

# Stay Revolutionary!



We live in the United States of America. (Side Note: all people from North America and South America; Mexicans, Canadians, Brazilians, Costa Ricans etc. can be considered “Americans.”

It is more accurate to refer to people from the United States as being from the US instead of being Americans.) Our nation was created after a long messy revolution. For many of us being revolutionary comes naturally in the sense that we are interested in thinking about being involved in or causing a complete or dramatic change in our lives, in our communities, in our churches, in our world. Synonyms for this definition of revolutionary include wide-ranging, extensive and profound. Finding new ways of doing things, and new ways to think about our health, our wealth, our environment and God and how God works in the world has been part of the United States since it's inception. We value those who would create revolutionary new drugs, new sources of energy, and more joyful, visions of the kingdom of God.

This week the leader of a Girl Scout troop stopped by to inquire about using space at St. Richard's for an activity. During the conversation she said that she believed in God not because of the church but in spite of it. She was taught as a child that if she didn't pray the right way, worship the right way that she

would not get into heaven. She does not believe that about God, but she believes that is the message that churches deliver. For her, the truth that the message that the Christian community at St. Richard's believes Jesus' words that all are worthy of love and that all are children of God was revolutionary for her. The message of love that she heard here at St. Richard's on her brief visit was profound. Pray she returns for worship with her family.

Are there those in your world that need to hear a revolutionary message of the love of God? Are there those you know who need a community to feel fully a part of? Invite them to worship, fellowship, study with us.

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