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Advent Message from the President
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Advent Greetings!

As we move into the season of Advent, may we claim moments not only to prepare for the promise of the Messiah, but also to pause and discern how hope, peace, joy, and love are revealing themselves in our lives and in our world.

Who offers us light to illuminate the path ahead? What words, experiences, or moments of awe capture our attention and resonate with the words of Isaiah 43:19:

"*I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth; do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert.*"

Will we take the time to perceive it?

This Advent season, my prayer for all of our communities of faith and for those beyond them is that we may embrace the moments of awe that surround us. So often they are right before us, yet we fail to let ourselves witness them. Amid our commitments, our busyness, and even in the quiet moments of our lives, the "new thing" God promises is already taking root.

May we be attentive to its signs. May we have the courage to follow where it leads. And may this season open our hearts to recognize Christ's presence among us. May we continue to grow deep roots of hope, peace, joy, and love within ourselves and out into the world.

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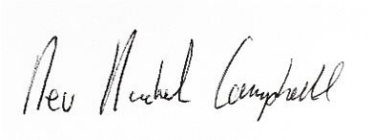
This all begins with just one seed. The roots take hold, and the fruit emerges into the light it has known from the very beginning.

That light is showing us the way to the stable once again. Each week we are offered the nourishment that leads us to revelation. One step at a time, we move ahead. We always have.

On this continued journey together, may God bless you and keep you. May God's face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. Amen and Hallelujah.

Blessings,



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