

March/April 2021

Labyrinth



Wishing you a Blessed Easter Season

“Because He Lives, I can face tomorrow.” This chorus, written by the Gaithers fifty years ago expressed my hope and reason for living when grieving the murder of our son. The truth remains.

Wonderful Opportunities

Twenty years ago I fought to be the first student to do a doctoral dissertation on the role of ART at Biola’s School of Intercultural Studies. NOW—they are establishing a full “arts, faith and missions” initiative and I was asked to be the first speaker. It was a great honor for me. I will send a link soon so you may view the session.

I contributed the devotional to Biola’s CCCA Lenten series again. The Scripture passage was from John 16 and a painting by Mako Fujimura was featured. I was honored and humbled to be asked to participate this year.

[Read here.](#)

This session will present the story of Diane Collard, a non-artist, who was called to participate with God in his plan to build his kingdom through the creative gifts of his children. We will look at some of the history of the arts and faith movement, with examples of the road blocks & successes. Above all, a challenge will be given as to how each person is to use their imaginative, creative gifts for god’s glory.

**MARCH 26
6PM**

VIA ZOOM



DR. DIANE COLLARD is a long-term missionary & creative catalyst. She serves as the Europe Ministries Director for Artists In Christian Testimony International & is the founder/director of Art4Gloria. She is the author of numerous published articles & the book “I Choose to Forgive: The Expanded Edition.” A recent film (Abstraction) which introduces her journey of forgiveness & her calling as an artist, together with a music video produced by Mako Fujimura. She has a B.A. in Cross-Cultural Communication, an M.A. in Intercultural Studies, and a D.M.A. which focused on the role of art in the four churches of Europe.



Expanding Ministry

Arts+Europe is increasingly expanding to a “world-wide” focus. I am honored to serve on the Executive Leadership Team. Prayer appreciated.

A Request for Prayer

Please join me in prayer for the future ministry of ArtsCharlotte. Due to illness, moving, care of an elderly parent and other major life issues for the members of the leadership team, we are experiencing a major turn-over in leadership. With this challenge, we are facing what the future of ArtsCharlotte will be. It is crucial that we hear from God what his “way of wisdom” is and what steps should be taken to go forward.

Your prayers are crucial at this time. THANK YOU.



Ministry with A.C.T. International

The pandemic restrictions have not hindered my work with the artistic missionaries around the world—in fact, the availability of Zoom and other virtual platforms have enabled me to reach out to the international staff in more

personal ways. My days are filled with such calls and praying with each one of them. Many are very isolated and God has allowed me to engage and encourage them. I wish I could share the unique ministries they are doing through their creative gifts—musicians, painters, actors, conductors, and so many more.

Please pray for continued financial support that allows me to continue in this essential work of the Kingdom.

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WISHING YOU A BLESSED EASTER	MAKO FUJIMURA	MIKE COSPER	ANDY CROUCH	VINCENT VAN GOGH
	<p>Let us remember that we are sons and daughters of God, the only true Artists of the Kingdom of abundance.</p>	<p>Grace is easy. Life is hard. Seeking God’s face in a fallen world is not the easy life; it’s the good life.</p>	<p>God never allows human culture to become solely the site of rebellion and judgment; human culture is always, from the very beginning marked by grace.</p>	<p>The more I think it over the more I feel that there is nothing more truly artistic than to love people.</p>