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Devotional Thought



*John Gryns,
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“They were talking with
each other about
everything that happened.”
- Luke 24:14

Two followers walking a familiar road. And yet, the journey of their lives had now experienced the unfamiliar. A man they had pinned their hopes upon no longer existed...or did He? The familiar and the unfamiliar occupying the space of an eternal disruption and the ensuing uncertainty. For these two, disruptive uncertainty became the pavement for the journey of following Jesus. But they didn't know it. The combination of the known and the unknown led to a discussion.

In these times of radical uncertainty, what can be our constant? For myself, with the departure of our conference president, there is the constant of Jesus—still here, still working, still relentless... regardless. Shifting occurs and yet, as Moses pled in a decisive moment, “if Your Presence does not go with us, do not send us up from here.” (Exodus 33:15) Learning to occupy the moment regardless of what is known and what is unknown can be strengthened by the Presence. Regardless.

I don't know where each of you across this diverse state may be right now as school ends, summer emerges, in-person vacations occur, and we transition out of a long winter. Here is what I do know—there is a Presence in the midst. Regardless. We journey. We walk. We seek to understand. We trust. “Settle our souls, O God, that we may find our truest rest in Thee.” This is my prayer.

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News

Things to Know

As you can see atop the masthead...a new name has been given to the FYI. Things to know (T2K) is just that...a quick window into the goings-on across our territory. It is also abbreviated because it will be sent out now bi-weekly (every other week). As Elder Aguilera has mentioned in prior FYI's, as I serve in both the acting president and executive secretary roles, this version of T2K will continue until October 23 (the day of our Illinois Conference Constituency Meeting).

Farewell

On Thursday (May 12), the office staff said farewell to Elder Ron Aguilera and his wife, our Superintendent of Education, Lori. They have served faithfully in their respective fields over the past almost nine years. I cannot say how much I have appreciated working so closely with them for most of those years. It was a bittersweet farewell. And our union, as well, honored both Ron and Lori for their years of service at the Union Constituency Meeting this past Sunday.

Welcome

Yes, with the farewell of two beloved people, we introduce two "new" people into the worldwide ministry of the gospel through the affirmation of their ministry in their respective districts. Paul Lowe received that affirmation (with his wife, Jacqueline and his daughter, Avia, at his side) through the ordination service held at the Broadview Church on Sabbath, May 7. Paul...we appreciate so much the ministry of your family and God bless as you continue the journey with Him.

Our second ordination occurred this past Sabbath for Chicago's own, David Quilatan (and his wife Nikki alongside him as well), at the Living Water Church (rented for the occasion) in Bolingbrook. David...may the affirmation of God's work in your life and ministry continue to strengthen and direct your steps in the continuous future.

Congratulations!

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