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"For nation will rise against nation,.....and there will be famines and earthquakes in various places. All this is but the beginning of the birth pangs." Matthew 24:7-8

## **Change is Coming**

I've always enjoyed watching major league baseball. I saw my first game in the old Briggs Stadium Detroit when I was 16 years old.

An interesting statistic regarding baseball and climate change.

Quoting from The Washington Post " for every 1 degree Celsius increase in the average global temperature there could be 95 more home runs across a baseball season" As a fan one always enjoys a home run if it is hit by someone from your favourite team.

Looking at our bible verse it certainly seems to be talking about present times - nation against nation, famines, earthquakes. No wonder it might cause a park ranger to ask "Do you think God is destroying the world". This question was asked of a United Church minister Rev. Jim Tenford. His answer- "No God isn't ending anything; we humans can do this all on our own"

As a grandparent and great grandparent, I want to leave a better world for the next generation. In my lifetime I have witnessed greater equality for women in the workplace, more equality for minorities and the LGBTQ communities. No, it is not perfect yet, but there is progress

I'm afraid my generation has mostly ignored climate change, but there is change there as well. Back to the bible verse -"all this is but the beginning of birth pangs" CHANGE IS COMING!

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