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Bishop Riscylla's Letter to Vestry 2019

February 1 ~ St Brigid, Abbess of Kildare, 523 AD

Dear Friends in Christ ~ grace to you and peace this day in the name of Jesus.

As I write this, please be assured of my prayers and best wishes as you gather for your annual Vestry meetings, and especially I wish to thank all of you for your vision and work in fulfilling the mission of Christ in your life together, in your communities and in your neighbourhoods.

In the coming months I will be visiting each deanery for a 'town hall' to meet and to share with you ideas and concerns for our ministry together. In particular, for this next year I ask you to consider these three calls to action:

Reconciliation
Recovery & Mental Health
Radical Inclusion

What do they mean to you? one or all of them... what are you doing in your church community to address them? what **can** you do, if you make them a priority? how can we mutually aid one another in finding ways to talk, meet, walk-with, work towards healing together?

I encourage you to write to me about it, speak with me, engage yourself and others in these deep conversations. Go faithfully and safely to these vulnerable places, to spark new relationship, new understanding, new learning about who we are as the body of Christ together in this place, in this time.

May God bless you richly in 2019 and equip you in the work to which God has called you.

Yours faithfully,

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