

## Minister's Minute for Friday, May 5, 2017

### May the fourth be with you

Here we are in the midst of a Provincial Election that, as always causes many questions, doubts, trust issues and so much more angst. We weigh the question Do I vote, Do I not vote through personal, political, philosophical and even spiritual motivations. Perhaps a little levity is just what we need right now. I know, some will question my timing, but I did write this on Thursday the 4<sup>th</sup> for publication on the 5<sup>th</sup>.

So what are we to consider, if you haven't already voted in early polls? Yes, we know the rhetoric about it being our civic duty and it is. We bandy the idea around that if we don't vote then we have no right to complain or protest after the fact and there's some validity to this stance, though I'm not sure how that is to be monitored since our vote is supposedly private?? And yes we want to set a good example for the generations following us to access that which is a privileged reality in our democratic part of the world.

For my part, as a Christian Minister, I tend to prefer the language of being faithful to our calling as people who hear the word of scripture. *"He has told you ... what is good; and what does the LORD require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?"* (Micha 6:8). It seems to me that we do this in the corporate or societal context by coming to agreement, together, about how this will be accomplished.