

*I wait for the Lord, my soul waits,
and in his word I hope;
...For with the Lord there is steadfast love,
and with him is great power to redeem.
Psalm 130: 5, 7b*



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Merry Christmas,

Well, almost. As I write this, I know that Christmas is coming. I've seen the signs. Snow has arrived, and the trees are budding - not leaves, but lights. I know Christmas is coming, but I'm still in Advent - that time of waiting. Which are you feeling?

Part of me is feeling that 'will it ever come' waiting. It's the news that's getting me down. This will have changed when you read this, but right now there's the uncertainty of the new COVID variant. How long O Lord? Thankfully I can also feel some of that 'child excited for Christmas' bubbling up, and I have confidence that things will get better - just as I know Christmas will come - just as I know that Christ will come again and repair everything that is wrong.

One of the mysteries of life is that God not only hasn't given up on humans and all the self-interested messes we've made - but still wants to work with us. I'm pleased to say that Kensington does this in a variety of ways. We pray for our community (local and global). We use our facilities to provide worship and other opportunities to learn about God. We also use our facilities to support a number of community initiatives, such as the New Hope & 50+ seniors centres, meals on wheels, groups that support people struggling in life (AA, NA, Al-Anon), the Montreal Children's Theatre, and the Korean Presbyterian Church of Montreal.

To help bring God's gifts of love, hope and healing to the community we need to look after the facilities God has given us. We've been experiencing various leaks from the roof which have likely caused damage inside. There are also some cracks in the foundation that may indicate bigger problems. To help us know the state of the building and prioritize work we are going to get an independent inspection done. This will cost \$2000 and your special Christmas donations will support this - which in turn will support God's ministry in the community.

For the Christmas season we are especially concerned about the welfare of our whole community. In a discussion at Session, the Trustees have agreed to match your donations with an equal amount to be contributed directly to The Depot, who provide various food services to those in need.

*The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light;
those who lived in a land of deep darkness - on them light has shined.*

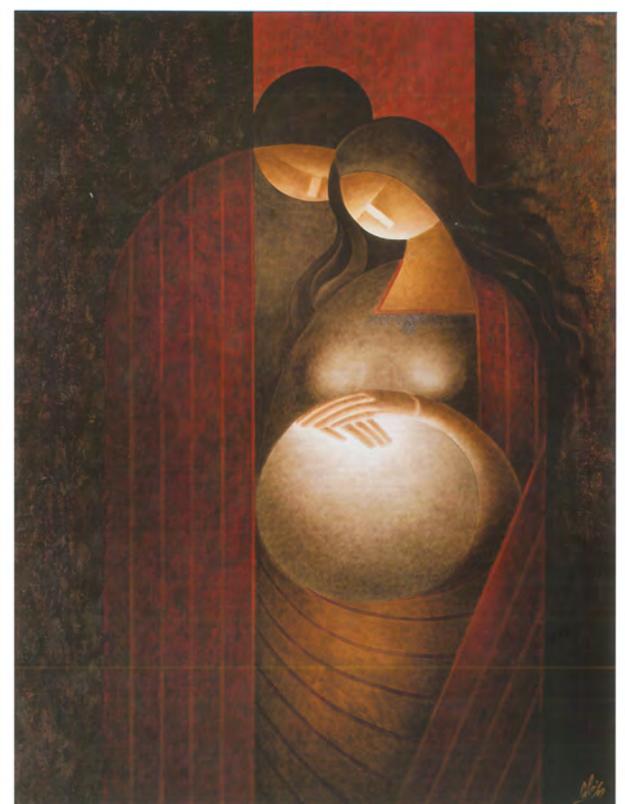
*You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy;
they rejoice before you - Isaiah 9: 2-3a*

Thank you for your prayers, hopes, and support.
as our Advent waiting will end.

Merry Christmas.

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Rev. Peter Rombeek

Creatora de Luz
Lalo Garcia



Lalo Garcia, "Creatora de Luz" (Creator of Light), 2009, 90cm x 120cm, acrylic on canvas