

## *We Are Called To Be Hope*

God of this new decade, this new year, this new day, we are walking into mystery. We face a future not knowing what the days and months will bring to us or how we will respond. Take us beyond ourselves that we may become more aware each day that life is a gift from You and is meant to be celebrated, enjoyed, delighted in, and embraced in all its mystery. Lead us to know that we must cherish, and nourish, protect and challenge this life, this world. Slow us down a little that we may perceive what is of value and give us the courage it takes to energize this gift that you have given us. Amen

### *Reading:*

*by Dag Hammarskjöld*

### *A Year Is Dying...*

“The present moment is significant, not as the bridge between past and future, but by reason of its contents, contents which can fill our emptiness and become ours if we are capable of securing them.”

### *A Year Is Coming To Birth...*

“Each day is the first day: each day a life. Each morning we must hold out the chalice of our being to receive, to carry, and give back. It must be held out empty...for the past must only be reflected in its polish, its shape, its capacity.”

### *There Is So Much To Celebrate...*

“To love life and others as God loves them...for the sake of their infinite possibilities.”

### *Reflection:*

What are the things to celebrate within this ministry?  
Where do I see signs of hopeful possibility?

### *At The End Of The Meeting:*

Were there signs of hope evident within the meeting? How were they expressed?

### *Let Us Pray:*

May God, the Holy One, bless this day with hope,  
that we may bear that hope to all whom we meet.  
Amen.

