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The COVID-19 pandemic is impacting us all in a variety of ways as it runs its course. From travel and work disruptions, to coping with uncertainty, illness, and loss, many of our familiar patterns have been upended, including much that we take for granted.

Our work continues, with some adjustments. The staff of TRT are fully connected, available, and like so many others working diligently from home. We continue to move forward with our main program initiatives and strategies, and as the crisis unfolds, we have reached out to our grantees to reaffirm our commitment to them and the work that they are doing, which is as relevant and important as ever. We stand ready to provide them with as much support and flexibility as we can to enable them to complete their projects successfully, a steadily growing number of which are featured on our website, which we invite you to explore.

In *The Humble Approach*, Sir John Templeton described the Earth as “a school for souls.” He believed strongly in the potential of humanity and our capacity for spiritual growth, often forged in the crucible of adversity. This pandemic represents an opportunity to grow and learn from each other. We all need to be nourished by stories of connectedness, hope, and resilience in the face of the current crisis, as we strive to navigate these days together with increased understanding, empathy, and patience.

I close with a benediction borrowed from Garrison Keillor, who always concluded his radio “Writer’s Almanac” with these words: Be well, do good work, and keep in touch.

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