

Christmas Message

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What a wonderful time of the year, Christmas. So many thoughts go through our minds; those special thoughts, more than likely, take us back to our childhood.

It is only through the eyes of a child that we can understand the true meaning of Christmas; that of anticipation, excitement and joy during this most holy time of the year. These feelings stay with us throughout our adult years. One lesson we learn from Christmas is that giving brings us far more joy than receiving.

It is ironic that this heartfelt time of the year can also bring a great deal of sadness and loneliness to too many people around us. It could be the homeless, a child that does not receive a gift, a senior citizen who has become a shut-in or it could be a soldier in Iraq or Afghanistan who is separated from their family and friends.

This community is blessed with a vast diversity in religions and faiths. This is the foundation of a community that has hope. We come back to these fundamental beliefs that make us, individually and collectively, that much stronger.

We would like to encourage you to make that special effort during this holiday season to reach out to those you see in despair; a simple hug or a smile, wishing somebody a Merry Christmas or giving a gift to a child that can mean so much.

This can also be a stressful time of the year because we all seem to take on more than we can handle. Pace yourself; if you become edgy, step back and reflect; there will always be many things which remain undone.

Set reasonable goals and objectives and stay busy helping others. Try to stay within your means, it is not the value of a gift, but the thought of giving that gives real meaning. This is also a time of the year that we are tempted to over-do it; drink in moderation, try not to overeat and make sure you well-rested.

On behalf of the staff and management of _____, we want to wish you a most joyous and peaceful holiday season. You, the listener, mean so much to us and we'd like to thank you for listening in over the past years and God Bless these Virgin Islands.