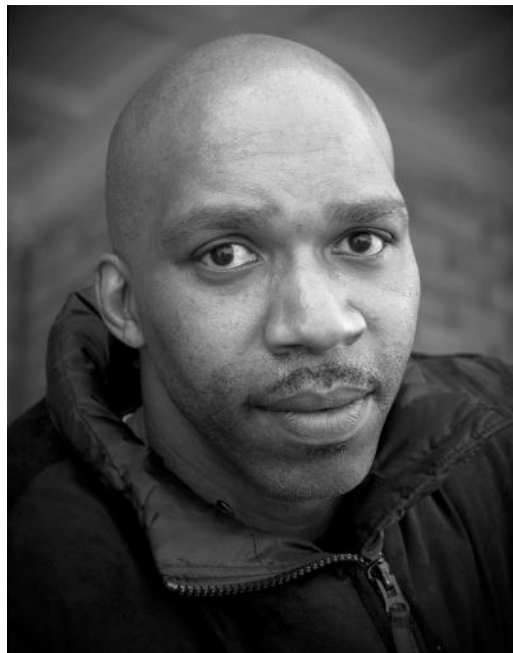
He was in a good mood. Kris told me about getting into a treatment program. He had four months clean. He said that I was one of the reasons that he made a change in his life.

He was a broken-down young man, mired in addiction, in his previous life. Last I saw him, he was sitting in his tent underneath the crumbling Viaduct. As tears rolled down his cheeks, he confessed that he was at the end of his rope. On that dimly-lit terrace in the cold night air, I listened, and then we prayed.

The next day, I couldn’t find him. Later, his friend said Kris had gone for treatment.

It’s because of support from you, who are reading this, that we are able to go out into the night and meet with people like Kris in their time of greatest need. You are with us in spirit. **Your prayers and donations make it possible for us to do what we do.**

Now here Kris is, looking better than ever. He thanked me for being with him. His gratefulness I now pass along to you. ●



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Memorials & Tributes

Memorials

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Chris
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Paul Christianson
& Angie Lausch
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Tributes

Man Lung Li
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Kathleen Todd
Cynthia Pemberton
Paul Pemberton
Mike Potts
Catharine Fletcher

Living outside

By Ann Sakaguchi

Headline news lately includes stories about "clean-ups" of tent encampments. This morning, I woke to the radio report that a big sweep is happening today, close to Nightwatch.

It makes my heart hurt.

People need to live somewhere. Once they're forced to leave their tent, where will they go? It's said that they are offered a place in a shelter, but few choose to come in. So where do they go?

Many will move and set up camp again, somewhere down the road. How is this helping anyone? The person experiencing homelessness is being chased around the city, trying to stay ahead of the clean-up crews. The government spends valuable dollars chasing people around. Citizens who dislike the sight of tents and encampments may benefit from the clean-up; other citizens will then be bothered by tents moving into their area. This is crazy!

I'm not smart enough to figure out the solution for this. What we know is that many people are barely surviving while living outside. And they need help.

Nightwatch is adding staff to work with people outside. Soon, we will have another full-time Street Minister, to join Ben Curtis, Pastor Rick, and the many volunteers who minister on the streets and in tent cities. The new Street Minister will focus on caring for people surviving in encampments.

This, of course, requires more resources. **Will you help us financially, to bring support to those living outside?** We can't do this without you. ●



Shopping List

Please help by collecting these items for us to distribute to our homeless friends and tenants (travel sizes are preferred):

- Deodorant
- Lotion
- Shave cream
- Dental floss
- Lip balm
- Hand sanitizers
- Multi-vitamins
- Cough drops
- Pain relievers
- Kleenex packs
- Toothbrushes
- Toothpaste
- Bulk drink mix

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