

A Place at the Table

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- The work is not only the photo, but an interactive website that includes video testimony and detailed biographic reflections of the disciples and photographer. Please encourage interaction with this site: <https://united-church.ca/a-place-at-the-table> Your community might also consider how they might create an image such as this in and beyond your community, to reflect your hopes for ministry into the future.
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- Finally, the image was created first and foremost to help people outside the United Church come to understand us in new ways, ways perhaps different from current assumptions of a rule-based, exclusive Christianity. Please consider ways in which you can share this image with the broader community whose curiosity might be stirred, and who might seek to explore us anew or again, as they might seek community to broaden and deepen their spirituality.

Resources will continue to be developed on this theme of A Place at the Table. Also keep an eye for an interconnected project #100Tables which will profile ministries of the United Church across the country.

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