

CELEBRATING INCLUSIVE COMMUNITIES

SAINT JOHN, New Brunswick – Focusing on hospitality and inclusion, Sisters of Charity of the Immaculate Conception (SCIC), Associates and guests celebrated the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity here Jan. 22.

Rev. Dr. Elizabeth Stevenson of the United Church of Canada offered a lively, heartfelt reflection on her journey with Affirming faith communities. In her tradition, this includes awareness of gender diversity and respectful inclusion of 2SLGBTQIA+ persons in all aspects of ministry. It also involves hospitality and attentiveness to others who are often overlooked, misunderstood or excluded.

Rev. Tom Graham of the Lutheran tradition also participated in the liturgy with SCIC and staff in Carmel Chapel at Ruth Ross Residence. Sr. Roma De Robertis, congregational leader, led all in praying: “Help us become more aware of those who too often go unheard or unwelcomed. Lead us to greater openness of mind and heart.”

SCIC have long been committed to Christian unity and interfaith understanding through prayer and gatherings with guests. They also support the Prairie Centre for Ecumenism in western Canada and the Canadian Centre for Ecumenism in Montreal.

(Photo: SCIC, Associates and guests celebrating Week of Prayer for Christian Unity)

