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Submitted to Fr. John Floberg vis email from shantha@creationjustice.org

December 23, 2016

Dear Standing Rock Water Protectors:

Creation Justice Ministries is forever changed because of your leadership. We are a membership organization that brings together 38 Christian traditions. Next year, we will devote our programming and study to "Environmental Justice from Indigenous Peoples' Perspectives," including promoting study of the Doctrine of Discovery. Many of our member communions, including the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), the Episcopal Church, the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, the Mennonite Central Committee, various Quaker meetings, the Presbyterian Church (USA), the United Church of Christ, and the United Methodist Church, sent delegations, gathered resources, and declared official support for you. Thank you for all you have taught us in 2016.

We have been supporting you from Washington, DC. Here's a picture from DC December 4, after we heard the news from the Army Corps. (We had been planning a somber vigil in front of the White House.)

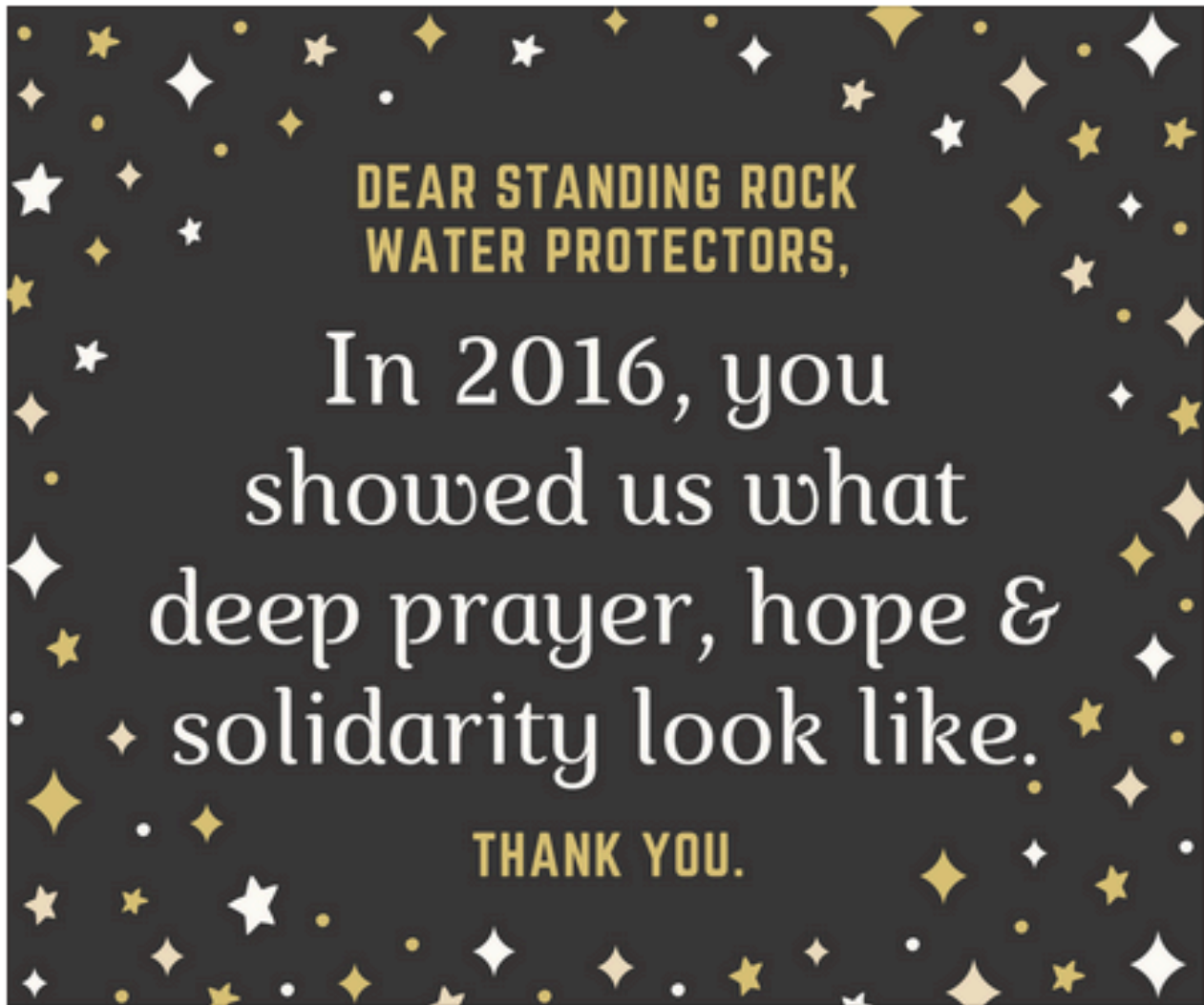
Among our community, we circulated the below opportunity to deliver well-wishing and gratitude to you over the holidays. We will continue standing with you in 2017.



Thank you,

Shantha Ready Alonso

Shantha Ready Alonso, Executive Director



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(Submitted via email)

Dear Friends:

Thank you so much for your much appreciated leadership in protecting water for all living creatures all over the world. You bring inspiration and hope to many, and I am so grateful for every one of you. One of the most inspiring books I read this past year was Naomi Klein's book, *This Changes Everything, Capitalism vs The Climate*. In her book, written in 2014, she says that the world communities best hope for stopping the dangerous growth in underground oil pipelines is Native American people. They, she says, understand best how dangerous this practice is and have the courage to stand up to the powerful oil pipeline companies and put their very lives on the line for all of lifes creatures. It is my hope and prayer that your leadership will prove to be the motivating force to move people from many nations all over the world to stand along side of you in the protection of water.

Peace!

Larry Peterson



Linda Costelloe Thank you so much for protecting our Mother and her waters. Happy Holidays and may the Creator bless you and keep you healthy and safe in the coming year.

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Susan Barnes Peace, joy, and thanksgiving. May all your volunteers be thoughtful, nonviolent, dressed appropriately and BRING THEIR OWN FOOD and more to share.

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Eileen Altman You inspire us all to deeper prayer.

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Beverly Lewis May the Great Spirit bring you peace, love, joy, hope and warmth during this season of light. I'm so very proud of all of you.

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Robert Hall God bless the protectors of Standing Rock. You showed us that activism, especially activism informed by faith and compassion, still works and that the evils of this world can be stopped. Thank you for a faithful witness and an important statement.

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Kimal James Genesis 1 tells us that "a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, 'Let there be light.' And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness." On this winter solstice day and in this season when we celebrate the birthday of Jesus, when God begins to bring light out of darkness, I want to thank all of you who stood strong with the windy Spirit of God which hovered over the waters of the Missouri River, creating alliances of light and life.

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Anneliese Schultz Bravi! Infinite thanks for your courage and perseverance ~ Blessings to all ~

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Anne Lusby-Denham Your determination and persistence in protecting the water and land peacefully are deeply, deeply appreciated! I wish you and your families many blessings and much joy in the holidays and beyond. Know that you have ongoing support from many of us in all the ways we can think of.

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Dennis Lightfoot Merry Christmas! Now go home.

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Phil Kober Thank you for all your efforts! We must all continue to expose the truth about this whole mess. One wonders how many pipeline ruptures, oil spills, and other mishaps have to happen, before the message comes across that this IS a BAD idea! Keep the faith, and I for one will continue to be with you in spirit (I am getting too old and disabled to join you), and I will continue to do what I can to advocate against this idiotic pipeline!

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Laura Perez I still stand with Standing Rock! Your courage, faith in what is right, and self-sacrifice will bring people together for a harmonious settlement.

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Virginia Douglas Thank you for your faithful witness.

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Diane Markey Helt I stand in solidarity and send peace and blessings to each and everyone of you. We are all children of God and must protect Mother Earth.

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Jacki Ringg Water protectors are beautiful souls, they have beautiful hearts, their instincts tells them what is right and they will follow on that righteousness

Till the end,

Water protectors lead the way and show children how important it is for Not to bargain with the corporates with essentials like water, air, land, and lives.

Water protectors will plant good seeds that will grow a new way of thinking and seeing ,feeling things so important to us all.

Water Protectors are brave, loving and sexy

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Edward Spevak Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Thank You for all you have done. We will not forget you and we will keep up the fight for our Common Home

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Peggy Lopez Thank you for all of your sacrifices. Your courage is an inspiration to all who aren't able to be there. Prayers and Blessings to you!

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M Patricia Pertel I, too, stand in solidarity and send peace and blessings to all Standing Rock Water Protectors!. We are all God's Children and must be good stewards of Mother Earth, through which He gives us life & sustains us..

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Stephen Price May strength and peace come to you from the four directions and all creation bless you.

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Nancy Hanson You are SOME brave people!!! May your witness be blessed with success and your achievements stand firm!

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Sharon Mosier Thank you for your courage and love for all of us. What a gift you are!

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Doris Jane Conway Thank you for your foundational work for the earth and all its inhabitants. Warmth and health and compassion to all of you.

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Kate Rose The Earth thanks you

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Fr. Jud Weiksna We are grateful for your commitment. May you have joyful celebrations at this time of year!

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Dean Young Thank you all for your courage and commitment for the water and mother earth. God's blessings be for all of you.

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Denise Lytle Thank you for protecting Mother Earth from being strangled by the Black Snake & for showing how people of many backgrounds can come together in a common love. May you be blessed! 💜

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Debra Little Thank you for your dedicated, generous service to mankind and Mother Earth and our loving creator.

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Kim Lyman StCharles May your efforts be blessed.

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Virgie Smith Thank You

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Sheri Lea Randolph Thank you for your passion and commitment!

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Melissa Coe Thank you for doing what most of us cannot be there to do. We stand behind you and thank you so much for your peaceful voices. Continue to stand strong.

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Joan Agro Blessings for your courage and determination...we continue to stand with you.

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Kim Williams Winchell Thank you! Blessings of hope, courage, and persistence to you all! Aho!

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Martha Burford Thank you for your courage and love. Thank you for your witness that reminds us all to rise to the occasion of Love.

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Carolyn Allaby King Blessings on you as you continue your commitment. You are the true Americans, loving and protecting our land. You are appreciated. ✓

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Janice Iverson Thank you for protecting our fragile earth.

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Sally Harris Thank you for your bravery in bearing witness to the truth of our land, water and our very soul!

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Bayfield Presbyterian Church Thank you, Water Protectors! Blessings and solidarity!

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Sarah Green I am endlessly impressed and inspired by your unswerving dedication in the face of extreme difficulty. May you be uplifted by the hope and love of this season and warmed by well-wishes. THANK YOU!

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Steve Garnaas-Holmes Siblings in Creation, thank you for your beauty and love, your courage and faith. Deep blessings.

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Dorothy Wolf Words cannot express our deep gratitude. Prayers for the safety and success of all water protectors.

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Robin Caldwell Peace, blessings, and protection to you for doing God's work and loving God's creation!

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Bill Cooper Giving God praise for your courageous stand.

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Steve Callahan You are a much needed inspiration.

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Julia Weaver Thank you, for doing what we all need to do, confront those who cannot see they are destroying the earth. peace & gratitude

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Lee Williams ❤️ Water Protectors - Thank you for your leadership and commitment. I am humbled by the deep wells of strength, bravery, and courage you have all shown in the face of racism, prejudice, injustice and corruption. Thank you for protecting the sacred and unifying people across the planet in a common goal of peace and harmony with all of creation ❤️

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Julia Schulz I have been praying for you all...and will pray for the future of the land.

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Adela Jabine Thank you Water Protectors! You are inspiring, and a welcome reminder that there are good people in our country who will stand up for what they believe. We need your courage! Thank you, thank you, thank you!

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Karen Richardson Dunn Thank you, Water Protectors, for showing us all what faith, hope, and love -- and true grit -- look like on the ground. All blessings to you, and to all of us, as we continue forward together to protect God's beloved Creation.

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Dick Weaver I'll be joining the Protectors for a week, next week! Creator's blessings to you all.

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Lori Crow May the Great Spirit protect and guide you. All that you have done to save our Mother Earth is so appreciated.

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Mails of solidarity are nice, money, food, blankeys, warm stuff...thats solidarity!



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It goes without saying:



Angela Carpenter Thank you! Sending many Blessings and Hope for our future.

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B Carol Badura Sending a bouquet of prayers your way. Stay safe.

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Vulindlela Ydi Salute !!

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Janice Gintzler Thank you for protecting the water, something that would not have happened without your steadfast perseverance.

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Reg Richburg There are not words adequate to thank you for all that you have done and continue to do. May each you be blessed and protected. May the ones who think they are powerful and own the earth and waters learn the truth of humility, that we all come from the earth and waters. Thank you for your truth telling and witness to the world.

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Martha Rodriguez May the Holy Spirit clothe you and protect you against all evil. Amen

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Ellen Wright Thank you!

Like · Reply · Message · December 23 at 12:32pm



Donna Morton Your witness and commitment to justice and all creation give us hope.

Like · Reply · Message · December 23 at 12:47pm



Gabrielle M Kocour Thank you. Water protectors.

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Lisa Lopez I'm sorry you must all fight for the basic human right to live in peace and a safe clean in environment.

But your struggle is our struggle . I am with you in prayer . Stay in the light 🙏
May god bless our effort . Amen

Like · Reply · Message · December 24 at 4:36am



Nancy Bowen Thank you for standing up for us.

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Rebecca Alwin Many faiths share care for the land and water as values, but few people have shown how to demonstrate that care as well as the water protectors at Standing Rock. Thank You.

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Laura Rivera Ortiz May God Bless you and keep you warm and safe in 2017. Thank you!

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Neddy H. Astudillo Dear Water Protectors, you started something that will not cease... Be assured we are still listening, watching, praying, and getting ready... Thank you for your courage and showing us a way!... We talked about you around our Christmas table... we prayed for you at Church (Illinois)... our lives have been transformed by your courage. Thank you!... ❤️

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Diane Markey Helt This white elder woman has donned a new leather headband with feathers flowing down. I wear this because it helps me to hold the water protectors and all of us in prayer, for clarity, enlightenment, courage, and grace, to stand up for what is the right of all of humanity, safe water. I wear it in solidarity with the water protectors. This will affect all around the globe.

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Diane Markey Helt



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Heather Celia Baugh May the Peace of God find this place.

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Tom Broad "The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it." Thank you to all Water Protectors who have stood boldly and peacefully against the forces of darkness. Thank you for your courage in leading us all. May you be blessed in your continuing struggle for justice!

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Brian Broad Standing with you in spirit. We are so far away, but understand your fight. Sending greetings from Krakow Poland.

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👍 Gary Don Thacker and Rick Klaich Osb



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👍❤️ Celia Winkler, Prunella Fiddian-Green and 13 others



David Andersen Thank you all for your courage and faith.

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👍 Janet Hunt



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You have stood for all of us. You have given us hope in a year when we had so little and you have given us courage for 2017! To all of you staying now great thanks.

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Gay Williams We are grateful for your strength and your commitment. You have blessed us all, and we thank you.

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Patricia Barth Grateful and in awe!

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Barbara Cullom Indeed!

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Thank you! #noDAPL

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Patricia Kelley Sacks Sending hugs and love to all you brave souls.

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Yesterday at 4:42pm ·

I believe their example will be a guiding to us for a long, long time

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Yesterday at 4:42pm · Sanford ·

Do you have some kind words of gratitude for the Water Protectors of Standing Rock? Fr. [John Floberg](#) who organized November's Standing Rock Clergy Action will make sure Water Protectors see your comments here if you post a nice comment by noon on Friday!

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Ranjit Koshy Mathews, Karen Borja and 12 others

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Leah Rampy I am inspired every day by their commitment to prayer and peace for all Earth.

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Nadine R. Aydt You showed us that people from far away will journey for justice.

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Evelyn Wheeler You reminded us that the earth, the air, and the water sustain all life, and that remembering that and living in that understanding is sacred. Thank you.

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Rebecca Kemper Poos

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Michael S. Mulberry I feel like I am forever saved by messages to pipeline workers and law enforcement that you are doing this for their children and grandchildren. It brings tears to my eyes to remember it. Mni Wiconi!

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