

Prayer

Praise

- ◆ Powerful, encouraging ArtsCharlotte Gathering in March
- ◆ Effective speaking event at Heartstrings Day Retreat.

Requests

- ◆ Financial support for my ministry
- ◆ Abstraction may reach many people at film festivals and events.
- ◆ “From Brokenness to Beauty” to be completed.



Labyrinth

Dr. Dianne B. Collard

March 2018

EASTER: the highlight of the Christian year!

It is hard to believe that we are in Holy Week already. These very special days leading up to the celebration of the Resurrection are so important. I pray that you take the time to meditate on the significance of each one in the plan of God.

ArtsCharlotte Gathering

The Gathering held this month was a follow-up to Movement Day. We wanted to “make practical” the role that artists play in “nurturing the soul of our city.” We had visual artists, writers, dancers, art educators, and dramatists—all sharing how they are

committed to using their creative gifts to the glory of God and the good of others. The photo below is our special guests, Silas and Cassia Farley, from the New York City Ballet. What a powerful night!

Heartstrings Day Retreat

This past weekend I was the main speaker at the Heartstrings Day Retreat. This unique gathering was only for women who have buried at least one of their children. Nearly 125 women attended this safe and encouraging time. It was incredibly well planned and everyone—even those in very recent grief—were overwhelmed with love and the hope of God.

Individual Meetings

Much of my time is spent meeting with individual artists and community leaders. It is a joy to “enter their faith walk” and encourage them. While some are dealing with serious issues, all need love and prayers.





A Gift of Appreciation

ArtsCharlotte is giving giclee prints of the above painting done at the Movement Day conference by one of our team members, Eva Crawford, to Charlotte's Mayor and City Manager. Both of these officials seek to serve Charlotte well and we want to encourage them with this "Dove of Peace on the Crown of Queen Charlotte." Please pray that our time with this city officials will encourage their hearts and renew their commitment to rise above politics and do the best for our city.

Ministry Notes & Coming Events

Abstraction

Our film was chosen to be screened at the Grand Rapids Film Festival and the Tokyo (Japan) Lift Off Film Festival in April. The Japanese subtitles are done and it is ready to be used throughout Japan. I have an invitation to do a speaking tour in Japan, using the film and, possibly, having the book published there. This will require additional funding, of course.

Glenn and I are prepared to share the film and speak at churches, retreats, public events and seminars. Please contact us to schedule a time for your event!

I Choose to Forgive, Expanded Edition

Cascade Books is sending copies of the manuscript to people who may be potential endorsers for the book. The editing will be completed in July. I will let you know when I have a possible publication date.

ArtsCharlotte Events

There are upcoming events for both the Visual Arts and Writers' Communities. I will facilitate a discussion on the nexus of the arts and faith on 13 April. We're planning summer book clubs in various parts of our city. We will start with Makoto Fujimura's book, Culture Care, as it is foundational to what we are committed to as an organization.

California Trip

We will be in California to stay with Glenn's elderly mother. We will be speaking at supporting churches on the weekends in mid-May to mid-June. I'll post the schedule next month.

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