



ACEH will take a look at friendships

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Holland, MI — When you think about the friendships you have, are they almost entirely among people “just like you”? Are your friends all about your age, or from your ethnic or racial background, or in a similar kind of family situation?

At its next meeting, the Alliance for Cultural and Ethnic Harmony (ACEH) will look at the dynamics of friendships, the barriers we imagine would keep us from making new friends, and what we miss out on by not knowing people who are different in some way from ourselves.

The meeting, “Hearts in Harmony: Making Friends Across Imagined Barriers,” is open to the public and begins at 7 p.m. Friday at Faith Christian Reformed Church, 85 W. 26th St.

The Rev. Angela Taylor Perry, pastor of reconciling ministries at the church and vice president of ACEH, will lead the meeting. She has developed Hearts in Harmony to pair people of differing backgrounds. Over a year’s time, they meet at least monthly and work with guidelines and questions to get to know each other.

“Hearts in Harmony partners learn so much from one another,” Perry said. “They create real friendships that benefit them, their families, and the wider community. They may find many similarities but they also begin to understand another person’s culture, life situation, and experiences in a world that’s different from their own.”

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