

ADVENT A TIME FOR REFLECTION

As we enter into another Advent Season, let each of us consider what it means to be called by God to spread the Gospel to those around us. In order to be effective at spreading the Good News we must be deliberate. Can the blind lead the blind? Can a person who has never fished teach someone to fish? If salt has lost its saltiness what is it good for?

Advent is the perfect time to consider, evaluate and become deliberate about our witness for Christ. First spend time in prayer! Listen for the guidance of the Holy Spirit on your life. Answer that call with faithful obedience, by saying here am I, Lord send me! We celebrated 2400 new professions of faith at Annual Conference and going forward we expect those 2400 to become disciples of Christ while at the same time celebrating another 2400 additional new professions of faith. Some might say, making disciples is the job of the pastors. OR I am not able to share my faith with others. Why do we delegate these tasks to Clergy? Clergy comprise only two-thirds of one percent of all United Methodists in the world. If we would mobilize all 12.7 million United Methodist lay persons in our world (which by the way makes us the largest denomination in the world) just think what we could accomplish. How do we do that? One person at a time, starting with each of us! God is calling! A single candle on a dark night can be seen two miles away. Let YOUR light shine.

- Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to obey everything that I've commanded you. Look, I myself will be with you every day until the end of this present age."

Matthew 28:19-20 CEB

I welcome your questions, comments, suggestions and prayers.

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