Advent Reflection Questions...for you and to share.
—Marie Onwubuariri, Regional Executive Minister

"[Anna] showed up, broke into an anthem of praise to God, and talked about the child to all who were waiting expectantly for the freeing of Jerusalem." Luke 2:38

"Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man." Luke 21: 36 [NRSV]

The coming of Jesus Christ – the former first and still-to-come second time – means something. **Indeed—it is a life changer!** How does the coming of Emmanuel, God with Us, change your circumstances, still today? In what ways...are your anticipations being met? ...are your relations with others changed? ...do you dance or sing? ...are you liberated? As you live into yet another Advent season and prepare for the holy celebration of Christmas how do you embody hope, love, joy, and peace? What will your new testimony be at the close of 2018?

Here are a few more questions to prompt your Advent reflections...

Hope: How does the coming of Jesus keep alive new possibilities for you and your world? How do you live into this hope for a future that is yet to come?

Love: In this past year, what new way did you live love? As you read the gospels, what way did Jesus show love that might be an example for you to follow in the days ahead?

Joy: What stirs up joy for you? How do you express it? Is your joy contagious?

Peace: Where is peace needed in your spheres of engagement or influence? How can you pave the path for peace? How do you participate in liberation that brings inner peace in another?

….and don’t forget to share your reflections with others.