

Dear Friends,

Nancy Starr shared that she has new Monarch butterflies being hatched in her garden. The picture above is the before. This picture is right before the emergence.



What I think about is though we are not born with original sin, many people go through traumatic experiences and grow up in unhealthy and dangerous places. How do we help them find their wings? One way is to give them a safe place in which they can dissolve their fight or flight thinking, their suspiciousness, and world view of everyone and everything is

dangerous. Jesus tells us to spend time with the least of these. Jesus often spent time with sinners, prostitutes, and tax collectors (traitors). He gave them a safe place and enough love that they could shed the mindset that they are worthless and only a slug.

Though we are born beloved children of God, it is hard to believe in ourselves, have good self-esteem, and not be scarred by this world and by others. As an O&A church, a Just Peace Church, it is our calling to welcome people no matter where they are on life's journey. It is our goal to help those who have been kept down and hurt by systems of greed, racism, and patriarchy.

Let us continue the work of helping people through the goo so that they may find their wings, their beauty, and live fully into the beloved person they were created to be.

Peace

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