For Such A Time As This

Do not think that in the king’s palace you will escape. For if you keep silent at such a time as this, relief and deliverance will rise from another source, but you and your family will perish. Who knows? Perhaps you have come to your position for such a time as this. Esther 4:13-14

Madeleine L’Engle said, “We are all asked to do more than we can do. Every hero and heroine of the Bible does more than [they] would have thought it possible to do, from Gideon to Esther to Mary.”

This past year, your support of Christian Peacemaker Teams has meant so much. You’ve hosted us in your homes, attended our events, and forwarded our e-mails. You have prayed for us at home and in your study groups and congregations. You suggested to your friend that they join us on a delegation, encouraged your church to run our “Prayers for Peacemakers” in your bulletin and add us to the budget. You’ve contributed financially, held fundraisers in your homes, invited us to speak at your events - even added us to your wills. We couldn’t be more grateful for your faithful commitment to being a peacemaker and supporting CPT.

In Palestine, our team needed more people on the ground in a time when more and more peacemakers are being denied entry, and you showed up, ready to work. In Colombia, we asked for your support and prayers for our partners in their continued search for justice and in the long search for a lasting peace. You were there when we needed you. You took action when our training team asked you to support our new trainees in Iraqi Kurdistan. In Canada, you keep inviting our Indigenous Peoples Solidarity (IPS) Team back to your churches and schools to share our work with you. And you stood with IPS at Standing Rock against corporate and government land theft and water endangerment.

Thank you, for being peacemakers we can count on wherever we go and everywhere we work. Thank you for opening our e-mails and letters, for reading our newsletter. We hope you know what it means to every one of our team members and partners that there are ears to listen and hands to help when they reach out with a story that needs to be told or an action they’d love you to take.

This upcoming year, we’re going to need peacemakers just like you at the ready. For you, our peacemakers, in such a time as this, we give thanks. It is good to be with you in the struggle for peace and justice.