

OLD DISCUSSION GROUP SEEKS RE-BIRTH

For years a (very) small group, excitingly titled the “Book-Lunch Group,” has met each Wednesday with Margaret and Mike at noon, for an hour. Each week, Margaret would select two or three articles from the *Christian Century* magazine and send them around to group members in advance. Members would bring bag lunches and start talking. Although the selected articles were almost always very interesting, the initial talk was usually about some aspect of what was going on at Messiah, or with various members, or with the world in general. Never fear, the articles would also be covered.

For years, attendance usually consisted of Margaret and Mike and two others. Over the last 6 months another member joined and attendance leapt up to *five!* But then M&M departed from us, and we few, we faithful remnant, have been trying to figure out how to continue. We are going to try to generate self-leadership and continue selecting articles to read, whether from CC or other publications. Last Wednesday, July 27. Yet *another* member joined us. We discussed the last articles which Margaret had left for us. But before that we had a great time discussing things we never knew about each other, and things going on at Messiah, and the state of the world in general. We decided for the future that we would meet at least one more time, on Wednesday August 10, and I agreed to find a discussion topic for us (just for this one time!). A new title for the group may be up for grabs (perhaps “*Gab and Grow*,” or borrow one from The Senior Resource Center: “*Lunch and Learn*”?)

If you would like to try us out, Wednesday August 10, noon until 1:00, may be your only chance! The selection is again from *Christian Century*. I’m not able to print it out at the moment, so I’ll refer you to their website: <https://christiancentury.org>

July 29, *The World Council of Churches in Wartime*, by Ross M. Allen; Subtitle, “The grim future of communion with the Russian Orthodox Church.” My comment: It seems that Patriarch Kirill has declared Russia’s invasion of Ukraine a “just war” against the morally corrupt societies of the West...

Hope to see you!

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