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You are also invited to join a group who are watching the live-streamed church service and apology at **Lakeview United Church, 3200 Mc Callum Ave, Regina. Coffee, tea, and muffins will be available starting at 8:30 a.m. and with the on-line streaming beginning at 9:00.** Following the service and apology there will be a chance to share feelings, offer insights in the group, and speak to emotional support people one-to-one as needed.

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