

Embodying the Call

Fill in the blank. “You are the embodiment of _____!”

If that expression indicates that you are the embodiment of something delightful and pleasant, it is definitely a blessing. But what if someone told you that, “you are the embodiment of Christ?” How does that make you feel? “For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ.”* We are the body of Christ and all of us are members of this one body. As a church body, we have been on this journey to embrace and understand an identity as a Church that is pro-reconciling and anti-racist for 20 years. We know the meaning of this mission imperative. We understand that the reconciled Church is moving toward ‘right-aligning’ ourselves with each other and Christ. This journey is difficult. It is fraught with messiness and mystery. God is in all and through all in spite of our differences. We have different origin stories, different languages, different understandings of how and who to love. God remains in the midst of all of us.

When we stand with those who desire to provide for their families in an environment that is safe and full of opportunity, we embody Christ’s love for our neighbor. When we sit together over ‘a cup of tea’ and listen to each other’s stories and dreams and commit to hold each other in the bonds of community and fellowship, we embody the love of Christ. We are the embodiment of Christ in all of our chaotic, messy reality full of joy and mystery. Reconciliation Ministry is your mission of embodiment to love one another as Christ loves us. Your generosity fuels our granting programs, youth and young adult leadership development, and Regional and General Ministry outreach toward building beloved community through advocacy, intentional conversation and action. Your giving enlivens our Churchwide witness and presence as the one body of Christ in the communities where we live and serve! Thank you for your generosity!

*(1 Corinthians 12:12 NRSV)