



July 26, 2020



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The Special Meeting of the PSEC will take place Saturday, August 15th beginning at 1:00. Due to Covid-19, this event will take place via a zoom format.

Please be aware the deadline to register will be Monday, August 10th! Registrations after this date will not be possible due to the zoom format!

The meeting will cover the election of our officers/ leaders, addressing the re-election of our Conference Minister, and reports from the Climate and Addiction committees.

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The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away.” Matthew 13

The wheat and the weeds are so incredibly close together, that one cannot be uprooted, without uprooting the other.

I know this. Not because I am an experienced gardener; nor have I lots of evil neighbors. I know this because the goodness in me, and the evil in me, are so close together. The person who I judge to have evil ideas, also has good in them.

This parable is about how gray the world is; how what's good, and what's bad aren't so easily separated.

I watch people spend tremendous energy battling the beliefs of others. Working so very hard at the separating and dividing. Trying to make the world right (or white) in their own image. Everyone is their own authority deciding who is right and wrong, who is evil and good. Republicans or Democrats? Liberals or conservatives? Police or Protesters? This, according to Jesus, is a complete waste of time.

Teresa of Ávila said that the sinner is actually one who does not love himself or herself enough. We do not see or admire the whole self; so we split and try to love the good self and reject the bad self. But Jesus told us to let the weeds and the wheat grow together until the harvest, lest we destroy the wheat by trying to pull up the weeds.

We pull up our own values, morals, and intentions trying to eradicate differing viewpoints and the people who hold them. That is one warning of the parable. The destruction you intend for another will come back to bite you. What goes around will come around.

It is difficult enough to live up to my own expectations and even more difficult to get others to do the same. I suspect that is true for us all. Though our lives are intimately and globally intertwined, living our best is what is best for another and for the world. This, according to Jesus, should be the complete use of our time.

May it be so for you and for me,
 Pastor Bill

Rev. William P. Worley, PSE Conference Minister