



O COME ALL YOU FAITHFUL

2009 Christmas Offering

Dreaming up something ... and then making it happen are two very different things! Such is the implementation of the RISE Regional Transformation Mission Plan. An effort 2 ½ years in the making, our new Mission Plan encapsulates the hopes and dreams of we, the Region.

But now, we embark on a new phase--blossoming this dream into reality. This new-now-time demands a different point of view; it is a birthing process-- the time of preparation is over! We're stirring now!

Living our mission forward is uncertain, with hesitations along the way. Living our mission forward is inspirational but sometimes imprecise, refreshing but sometimes frightening!

As a portion of our Mission statement reads, "called by God's grace to do together that which by God's design cannot be done apart" tells me that we're in this together, we're seeing ourselves as a community of communities, willing to risk for the sake of God's realm. I continue to be involved in this work because I know we have been called to "do a new thing," something I can't even begin to fathom doing alone. But, I trust it because I am doing it with you! How bold it is to think about making God's world here! How totally outrageous it is to really listen.... And then act!

Whether our camping program, our facilities, or our way of being and worshipping together, we are reaching for "ministries of justice and service, provoking one another to love and good deeds, bringing good news to the poor, freeing the oppressed, healing the sick, feeding the hungry, and clothing the naked." Amazing!

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