



■ FGC Gathering 2021: *Way Will Open*

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Dear Friends,

Growth hurts, and no one talks about it. Did you know that once a caterpillar grows a chrysalis around itself its muscles and most of its organs turn to, in scientific terms, goo. The body of the caterpillar literally dissolves to create space for new forms to take shape. I can't imagine that turning into a goo is comfortable. In fact, I'm sure every person reading this letter can tell me that it's actually an incredibly horrific experience to turn into goo. I know this because that's what has happened to our world. The goo inside the chrysalis is us. Several times over.

This year's Gathering theme promises us that "Way Will Open." In the midst of being goo, this may not sound as comforting as it's meant to be to the used-to-be caterpillar a.k.a. Us. "Way *will* open? Well thanks, but what about the whole situation I'm dealing with right now, the whole not having a body thing? Yeah, when is that going to be taken care of?"

Do not fret my Dear Ones.

Or do, it's your life.

We can't exactly send you an iCal invite for *when* way will open, but we can give you room to breathe until then. You see, the goo stage is the most vulnerable, the most painful, and, arguably, the most beautiful. We invite you to bring ALL of it to the 2021 Virtual High School Program.

Maybe, hopefully, this year's Gathering will be the opening we have been waiting for. If not, we pray and work for it to be a place of comfort amidst the goo.

With Love, Light, and Revolution

Your 2021 High School Coordinators
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