8-Day Online Bible Study series "We saw the star in the East and we came to worship him" (Matthew 2:2)

January 18-25, 12:15-1:00 pm daily except Sunday Jan. 23 which will be at 3 pm (Saskatchewan time) Presented by the Prairie Centre for Ecumenism and the Regina Council of Churches. <u>Click here to register</u>



The 2022 theme for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, "We saw the star in the East, and we came to worship him" (Mt 2:2), was prepared by the Middle East Council of Churches, based in Beirut, Lebanon. The international theme and resources speak to our world's urgent need for solidarity and transformation in the face of political, eco-nomic, and social turmoil, including the

challenges and in-justices highlighted by the COVID-19 pandemic. As we join the Christians of the Middle East in the journey to Christ's manger, may we become a sign of the unity that God desires for all creation, and may we return to our home, our churches, and our world by new ways.

Themes and Bible study leaders:

Day 1, Tues, Jan. 18th: Raise us up and draw us to your perfect light: "We observed his star in the East" (Mt 2:2) Rev. Mitchell Anderson, St. Paul's United, Saskatoon

Day 2, Wed, Jan. 19th: Humble leadership breaks down walls and builds up with love: "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews?" (Mt 2:2) Rev. Karen Stepko, Christ Lutheran, ELCIC, Rhein, SK

Day 3, Thu, Jan. 20th: The presence of Christ, turning the world upside down: "When Herod heard this he was dis-turbed, and all Jerusalem with him" (Mt 2:3) Queens House Retreat and Renewal Centre – Sarah Donnelly and Simon Lasair, Saskatoon.

Day 4, Fri, Jan. 21st: Though small and suffering, we lack nothing: "And you, Bethlehem... are by no means least" (Mt 2:6) Rev. Paul Matheson – First Mennonite, Saskatoon

Day 5, Sat, Jan. 22nd: Guided by the one Lord: "Ahead of them went the star that they had seen at its rising" (Mt 2:9) Rev. Amanda Currie – First Presbyterian, Regina

Day 6, Sun, Jan. 23rd: Gathered in worship around the One Lord: "They saw the child with Mary his mother, and they knelt down and paid him homage" (Mt 2:11) Gertrude Rompré, St. Thomas More College, Saskatoon

Day 7, Mon, Jan. 24th: The gifts of communion: "Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh" (Mt 2:11) The Ven. Cheryl Toth, Anglican Church of Canada, Archdeacon of St. Cuthbert, Diocese of Qu'Appelle, Regina

Day 8, Tues, Jan. 25th: Beyond the familiar routes of separation to God's new paths: "They left for their own country by another road" (Mt 2:12) Father Warren Dungen, St. Basil's Ukrainian Catholic Church, Regina. For further details, contact Cathryn Wood at admin@pcecumenism.ca