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Staying Connected in this Uncertain Time

***"The steadfast love of God never ceases,
God's mercies never come to an end;
they are new every morning;
great is your faithfulness."***

-Lamentations 3:23

LCWR (Leadership Conference of Women Religious) has called all of us to be more "attentive to deeper invitations." As we carry on here at SJSM in remote locations, we are taking some contemplative time to reflect on a favorite Scripture passage that has held meaning for us in past difficulties and what it may be saying or inviting us to look at in new ways during this global crisis.

For the past week, beginning with morning prayer, I've been asking God to open my eyes "to see as God sees" all the mercies that are waiting for me to notice throughout the day...some that arrive directly to my home even as I practice social distancing. My eyes and heart are becoming more attuned each day to notice God's communication through the attribute of mercy:



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- Friends close, and those I have not heard from in a while, checking in.
- Scripture and Poems of hope, love and connectedness equal to the worries of the day.
- Couples holding hands on their daily walk from isolation together.
- Pictures of my grandson and his mother planting seeds in the backyard. Awaiting the sprouting, new life for a future held in HOPE.
- A sky so blue and air so crisp and clear as a result of our self-isolation the world over.
- Crocuses pushing their way through the dirt to "please us" as Shug reminds us from *The Color Purple*.

More and more I am noticing subtle signs of a deeper awakening of something that has always been true...we are ALL deeply connected...our well-being deeply dependent on one another..."the steadfast love of God and mercy" faithfully raising our consciousness and inviting us to care for one another throughout this crisis and beyond in new and transformative ways.

For all of us connected through SJSM, let us continue hold one another in prayer and may each one of us experience "God's mercy...renewed each morning."

Blessings,

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