

As we come together to celebrate our new beginnings in this community, as represented by our new members,

We can reflect on the journey that we have shared and be grateful for the chapters to be written.

We find solace and strength from the foundations that have been laid and upon which we build a community that celebrates together. As a tree grows, it relies upon the old growth to hold up and strengthen the new growth; to mentor and befriend the newest members of our community.

May we find ways to remember that there is a story in each seat and it is our collective duty to find ways for each story to be told and to continue with us on this path.

Our time together is precious, may we find the best in each other and let our willingness to connect become our success.

May we use each day to improve and progress in our lives and the lives of others.

May we continue to build a community that inspires each of us spiritually, religiously, educationally, righteously, socially, and culturally.

With old growth and new growth; with laughter and with tears; with patience and understanding; and love and kindness.

May we continue to share in the blessings of our lives together, as one.

Let us say, Amen.



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