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Hello everyone!

I can't believe that it's almost the end of the year already! Where did 2012 go? As we all take time to celebrate the holidays, rush to and fro participating in holiday activities, rest and relax, or just take time to regroup — enjoy the brief respite before 2013 starts!

The Project now has a Pinterest page: www.pinterest.com/lynbayer — Please note the "b" in my name. That way, you'll get to the Project's Pinterest information. Hope you find it as much fun as I have. It's great to be able to put things you like in one spot, organize them as you do this, and allow others to capture what they like.

I continue to post on our Facebook page whenever I get a chance. If anyone comes across any cool new info that others might enjoy — please send to me — and I'll post it on FB — and, if appropriate, also on Pinterest.

Happy 2013 everyone!

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People really act weird at Christmas time! What other time of year do you sit in front of a dead tree in the living room and eat nuts and sweets out of your socks? (Unknown author)

INSPIRATIONAL



As each of us takes time to participate this month in holiday celebrations, may we also think about what it means, and how we can put the holidays into the context of what we do as families, as professionals... And also so we can put everything into today's context where we may have had some really traumatizing experiences to deal with.

For instance, I think these quotes on Hanukkah are timeless and have so much from which we can glean thoughts — to inspire and shine a light on what we do. Take a look:

http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2012/12/08/hanukkah-quotes-miracle-of-light_n_2260094.html#slide=1851289

I love the introductory quote: "Never fear shadows. They simply mean there's a light shining somewhere nearby." (Ruth E. Renkel)

And then there's the saying , "May the lights of Hanukkah usher in a better world for all humankind." (Author unknown)



Then there are Kwanzaa-related UNITY quotes too — beautiful and meaningful:

"Sticks in a bundle are unbreakable." (Kenyan proverb)

"In all things that are purely social we can be as separate as the fingers, yet one as the hand in all things essential to mutual progress." (Booker T. Washington)



"A snowflake is one of God's most fragile creations, but look what they can do when they stick together." (Author unknown)

Talk about "paying it forward" - here's a thought from Mohammed Ali: "Service to others is the rent you pay for your room here on earth."

Talking about the future, and thinking about a new year, it is good to think in these terms: "We do not inherit the earth from our ancestors, we borrow it from our children." (Native American Proverb)

Remember — as we listen to news that is devastating — and there has been much of that lately, we need to still believe: In the words of India's bard, Rabindranath Tagore, "Faith is the bird that sings when the dawn is still dark."



Stick together.



Look for light,
even in dark
Places.



Care!



Believe.....