

Greetings Merging Waters,

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I hope that this message finds you well, even in these times of continued uncertainty and frequent change I lift up prayers daily that there are silver linings that we can each find in the clouds of our lives.

We continue to explore together the inspiration we receive from the Spirit that touches our souls and motivates our lives of faith and community. This month we have been exploring questions integral to our deliberations, reflections, and actions of moving ever forward into the future. These reflections and questions are intended to help us articulate our Spiritual centre, the theological grounding, the core values we find in our faithful connection with the Divine that inform our actions and will help us to remain focused and resolute in our commitment to those things that are most important as we face decisions as a community.

This month we have been asked to reflect on our own personal encounters with the Divine and ask ourselves some questions:

- What kind of experience have you had with the Divine in your experiences of scripture, the living Spirit in the world, and your relationships?
 - What are the traits of the God, Divinity, Spirit that you have met in your life?
- What traits does this experience inspire in your way of living in response?
 - What are you called to be, what traits does this inspire?
 - What is the community of faith called to be like in our life and work?
- In this being that is grounded in the call of the Holy One-In-All, that is inspired by or a reflection of your experience of the Spirit in the World and your life:
 - What does this *being* call/inspire/motivate you to do?
 - How will you act in response?
 - In responding together what corporate actions are we going to take as a community?

We continue the exploration of these and other questions along side our neighbours this week in our time of Worship, the Church Café, and in ongoing explorations of our lives together. Please continue to actively reflect on these questions. And as always you are welcome to get in touch with me and members of the community to share in discussions.

Peace and hope,
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