

Beloved Friends in Christ:

The new life of Easter and of springtime is all around us, so that even in the challenges we face in the current recession, we cannot resist the joy of the gospel.

In the fifteenth chapter of John's gospel (v. 11) Jesus longs for his joy to be in us, making our joy complete. What a gracious hope this is.

It is in this spirit that I remind you of the special offering we take on Pentecost Sunday for the Diocese of Myitkyina and the Diocese of Mexico – our partners in mission. Pentecost is the Sunday we celebrate the great rush of mission zeal among the disciples, and the outpouring of God's Spirit upon all flesh.

It is a timely occasion for us to remember our far neighbors, who are probably suffering economic woes much greater than our own. So please be as generous as you can in contributing to our offering. Checks may be made payable to the Episcopal Diocese of Utah.

This direct expression of Christ's joy in us will also bring his joy to others in need.

With affection and appreciation,

*+ Carolyn*