

Dear Friends,

There is some good news that is coming out of Washington, DC, after many have given up on politicians getting anything accomplished (and many still are). There is a huge investment to combat global climate change, the largest ever legislation made to date, and it is being paid for by taxing the rich (imagine that). Medicare can now start negotiating with Big Pharmacy for drug prices which will lower prices. And, there's more, our nation is finally living up to its responsibilities to cover service men and women and those who rushed into the Twin Towers to fully and permanently fund their treatments for the health problems caused by the dust of the collapsing towers and the burn pits which scarred the lungs of those serving in foreign wars. Some of these were bipartisan efforts and some were just passed by the skin of their teeth even within one of the political parties.

It is estimated that these efforts could reduce our carbon emission by 40% which is great news. It isn't enough, but this is the biggest effort that has been passed and will hopefully open up the proverbial flood gates for more action taken on all levels of our government and society to save as much life and future for the planet.

"Democracy is the worst form of government except all those other forms that have been tried from time to time." - Winston Churchill

There is much wrong that most of us can point out and point to in our nation and the way we govern. But I think I will take ours over the Parliamentary system of England, and surely over the dictators, autocrats, and shams of democracy such as Russia, and communism of China.

I hope that we can fix what is wrong and continue to strive for true justice in our nation which begins with the premise that "All (men) are created equal" and we can let go of the systems that have predominantly favored one group (white Christian men) over all others. These couple of legislative actions give me hope that all is not lost. Our leaders put the planet and people over profit and power. May it be a start.

Peace

Pastor Enno