

And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

—Hebrews 10:24-25



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Together we hasten the coming of the Kingdom.

I was at Los Angeles International Airport, flying home the day after a power outage caused a ripple effect of flight delays and cancellations. On a good day, LAX can barely handle all the people coming and going; this particular day, conditions were at their worst. I asked an airport employee how she was doing on her extra-long shift. She said she was amazed at how wonderful folks were being, “given all they are going through.” She told of witnessing numerous acts of kindness between strangers. As did I.

At the gate, I saw a man scanning the area for a place to sit. A woman offered her seat, but before she could get up, another person offered his. He said he had been waiting twenty-six hours and it was time to stand for a while. Then, cascading ripples: “I can hold your baby so you can eat.” “I’m finished with this newspaper – would you like it?” “They just restocked the kiosk – do you want something?”

It was a glimpse of the approaching Day.

—Irene Tanabe