

To our LCLI Fellows:

This year, which no doubt we hoped would finally offer some relief from the impact of Covid-19, is ...? As 'hot as hell'? As drowned as the flood that lifted Noah's ark? As torn and tortured as much of the world was a mere century ago with devastating consequences? Fifty years ago the Club of Rome published *Limits to Growth*. And now? Much it forecast has in some form come to pass, much that was recommended as the way forward not heeded. So what is our time?

Not a time for hubris. Neither, though, for mere resignation or despair.

The LCLI network, in the larger scale of things, is ridiculously small. As a collaboration, supremely loose. Yet regularly surprising. Various Fellows regularly interact in important ways that others may not see. Astonishingly, this odd network of people, who in many cases have still not met each other, continues to produce something that is good and valuable. It's a visible sign of hope. *For example ...*

Recently, Fellows have given moral & material support to the campaign Leslie London helps lead against an ugly development, anchored by Amazon, on wetlands at the confluence of two rivers in Cape Town, a vital heritage site for Khoi/San people.

Some have also contributed significantly to helping relocate Aziz Royesh, his family, and many of the students at Marefat School in Kabul, Afghanistan, a painful and hopefully temporary exile.

20 Fellows will contribute chapters to a new *Handbook on Religion/Health* commissioned by Edward Elgar Publishing (UK). It focuses on the health of communities, the public, and the earth itself. With 5 sections & 29 chapters it actively crosses normal disciplinary boundaries—and aims strongly at the future.

Meanwhile, some other Fellows are working in an international collaboration on a new community-focused, *Barefoot Guide* publication on trauma and resilience.

Finally, from 6-11 November a dozen LCLI Fellows will gather in Greyton, some 2 hours out of Cape Town, South Africa, for five days of reflection on just what kind of a time this really is for us all, what it challenges us to be and do.

There's more, but let this encourage you meanwhile.

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... a way to see the LCLI Fellows network. It's not just about us as individuals—though we all matter—but about the ever-shifting patterns that weave in and around us, from which we draw and to which we contribute. With a moral foundation: a passion for and commitment to the whole of which we are part, to doing what we can to pursue justice for all human beings and for the earth and its creatures that sustain us and to which we are bound. Ultimately, this is what binds the LCLI Fellowship.



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