



BRIGIDINE LIFE and MISSION UNFOLDING

... Current realities in our world

An authentic faith – which is never comfortable or completely personal – always involves a deep desire to change the world, to transmit values, to leave this earth somehow better that we found it. We love this magnificent planet on which God has put us, and we love the human family which dwells here, with all its tragedies and struggles. (Pope Francis EG 183).

As Brigidine women individually, and as a Congregation, we are not islands: we are part of the societies and the wider world in which we live, and as our constitution reminds us “ we must be vitally aware of needs of our times so that our ways of extending the kingdom may be attuned to the needs, aspirations and challenges of our contemporary world” #3

**This
Graced
Moment:
Divine
Energy
animating
fresh
possibilities**

We must go out through that door to seek and meet the people! Have the courage to go against the tide of this culture of efficiency, this culture of waste. Encountering and welcoming everyone, solidarity and fraternity: these are what make our society truly human. (CICLSAL 2Feb14)

The challenge of climate change has become not only economic, political or social. It is also an issue of morals, religion, values such as justice and social inclusion, the obligation of solidarity with future generations and the moral obligation to care for the earth, namely creation, which is our habitat. (Serondo, Cafod, 7 Nov 14)

The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to set the oppressed free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor. (Lk 4:18-19)

*We are called now, as the Church, to go outside in order to arrive at the margins, geographic, urban and existential – the margins of the mystery of sin, pain, injustice and misery – to the hidden places of the soul where each person experiences the joys and sufferings of life.
(Evangelii Gaudium 62)*

Alongside this deeper cause – the rejection of another person's humanity – there are other causes which help to explain contemporary forms of slavery. Among these, I think in the first place of poverty, underdevelopment and exclusion, especially when combined with a lack of access to education or scarce, even non-existent, employment opportunities. (Pope Francis, Peace Message 2015)

*God is forever inviting humans to collaborate in that global and cosmic process of birthing possibilities of new hope.
(O'Murchu , 2006)*

What in our current reality has pulled on your heartstrings this week?

