



2020 CHRISTMAS MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN OF THE EQUAL OPPORTUNITY TRIBUNAL

So this is Christmas. Another year is over, and what a year it has been! A year full of challenges as well as opportunities.

Together, we have weathered the storms that came our way and have grasped the best opportunities to strengthen our resolve.

Christmas challenges us to become the best version of ourselves, not only at Christmas, but all year round. It is a time for introspection, and recommitment. Unfortunately, this year as we welcome the holiday season humanity is hurting. There is a lot of loss, pain, and tears. The coronavirus pandemic has exposed many societal frailties and refocused the global spotlight on social justice and human rights. As we re-prioritise, let us think about what we can do to promote these values in our society. Let us work together to rid our communities of discriminatory mores and to practise fairness and equity whenever and wherever possible.

The light of a new year (2021) looms on the horizon. My family and I offer you and your dear ones our best wishes for a Christmas filled with joy and happiness. We wish you a healthy, happy and rewarding New Year. Let us hope it is a good one, without any more tears.

Remember, Christmas is a time for giving and for sharing, so let us reach out and help, as best we can.

Be careful. Be kind. Be good. Be safe. God Blessings.

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