To His people and to His saints; But let them not turn back to folly. Surely His salvation is near to those who fear Him, That glory may dwell in our land. Mercy and truth have met together; Righteousness and peace have kissed. 

Psalm 85:8-10 NKJV

It kind of felt like Advent season started early this year, during the first week of November, in the midst of the great “waiting” that captured our nation as results of the presidential election were being tabulated. No—we were not waiting for the coming of a savior, but many were waiting for a revealing of a collective manifestation of values that had the potential of guiding the direction of a people and a land in the coming four years. With results now known yet still unconfirmed, and COVID-19 confirmed cases and deaths continuing to rise in our state, and as hard individual and collective work still waits to be done in plain sight, Psalm 85, particularly verse 10, has settled into my spirit. The Godly values named in this text: cheçed, emeth, tsedeq, shalom — Hebrew words understood in English as mercy, truth, justice (righteousness), and peace. These are values, mindsets, character traits, and action words the psalmist presently proclaimed in God, even though their fullness was still yet to come in humanity.

Nov. 29 [1st Advent Sunday] is around the corner, but here we are now with a call to Advent living—anticipating a mighty intercession by Creator God for a restoration of a land and people while we, through the Holy Spirit, pursue mercy, truth, righteousness, and peace, as those who have already received the empowering gift of Christ. Though weary, let us persist.

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This year’s AG was our first all-virtual event, held on Oct. 10th. It was a day filled with learning opportunities, shared conversations, reflection on scripture, worship, & worshipful work, focused on transformation.

We also want to thank all the AG sponsoring churches; to see this list and to request access to see the recordings of the various program sessions, visit: bit.ly/ag2020abcwi

Opportunities to bid farewell
Rev. Dr. Marie Onwubuariri, Regional Executive Minister, as she and her family transition to her new position with ABCUSA in Pennsylvania:

FRI, NOV 27 - 7-8 PM- www.zoom.us, https://bit.ly/3n8g1mw
SAT, NOV 28 @ 1-2 PM- Drive-thru farewell at her home: 1840 Alverno Dr., Brookfield

LET’S PRAY with one another. Join via Zoom for at least 20 minutes to pray for and on behalf of ABC Wisconsin.

FRI NOV 20 @ 8 AM
https://zoom.us/join
Meeting ID: 959 5522
9600; Password: 020016

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Under the theme “Hope for Today, Hope for Tomorrow,” the offering honors ministers, missionaries and their widowed spouses who have devoted 15 years or more to ABCUSA.

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