Dear Graduate Mentoring Center Community,

As the year ends, I wish to say and write so many things. So many that even if they filled this page they would not express all that I am feeling and knowing about this year. I have tried, however, to put into words a few things here. You may find them of interest, but they are not so important, not in a year that has forced us to see who we really are as people, families, communities, societies, and nations.

My words cannot contain our collective grief and anger. Yet, I would not dare presume to know what these months have been like for any of you. Instead, I invite you to return to practices we knew as children: yelling, laughing, spinning, crying, breathing, refusing vehemently what did not please us or that we did not want, trusting our intuition, tasting for the first time chocolate and cotton candy, and – finally – dancing – into the silence, sometimes while holding the hand of someone we trust.

On behalf of The Graduate Mentoring Center, I offer you this image of delicate openings and impermanence, of light and beauty, and a blue that is the promise of a new day. We will return in January. We look forward to walking with you into a co-created and evolving vision for the future that has more than enough space for each of us.
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