

Good day

It gives me great pleasure to announce that MBCI is holding its first ever conference on the timely topic of, *How to Live Non-Violently in a Violent World*. Students in my grade 11 Church History class have been studying the topic since their return from Spring Break. As such, it is those students who are doing most of the planning for the conference and all of the presenting of material they have been researching.

The event is being held on June 11 from 7-8:30 P.M. at Jubilee Place and the surrounding classrooms. I realize that this is a Saturday evening and that the potential for conflicts is there. That said, it is an important event for my students, as it gives them a chance to share their findings with a larger audience.

Students will have presented their material to each other prior to the event, at which point constructive feedback can be given to ensure the highest possible quality of presentations.

I am asking you as parents and guardians to block this time off on your calendars and support your children in this event. I will be inviting people from our supporting MB Churches to also show up at this conference. In the event that it is simply not possible for your child to attend, please let me know well in advance. Currently, their work during this public presentation is worth 12% of the term and the practice run in front of students is worth 6%. If the student cannot attend, the practice run would be given 18%.

Beyond the marks though, I believe this is a great opportunity for my students and an even better one for the community. Our work in understanding peace and non-violent resistance to evil is critical for the well-being of the global community, both for human and non-human species. The ideas your children are working with could have profound benefits to the world we live in.

I hope to see you at this event.

Mr. Mike Neufeld.