

Prattling and Warbling – We've got this!

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The Rev'd Donna is taking a well-earned rest. It is Donna's turn to write her Prattle. Donna has entrusted us to Warble on this week's [Sower of the Seeds](#). (Matthew 13:1-9 NRSV). Big shoes to fill. Challenge accepted! Ok, more appropriately Mission accepted.

Lessons for us and sustainability for our future

Deep in this parable is the message for flourishing into our future. The obvious answer is to sow our seeds in the fertile ground. Sounds like a 'no brainer'. What do we do? Sow our seeds. How do we do it. Throw them on the fertile ground. Why do we do it? Because this is the way we've always done it. Easy.

No, it is not. Without understanding why we'll keep doing the same cycle over and over again. Our yield will start to diminish. We will sow again. Why? Because this is the way we've always done it. Our yield reduces again.

Good stewardship requires seeking, learning and teaching. Seeking and learning to understand how to identify our fertile ground. We learn how to nurture the soil to continue being fertile. How to rest and rejuvenate our fertile soil? How to identify if the soil can no longer be fully productive, what do we do with that ground? How to identify potential fertile ground to prepare and plant for future crops. We need to learn how to teach.

The Rev'd Daniel mentioned Seth Godin recently. Seth has a wonderful gift in learning and teaching. One of Seth's pearls of wisdom I like is summarized, as through passing knowledge on to others, you retain the knowledge yourself. The knowledge has now been leveraged and becomes a multiplier. We become a community of learning and teaching. We will know why we are doing something. Through listening and discerning we may find a better way.

This year has been an opportunity to learn from our history, learn now ways and apply that knowledge for our future ministry. There is no argument that we have been impacted by COVID-19. We will hasten slowly - Healing the Land preparing for Planting the Seeds.

Together we've got this. What we are good at can be expressed, as I recently heard a chef say, *Connecting People to Place to Food.* Remember that Jesus ate with his friends and welcomed newcomers too. Let us, our Church, continue to be a place of welcoming and sharing.

We look forward to breaking bread together – while keeping a 'safe' distance of course.

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