

“Next steps” in the journey of being Affirming at Sydenham Street United Church in downtown Kingston ON



For several years now, during June- PRIDE month in Kingston, the front steps of our beautiful 1850's limestone building have been bright with rainbow colours . . . signifying our Affirming Ministry status and welcoming diversity publicly, intentionally and explicitly. This year during the COVID-19 pandemic, the need to encourage our wider community with hope and promise called for the plastic coloured risers to remain through the summer . . . sporting Jack Layton's famous quote –

“Let us be loving, hopeful & optimistic and we'll change the world.”

And now, in September as we prepare for autumn and finish off outside chores such as repainting the grey steps . . . surprise, surprise . . . the steps have been permanently painted in rainbow colours . . . shouting out to downtown Kingston that we embrace all of God's people.

