What are we hearing from the election results?

By Dean Fernando R. Miralles-Wilhelm

A few words before turning into November, say, and buckle down.

(1) It is a much closer race than any side expected or wanted. We are a deeply polarized country; some positions have been solidified as parents, teachers, students, and professional co-workers, who voted differently than we did. We all need to do our best to respect that difference, be tolerant and constructive, build on it to become more agreeable going forward.

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(4) Let me say this again: this is a very close race. This means we all have friends, family, neighbors, and our own co-workers who hold different political views. We are all citizens of the same country and we need to live with each other. We need to be civil and, if possible, agree with each other. If we disagree, we should respect that difference. If we agree, we should respect that agreement. If we disagree on one thing, we can disagree on another. If we agree on one thing, we can agree on another. We all need to do our best to respect each other, to live with each other, to respect each other's views, and to respect each other's differences.

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Leading the fight against Lyme disease

by John Hollis

Lyme disease is an infectious disease that is transmitted to humans by an infected tick. Symptoms usually begin with a circular rash. Other common symptoms include fever, headache, and joint pain.

The disease is treated with antibiotics, but it can be difficult to diagnose in its early stages. Lyme disease can be serious if it is not treated promptly. A few days of antibiotic treatment can cure it.

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