

To members of CEN, thank you all for your faithful participation in the contemplative purpose of this Network over the course of this year...and what a year it has been! As Corrie put it in her invitation to meditate together on 4th October, we have been endeavouring to:

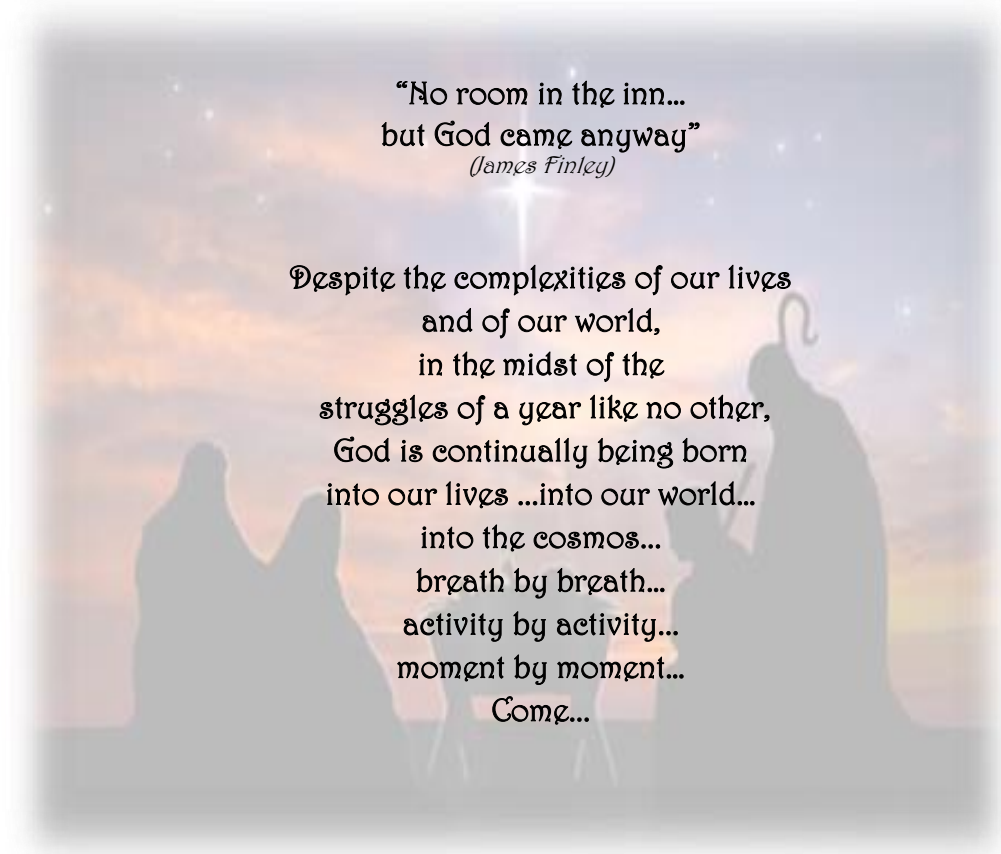
“Inundate the World with the Energies of Love.”

This invitation and the regular ANSD gathering to join in a contemplative hour from 4.00 pm to 5.00 pm each Friday were extensions and new expressions of this intention and desire to help “generate and release a tidal wave of spiritual energy for the healing of the world”. Thus the CEN message continues to unfold into an ever widening field of intentionality. You have been an important part of this. Thank you!

Thanks especially to the generous group of women and men who write our reflections at the start of each month, and who do so with great enthusiasm and dedication because they believe in CEN’s purpose. Thank you to: Tess Veenker; Corrie van den Bosch; Kevin Gallagher; Robyn Fitzgerald; Tim Moloney; Anne Hubbard; Christine Howard; and Kerrie Hide. Thank you especially to those who were willing to write reflections more than once.

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We wish all of you a very blessed and safe Christmas, at the end of this challenging year. As James Finley expressed in a brief Advent meditation some years ago and in the spirit of which I have taken the liberty to make into a Christmas reflection:



“No room in the inn...
but God came anyway”
(James Finley)

Despite the complexities of our lives
and of our world,
in the midst of the
struggles of a year like no other,
God is continually being born
into our lives ...into our world...
into the cosmos...
breath by breath...
activity by activity...
moment by moment...
Come...

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