

*“May we all be  
blessed in the ways  
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Amy Grant wrote these words in a song titled The Night Before Christmas: “But you don't have to be an angel, to sing harmony. You don't have to be a child, to love the mystery. And you don't have to be a wise man, on bended knee. The heart of this Christmas is in you and me.”

As chairperson of the District Committee on ordained ministry, we spend a lot of our time in discernment and evaluation of people who may be called into the ordained ministry. This is important work and we must ask hard and sometimes difficult questions about where peoples' giftedness for ministry really lays.

But these words remind me of the beauty that we all experience this time of year. You don't have to be any of these things, and in this time of pandemic, we don't need all of the things that we say make Christmas. Because the heart of Christmas, the heart of Jesus is in all of us, who call him Lord. May we all be blessed in the ways God has called us to celebrate the birth of the Messiah again this year, and be blessed in the year to come.

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