

Stewardship Letter 2020 - Rev Anne

GROW THE MAGIC

'Magic' is that 'special something' that helps us shift from one state to another: to cause something to occur, to effect change, to nourish what is of value, to find peace in the midst of a chaotic world.

It's about presence ... showing up and daring to walk through the doorway ...

- ... into the unknown your first time, or when you are trying something new
- ... into an opportunity when you're looking to grow, or to change
- ... into a challenge when something has gone wrong, or you're seeking resolution
- ... into a meaningful future where you're shaping intention and aware of impact.

It's about effort ... choosing to shape and care for your own life, to contribute to the well-being of others, to sustain things worth nurturing and to reshape, or end, things that harm.

It's about healing ... our planet, our selves, our ways of being in relationship, our wounds and our self-destructive practices.

It's about growth ... growing what matters ... growing what nurtures ... growing *out* of ideas that no longer fit (or never really did) ... growing *in* to something good.

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Here at Westwood, we're doing the work to **Grow the Magic** – within ourselves, our community, and beyond. We're learning about what hurts and what holds us back, as people, as neighbours, as stewards of the planet, and as collaborators of the future. We're pursuing wisdom – from many sources – to help us dismantle what is broken, to find authentic wellness, and to move forward with integrity. We're growing partnerships – among ourselves, and beyond our doors – towards a thriving future.

Growing the Magic means that we help one another – sharing our gifts and our resources – to be intentional, in the present moment.

It is with deep gratitude that we join our efforts together. Wherever you are in your life journey, however you are able to participate and to contribute, you are welcome here.

Sincerely, Reverend Anne Barker