

“If you truly would be Community of Christ, then embody and live the concerns and passion of Christ.”

Doctrine and Covenants 164:9d

Happy New Year, everyone!!!

For me, the new year is a time to reflect and celebrate last year, create resolutions for the year to come, get organized in a flurry, and attack new goals with enthusiasm! At least until March.

This year my reflection included the past several years, and I noticed an unwelcome and disturbing pattern. All my resolutions were about me. The ones I kept and the ones I didn't – ALL focused on me. What did I want to look like? What did I want to have, achieve, become? Where did I sense God calling me? What habits did I need to change or adopt to get where I wanted to be? And so on. It was clear that I do not carry within me have a strong communal perspective. And so, to balance my “me” with divine “we,” I am resolved and ready to do something different this year!

The word “resolution” has different meanings in Webster's mobile app. The definition that strikes me this year is the legal perspective. A “resolution” becomes binding when a community agrees on principles, beliefs or facts set out in a series of opening “Whereas” statements, and out of their resolve to fulfill or further those principles, elects to adopt actions set forth in the following “Therefore be it resolved” portion.

As a community of faith and as disciples of Christ, we have accepted nine enduring principles to live by and five mission initiatives or actions that proclaim Christ's mission to the world. Let us make Community of Christ's enduring principles our personal and collective “Whereas,” and the mission initiatives our ever-pursued “Resolves.”

May my spiritual and emotional resolve be up to the task to live my faith outwardly in 2019. May God's generous grace support each of you throughout the coming year. And may we all be surprised by God's love and blessings yet to be received.

Yours,
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