

Greetings Merging Waters,

April 8th, 2021

We've started our year two of the COVID-19 pandemic. This pandemic hasn't stopped us from having the capacity to participate in spiritual practices or to support the relationships and work of the community through fundraisers, political and social action, and environmental justice. Things have been different and often difficult but we continue to live as a community whose love and passion is not defeated by distance.

We have all shown ingenuity and creativity throughout the past year in our journey of faith together. The membership have shown commitment to participate in the life of the church, and the staff, board, and committees continue the hard at work keeping the administration and visioning of the congregation going. I lift up daily my thanksgiving for the commitment to living the Spirit of Resurrection in the world that continues to be shown through all of our lives here at Merging Waters. Showing our care and concern for all people through caution and common sense in the face of a highly contagious virus and its new variants, an example how Christ is present in times of fear, doubt, and absence.

This week we will be reflecting on the words of [Acts 4:32-35](#) that remind us of what we can do together when we embrace resurrection living. And while it speaks of some things that we would be challenged to do safely right now, since togetherness must remain online, by phone, and at a distance for the foreseeable future, it tells us of the possibilities when we share our resources. With a community mindset giving new life to the world means bringing down class divides and making sure that everyone has what they need.

This passage asks the very important question:
"How do we embrace resurrection living if all are needed and all are one?"

We will welcome this Sunday in our worship live on ZOOM Anwar Alhjoor, Montreal City Mission Intercultural Coordinator and Assistant Director. MCM are our partners in ministry in the United Church of Canada who advocate for and support the great need of immigrants and refugees in Montreal. We look forward to getting to know Anwar and to hear more about how the work of MCM has continued throughout the pandemic and how we can continue to support this important Ministry.

I look forward to seeing you all this Sunday.

Peace and grace,
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