Emissaries of Divine Light

EMISSARY GLOBAL NEWS

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It is a magical year!

I hope you enjoy the photos and stories contained in this *Emissary Global News*. They contain the magic in what is happening for Emissaries of Divine Light around the world.

Through Riverdell's Twilight Market in South Australia, an interfaith day at Novalis Ubuntu Institute in Cape Town, and in so many other ways, we are bringing the selfless gift we have to bring to the world. In doing so, we find ourselves in great company—people within our own organization and beyond.

A friend of mine said to me that it was his vision to give all he had to God so that God could use it in service to humanity. We are meeting people like that wherever we go, each one on a creative adventure, letting their talents be used to the highest purposes in their own field of service. These are fellow co-creators, strategic partners and friends

in the work of spiritual regeneration. People like Paul Bassis and Tierro Lee, who produce the Arise Festival, and Pastor Craven Engel, who runs a halfway house in Cape Town, South Africa, called Camp Joy. People like Barbara Marx Hubbard, who is now living at Sunrise Ranch, and Seth Blaustein of Telepathic Video.

I can't get the image of a plane taking off out of my mind. That's us! And the inspired people who are our co-creative partners. The pilot deliberately faces into the headwind as the aircraft rolls down the runway, knowing it will give the aircraft lift. Flaps extended, pulling back on the stick, the plane rises into the air.



David is now a member of Evolutionary Leaders, who met in June in California.



David held an Attunement Workshop in April at Peace River in Beer, Devon, UK.

In our life, the headwinds are the forces of Creation at work in the world around us. Only those forces don't always look so creative. They can look like adversity and challenge. The common human reaction is to turn one's back on the headwind. But in the end, you can't escape it. And you won't attain takeoff that way. We have become that jet hurtling down the runway to face the headwinds that are coming to us from the world. We are here to give our gift to the world, individually and as Emissaries of Divine Light. And we are taking off, gaining altitude, and entering the jet stream.

Facing the headwind is facing the great issues that are present in your own life, in the lives of the people around you, and in the larger culture. It is seeing why people hurt and why they self-sabotage. It is touching the feeling of being lost, and the feelings of discouragement and disappointment. It is observing the cultural beliefs that are antithetical to the flourishing of a human life.

But facing the headwind is more than that. It is surrendering to the wisdom and love of the Divine and letting it flow through you. It is letting the Divine hold you steady in difficult times. And it is letting that reality fill your field of service. It is holding it



Sydney Harbour Bridge in Australia

together as you rattle down the runway. And it is facing the fear of being airborne.

This process is under way for people around the world. Some are wandering around the runway, trying to avoid the headwinds. They don't yet see the opportunity for becoming airborne.



Mangroves near Gawler, Australia

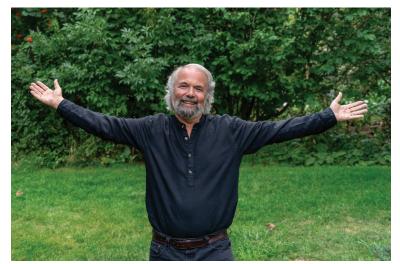
Others are facing the great issues of our day. And they are bringing an answer. They are taking off.

To continue my aeronautic analogy, if Emissaries of Divine Light is an aircraft, it has been taken back into the hangar for renovation over the past thirty years. Grounded. Because there is work to do on the ground.

The airport (Sunrise Ranch) has been renovated. The engine has been overhauled. The crew has been retrained and new crew members have been found. New pilots have emerged.

Fresh flight plans have been drawn up.

And now, this year, we are hurtling down the runway. We are taking off. The wind beneath our wings is love and support from many people. The fuel is divine desire burning in our hearts.



The cockpit is open, and the wind is blowing through our hair. There are friends onboard. And friends are flying next to us.

This is a magical year. Good to be facing the headwinds together. Good to be flying high with you.

David Karchere

David Karchere at Riverdell, January 2018

Pour major events were scheduled during David Karchere's visit to Riverdell: "Heart Connected Relationships"—a public talk given at the Prince Albert Hotel; "What in the World Is Happening?"—a forum of four speakers on the fields of Spiritual, Environmental, Energy Sustainability and Cultural Awareness; "Creating a New World Together"—a topic explored by a Creative Field group of eight people; and "Steps to Wholeness and Personal Regeneration"—David introduced the Sun Cross, leading to experiential exercises.



David presented at a Forum



Forum panel: including David Karchere, David Rathman, Rachel Brdavonic, and Graham Brookman



Riverdell's very first Twilight Market was a roaring success! Among the many stalls, the Attunement Retreat space had been lovingly transformed into an energy oasis. Handmade crafts, organic skin care, candles, homewares, essential oils, unique jewelry and fresh food were among the many products available. The children enjoyed face painting, hula hooping, and a giant inflatable bouncy castle. Estimates of around 1000 people experienced Riverdell's gorgeous grounds and inaugural market.



Steps to Wholeness group



Creative Field Group attending Creating a New World Together

Gate House, South Africa

April 12-26 to present Primal Spirituality I, Healing Chant, and Attunement workshops. Additionally, an Interfaith Day was held at Novalis: Birthing a New Day for the Interfaith Community. In David Karchere's words: I had the privilege of being at Gate House Spiritual Centre in Cape Town, South Africa. Africa is an incredible place. When you are in Cape Town, there at the bottom of the whole continent, you feel like all of Africa comes to focus right there, as if you had it all in your hands. I had the thought that when Africa comes forth and awakens fully, that will be the fulfillment of the awakening of the world—there is such power in that place and in her people. It was a privilege to be there and to share what we did.



David at top of Table Mountain in Cape Town





Healing Chant workshop at Phakalane, South Africa



Healing Chant at Phakalane



Anne-Lise Bure and Ros Ovenstone



Camp Jay tour by Pastor Engel Craven (2nd from right)



Visiting Camp Joy on outskirts of Cape Town



Howard Goodman and David Karchere at Novalis Centre



Interfaith Day at Novalis



Fadeela Ally-Schmidt at Interfaith Day, Novalis Centre

Emissary News

This year Phil Richardson and Ruth Buckingham relocated from South Africa to Aldershot, England. They recently gathered at Hawkwood with Emissary friends in the region: Tessa Maskell, Phil Richardson, Irene de Groof, Laurance Mendes, Brian Perry, Ruth Buckingham and Kari Bye.



Phil Richardson and Ruth Buckingham with Emissary friends in England



Phil Richardson and Ruth Buckingham's new home



Gay Martin and Pat Cluche visited Sunrise Ranch from Ojai, California. Diana de Winton, Gay, Jane Anetrini and Pat pictured above. Gay shared an original song at Sunday service.



Samuel and Sarah Adelowo, now in Texas, visited Cameroon, touching the lives of many dear friends this past year.



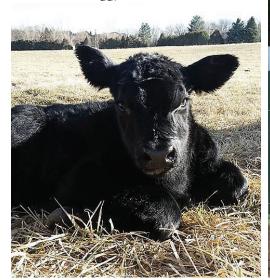
VOSS, NORWAY report from Kari Bye

It seems the time has come where many in Norway are now concerned with new ways of understanding religion and spirituality, so discussions of the Voss Seminar theme, "Redefining Our Spiritual Heritage," can more easily be extended beyond our little seminar group that meets twice a month! We continue to consider things in the media, and my *Creative Currents* and other writing I get published.

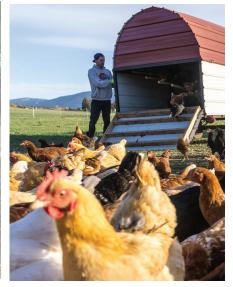
Our friend and co-worker with David Karchere at the Voss Seminar, Don MacGregor, sent me information about the CANA network in the UK, *Christians Awakening to New Awareness*, which is one of his connections. I have been connected to CANA through the Wrekin Trust, but there may be more to share for us now, along with Don's excellent book, *Blue Sky God*. I expect to focus more on European connections next year.

FARM HAPPENINGS!

The Farm at Sunrise Ranch continues to grow by leaps and bounds. The chickens have a new coop, a baby llama named Ziggy was born, and our herd of cattle continues to grow!









Greenhouse Manager, Derik Lane



Ignacio Perez, Director of Greenhouse and Garden, with the bounty from our gardens loaded in the truck



Jackie Alvine and Christopher Browne representing Sunrise Ranch at the local Farmers Market



ARISE MUSIC FESTIVAL 2018

For the sixth year in a row, the ARISE Music and Camping Festival was held at Sunrise Ranch in August. The Sunrise Farm had a booth where fruits, vegetables and grass-fed beef were sold. Thanks to the Sunrise staff for the amazing heavenly substance brought to the Festival through their loving, joyous service!



ARISE Pre-party: Co-producers Tierro Lee and Paul Bassis with David Karchere and Ahva Lenay



The tents of thousands of campers fill the fields of Sunrise Ranch during the ARISE Music Festival



Sunrise Ranch booth Tea & Chat in the evening



David Karchere speaking for Regeneration Earth



Wisdom Village

ARISE MUSIC FESTIVAL 2018



Barbara Marx Hubbard presenting in Wisdom Village at ARISE



David Karchere and Ahva Lenay: Heart Centered Relationships



Onstage at the Closing Ceremony



ARISE Closing Ceremony with all major contributors



A special luncheon was held to honor Anne (Annie) Laflam for her many years of service at Sunrise Ranch. She worked in every department through the years and has been inspirational with her humor and generosity. She played a special part in the lives of all at Sunrise. Annie relocated to the state of Washington to live with her daughter, Mikki Netterfield, and large family.



Carol Walker recently moved back to Mount Shasta, California, following a number of years here at Sunrise Ranch. Carol also spent several years at Glen Ivy, in California, coordinating activities there as we were preparing to sell the property. We are so thankful for her dedication and care through these years and wish her well in her new endeavors.



2018 Full Self Emergence Participants

Primal Spirituality



Attendees of Primal Spirituality I



Attendees of Primal Spirituality II

TRIBALIZE Regenerative Living Summit III

Sunrise Ranch hosted the TRIBALIZE III Summit July 5-8. The Summit brought together people invested in, dreaming in, designing, developing and collaborating on the next generation of regenerative community living projects. Presenters from Sunrise Ranch included David Karchere, Barbara Marx Hubbard, Rachel Morrison, Andrew Cameron Bailey, Connie Baxter Marlow, and others.



Cynthia Tina and Rachel Morrison



Barbara Marx Hubbard bringing her wisdom to the Summit



An evening around the Firepit near Rimrock



David Karchere presenting at the Tribalize Summit





Small-group gatherings were held around the property

David Karchere's 65th Birthday Celebration!

The Sunrise community celebrated David Karchere's 65th birthday with a special dinner and entertainment. Keahi Ewa's Hula Class (pictured below) offered their first grand performance, and there were readings honoring David, along with music and dancing! We are so blessed by David's presence here.





Keahi Ewa with David

INDEPENDENCE DAY (4th OF JULY) BBQ CELEBRATION

David Karchere hosted a special BBQ dinner and party at Eastview to celebrate Independence Day. Andrew Cameron Bailey and Connie Baxter Marlow, along with Barbara Marx Hubbard, offered presentations on the significance of this day and time in history. Diego Reyes handled the karaoke stage. Everyone enjoyed this special time, which ended with star-spangled sparklers!



The Sunrise Ranch community enjoyed celebrating Independence Day together



Andrew Cameron Bailey and Connie Baxter Marlow





Karaoke singers Gary Goodhue and David