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January: Intention

"Here's what I discovered. Intention is different from setting goals or resolutions in that it "pulls us into" who we truly are. Goals and resolutions "push us out" into future possibilities. To set intentions, we must listen to our inner voice which tells us who we truly are."

- Katie Covey, Soul Matters Director of RE Resources

So here we are again, in the month of January, with its talk of daring resolutions and demanding calls to become better. It's hard to resist. After all, who of us couldn't benefit from a bit of self-improvement? And so most of us gladly go along and declare "This is the year I'm finally going to be a better me!"

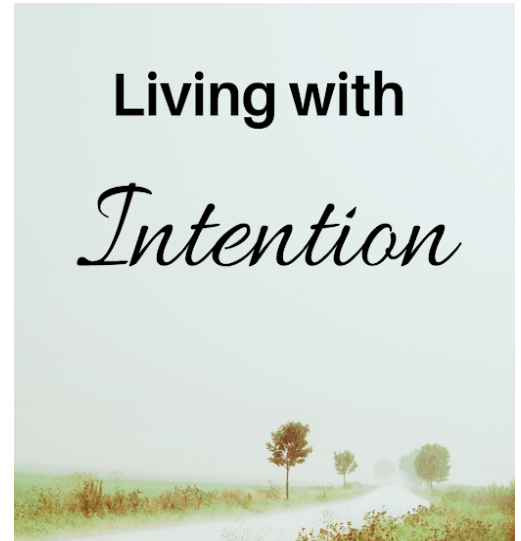
But are we sure this is what we really want? When you read that quote above about being "pulled in" rather than "pushed out," what happens in your heart? Is being pushed really what you want and need? Are you really excited about the New Year's work of striving to create a brand new you? Or do you suddenly notice an internal whisper that says, "I long to be pulled in more deeply to the self I already am"? In other words, maybe our real New Year's work is not about pushing forward into self-improvement, but about pausing, stepping back and asking, "What hunger has my heart?"

There is, after all, a big difference between becoming better and becoming ourselves. Self-improvement is not the same as self-alignment. Wanting to get from point A to point B is something quite different from longing to find your inner anchor. Bottom line: Goals and intentions may indeed be more distinct than we have thought. And being clear about that may be more important than we have thought.

So this month, maybe our most meaningful work is to make room. All around us this month, there's going to be tons of talk about creating goals and imagining who we might become. But living with intention seems to be more about creating a quiet space that allows us to connect with who we already are, a space that protects us from the pressure to accomplish and instead makes room to ask questions of integrity.

And if we are able to carve out that quieter space, then maybe we will discover that this isn't the year of "finally becoming a better me." Maybe we'll decide it's enough to simply "finally be me."

From Soul Matters Themed Ministry



MVUUF is a liberal religious congregation guided by democratic principles whose mission is to engage members in a shared quest for spiritual and intellectual growth leading to lives of service, compassion, and justice.

COVID Update

It is strongly recommended that attendees who are eligible for the Covid-19 vaccine are vaccinated fully and boosted, if they are also eligible for that.

If you have experienced any sign of illness in the days before an MVUUF in-person gathering, please do not attend in-person.

If you have a positive test in the few days following an in-person gathering at MVUUF, please let us know as soon as possible, that we might alert others who may have been exposed.

Expectations and standards for in-person gatherings:

- Air filtration systems have been updated throughout the building.
- Masks are required to be worn at all times, unless speaking from the pulpit.
- Anyone speaking unmasked from the pulpit must be vaccinated.
- The sanctuary is currently set-up with more spacious seating (only 65 seats instead of 130). There are also chairs in the upper lobby for viewing. It is recommended to leave a chair empty between you (or you and your spouse/family) and other attendees.
- All staff are fully vaccinated.
- Singing may be limited for the time being, until restrictions around it loosen.
- All choir members, ushers/greeters/tech and other folks with a role in the Sunday Service are expected to be vaccinated
- There will be no food and beverage available to eat on after the service.

Children and Youth Programming

Programming for children under 12 will be an all-together weekly gathering in the Social Hall, until we deem we have enough children involved to separate into classrooms again.

All volunteers in Children, Youth and Family programs are required to be vaccinated.

WHAT YOU CAN DO TO HELP

- Sign-up to be an in-person greeter or usher (vaccination required) Please sign up [here](#).
- Sign-up to be a weekly Zoom host for the service. This would be an in-person job. Training sessions will be held in November. Contact minister@mnvalleyuu.org
- Join the Tech Team. Richard Duffin has been holding down the tech fort for far too long on his own. We need a bigger team to help with all of the technical aspects required. Training provided. Contact rwduffin@comcast.net
- Sign-up to bring baked goods. Since we can't have food for social hour, we'll be bagging up take-home treats for the time being. We'd love to incorporate some of your homemade goodies along with a positive message to send home with folks. Sign up [here](#).

Sunday Services

Jan. 2nd: Fire Communion The Intention of Letting Go



We begin the new year with our annual fire communion ritual. The service will feature a fire pit outdoors. In-person participants are encouraged to write down the things they need to let go of in order to set their lives on a more intentional path and release them into the fire. Online participants are encouraged to find a way to burn away what they have written at home. The service is for all ages and will feature stories, reflection and music from Rev. Laura, Carla Ries, Maria Bavier, Nicole Collins & guests.

Jan. 9th: Intentional Living: Building a Better World:



The Housing crisis in Minnesota is staggering with only about 1 in 4 families in need of affordable housing being able to find what they need. Guests from Beacon Interfaith Housing Collaborative and Black Lives UU's Housing Project will be joining us to shed light on the problem and offer solutions that are both immediate and long-term.

Jan. 16th: After the Fall of Roe: Where We Go from Here?



The basic right to reproductive freedom that many of us have held dear is ever more imperiled. And yet, Roe v. Wade, for all its benefits, was never a guarantee. When it falls, what can we build back better? Join Rev. Kelli Clement, of First Unitarian Society of Minneapolis, as she explores the current movement for reproductive justice, both in Minnesota and nationally, and how Unitarian Universalists can live out our values.



Jan. 23rd: The Road to Hell: Intention vs. Impact:

"But that's not what I meant to happen!" Have you ever intended for something to happen one way, only to get completely different results? Let's discuss intent vs impact and how you can consider both to allow for open and honest communication. Rev. Laura Thompson



Jan. 30th: New Member Sunday; The Intentional Community Called Church (or Fellowship)

What larger purpose is it that calls us together? What goals do we hope to accomplish together? New members and the intention of our community will be celebrated together. Rev. Laura Thompson

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Letter from the Board Chair

Greetings!

January can be a strange time. Many people feel post-holiday blues. For those of us in northern climes, there are still too few hours of daylight, and the potential for some brutal weather. However, that also means fat fluffy snowflakes, hot cocoa (with tiny marshmallows, of course!), and the sound of children - and even adults - laughing and playing in the snow. Whatever our mood, let's take the time to feel all the feels, and to be gracious with ourselves and those around us. May 2022 begin with us taking not just care of those we love, but also of ourselves.

I would like to share with you some beautiful lyrics from my mother's favorite song. Whether you picture Judy Garland in glorious sepia tones or hear the delightful sounds of Israel Kamakawiwo'ole and his ukulele in your head as you read these words, may they bring a little light to your spirit.

Yours trUUly,
Carla V. Ries (she/her)
Chair, Board of Trustees

Over The Rainbow
By Harold Arlen and Yip Harburg

When all the world is a hopeless jumble,
And the raindrops tumble all around,
Heaven opens a magic lane.

When all the clouds darken up the skyway,
There's a rainbow highway to be found.
Leading from your window pane
To a place behind the sun,
Just a step beyond the rain.

Somewhere over the rainbow way up high
There's a land that I heard of
Once in a lullaby

Somewhere over the rainbow skies are blue
And the dreams that you dare to dream
Really do come true

Someday I'll wish upon a star
And wake up where the clouds are far behind me
Where troubles melt like lemon drops
Away above the chimney tops
That's where you'll find me

Somewhere over the rainbow bluebirds fly
Birds fly over the rainbow
Why then oh why can't I?

If happy little bluebirds fly beyond the rainbow
Why oh why can't I?

Communications & Administration

Hello friends-

I haven't had time to dive into January's Soul Matters readings yet (maybe over break I'll catch my breath). One thing that comes to mind when I think of living with intention is my writing. It's important to me yet I have to be so intentional about it because it seems like everything comes between writing and me. So in the spirit of living with intention, I will share a poem I wrote years ago on why writing is essential to me. Gratefully, Jeannie

The giving and the getting

After all these years
you might wonder
why I still do
all this endless scribbling
It is this—
Like you, I am still trying
for something greater—
a conversation with voices
both human and holy,
between the base natures of our egos
and the higher truths of our spirits.
It is my answer to the loneliness
of being human.

Mostly I write because
you are listening right now.
And I believe in the power
of your listening.
A poet once said,
"We are all writing God's poem"
Here in this moment together
we are in my church,
dancing, spiraling outward.
It is all we are ever trying to do,
to touch soul to soul,
to find compassion across affiliations,
over continents, outside genders,
beyond even species and mortalities.
I know I can't give you much.
But what I hold dear and true
I give to you.
Here is my poem, my gift.
And now you have just given your gift to me.
It was perfect — just what I wanted.

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Children, Youth and Family Ministry

In December our theme was Joy: The children and youth especially enjoyed making these lego creations as a way to explore being open to joy this season.

Our January theme is **Living with Intention**. Intention is what we want to do.

What if I asked you to go to your favorite restaurant? What would it take for you to reach that intended destination? Maybe empathy (why would I even want you to go there?), passion (you have to want to get there or it's not going to work), persistence (you can do it!), accepting mistakes (that's one way we learn; did something beautiful come out of that mistake?) and pausing (to make sure your plan makes sense and to nourish yourself along the way.)



May our exploration of intention not only bring you closer to your goals, but also closer to your smile!

Register



Registration is an opportunity to make sure your contact information is up-to-date and let teachers know about any special needs.

[HTTPS://MNVALLEYUU.ORG/OURCOMMUNITY/CHILDREN-AND-YOUTH/](https://mnvalleyuu.org/ourcommunity/children-and-youth/)

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Children, Youth and Family Ministry

To register for MVUUF Family Ministries please fill out a paper form or [this Google Form](#) (1 per family) for the 2021-2022 year. Thank you for your participation!

The goal of Family Ministry is to inspire and guide faith formation, spiritual growth and moral and community grounding of the children and youth of the Fellowship from Nursery-age through High School and their Families. We meet on Sunday Mornings at 10:30am in the lower level of the Fellowship - our classrooms are all cleaned and ready for a new year! For specific dates see calendar at the end of this Unisun Newsletter. Classroom Gatherings are when we separate by age and Choice Sundays are all-ages gatherings in the lower-level Social Hall. CYF stands for Children Youth and Family Ministry.

Please sign-up [here](#) to teach Religious Education to children and youth in 2022. All volunteers must be fully vaccinated and everyone over 2 years of age will be masked. Once you sign up, Maria will send you an email with more information. Thank you for your support!

December Family Ministry Committee Meeting Minutes [Here](#)

We are looking forward to having a working Family Ministry Lending Library for books about justice issues, sexuality and gender education, Unitarian Universalism, world religions and more. All the books are geared toward children and youth. These books are located in the classrooms downstairs except for the parenting books which are in the Fireside Room.

LOOKING AHEAD

Sledding event at Penn Lake is scheduled for Sunday, January 23 at 2:30pm.

Please join us! It will be fun! Meet at the North East side of Penn Lake in Bloomington. Park along Logan Ave. Bring your own sled and dress warmly!

Masks are optional since we will be outside. If it is too cold or there is no snow, we will meet the following Sunday, January 30 at 3:30pm.

~Maria Bavier, MVUUF Family Ministry Director maria@mnvalleyuu.org
(612) 216-4224

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Sign Up



Photo from 2018



Sign Up To Teach Children or Youth
In-Person During 10:30 Sunday Services 2022

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MUSIC AT MVUUF!

Thank you to all who participated in caroling for VEAP and all of the donations! It was a wonderful experience singing together.

Also, a big thank you to everyone who participated in Music Sunday. Music always has a way of getting to the spirit of the holidays, with community, friends and family.

As vaccination rates among our youth are increasing, keep an eye out for them singing and playing for you in worship services. They are a vital part of our community. When they are courageous and brave enough to share their talents, make sure to cheer loud and proud.



January's music will be exciting with new ensembles, youth song leaders, and new music by Lark and Nicole. If you're interested in playing or singing for service, please contact music@mnvalleyuu.org. Vaccinations are required.

The choir will be digging into some pieces after the holidays to debut, one way or another. We're currently working on songs by Eric Whitacre, Elaine Hagenburg, Mozart, and Mark Miller. While it's been disappointing to not share in singing for you all, it has been wonderful to sing together, safely. Thank you to members of the choir for continuing to refine how to make music tighter.

To continue to mitigate the risks of Covid-19 and singing, we will do congregational singing at the end of the service to allow for anyone to leave the sanctuary and listen from another space. Choir rehearsals have started back up. We are also steaming the rehearsals on zoom, if you prefer.

Here's the link: [MVUUF Choir Rehearsal](#) Passcode: 788577

SOUL MATTERS MONTHLY THEME: Living with Intention

This month, we explore together the theme of living with intention. To delve into this theme more deeply, check out this plethora of resources from this month's Soul Matters Small Group Packet, which includes guided questions and activities alongside recommended readings, films, music playlists and more. These resources can be used on your own or you can join one of our Soul Matters Small Groups to engage with others.

Find this month's packet here: [Living with Intention](#)

To join a Soul Matters Group contact: minister@mnvalleyuu.org

One of the Soul Matters questions this month is:

What is your intention when you wake up? Some begin the day by asking, "What do I have to get done?" Others ask, "What do I want this day to be about?" Which are you?

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Pathway to Community Engagement

New to MVUUF?

Need a refresher course to boost your journey at MVUUF?

You are invited to join us for three sessions of learning, sharing, reflection and sharing as we ponder where we have been and where we'd like to go on our individual faith journey's and our journey together.

Sessions include:

Your Journey: Sharing Our Stories and Spiritual Roadmaps

The Unitarian Universalist Journey

& The Journey of Our Church

Our Journey Together: The Three Paths of Unitarian Universalism & Finding Your Journey Companions

All sessions will be on Zoom from 1-2:30 pm on Sunday, Jan.

9, 16 & 23rd. On Sunday, January 30th, we will celebrate and welcome new members joining the Fellowship during the Sunday Service. Registration is required, so that participant packets can be sent to you. Contact minister@mnvalleyuu.org.



Starting Point:
A Pathway for Community Engagement at MVUUF

This 3 session course is recommended for all those wanting to join MVUUF and any of those looking to deepen or re-new their existing relationship to MVUUF

Sundays Jan. 9, 16 & 23rd,
1-2:30pm on Zoom
Registration required
contact minister@mnvalleyuu.org




Hospitality Help Wanted:
Ushers, Greeters & Treat Makers

Sign-up today:
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F044EABA823A0FE3-hospitality1>

LET'S TALK ABOUT RACE

First Sundays at 1:00PM on ZOOM
No homework, reading, or preparation
Just show up when you can with your thoughts, questions, concerns --
a willing mind and open heart.



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Social Action

Raise the Roof; A Fundraiser for Housing

In Minnesota, there is critical need for housing particularly for extremely low-income renters, or renter households that earn at or under 30% of area median income (AMI). There are approximately 169,585 renter households in the state that fall into this category; yet, there are only 64,238 affordable and available units at this income level across the state. This leaves a gap of 105,347 units needed for extremely low-income renters.



This month, we'll explore the housing crisis in Minnesota and pool our resources together to benefit our housing partners this year: Beacon Interfaith Housing Collaborative, BLUU Housing Initiative, and OASIS for Homeless Youth. Speakers representing these organizations will be joining us throughout the month.

We invite you to be generous in your giving as we come together to address this urgent crisis. You can donate on our website, using the Vanco Mobile app or end donations by check with the memo "Raise the Roof" in the memo. All donations from the Christmas Eve service will go towards this cause, as well.



Service Auction

The auction committee has mailed over 100 requests to theatres, museums, restaurants and other retail establishments asking for donations to our March 20th event. Now we ask for your donations. Our biggest categories are dining, food, entertainment and services.

Want to host a meal, bake cookies, teach a class? We have lots of ideas if you need help, just let us know. If you want to be Covid-safe a gift card is easy. We will set up a table near the fireplace with forms to complete or send us an email at mvuufaucion@gmail.com.

Jean Danko, Barb Becker, Holly Bruce, Karen Olson and Leslie Swenson

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Stewardship

A Balancing Act

Usually in the course of our fiscal year, income is received in a predictable way. We can rely on pledges, which comprises the vast majority of our income being paid in three ways: 1) Early and all at once; 2) A consistent monthly amount; and 3) Late with lots of reminders.

This year is different. Since our 2021-22 Stewardship campaign in March of 2021, 12 members passed away, and 24 others have moved or chosen not to pledge for personal reasons. We are meeting in person again, through hybrid services, and we are hopeful that some new visitors will pledge. That said, COVID-19 and other issues have reduced our pledge units by 36, and our pledge dollars by \$34,000. As a result, our predicted income is reduced by \$40,000. This means our income and expenses are out of balance.

Just like a teeter totter, the heaviest is at the bottom.

Not all of us have deep pockets, or even pockets to begin with. For those of us who do have pocket room, even a little, if each of us reaches into those pockets, it will help bring us back into balance. The teeter will no longer totter.



May we dare to live
from the center of our being.
May we make our own choices
before others' choices make us
May the fire that burns in our
belly light our way.
May our collective intention
make the world shine anew.

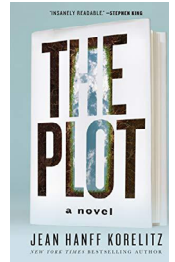
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Evening Book Club

The snow is finally here and the fires are lit. Take a moment and snuggle into a comfy chair and read. Our group offers some suggestions that will tweak the imagination and expand the mind. Books also make great gift suggestions. Read all the selections or just the current one and join us for a lively discussion. Alternating fiction and nonfiction, our upcoming choices are:

- January 20, 2022, The Four Winds by Kristin Hannah
- February 17, 2022, Deaths of Despair and the Future of Capitalism, by Angus Deaton and Anne Case
- March 17, 2022, The Plot by Jean Hanff Korelitz
- April 21, 2022, The Constitution of Knowledge: A Defense of Truth, by Jonathan Rauch
- May 19, 2022, Gold Diggers by Sanjena Sathian



The Evening Book Group meets on the third Thursday of the month throughout the year at 7 PM. We continue to meet via Zoom because of the pandemic. The only requirement is that you read, or attempt to read, the monthly selection. Feel free to come to any or all of the meetings. Just let us know a head of time, so we can send you a Zoom invitation. We welcome newcomers! Questions? Call Joyce McMartin at 952-942-7143 or text 952-210-1372 or email at joyceamcmartin@gmail.com.

Men's Group Thursday, Jan 13th 7pm

Education Reenvisioned

Men's Group will meet on January 13, 2022, by ZOOM at 7:00 see link below. Our speaker will be Erin Raab daughter of fellow member Linda Raab and a one time RE student at MVUUF.

Erin's Topic is Education Reenvisioned. Erin says the following of her topic "School is our primary public socializing institution, which means it plays a large role in co-creating our values, beliefs, and vision for our society. This makes school essential for a democratic nation state and ensures that both practice and reforms are hotly debated. Yet rarely do we take time to ask what the purpose of school is and how it connects with what we hope will happen for our children while inside its walls, or school's role in creating the lives and communities we aspire to as a nation. During this talk we will discuss the multiple, at times competing, purposes for schooling, and what it means for school practice, policy, and reform." Erin is well qualified to speak on this topic she has a Ph.D. in Education from Stanford and is the cofounder of Reenvisioned "a movement to redefine the purpose of school while centering the voices of young people, families, and educators in the creation of our new collective visions."

Questions contact John Peloquin at John17780@charter.net
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81049810445?pwd=QnpDc0lMZnhlWU9sZDNIRDNDNWQ1NjQQT09>
Meeting ID: 810 4981 0445 Passcode: 034536

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Women's Group Saturday, Jan. 8th 10:30

Hybrid Women's Group Meeting

January's Women's Group program will give attendees an opportunity to learn from an expert how to get the most out of their cell phones, whether they use an iPhone or an android. If you are a cell phone holdout who is thinking about getting one, this presentation may help you make your decision. Our speaker will be Anthony Sather, a computer software engineer, who works at Belay Software in St. Paul, a firm that creates custom software for businesses. Anthony loves helping seniors learn more how to make the most of their phones and comes highly recommended by our friends at Gramercy Lakeshore Dr. where he has spoken several times. Be sure to bring your phones, your user name and password, and your questions.



All adults of any gender--members and visitors--are invited to attend. We will hold the meeting in the sanctuary because the ventilation is better and there's more space to spread out. In person attendees must agree to be masked during the meeting and must be fully vaccinated and "boostered" against COVID, if eligible. Those who are currently uncomfortable with in person meetings or who don't meet these criteria are invited to participate via Zoom at zoom.us/j/83597015692. If asked for a password, enter 040938.

After the hour-long program and a very short business meeting, box lunches will be served at small, well spaced tables in the lobby. Please email Barb Gilliland at barbgilliland@gmail.com no later than Wednesday, Jan. 5th, if you plan to attend in person. If you will be there and wish to purchase the \$8 boxed lunch, please indicate your sandwich preference—chicken salad or egg salad. You are welcome to bring your own lunch if you prefer.

Visitors are particularly welcome. If you are new to the fellowship or have never attended Women's Group, we would love to have you check out our great group either in person or via Zoom.

Religion Ethics and Ideas

The REI January topic is still to be determined. It will be January 27th at 7:00 pm.

Please watch your Friday emails for more information.

Questions contact John Peloquin at John17780@charter.net



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Fitness with Fran

Fitness class at MVUUF

Functional Fitness classes will be held in person at **MVUUF on both Mondays and Wednesdays from 4:30-5:30 p.m.** downstairs for the month of December. All are welcome. This class will incorporate methods from yoga, pilates, and muscle toning.



It is designed to help us strengthen, stretch, and balance our bodies.

You will need a yoga mat, comfortable clothes, and a strap if you have one. Yoga blocks are available at the fellowship.

The cost is \$4 per class. Everyone is expected to have been vaccinated and you will wear a mask in class. Questions?

Please email Fran bryawnte@msn.com

Men's Lunch

For some time now, a group of mostly retired MVUUF guys have been meeting informally for lunch on the **4th Thursday of the month**. Lately this has been at Zeke's in Bloomington at noon. It's very informal. Please contact Don to see if it will be at Zeke's or on Zoom.

If you would like to be added to a list of guys that get monthly reminders, email Don: donfpark@comcast.net. He can easily add you to the list.

Panera Group

The Panera Group is meeting again. Everyone is welcome to join for socialization, conversation and lunch. They meet on the first and third Tuesday of each month at 1:00 in the Richfield Panera at 78th and Lyndale. If you have questions about the group, please contact Lorna lornajprell@gmail.com

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MVUUF SCHEDULE

SUNDAY SERVICE 10:30am: Weekly Sunday services are hybrid. You may participate in-person, on zoom or livestream on YouTube. Please check website for YouTube link. <https://zoom.us/j/3953901346> or call 312-626-6799; Meeting ID: 395 390 1346 Please check the website, Friday emails and the Uni-Sun for all the MVUUF events

Minnesota Valley Unitarian Universalist Fellowship							Jan 2022 (Central Time - Chicago)	
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WE ARE:

ALL CONNECTED

STRONGER TOGETHER

LOVE'S HANDS IN THE WORLD

CALLED TO CREATE JUSTICE

RESPONSIBLE FOR ONE
ANOTHER AND THE EARTH



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