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emerge (v.)

1. "to rise from or out of anything that surrounds, covers, or conceals; come forth; appear, as from concealment," 1560s, from French émerger and directly from Latin emergere "bring forth, bring to light," intransitively "arise out or up, come forth, come up, come out, rise," from assimilated form of ex"out" + mergere "to dip, sink" ¹

Ex. Anyone united with the Messiah gets a fresh start, is created new. The old life is gone; a new life emerges!"

¹ <http://etymonline.com>

~ 2 Cor. 5:17 MSG

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A Pastoral Letter For This Election Season

RICK HAMILTON, INTERIM REGIONAL MINISTER

To the Disciples of Christ in Illinois, Michigan, and Wisconsin,

Grace and peace to you in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus the Christ. I have been challenged to write a pastoral letter to the believers in this election season like none we have ever seen before, so I pray this will meet your heart and spirit.

I must confess: usually I get to just “sign on” to letters written by people much smarter than me. This, then, represents a dangerous first. Please read with grace and love.

When I lived in Arkansas, I remember a notable Southern Baptist preacher getting in a little hot water over presenting a sermon titled “I vote for Jesus”. In that sermon, the pastor projected photos of various candidates and which one he believed best represented voting for Jesus. I will not be doing that.

I caught myself earlier in the week asking “How would Jesus Vote” (HWJV)? In the old forms of the WWJD? Of “In His Footsteps”. I am not bold enough to try to answer that question, AND I’m not convinced asking what Jesus would do is the right question for today. It seems to me that Jesus would die on a cross for the redemption of the world, proven in his bodily resurrection three days later. No, I believe that the question of the day for Christians in this season of election may better be phrased “What would Jesus have me do?”

In a land of freedom and democracy, I think the first thing Jesus would have me do is to actually vote, and to cast those votes as ones representing a very informed choice more than a knee jerk reaction to one party or another. The Gospel of John tells us that we are to be in the world, but not of the world. I believe that being in the world compels us to be involved in elections. But how? What would Jesus have me do once I have a ballot in my hand. To that I say you must vote your faith.

Voting our faith requires us to do so with an awareness that “God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through Him” (John 3:17). I would never presume to tell you exactly how to vote or for whom.

What I will remind you is that it is not just about you. Our faith calls us to have an awareness and concern for the poor, the hungry, the naked, the imprisoned, and the lost. Check again what Jesus has to say about those folks in Matthew chapter twenty-five. Ours is not simply a faith of belief, but a faith which demands action. Remember in the sermon on the Mount when Jesus said “Everyone then who hears these words of mine and ACTS on them will be like the wise man who built his house on the rock . . .” (Matthew 6:24)

So . . . what would Jesus have me do? I believe that Jesus would have us choose leaders who have compassion for all of this nation and who understand our role in the world. I believe that Jesus would teach us in some parable about the difference between “thoughts and prayers” and “worshipful work.” I believe that Jesus would have us ask the question of our candidates “How can I see the faith you profess in action for the good of all people?”

Friends, the church is not perfect, and certainly those called to lead the church are not perfect. I am far from it. Yet I know that I am called to proclaim Good News to the world that God is alive, God is still speaking, God is still creating, and God is ALWAYS loving. I hope and I pray that the votes we all cast soon will represent an awareness of Jesus’ command to love our neighbors, to be salt and light, and by interpretation vote our faith.

I believe that the faith that is in you was placed by and is empowered by the Holy Spirit. I believe in the Spirit’s power. And I believe in you.

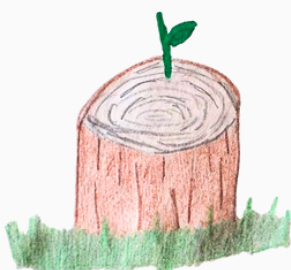
Be a blessing, Disciples, for Christ’s sake!

“I believe that Jesus would have us ask the question of our candidates ‘How can I see the faith you profess in action for the good of all people?’”



Emerging Transformation

ALEX RUTH, ASSOCIATE REGIONAL MINISTER FOR TRANSFORMATION



Several years ago during Advent I received one of my favorite gifts from someone at the church I was serving. A young person who had only been going to the church for a short period of time gave me one of her doodles after worship. The text for the day included Isaiah 11:1-2, “A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots. The spirit of the Lord shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord.” Something about seeing the depiction through the eyes of a child expanded my own understanding of the promise.

We often quote from a different passage in Isaiah when we are hoping God will do something grand in, through, and around, us: “I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth; do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert.” (Isaiah 43:19) And there is truth and encouragement in the retelling of that prophetic word. But, in my experience much of the newness and hope that I have experienced hasn’t come about with a sudden flash of lightning and a clap of thunder. As much as we might like it to.

Most of our growth, transformation, and emergence, is much more like a shoot growing from a stump. It does not happen in a flash, but develops over time, with seasons of rapid growth and seasons of slower growth. And, if we are honest, seasons where there isn’t any growth at all. (Jesus talks a lot about vines, branches, fruit and pruning, after all.)

The new shoot grows from the foundation of what once was strong and vital. The emerging growth is empowered by the nutrients of the past, even as it stretches into the future.

Take a moment and look around your life, your relationships, your church. Is there a stump there? Something that was once strong and vital but isn’t any more. Is there a stump, dead and life-less?

But wait, is that a green shoot that I see coming to life. It is!

Isaiah proclaims that the transformation God is bringing forth begins with a stump. Out of something that appears finished, lifeless, left behind, comes the sign of new life – a green sprig. This is how peace, hope, love, and transformation get their start. They emerge as a tiny tendril in an unexpected place.

Where are the stumps in your life? Where have you been cut off, your dreams left for dead? Can you imagine, do you dare to believe that even now God is nurturing the growth of something new, something good from your old, dead, dreams?

What areas of your life most need the promise of new life? Are you open to the goodness that God longs to bring forth in you?

Isaiah’s promise is not JUST a future one. Even now, there are tiny signs of hope and life in places that look dead and discarded. Our job is to notice those green sprigs of hope, peace, love, and transformation and to nurture them to life! Something new and beautiful is emerging in our region(s), in our churches, and in our lives.

Thanks be to God!

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Life, Interstices, Emergence

ELI ROLÓN JEONG, ASSOCIATE REGIONAL MINISTER

One of the hexagon's free sides opens onto a narrow sort of vestibule, which in turn opens onto another gallery, identical to the first - identical in fact to all...Through this space, too, there passes a spiral staircase, which winds upward and downward into the remotest distance.

*Jorge Luis Borges
The Library of Babel*

In the short story "The Library of Babel," Argentine author Jorge Luis Borges depicts a library containing the seemingly infinite, albeit bounded, possibilities of everything. This library is indefinitely sectioned into identical hexagonal chambers, each containing the same number of shelves, each shelf with the same number of books, and each book with the same number of characters. In this library, amidst innumerable combinations of nonsensical strings of characters, somewhere, exist the books containing a recorded account of everything that has passed, is passing, and has yet to pass. However, what I find intriguing in Borges' library are the corridors in between. Borges describes hallways and staircases connecting each chamber; the space where life, if you will, actually happens. While the possibility of knowledge and history might be contained in one of these library chambers, only by traversing the corridors can anyone reach that chamber.

As I read "The Library of Babel," I find myself drawing connections to our current situation in the life of our regional ministries. It is as if we find ourselves in one of those chambers where history and knowledge make sense but are not yet complete.

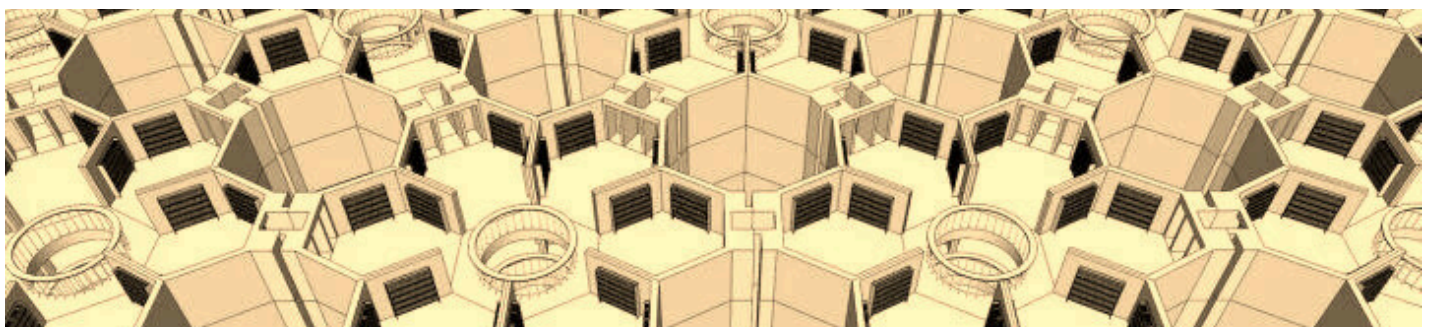
Now, we traverse the hallways, seeking the possibilities of adding to our story. We find ourselves in an interstitial moment—a brief space and time of transition, an "in-between" space connecting where we were to where we will be.

I recognize that interstitial experiences may produce fear, anxiety, doubt, and a myriad of other negative emotions. On the other hand, they can also present tremendous opportunities for curiosity, novelty, and determination. Here, we encounter the chance to negotiate what life may look like—to adjust, refocus, and welcome experiences yet to come. It is an opportunity to listen to one another, sharing the pains and joys of the past as well as the hopes and fears for the future.

Together, as we leave behind the previous library chamber, carrying its lessons and history through spiraling staircases and hallways, we emerge into a new chamber filled with possibilities and a renewed sense of purpose.

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What Emerges Around the Table at Camp - A Walter Scott Reflection

CLAYTON SUMMERS, RESIDENT MINISTER AND CARETAKER
WALTER SCOTT CAMP AND LEARNING CENTER

After five contiguous weeks of programming, another season of our core youth camps have concluded at the Walter Scott Camp & Learning Center. During this time, we have welcomed nearly 110 campers to our facility, have had 746 overnight stays in our bunks, served 2298 meals from our kitchen, and had 3794 volunteer hours to put on our summer camp programming. .



These numbers however don't tell the full story of flourishing happening on this sacred ground nor the ways in which relationships with God and one another were nourished. They don't tell of all the other CCIW programming that will still occur this year at and through Walter Scott and they don't capture the impact we are growing in the local community. While numbers can give us snapshots, stories allow faith, authenticity, curiosity, collaboration, and joy to emerge again as they capture our hearts and minds with the movement of the Spirit. In reflecting on the plethora of stories from this camp season, a thread of several stories continue to weave themselves together

This narrative which emerges from our camp season is the continual diversity of communion elements during worship. While theological, doctrinal, and praxis-based disputes exist within much of the Christian world around what 'is' and 'is not' the Holy Supper, these questions fade into the background in loving community such as a week of summer camp. Many times during our camp season, the campers themselves choose the elements -

not because they had extensive training in liturgy, but because they loved Jesus and were excited to celebrate God's gift of grace. Sometimes these were the traditional bread and grape juice (we even had campers bake their own bread for communion several times this year!) but sometimes they were foods with which better resonated with the lives of the youth. Chips and salsa, graham crackers and icing, and even oreos and milk represented the mystery of the love of God in Christ Jesus throughout this summer.

What emerged was authentic faith, curiosity about the ways in which we are church, collaboration to build liminal community, and unbridled joy from spending time in a place where love was the foundation of all that was done.

Numbers are great, but stories are better.

"While theological, doctrinal, and praxis-based disputes exist within much of the Christian world...these questions fade into the background in loving community such as a week of summer camp."



Dragonflies- Creatures of Change

BETH RUPE, COORDINATOR OF CCIW DISCIPLES WOMEN

In the days before the dinosaurs, dragonflies rose from the earth and took to the air. Fossil records have shown that some of these dragonflies (order odanata) had wing spans of 3 feet. Highly adaptable today, there are hundreds of species of dragonflies on every continent except Antarctica. Highly agile, dragonflies can move each of its wings independently as it flies forwards, backwards, up, and down. They can make sharp turns and hover their prey and flowers.

Most creatures that undergo metamorphosis go through distinct stages, egg, larva, pupa, and adult. Not so with the dragonfly. These unique creatures go through metamorphosis during the larva stage. Following the egg hatch, the pro-larva stage only lasts until its one task of flipping into the water is completed. The nymph then develops and grows, living primarily underwater until the adult sheds its final larval shell and emerges fully developed. In the larva stage the dragonfly adapts to where it makes its home in the water or in burrows in the soft substrate of the wetlands. This stage of development can last from 20 days to 8 years.

Symbolically, dragonflies are the symbol of courage, joy, transformation and adaptability. Light seekers, dragonflies are associated with wisdom, resilience, and maturity. The dragonfly’s attraction to water symbolizes the act of going beyond the surface and seeking out the deeper aspects of life. Finally, dragonflies are seen as symbols of protection and good luck.

What can be our takeaways as we consider emergence of a new regional entity?

- transformation can take place as we continue to live out our daily lives and function in ways that promote growth and well-being of organism that is undergoing metamorphosis.
- adaptability and agility are helpful in moving through the process of transformation and of emerging as a fully mature adult ready to accomplish all that is needed of it.
- transformation provides the opportunity to become one’s true self

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- Come, get inspired by the stories of women we meet in the Bible as they navigate life's tough times.
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- Come connect to your creative nature by making a mosaic candle and/or prayer beads.



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MEET OUR KEYNOTE SPEAKER

REV. JENNIE CHURCHMAN

I have served as the Senior Minister of Eureka Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Eureka, Illinois since 2010. I received a Bachelor of Arts from the University of Texas at Austin in 1992, a Masters of Divinity from Brite Divinity School at Texas Christian University in 1996, and completed one year of Ph.D. studies in Hebrew Bible at Union Theological Seminary in New York.

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I am a trained spiritual director, having completed the program at the Hesychia School of Spiritual Direction in Tucson, Arizona in 2015. I have also been very involved with the Academy for Spiritual Formation since 1999 and currently serve as an Academy Mentor for Five-Day Academy leadership teams. I wrote a series of meditations for The Upper Room Disciplines 2012 and taught a class on the spiritual disciplines at Eureka College (Spring 2013). In addition, I have developed and facilitated numerous retreats throughout my ministry. In 2016, I walked the 500-mile Camino de Santiago in northern Spain; in 2022, I walked the 500-mile Camino route called Le Puy through southwestern France.

My daughter Rachel is a student at Bradley University in Peoria, majoring in Civil Engineering. In 2023, I married Matt Winger who works for Caterpillar in Peoria. In my spare time, I enjoy hiking (of course!), reading, cooking, gardening, sewing and crafting, watching movies, playing games, and traveling as much as possible.



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Setting an Intention to Emerge

APRIL MCCLURE STEWART, ACTING DIRECTOR OF COMMUNICATION AND DEVELOPMENT MINISTRIES

In some faith traditions, “setting an intention” is a process of naming and devoting energy towards a certain outcome requiring spiritual growth. As our Regions move through the coming Year-of-Worshipful-Work, we are setting the intention to emerge into what God is revealing to and through us while praying that we would have courage to live into God’s vision of how-to-be-Church together. Here are some resources you and your congregation might use as we explore this new area of spiritual growth together.

A Prayer for CCMR and CCIW Disciples Intending to Emerge

Life-giving God, over and over again you give us the opportunity to know you in a new way.

Help us to look for signs of possibility and promise.

Life-changing Christ, over and over again, you give us the opportunity to follow you in a new way.

Open our ears and our hearts to hear you calling us to journey together where you are leading.

Life-birthing Spirit, over and over again you give us the opportunity to embody you in a new way.

Make us partners in sharing your love, that others may know how deeply you want your people to be made whole.

Holy One, present with us, bless us with vision, courage, and hope as we seek to be your church together. Amen.



A Study on 2 Corinthians 5:14-17

Our firm decision is to work from this focused center: One man died for everyone. That puts everyone in the same boat. He included everyone in his death so that everyone could also be included in his life, a resurrection life, a far better life than people ever lived on their own.

Because of this decision we don’t evaluate people by what they have or how they look. We looked at the Messiah that way once and got it all wrong, as you know. We certainly don’t look at him that way anymore. Now we look inside, and what we see is that anyone united with the Messiah gets a fresh start, is created new. The old life is gone; a new life emerges! –The Message

Paul intimately understood the process of being made new. Consider reading his conversion story in Acts 9. What “former things” did Paul need to release in order to become a “new life” in Christ?

God is in the business of new life. Think about some examples in the Bible of how God creates newness, especially in the midst of seemingly established situations and ways. (See Genesis 1; 2 Kings 5; Isaiah 65:17 and 66:22; Ezekiel 37; John 20; Acts 2).

As you consider your life and the life of your congregation, name some things that you consider settled or established. What situations, ways, traditions, or practices are simply-the-way-it-is?

What is it about these traditions or practices that gives life? Is there anything that discourages energy, excitement, or growth?

When we read this scripture, we see Paul encouraging his congregation to let go of the ways they have evaluated success in the past and instead, lean into the vulnerability of trusting Christ to provide new life.

How have you evaluated success in your own life, in your congregation, and in your Region? Are there “former things” you need to release that no longer feel faithful or serve to energize or excite you? Are there ways you can honestly confess and embrace (even a little) the vulnerability of trusting Christ? How can you lean into the promise that “anyone united with the Messiah gets a fresh start; the old life is gone and a new life emerges?”



Pray with Your Whole Self: The Body Prayer of Julian of Norwich

Many Christians who have gone before us have sought transformation, renewal, and emergence into God’s desires. Their thoughts and writings can aid us in our present process of discernment. One such person is the 14th century Christian mystic, Julian of Norwich, who invites us to connect heart, mind, and body through four postures and four corresponding intentions.

Take your time to move through these postures and be aware of your breathing. Focus your attention on the four postures and intentions.

Await the sense of God’s presence.

Allow yourself to be opened to God.

Accept as a gift whatever comes, or does not come.

Attend to what you have received and embody God in the world.



AWAIT



ALLOW



ACCEPT



ATTEND

As Close As the Breath We Breathe

BETH RUPE, COORDINATOR OF DISCIPLES WOMEN

The Greek **pneu'ma** and the Hebrew **ru'ach** have been translated, “breath, wind, and/or spirit” in the Bible. In Genesis we read of God breathing the breath of life into Adam as the man becomes a living soul.

Breath is essential for life. As we breathe, we move oxygen into our bodies and breathe out carbon dioxide. Deep breathing can calm us and help regulate many of our body’s systems.

Focusing on our breath can also help us as we pray. The simplicity of breathing can assist us from complicating our prayer. Breath Prayer, a form of contemplative prayer, helps us to focus our attention as we listen for God and open ourselves to God’s presence. Breath prayers help us to express our deepest needs as we keep our attention on God at the forefront.

Breath prayers have been around since the third century. A common form of the Breath Prayer is known as the “Jesus Prayer” or “Jesus Christ, Son of God have mercy on me.” To pray this, you place a few words on the inhale and a few words on the exhale.

Most modern breath prayers are comprised of 6 – 8 syllables that fit easily on one inhale and exhale. The words are repeated as one sits comfortably and breathes in and out.

A very simple breath prayer might include: 1) a request of God for something that you want (peace, love, guidance, wisdom, justice, etc. and 2) a name for God, that you combine into a 6-8 syllable prayer. Examples might be “Creating God, give me wisdom” or “Loving God, give me compassion.”

Another method for Breath Prayer focusing on a short scripture passage dividing it into syllables as you breath in and out. An example of this might be “Be still and know God” or “justice, kindness, walk with God.”

Breathing is essential for life. It helps us to regulate our bodies and to control our stress. It slows us down and helps as focus on staying in the moment. For the Christian, prayer is essential for life. It is how we talk with and listen for God. Breathing can be an important way of supporting our prayer

The process or transformation is best when it is undergirded by our commitment to listen for God and follow God’s lead as live in the moment, move toward what God is calling us to do, and who God is calling us to be. Breath Prayer can be a simple way of nurturing that process.

Colonization & CHRISTIANITY

A Pro-Reconciliation/ Anti-Racism Continuing Education Event

Sept. 21st or Oct. 26 and Nov. 16 9:30 am –11:30 am on Zoom

Workshops are open to anyone interested.

To receive Ethics credit, participants will attend either Workshop 1 or 2
AND Workshop 3 as well as completing required reading.
Participants are welcome to attend all sessions.

Workshop 1: Exploring the Connections Between Colonization & Christian Imperialism

Saturday, September 21 from 9:30–11:30am CST

This workshop will focus on the history of European colonization in North America. We will learn about the ways in which Christianity provided theological justification for the colonization of the land we now inhabit and for the genocide of native people here. We will explore the ways in which five centuries of colonization on this land have culminated in our current reality in which indigenous peoples and histories have been profoundly erased from the view and dominant narrative of our settler colonial society. We will also begin to locate ourselves and our ancestors in the history of colonization and will consider ways in which this collective trauma continues to live on in and through each of us.

Workshop 2: Exploring the Connections Between Jewish and Christian Zionism, U.S. Imperialism, and the Genocide in Gaza

Saturday, October 26 from 9:30–11:30 CST

This workshop will serve as an introduction to the ideology of Zionism. What is Zionism? How and why did Christian Zionism develop, and how has this ideology come to play such a key role in U.S. support for the nation-state of Israel today? How is Zionism connected to colonization and imperialism? How have Jewish and Christian versions of Zionist theologies been used to justify the ongoing violent colonization of Palestine and the current genocide unfolding in Gaza? These questions and others will be explored, and participants will make connections between religious Zionist ideologies and ongoing U.S. and European imperialism and colonization in Palestine.

Workshop 3: Decolonizing Our Theology & Our Churches

Saturday, November 16th from 9:30–11:30am

In this final workshop, we will do a deep dive into the ways in which colonization and Christian imperialism have shaped each one of us and our faith communities. We will reflect together on how these histories live within us and in our churches. We will explore what decolonization of our theology and churches could look like. We will consider together how we can decolonize the ways we read and preach and make sense of scripture as well as the ways we relate to our fellow Christians, our broader communities, the world at large, and the planet we share. We hope that participants will leave with concrete ideas and reflections to bring back to their faith communities.

This series is provided by CCIW's PRAR Team
and is facilitated by Keri Anderson, Nick Cream, and Kiva Nice-Webb.

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