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The seasons come and go with almost a twist and turn. Time flies with a certain rapidity. And now the Festival of Our Lord's Nativity is upon us once again. We may well ask what the purpose is of constantly participating in these commemorations. Each celebration enables us to gain more spiritual strength as we joyfully call to mind in remembrance the lessons we need to learn from what we celebrate. The apparent repetition of the festivals gives us a further opportunity to advance further along the spiritual path. We are renewed by the loveliness and joy found within them. And we must open our hearts and minds to the great outpouring of grace and love we receive in our celebrations. One might conjecture whether there is any need in repeating what we did last year, and will do again next year. There truly is, because if we would allow the essence of the festivals, especially Christmas, to enter ever more deeply into our consciousness, our calling to Christ's work is

greatly enhanced. In other words we get more opportunities each year for a greater awareness. After all, in reality there could only be one Christmas, one Easter and so on. The truth of the festivals is not reliant upon the calendar. The celebrations are within time, yet they are eternal. I hear of the wonderful work of dedicated clergy and people across the Communion, and on behalf of the Free Communion to offer a very big thank you. The office receives many cries for help to assist some project or other noble cause. As you know there are no central funds to draw upon, and many of our clergy face great hardships in order to fulfil their vocation. Let me say you are all greatly valued in whatever way you serve the churches in our worldwide fellowship. May each province be blest during this holy season. And as the New Year dawns given strength to continue the great work of the Lord who humbled Himself to draw us closer to His loving heart.

With my love and blessings,

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