As we reflect on the upcoming July 4th holiday, we realize that we are in one of the most extraordinary times in the history of the world. This is one of the very few times when the entire globe is dealing with the same disaster at exactly the same time and when our country and world are having serious conversations about systemic racism.

As leaders, we have been pivoting, stressed, and stretched. And yet it’s God’s design that we are in the place we serve and lead during this crucial time. As leaders in Lutheran social ministry, we strive to ensure that all people reach their potential and have the opportunity to live in community with full and abundant lives. As leaders, we bring hope, healing and justice to those we walk alongside and to our communities.

I am grateful for your leadership at this momentous time. On this July 4th, may we have time to rest, reflect and recommit ourselves to our mission and to building abundant lives and community.

In gratitude for all that you do,

Charlotte Haberaecker
President and CEO