



January Prayer

Preparations are underway for DOTAC (DIAKONIA of the Americas and Caribbean) which will be held in Vancouver, August 14- 20, 2019. The theme will explore: "Respecting Covenant - Risking the Journey toward Reconciliation" through the lenses of indigeneity, creation and global migration.

As we address this theme in Bible study, theme presentations, workshops, site visits, worship, and small group discussions, we will be naming the divisions that are present in our relationships, our communities and in our world. And we will be asking questions about ways to be agents of reconciliation in a world of brokenness and injustice.

God of Mary and Martha,
God of Jacob and Esau,
God of Pharaohs and Slaves,

**walk with us into the love where there is no longer
male or female,
gentile or Jew,
slave or free.**

Jesus who calls us into "seven by seventy" living,
Jesus who prayed, "as we forgive those who sin against us",
Jesus who pointedly asks us "who is our neighbour?",

**show us the work we need to do,
guide us toward faithful action,
enable us with grace.**

Spirit who comes running down the road to see us home,
Spirit who sends us messengers who proclaim, "Be not afraid",
Spirit who grants us peace,

**breathe hope into our souls,
inspire us into right relationship,
lead us into wholeness.**

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