

Letters: Editorial: Responding to Trump: Things Christians can agree on

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Thank you over and over for the editorial regarding what Christians can agree on. Most of all, we always need intentionally to remember that anyone we happen to engage with on any given day is made in the image of God, someone for whom Christ deemed the sacrifice of himself worthy.

I challenge us to see people as individuals instead of groups of “those people” and to regard people as individuals instead of lumping people merely into “them”—“the radical left,” “the radical right,” “immigrants,” “Blacks,” and others.

Social media gives us the ability to name-call hatefully and with anonymity—a hugely cowardly act. But when we see a face and hear a voice—and we know that another person sees and hears us as well—things change. When we build relationships with one another, it’s much harder to hide ourselves. When we listen to each other first, the possibility of grace emerges.

We may or may not agree on much politically, but all of us have a story worth telling, and that story helps me to understand another’s beliefs and behaviors. And others need to know my story. As we talk about our family and friends, we may find our stories overlap, that we share common ground here.

Engaging with the uniquely human story of one person is one way to honor

imago Dei.

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