

Mary Alice Kimball GA June 2020, continued . . .

Worship services began with stories – of obstacles and dangers, but finding paths to move forward together. They all had music – the food of my soul.

So I began the day ready to start whatever I needed to start.

I learned I needed to be open to attend workshops such as “How to be a Social Class Ally for Social Justice.” There we asked ourselves to explore our class background in relation to how we may interact with others today. Are we “Allies” – a helper in front or behind? Or are we “Accomplices” – a partner – side by side working toward the future? We discussed how our backgrounds work in our interaction with others today. For me this was eye opening and important.

We heard many speakers to challenge us on our quest to help make a better world such as Howard Bryant and Naomi Klein.

And we celebrated listening to talented performers like our own Michael Galib.

So no matter where I was on my journey I found that I am not alone and that no matter what obstacles, **nevertheless I am willing.**