



# Community of Christ

CHRIST'S MISSION, OUR MISSION

U.S.A. Team of Apostles

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Greetings in the peace of Jesus Christ,

We have been holding each of you and our nation in prayer in the months leading up to our national election. We carry on our hearts the burden and hope we can heal widening divisions, restore civility to our public discourse, and renew our commitment to find common ground upon which to build our future.

Doctrine and Covenants 163:3a and c challenge us:

You are called to create pathways in the world for peace in Christ to be relationally and culturally incarnate. The hope of Zion is realized when the vision of Christ is embodied in communities of generosity, justice, and peacefulness. That which seeks to harden one human heart against another by constructing walls of fear and prejudice is not of God. Be especially alert to these influences, lest they divide you or divert you from the mission to which you are called.

As followers of the peaceful One, we strive to see beyond our differences and embrace that which connects one human heart to another. Our shared brokenness and desire for healing transcends age, class, ethnicity, race, religion, sexual orientation, and political ideology. Our Enduring Principles ground us in the Worth of All Persons, reveal divine possibility in our diversity, and instill authentic hope in our vision of God's Shalom.

As citizens of a nation founded on "We the People," we must work tirelessly to bridge our differences while we work together for the common good of all. May we trust in the Spirit to empower us with courage to listen, patience to understand, and love to heal and forgive in the days ahead.

In the peace of Jesus Christ,

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