

From the Laptop of Rev. Kharma ...

Resolutions Revisited

One of the problems I have with the practice of making resolutions is that I forget I made them if I do not revisit them fairly frequently. It turns out I made some pretty fantastic resolutions for the new decade that began in 2010 that most assuredly still apply. Until I opened my long-since forgotten newsletter article from January of last year, however, I did not realize I needed to revisit them right about now. Following is a reprise that I hope will be as helpful to you as it was to me. Happy New Year!!

In Abundance and Gratitude,



Rev. Kharma

The new decade exists in this moment full only of possibilities. I think the occasion calls for a resolution. Here goes: I want all my projections for myself, for those I love, for our church community, for MCC ministries around the world, and even for the world in its entirety ... to be positive, courageous, and unlimited by fear of risk or failure OR overreliance on the presumed safety of the known. In fact, I think I can sum up my resolution in this way: ***Be it resolved that this shall be a Decade of Daring.***

- *Daring* to believe that our hopes for ourselves and the world are yet within reach
- *Daring* to work hard and think outside the box in order to move joyfully and passionately towards realizing those hopes
- *Daring* to step out of outgrown patterns of thought or behavior that limit hope or curb enthusiasm, optimism, or idealism
- *Daring* to dream big, listen well to the dreams of others, and build on the best of our collective wisdom and imagination
- *Daring* to jump over the small stuff and the pettiness that can become obstacles if given too much energy or attention
- *Daring* to use the words “Yes,” “And,” and “Love” more ... multiple times each day
- *Daring* to leave behind the grievances of the past, to practice forgiveness, to lay down the burden and resist (at long last) the urge to return again to pick it up
- *Daring* to talk back to the voices of criticism (internal and external) and affirm in thought, word, and deed that all things are possible with God ... and that wherever we are, God is
- *Daring* to be relentless in our affirmation of all that is good and holy in the people we meet (all of them!)
- *Daring* to put faith into action, belief into practice, God (and not the devil) into the details of life

May it be so!