



Operating Principle

Merelyn's work to sustain communities is grounded in her operating principle of "love of neighbor." Merelyn believes that loving one's neighbor is human nature and is the basis of healthy communities. She displays this principle in her demeanor and way of life through openness and kindness to everyone with whom she interacts. Her work and actions are devoted to understanding society's deviation from this principle in order to create peace and equality

within the community. Although Merelyn knows that her "ideal" society is impossible to achieve, she operates on the faith that she "is doing the right thing" by working toward this ideal. She has a faith in the goodness of her own action that allows her to delve into a variety of unfamiliar projects, even if she does not know exactly where they may lead her. She relies on what she calls "the Creator's tiny whiff of intellect" that faith accords.