Spiritual Reading for March 9 meeting.

Rules for the New Life, Ephesians 4:25-29

"So then, putting away falsehood, let all of us speak the truth to our neighbours, for we are members of one another. Be angry but do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger and do not make room for the devil. Thieves must give up stealing; rather let them labour and work honestly with their own hands, so as to have something to share with the needy. Let no evil talk come out of your mouths, but only what is useful for building up, as there is need, so that your words may give grace to those who hear. And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with which you were marked with a seal for the day of redemption. Put away from you all bitterness and wrath and anger and wrangling and slander, together with all malice, and be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you."

Questions for reflection and discussion

- 1. I have used this text previously and people have found it helpful.
- 2. What is the relationship between being conciliatory and being truthful, i.e between conciliation and truth?
- 3. Can you have conciliation without agreed upon truth, can you have truth without agreed upon conciliation?
- 4. Who has proprietary ownership of the phrases "being conciliatory" and "being truthful"?

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