In a recent conversation with a member CEO, he framed the road ahead for his organization as recovery—both emotional and financial recovery given the toll of the pandemic—and adaptive leadership and implementation since what has made them successful in the past may be different than in the future.

Spring offers a sense of hope and recovery. As Youth Poet Laureate Amanda Gorman wrote in her poem on “The Miracle of Morning:”

“So on this meaningful morn, we mourn and we mend.
Like light, we can’t be broken, even when we bend.”

This past year has been one of mourning and mending—the loss of life, our in-person gatherings, and our way of life. As people of faith, we remember in this Lenten season, the path that Jesus took to Calvary—and the disciples’ despair and mourning. And yet along with Job who in his despair declared “For I know that my Redeemer lives” (Job 19:25), we also anticipate His resurrection on Easter.

In the ending to her poem, Youth Poet Laureate Amanda Gorman wrote:

“Let every dawn find us courageous, brought closer;
Heeding the light before the fight is over.
When this ends, we’ll smile sweetly, finally seeing
In testing times, we became the best of beings.”

In gratitude for all that you do,

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