

Emissaries of Divine Light EMISSARY GLOBAL NEWS

December 2020

Out of the timelessness of Eternity, I bring you Christmas greetings on this day. This is the global news I bring to you—the true gospel, the good news.

There is much happening in the world that you already know about. It has certainly seemed like we have been in the thick of it this year. The coronavirus has dramatically affected human society around the globe. It has affected people's health and their economic welfare. It is cresting even now, while vaccines are being distributed.

There has been political unrest in the United States of America and elsewhere. And in this facet of human culture, too, there is promise showing on the horizon as people of greater vision and character appear on the scene.

In many lands we are experiencing the impact of changes in climate. We know this close at home here at Sunrise Ranch. For twelve days in October, the Cameroon Peak Fire forced us into evacuation. Thank you for your Attunement prayers during this time. Thank you to all who took us in.

On October 17th, the fire raced down Green Ridge, just one mile north of us, with the wind at its back. Keahi Ewa and Chase Niedermeier, from the small crew who remained on the Ranch, stood near the fire pit at the base of the rimrock, on the east side of our valley. Keahi focused the power of prayer from around the world through a chant born out of her Hawaiian heritage. The wind turned, blowing back on the fire, keeping Sunrise Ranch safe.

Thank you, Keahi. Thank you, Chase.

This experience highlights how the power of Holy Spirit is working in the world today. In the thick of all that is transpiring in human culture, there are people who are spiritually in place. Their hearts and minds are open. The Highest Love is reverberating through them. The Light of Truth is shining through their presence. They are the comforter for the world.

These are Emissaries of Divine Light, many known to us, and many more we have never met and probably never will. With all that I am, I am saying, *Thank you for being one of us. Thank you for shining the light that you are in the world.*



Wherever we are, our spiritual practice is Attunement. We attune to the source of all wisdom, power, love and life. We open consciously and ongoingly. In so doing, the Reality of what we have opened to pours through us into the world. And so we are sowing the seeds for the rebirth of humankind. Yes, humankind is in the thick of it. This is why we bring the voice of the Christmas angel:

Behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.

We know that when we see humankind in the middle of transformation, it is a good time to recall the Eternal, which is at the beginning of all Creation and in the fulfillment of all creative processes. This is Alpha and Omega—the beginning and the ending, the primal and final. It is the overarching presence of Being that is moving within and through all things.

This is a time during which there is so much that we cannot do. Our answer? Our presence on earth does not revolve around what we can't do. It revolves around what we can do.

What we can do is show up fully, bringing Attunement in and through all things.

One of the unexpected gifts of this year has been finding each other online. Our Sunday Services have been available on Zoom, which has facilitated a powerful confluence of creative spirits. There is a team of us at Sunrise Ranch and elsewhere that is enthusiastically hosting these times. We have invited people from around the world to share their voices and their artistic talents. These are some of the most deeply ecstatic times I've experienced.

To join our services, go to our website, emissaries.org.

We are offering Attunement conferences and workshops online via Zoom. And we have just launched an online platform to share our teachings and experience as a global community—Becoming a Sun Programs.

To be a part of our online community, just e-mail us at support@sunranch.org.

On the back cover of this newsletter, you will find information on the Attunement workshop I am offering online, on a donation basis, in January. I'd love to have you join me for this deep dive into the Attunement current. I know it will be a special time for anyone for whom it is right to attend. If you would like to learn

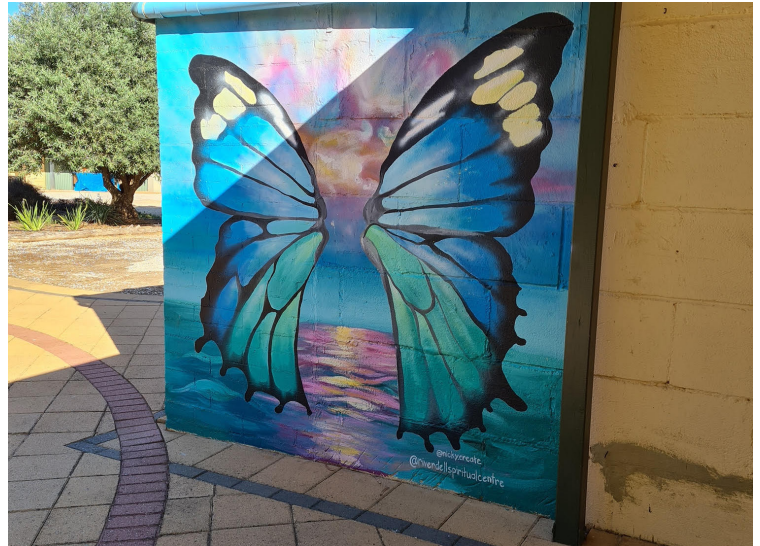
Thank you for being part of this global community, Emissaries of Divine Light. Enjoy the stories from friends around the world in the pages of our newsletter.

David Karchere



News from Riverdell

Spring has certainly been in the air here at Riverdell. More than "in the air"—the evidence surrounds us. A delightful young woman named Nicki, who participated in a Riverdell retreat, revealed that she paints murals on building walls. Our external dining room walls seemed the perfect canvas. Gorgeous bright colours now adorn them, with vibrant butterflies and native flowers uplifting the space. The opportunity to be photographed with butterfly wings has been joyfully taken by several.



Further spring action came with a group called "Summer of Light" wishing to generate a new permaculture garden in our spacious orchard area. Two working bees later, we have over 20 new fruits.

Continuing with developments, two large areas of roofing are now housing a large expanse of Solar Panels (that you can see in the picture below). On those days when the temperature is really rising, we can celebrate it, powering the coolers! Not all of the activity is outside. We also replaced the over thirty-year-old floor covering in our kitchen.

We continue to love our Zoom and in-person services on Sunday. We feel so blessed to have our interstate and international friends joining us in generating inspiration, wisdom and encouragement each Sunday. Thank you to all around the world who have joined us.

At our recent AGM we were delighted to welcome James Swatman as a new Board Member. The Board then held its face-to-face using a mix of in-person and Zoom connection. Spirit and energy for newness was high. ~ Ruth French



The Peace Garden crew



Attunement Conference Hosted by Edenvale: *Sharing the Heartbeat of Creation*

When you heard we were having an online Attunement Conference, I bet you wondered how that would work! Especially if you have been used to being close to others in an Attunement class or session. I can tell you that whether in person or on live-streaming, the current and principles are the same: powerful, creative and vast. Some new participants shared their first Attunement online and were delighted.

David Karchere brought many intriguing and even challenging topics to explore in small and large groups or via journaling in the chat box. The weekend was hosted by David Karchere, Marilyn Manderson, and Hugh and Barb Duff, with many others bringing their experience of the themes. Some of these were, "Care for the Human Soul in a Time of Global Pandemic," "The Feeling Body as the Gateway to the Field and to the Power that Activates the Field," and "Evocation: The Hidden Power of the Attunement Practitioner." We initiated new experiences and perspectives as we stood in awe of each other's expression. It was evocative to hear new possibilities shimmering in our midst. In the last hour of our time, in the glow of what we created, we knew that it was very good and that this exploration will never end.
~ Barb Duff.

News from Edenvale

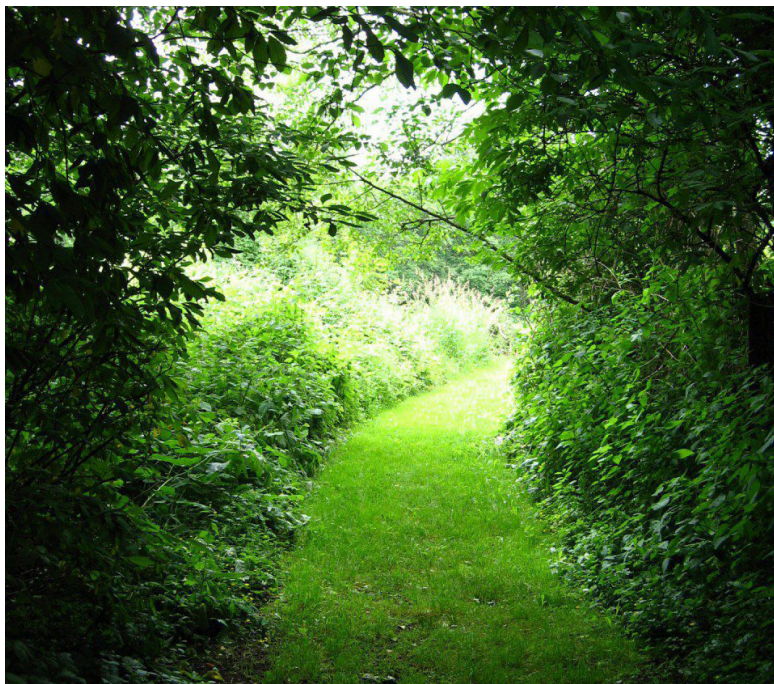
It is interesting how quickly things can change in the period of a month. Because of rising COVID cases in BC, indoor and outdoor gatherings were not permitted in November. In some ways it is fortunate that we are heading into the winter season while these restrictions are in place, but at the same time our outdoor school classes and guide groups that forge on throughout the winter have also been cancelled. We do know that as soon as restrictions are lessened, these groups will be back with us in full force. Our close relationship with the teachers and youth of Abbotsford keeps us all in tune with the greater vision for outdoor learning in the months and years to come.

Thankfully today's technology keeps us connected in ways that are becoming more and more creative. Zoom meetings and gatherings (such as the Thanksgiving gathering hosted by Sunrise Ranch) and participation in Sunrise Ranch services twice each month allow us to see each other's smiling faces and provides a sense of togetherness that is so important in these days.

We play an integral part in the Abbotsford Interfaith Movement and are planning ways in which to expand this group via Zoom and in-person when allowed. Some of us attended a special Zoom event hosted by the Multifaith Action Society on November 28. This event introduced us to leaders of multifaith initiatives that we may not have had the opportunity to meet in other ways. As quoted in the event invitation: "We have all been struggling with loss of normalcy and connection during this difficult and most unusual time. And yet, in what is perhaps the ultimate paradox, our lives and souls have become more intertwined than ever before."

Recently there have been individuals from various places in the lower mainland showing up and offering to assist us in many ways. This is going to make a huge difference in the months to come. Our community of the heart is growing and I am excited to see what we can create together.

There is a surge of creative energy in EDL BC as we work together to plan the upcoming months. What can we do to work around the challenges that are with us now, and what alternative plans can we develop in order to keep moving forward in our Ministry and world outreach? The possibilities are endless and the future looks wonderful! ~ Jeannie Martin



Edenvale Community Gardens

Edenvale Community Gardens is a co-operative, charitable project sponsored by Emissaries of Divine Light British Columbia and The HOME Society. The Gardens feature forty 10-foot by 20-foot plots of developed flower and vegetable gardens, a lawn area perfect for picnics and community events, a parking lot and a great clubhouse. We are committed to keeping the gardens organic.

A number of community groups and companies have supported the creation and ongoing growth of the Community Gardens. Events such as a Harvest Gathering, Christmas Social and Seedy Saturday let us all share our lives and ideals. Anyone wishing to have their own community garden plot at Edenvale Community Gardens is invited to come and choose a space for this year or next year's season, and to meet fellow gardeners from all levels of experience.





The Gate House team can be proud of how we have stewarded the Centre and our community safely through the turbulent pandemic waters of 2020—and the journey continues!

The Centre certainly took a financial knock when we had to close down the Conferencing and Wellness Centre for seven months. At the same time, we chose to extend financial support to our Wellness practitioners, who otherwise would have had to close shop entirely. With no staff able to travel to work, it was now up to Gate House residents to take over care of the garden and keeping the centre clean. Since we were all having to stay home anyway, rallying together as a family was truly heartwarming and allowed us to support our decision to provide our loyal staff members full pay over the lockdown period. This was the least we could do! Many people in South Africa lost their jobs during the months of lockdown.

After seven long months, we were able to reopen the Gate House Conference and Wellness Centre and invite our Centre staff back to work! This was done with great care. Health checks, hygiene and sanitation protocols were put in place that met international safety standards.

The Centre's garden is blooming gorgeous! (See pictures on right.)

Right now it looks like the Wellness Centre will be fully booked for the year ahead! The Mankind Project I-Groups have started up again and will be back with us in 2021. We have just hosted a young girls group, "Kids Who Can," a rite of passage workshop for young girls. After our final public event for 2020 (an intimate wedding ceremony), the Gate House Operations team will meet to celebrate this year and vision and plan for 2021. ~ Ellinor B. Shepherd



"Kids Who Can" group



In November the Cape Town Centre hosted Evolutionary Dialogues with the theme "Unity in Diversity." Nic and Ann Paton (pictured above) led the discussion. The motto of the coat of arms of South Africa means "people who are different come together." As we move beyond modernity into uncharted territory, a full appreciation of diversity, with its challenges and blessings, is starting to come into view and was a focus of the dialogue in this meeting.

Over 50 attended this year's Servers Council held October 1-4, with David Karchere (Director of Emissaries of Divine Light), the International Emissary Trustees, and others. It all occurred over Zoom, with the COVID-19 restrictions. The Council included the formation of Servers 2021 as a collective drum, bringing the pulse of Spirit into the world as well as a heightened awareness of the principles of our service.

There were online forums to facilitate an evolving dialogue; reports from several on unfolding creative opportunities; Attunement, including several who spoke about what is opening up in their awareness of Attunement; updates on the Creative Field program; online pairs and small groups; storytelling; a writing workshop with poetry and prose, portraying the divine poetry of our message; the arts and video; offline preparation work; journaling; and more. We even shared in online coffee breaks!

The annual Congress session was held on October 2, with representation from all the regions worldwide. During this time the Trustee election was held. There were three open seats this year. Marilyn Manderson (Kamloops, BC) and Keahi Ewa (Sunrise Ranch), who had been serving as Trustees, both re-nominated themselves for another two-year term; and Anne-Lise Bure (Cape Town, South Africa) self-nominated. As there were no other nominations, these three were unanimously acknowledged by the Congress as joining the remaining Trustees: David Karchere (Sunrise Ranch), Jane Anetrini (Loveland, CO), Hugh Duff (Edenvale, BC), and Howard Goodman (Cape Town, South Africa). It was announced that the Expanded Trustee Circle will also include Uma Faith (Sunrise Ranch), Oren Yakovee (Sunrise Ranch), and Sece Foster (Loveland, CO). Thankfulness was expressed for this new configuration of leadership.



2021 Trustees (left to right): Keahi Ewa, Hugh Duff, Marilyn Manderson, Howard Goodman, Anne-Lise Bure, David Karchere and Jane Anetrini

Expanded Trustee Circle



Uma Faith
Sunrise Ranch



Sece Foster
Loveland, CO



Oren Yakovee
Sunrise Ranch

We join all our friends and associates around the globe as we find ourselves in this current cycle of pandemic and world issues.

Everyone here has been mindful of being safe and caring as we go about our work—from our homes, if possible, or distancing if working elsewhere. We found ourselves quickly getting up to speed on using Zoom, which we use for our meetings, services, and numerous gatherings. David Karchere introduced us to Zoom coffee breaks as well! Our Events business has been almost nonexistent since March. Kimberly Foster has been working on short-term rentals for our empty apartments.

We now have several free blogs available to all on sunranch.org. David Karchere shares weekly blogs: Attunement Meditations (attunement.org), Becoming a Sun Meditations (davidkarchere.com) and an Interfaith Soul Care Blog (sunranch.org).

From Tuesday-Friday each week a team at Sunrise Ranch host a fifteen-minute Daily Prayer Zoom gathering at 9 a.m. During warmer weather we gathered in the garden or on the Orchard Lawn at LeAnna Moore's home. All the residents are invited to offer one of the sessions. What a wonderful way to begin our day!

Our garden produced more food than ever this season—and the season continues in our greenhouses. A favorite was our raspberries! The community was invited to assist whenever possible and we enjoyed Friday morning garden sessions. We sell our produce and breakfast burritos at local Farmers Markets every Saturday and Sunday, and also donate our delicious produce to a local Food Bank. Blessings to our amazing Sunrise team! Our meat continues to be a hit and can be ordered on our web store sunranch.org/grassfed-beef/.



It doesn't rain often in Colorado but we get snow most any time of the year! We had a break from the snow May through August but had an early snow on September 9th this year.

The Sunrise Ranch community enjoyed a pizza party at Eastview, David Karchere's residence.



Bruce Campbell, Bob Ewing, Katie Garrett and host, David Karchere



Linda Moore, Keahi Ewa, et al enjoying community, sunshine and pizza.



Chef Barrett Barth with his delicious chocolate-covered macarons!



The first new lamb of the season was born December 10 and another mama gave birth to triplets on December 16!



An outdoor circus party in early September was a great reprieve from the COVID-19 blues! Pictured on the right are Rachel and Phoenix Morrison.





Sunrise Ranch Community Evacuated Due to Fire Danger

The Cameron Peak Fire moved swiftly as a fire-breathing dragon, with many weeks of red sun, red moon and dense smoke before moving within one mile of Sunrise Ranch.

October 16th the Sunrise Ranch community and surrounding area were mandated to evacuate. Our Sunrise Team had an evacuation plan in place, as well as a shelter plan for housing. Housing was graciously provided by friends, family and the American Red Cross.

Keahi Ewa, Chase Niedermeier, Nick Wamsley, Brian Mullen, and our friend and neighbor at Eden Valley Institute, Ignacio Perez, remained to care for Sunrise Ranch during power outages, water shutdowns and other emergencies, keeping the way clear for firefighters and heavy equipment. Many thanks to them.

The night of October 24th came the miraculous blessing of two days of snowfall, with high wind shifting back on itself, quelling a large portion of the fire. The afternoon of October 27th, after twelve days as evacuees, we were given safe passage to return home.

Prayers from so many around the world surrounded us and our precious Eden Valley in safekeeping. We are deeply grateful for everyone's outpouring of love and enfoldment. Thank you all! We also give thankfulness to all the firefighters for their diligence, integrity and steady commitment in protecting our land, homes, and all we hold dear.

Silence and pristine peace welcomed our return to Sunrise Ranch, along with hundreds of elk seeking refuge in the east pasture. We rejoiced in deep thankfulness to come home to a new cycle of being, tangible to touch, under the clear, blue Colorado sky of possibility.

~ Linda Moore

Thanksgiving was different this year as well! With pandemic restrictions, Chef Barrett Barth and his team created a sumptuous traditional Thanksgiving meal, which was boxed for all of us to pick up and enjoy in our homes. This year we also offered the larger community the opportunity to pre-order Thanksgiving feasts, with delivery service by the farm team! Additionally, we were all invited to participate in a Zoom Thanksgiving celebration together.

Over 140 shared in the Evoking the Power of Attunement Conference, hosted by David Karchere, Jane Anetrini, Howard Goodman, Marilyn Manderson and Tom Cooper. It was held December 4-6 via Zoom. David is following up with an online workshop, Attunement With Source: Energy Medicine Formulas for Personal Regeneration, to be held in four ninety-minute sessions January 9, 16, 23 & 30. More information is available at sunriseranch.org.

Our love goes forth to all in this sacred holiday season.



Connie Baxter Marlow and Andrew Cameron Bailey gave an inspiring perspective on the Mayflower Pilgrims who committed treason to separate from the Church of England in the late 1500's. They came to the shores of America, after 12 years in Holland, seeking to build a community based on freedom of conscience: the right to act according to one's direct connection with the divine. The spiritual alignment with the Native Americans they met and lived amongst led to 54 years of peace and friendship. The harvest celebration of 1621 was a three-day inter-cultural celebration now known as The First Thanksgiving. Connie is a Mayflower descendant!



Wild turkeys visit the Ranch every autumn!



Beautiful rainbow behind our greenhouses

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ATTUNEMENT WITH SOURCE

*Energy Medicine Formulas
for
Personal Regeneration*

Is this a time in your life to become re-energized and re-inspired? To attune deeply to the Source of Life within you?

This online workshop is your opportunity to move past any energetic or emotional blockages, so you can connect to what lights you up and illuminates the path before you. In four weeks, you will understand simple breakthrough formulas embedded in the Attunement Cards and learn how to use them on your life journey. More than that, you will have a firsthand experience of the power of these formulas.

Attunement With Source is an online workshop in four sessions that offers support for the delicate transitions we make at times in our life. It is an uncommon opportunity to shift consciousness to access the most profound creative powers within the human soul.

What are those creative powers? The inspiration of life itself. The power to create. The capacity to forgive and to love again. The power to see and understand other people and situations with compassion. The ability to affirm our worthiness and dignity as a human being. And the energy to move forward on our life journey. *Attunement With Source* unlocks these powers.

The Sessions

Each session utilizes one of four Attunement Cards, known for their ability to evoke the creative forces locked within the human soul. The Attunement Cards explore the influence of subtle shifts in thought and feeling. Each one shifts energy in one of the seven energy fields of the human body related to the seven major endocrine glands.

Dates

The *Attunement With Source* workshop is offered online in four weekly sessions: January 9, 16, 23 and 30. Each session will begin at 10 a.m. Denver, Colorado (Mountain Time) and will be 90 minutes long.

Registration

We are offering *Attunement With Source* on a donation basis, with a \$9.99 administration fee. For more information and to register, visit sunriseranch.org/event/attunement-with-source/