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Staying Connected while Physically Distant

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ALTERNATIVE WAYS OF EXPRESSING FAITH

Laypeople and clergy at a conference of the Canadian Centre for Progressive Christianity were given the following task:

Compile a list, using non-religious language, of what you consider to be of the utmost importance in life, values that you would not want to risk losing, what you hope your great-grandchildren would still be living by.

Their resulting list is by no means exhaustive, but author Gretta Vosper commented that should we lose one of these, the world would, sadly, be a very different place. She notes further that a Church that promotes values such as these is what the future desperately needs. "The Church can go there. It's time. It must be time," She says.

This is the Canadian list:

*hope, peace, joy, innocence, delight,
forgiveness, caring, love, respect,
wisdom, honour, creativity,
tranquillity, beauty, imagination,
humour, awe, truth, purity, justice,
courage, fun, compassion, challenge,
knowledge, daring, artistry, wonder,
strength, trustworthiness*

Here's a suggestion:

When our church doors are finally fully unlocked, which five of the above values would you choose to carry in your heart to our worship together, values that you know our community cannot be without?

(I have tried several times to choose my five and I keep changing, but some do stand out for me from the rest!)

Judy K

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Today's Gospel John 15: 12-17



During Lock Down

During the lock down I have learnt to conduct a cub scout pack and attended lip reading classes using zoom. Cubs have provided the greater challenge. We were lucky that the relaxing of restrictions over Mothers' Day weekend, allowed our daughter from Sydney to join us and Canberra family members for lunch, plus another 2 for afternoon tea, making 10 in all. An addition to the dining table kept us all at an acceptable distance. Otherwise there have been many phone calls and emails to and from friends and doing more cooking. I close with a quote from A.A. Milne's Winnie the Pooh which seems appropriate to the times:

"You are braver than you believe, stronger than you seem, and smarter than you think."

Fay Padarin

God's Piano

*On the piano of God we are the keys,
and each day we live we make melodies.
Soft, lilting songs of love for our Lord,
anthems of praise
with triumphant chords.
Symphonies too, and hymns that delight,
cheery waltz tunes that
make the day bright.
When we are attuned, like a wheel and a
cog, lovely music is heard from
the piano of God.*

Elma McKenzie

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